



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2026

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

4135 Norrisville Road

White Hall, MD 21161

Office Phone: 410-692-5282

Office Email: churchoffice@bethel-md.org

Website: www.bethel-md.org

Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00-5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00-5:00 pm

Staff

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

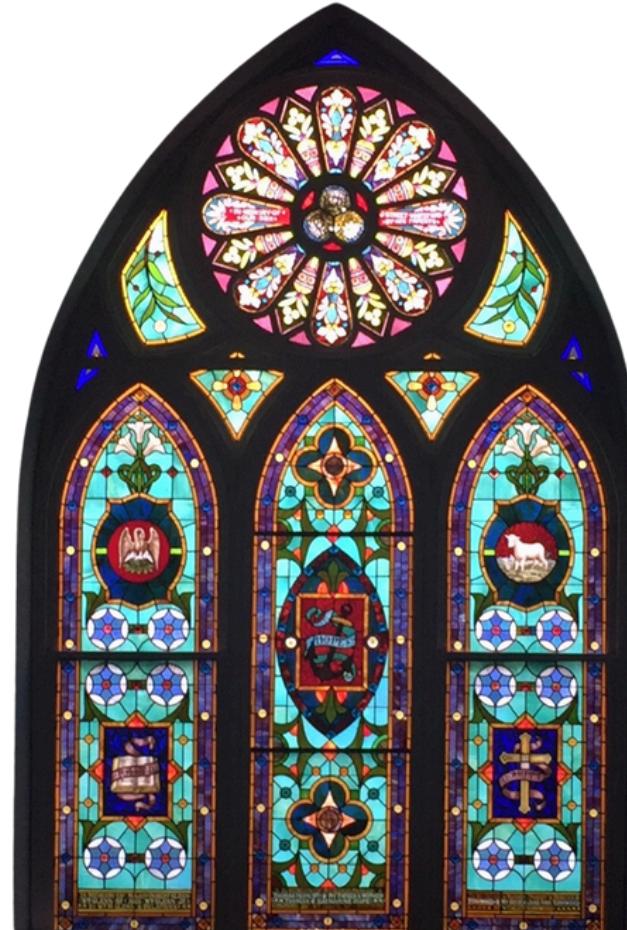
Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



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*Our worship begins with the entering of the Light of Christ.
Please silence all electronics and be prayerfully attentive to the quiet presence of God.
+ indicates standing; congregational readings/responses are shown in bold print.*

Gathering and Welcome

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Voluntary / Lighting of the Church Candles

Call to Worship

Laurie Falkner

Leader: Send out your light and truth and let them lead us.

People: We come to worship you, O God, with songs of praise and lives of dedication to Christ.

+ Hymn #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession

O God of surprises, you have come to us with a bold love in Jesus and infused our lives with expectation. Yet, we are attracted by the lesser things of this world. Physical possessions beyond our actual needs capture our attention. The praise of others sometimes becomes more important than our being worthy of your praise. Occasionally, our hymns become mere words rather than expressions of our praise. Forgive us and by your pardon make our upside-down lives right side up again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: We gratefully acknowledge the healing forgiveness your pardon provides.

People: Being forgiven, restored, and empowered by God's kindness, we go forth in Christ's service.

+ Gloria Patri

+ The Apostles' Creed

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2026

Pete Capozzoli
Bob Dennison
Charles Henry

2027

Marsha Brooks
Dave Hinkley
Krista Batchelor

2028

Margie Fielder
Robert Horn
R. Donald Scott

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2026

Pat Chlebda
Rebecca Comaty
Jen Seiler
Gail Lowe

2027

Rebecca Smith
Jane Burgess
Laurie Falkner

2028

Pam Sherwood
Lisa Calary
Gail Thomas
Amy Ford

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2026

Tim Sherwood
Brian Calary
Bruce Mattheiss
Craig Messenger

2027

Jan Berlage
Bruce Batchelor
Greg Burgess

2028

Steve Kauffman
Steve Comaty
Sam Fielder
Dave Kirchner
Gary Lowe

Open and Close Trustee for
This week is Steve Kauffman
Ushers this week
Matt & Jennifer Seiler

The 2026 Per Capita fee per congregation member is **\$45.00**
Please be sure to submit your portion
by the end of the year.
Please write per capita in memo of check. Thank you!



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Personal Information

Full Name

Phone Number

Address

Primary Emergency Contact

Full Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Alternative Number

Address

Secondary Emergency Contact

Full Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Alternative Number

Address

Medical Information

Allergies/Condition

Medication

Preferred Hospital

Signature



Date

+ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Time with Young Disciples

Chrissie Galliher

Installation of Elders, Deacons and Recognition of Trustees

Prayer for Illumination

Laurie Falkner

First Lesson

Psalm 63:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

John 1:35-42

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Flabbergasted and Super Excited

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn (page 3 of bulletin)

I Come to the Garden Alone

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Laurie Falkner

The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn #371

Lift High the Cross

+ Benediction

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Postlude

I Come to the Garden Alone

In the Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, while the
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the



dew is still on the ros - es; and the
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing, and the
night a - round me be fall - ing, but he



voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the Son of God dis-
mel - o - dy that he gave to me with - in my heart is
bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is

Refrain



clos - es.
ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he
call-ing.



tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we



tar - ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.



2026
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8 - 10th
More details coming soon!



Bethel's Helping Hands

Community Outreach with Heart

Bethel's Helping Hands is a caring, needs-based ministry created to support our neighbors who may be facing extra burdens right now. Whether due to age, health, limited resources, or simply being unable to manage certain tasks alone, we want to offer practical help with a compassionate heart.

Ways We Can Help

- Light household chores
- Small home or yard tasks
- Simple maintenance needs
- Organization projects
- Other small acts of care that make life a little easier

If you, or someone you know, could be blessed by this ministry, please reach out. Every request is received with kindness, respect, and confidentiality. We are honored to serve you.

Because Community Means Caring for One Another

Contact
Us

churchoffice@bethel-md.org
410-692-5282



- Rev. Dr. George Toole - Feb. 1st
- Jacob Holt - Feb. 2nd
- Jordan Comer - Feb. 5th
- Susan Wyatt - Feb. 5th
- Dwyer Swinscoe - Feb. 6th
- Sarah Wiley - Feb. 6th
- Wendy Benson - Feb. 7th
- Daniel McRee - Feb. 7th
- Sage Feldman - Feb. 8th

Card Shower

Rev. Dr. George Toole - Feb. 1st
4230 Harford Creamery Drive
White Hall, MD 21161



Ruth Walker - Feb. 24th
4528 Norrisville Road
White Hall, MD 21161

The Louderbacks - Thinking of You
4114 Crown Hill Road
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

*The Deacon's Committee has provided a selection of notecards in the foyer for anyone who would like to send a card.

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Jan. 11th attendance - 95/(31)

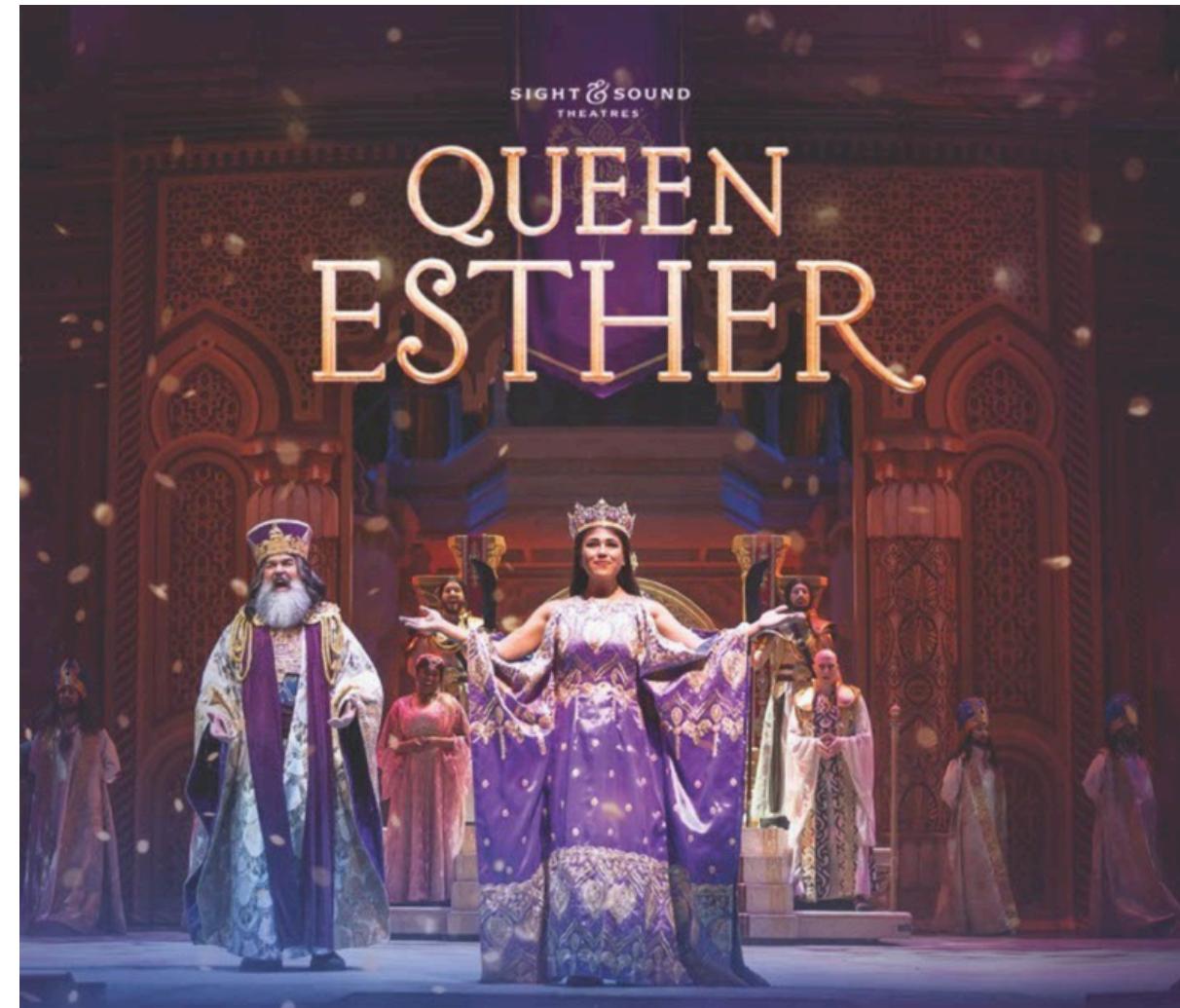
January 24th - February 5th - AARP using our parking lot during trip
February 2nd - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am
February 2nd - Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 pm
February 3rd - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
February 3rd - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm
February 8th - Sunday School @ 9:30 am in CE Wing
February 8th - Scout Sunday @ 10:30 am
February 8th - Coffee Hour with Scouts @ 11:30 am
February 8th - 4-H Meeting @ 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting
February 21st - Dinner & a Movie
March 8th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting
April 19th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting
May 17th - Children's Day
May 31st - Graduate Sunday
July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School

2025 Church Finances

	Through December
Tithes and Offerings	\$203,011
Investment withdrawals	\$49,710
Rentals/other income	\$89,330
Total income	\$342,051
Expenses	\$351,174
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The Bethel Women's Group Presents **MOVIE NIGHT**

Saturday, February 21, 2025

Potluck Dinner at 5:00 PM

Movie Begins at 6:00 PM

Join us for an evening filled with cinematic delight!
This is a community-wide event—everyone is welcome!
A family-friendly experience suitable for all ages!

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For more information, contact

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Congregational Meetings & Luncheons

Dates & Topics

February 15: What is Bethel's History?

March 8: Where is Bethel Now?

April 19: Where does God want Bethel in the Future?

Time

Lunch immediately following the worship service

Please plan to stay and participate.
Your voice and presence are important!

February 2026						
1 9:30am Breakfast Bunch 9:30am New Member Class 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Congregational Luncheon & Meeting	2 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Mtg.	3 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Bridge Game	4	5	6	7
			AARP Trip			
8 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am SCOUT SUNDAY 11:30am Coffee Hour 6pm 4-H Mtg.	9 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg.	10 3:45pm Mission Mtg. 4:30pm Worship & Music 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustee Mtg.	11 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	12	13	14 
15 9:30am Breakfast Bunch 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Congregational Luncheon & Meeting	16 10am BWG Bible Study	17 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Bridge Game 7pm Christian Education Mtg.	18	19 7pm Session Mtg.	20	21 5pm Dinner & a Movie
22 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	23 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Safety & Security Mtg.	24 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Bridge Game	25	26	27	28

Bethel Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Carolyn Mattheiss, wife of Bruce Mattheiss

Tucker Edwards, 11 yr. old fighting cancer, friend of Avalyn Comer

Bonnie Six, friend of Don Scott

Sam Brooks

Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes

Susan Wyatt

John Louderback

Steve Bevard, friend of Bethel & member of AARP

Mr. & Mrs. Slevin, Tom's parents

The family of Betty Batchelor

Thomas Garrison

Sarah Milich

Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe

Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlebda

Kathy Mullins Jones

Fred Miller, friend of Steve Kauffman

Art Gompf, friend of Steve Kauffman

David Rose

Kathleen Cody, friend of Gail & Dave Thomas

Vicki Davis, member of the Bridge Group

Kinslee Quair, granddaughter of Kelly McLaughlin



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

February 1, 2026

9:00 a.m.

If you feel led to learn more about our church family or are considering becoming a member, we would love to have you join us.

To sign up or ask any questions, please call the church office at 410-692-5282.

Please continue to use the prayer cards in the back of the pews for prayer requests.

You may also email the office.