



### **BETHEL CHURCH**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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White Hall, MD 21161

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#### **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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# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2026

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



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	2027	2028
Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks	Margie Fielder
Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley	Robert Horn
Charles Henry	Krista Batchelor	R. Donald Scott

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2026	2027	2028
Pat Chlebdá	Rebecca Smith	Pam Sherwood
Rebecca Comaty	Jane Burgess	Lisa Calary
Jen Seiler	Laurie Falkner	Gail Thomas
Gail Lowe		Amy Ford

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2026	2027	2028
Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage	Steve Kauffman
Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor	Steve Comaty
Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess	Sam Fielder
Craig Messenger		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

Full Name	
Phone Number	
Address	

Full Name	
Relationship	
Phone Number	
Alternative Number	
Address	

Full Name		
Relationship		
Phone Number		
Alternative Number		
Address		

Allergies/Condition	
Medication	
Preferred Hospital	

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 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



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- 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

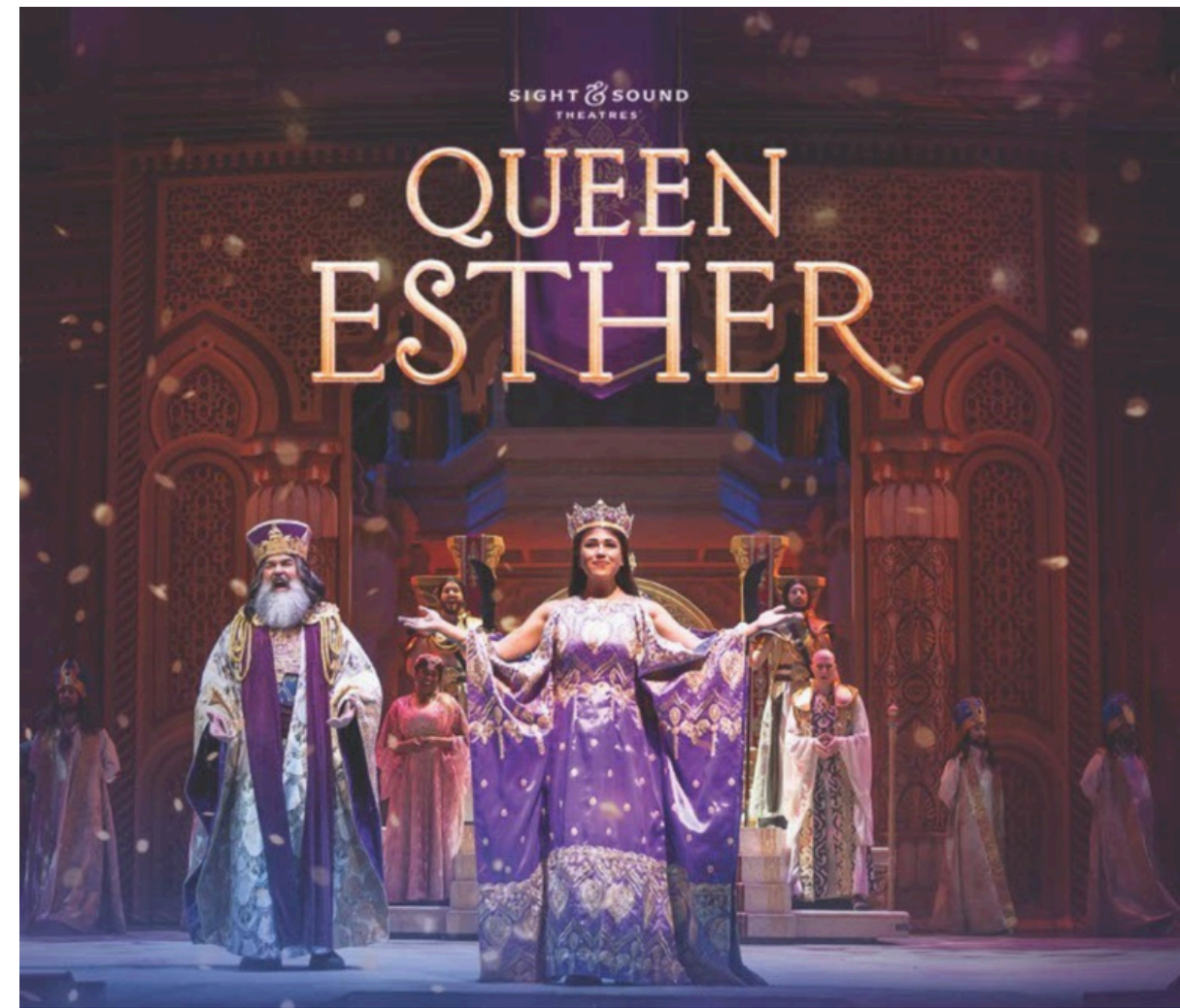
April 19th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting

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	<b>\$342,051</b>
Expenses	<b>\$351,174</b>
(Deficit) or Surplus	(\$9,123)



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	2	3	4	5	6	7	AARP Trip				
9am Breakfast Bunch 9am New Member Class 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Mtg.	6pm Choir Practice 6pm Bridge Game									
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 9am 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 Chlebdia  
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.

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Please continue to use the prayer cards in  
the back of the pews for prayer requests.  
You may also email the office.