



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00-5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00-5:00 pm

Staff

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

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Online Giving



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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

February 8, 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

Cub Scout, Pack 865

Leader: Jeremiah the prophet says, "Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good, his love endures forever."

People: This we have known and continue to experience. Therefore, we have come to give God praise and offer ourselves to Jesus Christ, his Son.

+ Hymn #272

God of the Sparrow

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

O God, we confess there are times when we are unnecessarily afraid; afraid of being criticized; afraid of being laughed at or being misunderstood; afraid that people might suspect our motives or intentions - and afraid that they may be right. Deliver us from our fears. Help us to accept the forgiveness we so much need. Guide us and teach us to love you and one another as Jesus did. We ask it all in his name. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: Lord, you draw us to yourself, knowing our fears and the burden of our sin. How often the Scriptures offer us the reassuring words, "Fear not."

People: We also know well the gift of Jesus' statement, "Your sins are forgiven." Because of them, we receive peace and reassurance through him. Amen.

+ 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 month is Brian Calary
Ushers this week
see second page note

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!



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

+ Passing the Peace

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

Time with Young Disciples

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Lucas Hopp, Troop 265

First Lesson

Jeremiah 29:10-14 Lucas Hopp, Troop 265

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

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21 Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

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

Sermon

Four Words for a Healthy Christian Life

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #122

Thine is the Glory

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Status of Scouts

Craig Fell, Scoutmaster, Troop 265
Cub Scout Pack 865

+ Benediction

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Postlude

Note: Ushers this morning are Nathan Fell and Grayson Pfarr, Troop 265

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
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
Debbie Cary, friend of Judy Bolke
The family of Jim Butcher
Gary Smithson



*Bethel Church
Spaghetti Dinner*

Saturday - March 28th
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this fun filled evening
hosted by the Bethel Men's Association

They will be preparing delicious Italian cuisine
accompanied by the entertainment of
Karaoke Music with Susie Horn

Adults - \$15 per person Children 12 & Under - \$10
Carry out is available

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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.



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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Travis Galliher - Feb. 10th

George Cowman - Feb. 11th

Ben DiBastiani - Feb. 12th



Keith & Kristin Comer - Feb. 14th

Card Shower

Rev. Dr. George Toole - Feb. 1st

4230 Harford Creamery Road
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:

Last Week's attendance - 73/(34)

February 9th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am
February 9th - AARP Board Meeting @ 1:00 pm
February 9th - Mission Meeting @ 3:45 pm
February 10th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
February 10th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm
February 10th - Trustees Meeting @ 7:00 pm
February 11th - Outreach Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
February 11th - Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm
February 15th - Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am
February 15th - Sunday School @ 9:30 am in CE Wing
February 15th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am
February 15th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting @ 11:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18th - Ash Wednesday Service
February 21st - Dinner & a Movie @ 5:00 pm
March 8th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting @ 11:30 am
March 28th - Spaghetti Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
April 2nd - Maundy Thursday
April 19th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting @ 11:30 am
May 17th - Children's Day
May 31st - Graduate Sunday
July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School

Thank You

To the Scouts of Pack 865 and Troop 265
as well as their parents and leaders for
sharing in our services this morning and for
providing a lovely lunch as well.



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!