



### **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

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

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# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2026

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

# SCOUT SUNDAY

**A Scout is Reverent.**

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	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 Chlebd	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 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



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+ 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

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

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

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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 Chlebdar  
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

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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.



## Bethel Church Spaghetti Dinner

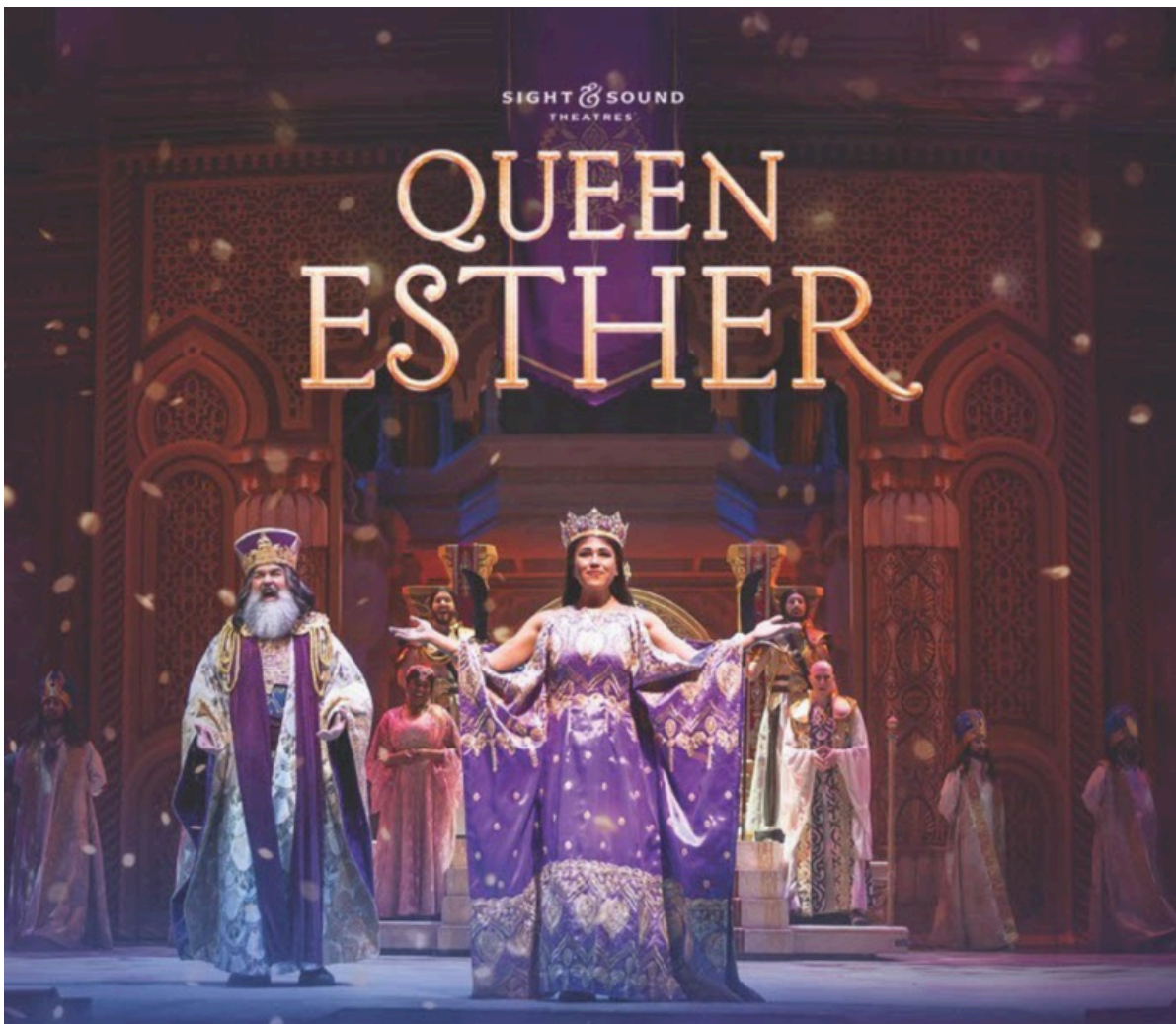
Saturday - March 28<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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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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!