



## **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

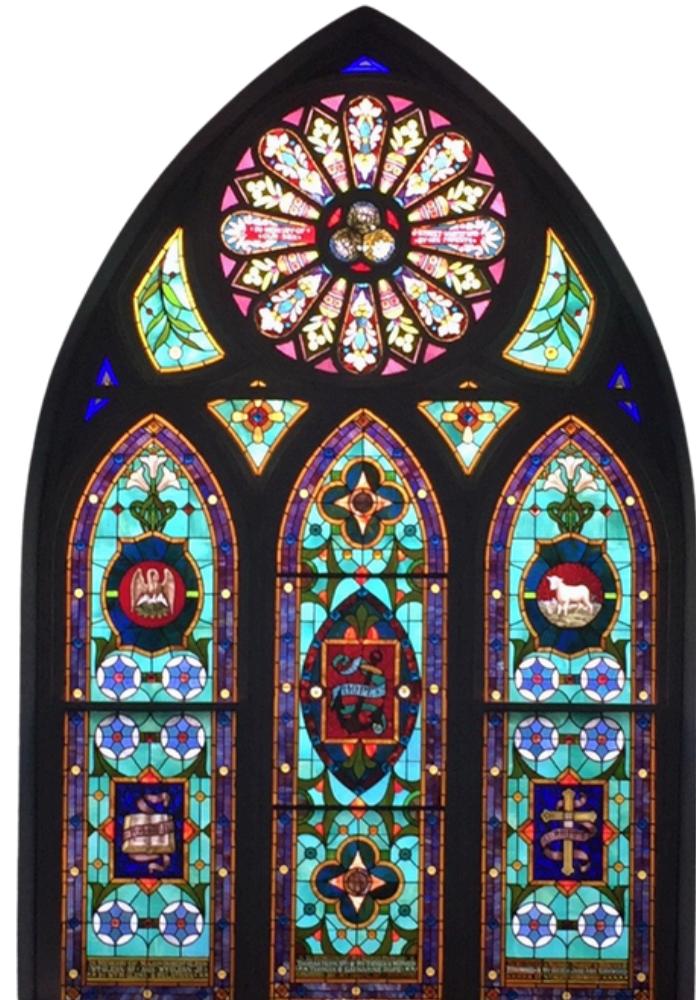
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# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

March 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 Pam Sherwood

Leader: Let us worship God as we move through this season of Lent.  
**People: In a world that does not understand repentance, may the Spirit lead us to new understanding, humility, patience and discipline that will help us to die to sin and live for Christ. Amen.**

+ Hymn #464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

***Jesus, Light of the World, we confess that we are often drawn into the darkness of sinful ways. We have been known to accept and follow lies as truth. We have offered our allegiance to other loyalties instead of to you. We sometimes crave the praise of this world rather than your commendation. Forgive us, we pray you help renew us in your pattern of living. In Jesus name we pray.***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: What do we know to be true for us?  
**People: Christ came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." 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 Chlebda	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 Craig Messenger  
Ushers this week  
Terri Schwarz and Donna Jones

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. <b>And also with you.</b>	
Time with Young Disciples	Chrissie Galliher	
Induction of New Member	Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole	
Prayer for Illumination	Pam Sherwood	
Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 121	
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
New Testament Lesson	John 3:1-17	
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	Light In The Darkness	Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole
+ Hymn #485	<i>To God Be The Glory</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People	Pam Sherwood	
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
Offertory		
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication	Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole	
+ Hymn #540	<i>God Be With You Till We Meet Again</i>	
+ Benediction	Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole	
Postlude		

# 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  
The family of Art Gompf  
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  
Garry & Martha Smithson  
Linda Cummings, friend of Andi Holmes  
Grandfather & Grandmother of RJ Wines  
Sue Hinkley  
Suzanne Gates, friend of Dave Kirchner



Organ flowers are in loving memory of  
Virginia Jarrett

Piano flowers are in honor of  
Tom Swift's birthday by his wife, Mary Lee



## 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

# EASTER breakfast

Join Us for Easter Breakfast on Sunday,  
April 5th at 8:45-9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

## Menu:

**Egg & Bacon Casserole**  
**Egg & Sausage Casserole**  
**French Toast Casserole**  
**Assorted Danish, & Fruit**  
**Coffee, & Juice**

We need volunteers to **make** or **donate** breakfast items

Please check below if you can help!

*(Baking pans and recipes will be provided for the casseroles.)*

\_\_\_I can make an Egg & Bacon Casserole

\_\_\_I can make an Egg & Sausage Casserole

\_\_\_I can donate pastries or donuts

\_\_\_I can help with fruit

\_\_\_I can help with cleanup

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Carmie Messenger  
at 410-937-8733 or at [carmiemesenger@aol.com](mailto:carmiemesenger@aol.com)



Sandra Louderback - March 2nd  
Finn Wines - March 2nd  
John Louderback - March 3rd  
Tom Swift - March 3rd  
Finn Prevetie - March 4th  
Lee Fowler - March 5th  
Lillian Skidmore - March 5th  
Jason Troyer - March 7th



Mark & Lynne DiBastiani - March 7th

## Card Shower

Finn Prevetie - March 4th  
Turns 5 yr. old, likes Spiderman  
323 Streett Circle  
Forest Hill, MD 21050

Allen & Janet Henderson  
Anniversary - March 12th  
P.O. Box 155  
Jarrettsville, MD 21084



# Announcements

## This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 51/(14)

- March 2nd - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am
- March 2nd - Elkridge Harford Hunt @ 11:00 am
- March 2nd - Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- March 3rd - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
- March 3rd - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm
- March 3rd - Trustees Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- March 7th - Private Event, Fellowship Hall @ 1:00-5:00 pm
- March 8th - Sunday School @ 9:30 am in CE Wing
- March 8th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am
- March 8th - Congregational Meeting, Fellowship Hall @ 11:30 am
- March 8th - 4-H Meeting @ 6:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28th - Spaghetti Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
- March 29th - Palm Sunday
- April 2nd - Maundy Thursday dinner & service @ 5:30 pm
- April 5th - Easter Breakfast @ 8:45 am
- April 19th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting @ 11:30 am
- May 16<sup>th</sup> - Bon Appetit Bingo
- May 17th - Children's Day
- May 31st - Graduate Sunday
- July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School

Church Finances	
	Through January
Tithes and Offerings	\$12,392
Investment withdrawals	\$4,000
Rentals/other income	\$2,595
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$18,987</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,584</b>
<b>(Deficit) or Surplus</b>	<b>(\$3,597)</b>
2026 Budget	\$339,660
* two worship services were cancelled in January	



“Maundy Thursday,” from Latin, mandatum, meaning “commandment,” is traditionally a service called tenebrae, which is Latin for “darkness,” or “shadows.” It is a service on the night before Jesus died; a precursor of the “darkness [that] came over the whole land,” on the day of Jesus crucifixion.

The Gospel writer John’s version of the night before Jesus died gives us the name of this night: “Maundy.” Jesus said to his disciples, “This is my commandment (mandatum), that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

We will gather at 5:30 pm for a light supper of soup, bread and fruit in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a service in the Sanctuary at 6:45 pm. Our pew torches will light our worship as well as for our Easter Service on Sunday.



**Please let us know no later than March 29<sup>th</sup> that you are planning to come for the meal at 5:30 pm by filling out the form below and placing it in the Offering Plate.**

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Maundy Thursday dinner April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Celebrating Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Palms and other greenery will remind us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday. Easter flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Gifts in any amount are welcomed in honor or memory of your loved ones. Please indicate the amount of your contribution below and let us know if you'd like to put a note in the Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins. Checks should be made payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church and returned with this form to the Church Office or put in the offering plate through Lent. Tulips will be available after the 10:30 Easter Service until April 12th for those who make monetary donations for Remembrance or in honor of loved ones.

My gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_



In memory of:

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In honor of:

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Given by:

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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!





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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*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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