



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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Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

March 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

Nancy Mory

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come in his presence with singing! Let us worship God!

+ Hymn #325

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Lord Jesus, you came to us when we did not know who we were and called us by name. Yet we confess that we sometimes forget to whom we belong. We act as if our lives are our own, rather than yours. We treat others as if they are "outsiders", rather than yours, even as you reach out to invite them to be "insiders" of your kingdom. Forgive us for straying from your paths like lost sheep. Good Shepherd bring us home again and have us know the safety of being part of your flock. In your name we pray.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: Each time God forgives us, a new future is given. We have relief from our sins and new hope in the reassuring words of Jesus Christ.

People: He declares to us, "Your sins are forgiven." With commitment to live more faithful lives, we receive these words with thanksgiving.

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 Craig Messenger
Ushers this week
Bob Horn & Dave Hinkley

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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+ Gloria Patri

+ The Apostles' Creed

+ Passing the Peace

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

Time with Young Disciples

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Nancy Mory

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 20:1-12

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

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:1-11

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

Sermon

When Last Place is First Place

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Nancy Mory

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #370

Just As I Am Without One Plea

+ 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

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

Grandmother of Chrissie Galliher

Family of Polly Winskowski

Rob Vance, Uncle of Amy Ford

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

You may also email the office.

DIRTY BIRDS

YORK REVOLUTION

FAITH FEST

presented by

children's AID SOCIETY

Southern PA District Church of the Brethren



FRIDAY, JUNE 5

5:30PM - GATES OPEN

5:45 PM - CONCERT BEGINS

6:30 PM - GAME STARTS

PRE-GAME SPEECH BY

LBC PRESIDENT & JESSICA AND FRIENDS FOUNDER/CEO

DR. PETER TEAGUE

PRE-GAME CONCERT

WORSHIP TEAM FROM DAVID'S BIBLE CHURCH



CONTACT MATT
TO GET YOUR GROUP TICKETS
MCHRISTOFF@YORKREVOLUTION.COM





BON APPETIT BINGO

MAY 16, 2026

Doors Open at 5pm

Bingo starts at 6pm

Bingo Prizes \$50 Gift Cards

Food & Bingo supplies will be sold
100 tickets available \$25; contact
churchoffice@bethel-md.org or
410-692-5282 or Venmo
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Melissa Krawczyk - March 9th
Isaac Akens - March 10th
Levi Akens - March 10th
Joe Bradford - March 11th
Danielle Saneman - March 11th
Mary Martha Rutledge - March 12th
Carolyn Mattheiss - March 13th
Rob Morrow - March 14th
Samuel Brooks - March 15th
Christine Horn Theodosakos - March 15th



Allen & Janet Henderson - March 12th

Card Shower

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



Allen & Janet Henderson
60th Anniversary - March 12th
P.O. Box 155
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 78/(14)

- March 9th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am
- March 9th - AARP Board Meeting @ 1:00 pm
- March 10th - AARP Day Trip (using parking lot)
- March 10th - Mission Committee Meeting @ 3:45 pm
- March 10th - Worship & Music Committee Meeting @ 4:30 pm
- March 10th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
- March 10th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm
- March 11th - Outreach Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- March 11th - Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- March 15th - Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am
- March 15th - Sunday School @ 9:30 am in CE Wing
- March 15th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am

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 16th - Bon Appetit Bingo
- May 17th - Children's Day
- May 31st - Graduate Sunday
- July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School



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



Candlelight
Worship
April 2, 2026



“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 29th 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 2nd.



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!



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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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:

In honor of:

Given by:

