



# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2026

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

## **BETHEL CHURCH**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

4135 Norrisville Road

White Hall, MD 21161

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### **Office Hours**

Tuesday 8:00-5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00-5:00 pm

### **Staff**

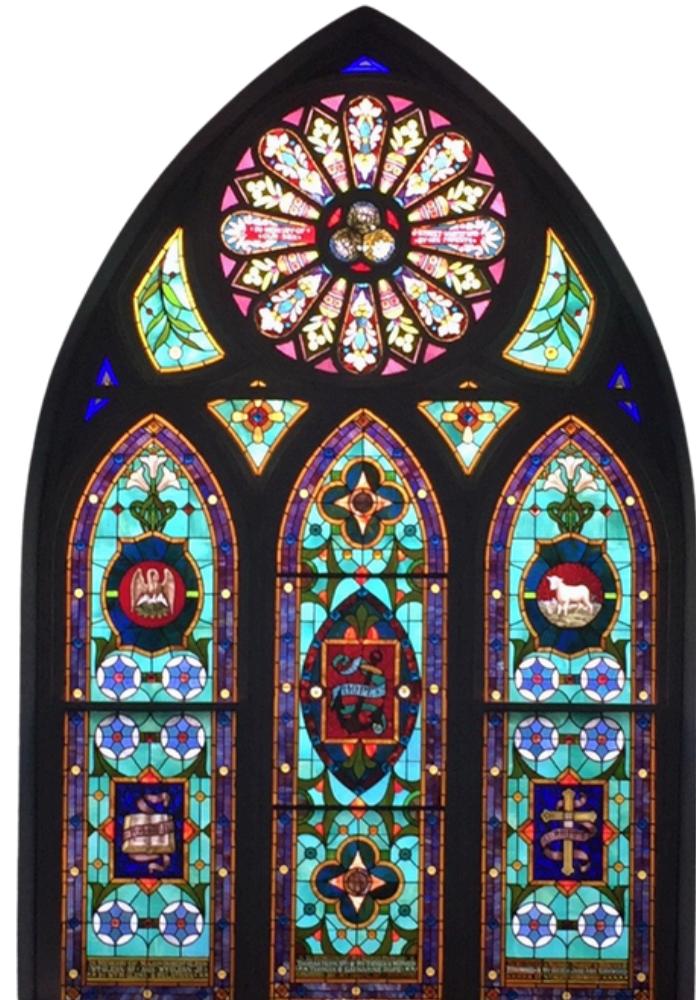
Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



*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

Tim Sherwood

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

**People: to those who keep his commandments.**

**Unison: Let us worship God.**

+ Hymn #333

*Seek Ye First*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

***Lord God, we are reminded in the Scripture that you know us through and through. That means our sins can't be hidden from you. It also means that you know our yearning to be restored by your forgiveness. Often, the things we do are the very things we should not be doing. Then the things you would have us do are neglected. We make decisions without first considering what you had in mind for us. Forgive us and give us clearer vision by your Spirit's guiding. In Jesus' name we pray.***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: We have experienced the joy and comfort of your forgiveness, Lord Jesus.

**People: Refreshed and forgiven, we give you our thanks for your healing words, "Your sins are forgiven." Amen.**

## 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  
Steve Kauffman & Pam Sherwood

**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

Tim Sherwood

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 51:1-15

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

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-2

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

Sermon

What's in a Name?

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #372

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Tim Sherwood

## The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #339

*Be Thou My Vision*

+ 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 & AARP member

Mr. & Mrs. Slevin, Tom's parents

Sarah Milich

Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe

Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlelda

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

Susan Rogers, niece of Jack & Betty Rogers

Family of Lillian Skidmore

Laurie Falkner

David Sparkmen, brother of Sue Hinkley



## 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!

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Organ flowers are in remembrance of the anniversary of Bill and Jeanne Gross.



Piano flowers are in loving memory of Frank and Sandy Hughes by Malcolm and Jenny.





# 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  
@BPCWhiteHall-MD



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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Jennifer Dietz - March 17th  
Thomas Messenger - March 18th  
Cathy Smith - March 20th  
Andi Holmes - March 22nd

## 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 - 77/(5)

March 16th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

March 17th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

March 10th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm

March 19th - Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

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 12th - Historic Cemetery Tour @ 12:00 pm

April 19th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting @ 11:30 am

May 16th - Bon Appetit Bingo

May 17th - Children's Day

May 31st - Graduate Sunday

June 13th - Flea Market

July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School

July 11th - Flea Market

August 8th - Flea Market

September 12th - Flea Market

### Church Finances

	Through February
Tithes and Offerings	\$45,495
Investment withdrawals	\$8,000
Rentals/other income	\$7,960
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$61,455</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$48,726</b>
<b>(Deficit) or Surplus</b>	<b>\$12,729</b>
2026 Budget	\$339,660

# 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)



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 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>.

A large circular graphic with a light beige background. It contains various illustrations: a hanging lamp, a quilt, a potted plant, a chair, a shopping cart with a bottle and fruit, and a clothing rack with shirts and pants. A QR code is located in the lower right quadrant of the circle.

**BETHEL SUMMER  
FLEA MARKETS  
& BAKE SALE**

**2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
8 A.M. – 2 P.M.  
\$25 PER SPOT**

**EMAIL [CHURCHOFFICE@BETHEL-MD.ORG](mailto:CHURCHOFFICE@BETHEL-MD.ORG)  
OR CALL 410-692-5282 TO RESERVE**

**JUNE 13  
JULY 11  
AUGUST 8  
SEPTEMBER 12**

**4135 NORRSVILLE ROAD  
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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:

\_\_\_\_\_



## 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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