



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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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



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



Children's Day

*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.*

Air on the G String by JS Bach Steel Pandemic

Gathering and Welcome
The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Voluntary / *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* Steel Pandemic
Lighting of the Church Candles (arr. by Marsha Roach)

Call to Worship Psalm 113:3 Dennis Kirkwood

Leader: "This is the day the Lord has made,
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised."

People: Let us worship God and ask for his blessing. Amen.

+ Hymn #559 *We Gather Together*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

O God, you know us well. You know how we welcome a good word from others. But your opinion of us is most important. You are the One who knows our sinful side; the side we try to hide from others. The number of our sins and variety of them is a burden for us. We ask you to take them away by your pardon. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Declaration of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: O Lord, you meet our deep need by taking away our sin.

People: Your forgiveness is clear and strong.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we receive with thanksgiving his declaration, "Your sin is forgiven."

People: Again and again you meet us with your healing love. We thank you for your great mercy. Amen.

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 Sam Fielder
Ushers this week
Dave & Gail Thomas

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 PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN'S GROUP PRESENTS



Experience CHRISTMAS IN JULY as the MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production.

This is a community event that is family-friendly and suitable for everyone. ★



SATURDAY
JULY 25
POTLUCK DINNER AT 5 PM
MOVIE IMMEDIATELY AFTER

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- + Gloria Patri
- + The Apostles' Creed The Children
- + Passing the Peace The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**
- Time with Young Disciples Chrissie Galliher
- Prayer for Illumination Dennis Kirkwood
- Old Testament Lesson Psalm 8
- This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**
- New Testament Lesson Luke 7:24-30
- This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**
- Sermon Epitaphs Tell the Story Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole
- + Hymn #333 *Seek Ye First*
- Sharing of Joys & Concerns
- Prayers of the People Dennis Kirkwood
- The Lord's Prayer** The Children
- Offertory *Amazing Grace* Steel Pandemic
(arr. by Dolly Reinhardt)
- + Doxology 592
- + Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole
- + Hymn #344 *Christ of the Upward Way*
- + Benediction Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole
- Postlude *Mango Walk & Orangutans Day Off* Steel Pandemic
(arr. by Tim Reinhardt) & (arr. by Dolly Reinhardt)

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

Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe

Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlebd

Kathleen Cody, friend of Gail & Dave Thomas

Vicki Davis, member of the Bridge Group

Debbie Cary, friend of Judy Bolke

Linda Cummings, friend of Andi Holmes

Grandfather & Grandmother of RJ Wines

Grandmother of Chrissie Galliher

Rob Vance, Uncle of Amy Ford

Susan Rogers, niece of Jack & Betty Rogers

Laurie Falkner

Gail DiCaprio

Melody, neighbor of the Wines family

Mike Hays, friend of Jack & Nancy Mory

Tom Lowe, brother of Gary Lowe

Family & friends of Lee Fowler

Douglas Nichols, son of Martha & Jack

Nichols

Jason Barrett, friend of Steve Kauffman

Madeline Robinson

Alex Riley, friend of Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Ila, daughter of Jennifer Thomas



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

OR CALL 410-692-5282 TO RESERVE

JUNE 13

JULY 11

AUGUST 8

SEPTEMBER 12

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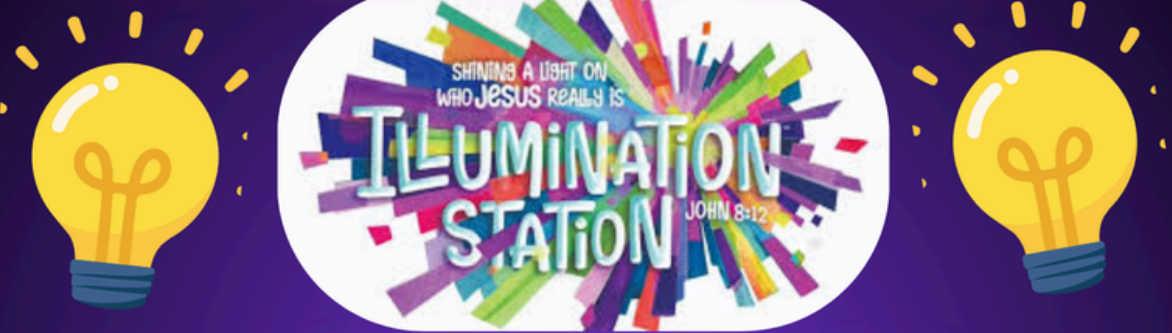


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Frank & Sandy Hughes
by Malcolm & Jenny



BETHEL CHURCH

Vacation Bible School



Shine Bright in a Dark World

⇒ **JULY 8, 9, 10TH** ⇐

5:30-8:30PM
DINNER INCLUDED



REGISTER HERE: >>>

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/5ftrcw9aNK>



Lynne DiBastiani - May 17th
Eddie Calary - May 20th
Tanya Mattheiss - May 20th
Linley Morrow - May 21st
Jennifer Thomson - May 22nd
Cooper Swinscoe - May 22nd
Amy Kauffman - May 23rd

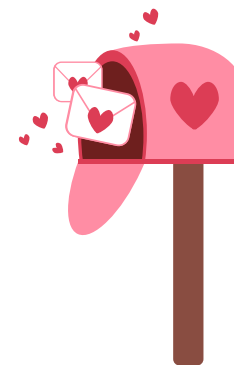


Chet Feldmann & Kristin Kirkwood - May 20th
Jack & Nancy Mory - May 24th

Card Shower

Jean Kirkwood - Thinking of You
2659 Bradenbaugh Road
White Hall, MD 21161

Don Scott - May 3rd
15923 Old York Road
Monkton, MD 21111



**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 - 81/(70)

May 18th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

May 18th - Safety & Security Meeting @ 7:00 pm

May 19th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

May 19th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm

May 20th - AARP using parking lot

May 21st - Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

May 24th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am

May 24th - Season Bazaar Craft Day @ 11:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31st - Worship starts at 9:30 am

May 31st - Graduate Sunday

June 5th - Faith Fest

June 13th - Flea Market

June 28 - Season Bazaar Craft Day

July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School

July 11th - Flea Market

July 19th - Church Picnic

July 25th - Christmas in July Dinner & a Movie

July 26th - Season Bazaar Craft Day

August 8th - Flea Market

August 23rd - Season Bazaar Craft Day

September 12th - Flea Market

September 27th - Season Bazaar Craft Day

Do You Have a Graduate?

Do you have a HighSchool or College graduate?

Please call or email the church office with their information.

We would like to celebrate them on Bethel's Graduate Sunday, May 31st- 10:30am

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