



## **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

Online Giving



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# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

July 5, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 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: This is a time for remembrance.

**People: Give us perspective about our history and our salvation.**

**Unison: Let us worship God. Amen.**

+ Hymn #262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

***O God, there are times when we do good things, but not always. Therefore, we come to confess our sins. Some of our sins are obvious to others, but You know our every sin. Without Your forgiveness, we risk our eternal lives. However, after receiving Your pardon, we are renewed and our relationship with You is restored. Grant us the forgiveness we so much need. We ask it all in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

Declaration of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: It is by God's grace that we receive the pardon of our sins. We can be assured of that gift when we hear Jesus' words, "Your sins are forgiven."

**People: We thank you, Lord, for our restoration as God's people and as disciples of Jesus. Amen.**

+ Gloria Patri

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 Bruce Mattheiss  
Ushers this week  
Matt and Jenny Seiler

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!



+ 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

Pam Sherwood

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 33:1-12

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

New Testament Lesson

John 8:31-38

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

Sermon

Freedom x 2

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #561

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Pam Sherwood

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

+ 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 & Sandy 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 Chlebdba

Kathleen Cody, friend of Gail & Dave Thomas

Vicki Davis, member of the Bridge Group

Judy Bolke, friend of Debbie Calary

Linda Cummings, friend of Andi Holmes

Grandfather & Grandmother of RJ Wines

Grandmother of Chrissie Galliher

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

Douglas Nichols, son of Martha & Jack

Nichols

Jason Barrett, friend of Steve Kauffman

Madeline Robinson

Alex Riley, friend of Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Isla, daughter of Jennifer Thomson

Dot Osmond, grandmother of Becca Smith

Bob Wyatt, friend of Steve Kauffman

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Debbie Miller, friend of Steve Kauffman

Ann Schomaker, aunt of Terri Schwarz

Krista Batchelor's mother

Virginia Welch's family & Bruce Mattheiss  
upon her death

Steve Kauffman's brother

Piano flowers are in loving memory of  
all the deceased service men and women  
of Bethel Church.



## 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. ★

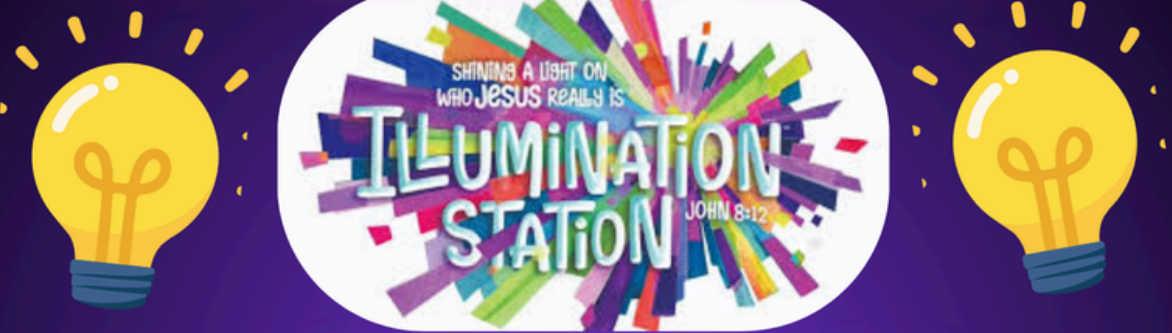
**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 25**  
**POTLUCK DINNER AT 5 PM**  
**MOVIE IMMEDIATELY AFTER**

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# BETHEL CHURCH

## *Vacation Bible School*



*Shine Bright in a Dark World*

⇒ **JULY 8, 9, 10<sup>TH</sup>** ⇐

**5:30-8:30PM**  
**DINNER INCLUDED**



**REGISTER HERE: >>>**

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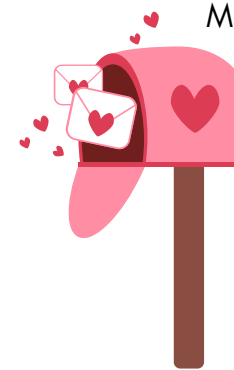
Richie Ford - July 7th  
Marsha Brooks - July 8th  
Norma Kirkwood - July 8th  
Carol Morros - July 14th  
Kirk Jones - July 15th  
Gregory Burgess - July 23rd  
Mary Lee Swift - July 27th



Tom & Mary Lee Swift - July 27th  
Dennis & Jean Kirkwood - July 29th

### **Card Shower**

Mary Lee & Tom Swift Anniversary - July 27th  
3866 Norrisville Rd.  
Jarrettsville, MD 21084



Norma Kirkwood 99th Birthday - July 8th  
2659 Bradenbaugh Road  
White Hall, MD 21161

*\*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 - 62/(2)

July 6th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

July 6th - VBS set up @ 6:00 pm

July 6th - Deacon's Meeting @ 7:00 pm

July 7th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm

July 7th - VBS set up @ 6:00 pm

July 8th- July 10th - Vacation Bible Study @ 5:30 pm

July 8th - Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm

July 9th - AARP using parking lot

July 11th - Flea Market @ 8:00 am

July 12th - **Cowboy Church @ 9:30 am**

July 12th - Coffee Hour by the Deacons

July 12th - 4-H Fashion Revue @ 1:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 12th - End of Summer Camp Out

September 19th - Women's Event

September 27th - Season Bazaar Craft Day

December 5th- Blitzzen Bingo

December 12th - Wreaths Across America

# Honoring the Revolutionary War veterans laid to rest in our cemetery

John Bell, Sr.

Robert Gillis

Major Robert Glenn

William Glenn

Captain Thomas Hope, Sr.

Robert Kirkwood, Sr.

Robert Kirkwood, Jr.

William Kirkwood

Col. Andrew Turner, Sr.

Lt. Matthew Wiley

