



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

4135 Norrisville Road

White Hall, MD 21161

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Office Email: churchoffice@bethel-md.org

Website: www.bethel-md.org

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

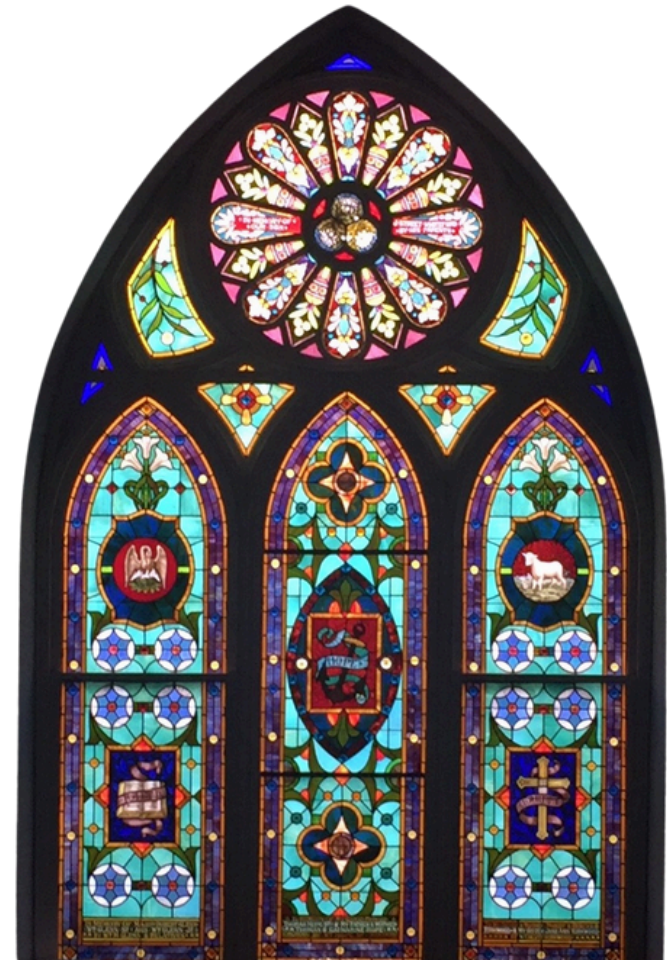


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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

August 2, 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 Mary Lee Swift, Piano

Call to Worship Tim Sherwood

Leader: Loving us still,
People: God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Leader: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
People: God is faithful still.

+ Hymn #469 Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Confession Elder Ron Lee

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the peace of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Declaration of Pardon Elder Ron Lee

Leader: Believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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
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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
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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
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Open and Close Trustee for
This month is Greg Burgess
Ushers this week
Bob Horn 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!



End of Summer Campout

All Are Welcome:

- Dinner, snacks and campfire S'mores
- Games
- Music
- Fishing
- Fellowship

Details:

- September 12, 2026
2PM - 8AM the next morning
- Bethel Presbyterian Church
4135 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161
- Tents available upon request

RSVP to Bethel by September 5th at churchoffice@bethel-md.org or 410-692-5282

Rain date September 19th

+ Gloria Patri		Mary Lee Swift, Piano
+ 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	Exodus 31: 1-5	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
New Testament Lesson	Matthew 25:15	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	The Business of Christianity	Elder Ron Lee
+ Hymn #306	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Tim Sherwood
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	<i>In The Garden</i>	Doug Smith, IV, Bells
+ Doxology 592		Mary Lee Swift, Piano
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #442	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	
+ Benediction		
Postlude		Mary Lee Swift, Piano

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 Chlebd
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
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
Steve Kauffman's brother
Rev. Dr. George Toole
Lloyd Taylor, who is in bootcamp & serving
our country
Holmes' cousins whose house burnt down

Please continue to use the prayer cards in the
back of the pews for prayer requests.
You may also email the office.



**SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**

We are asking for your help to donate school supplies for families who are unable to purchase them. We are looking for:

- Backpacks
- Dividers for Binder
- 3-Ring Binders 1", 1½", 2", 3"
- Calculators - small ones
- Colored Pencils
- Compass
- Erasers
- Filler Paper - wide & college ruled
- Graph Paper
- Highlighters
- Index Cards - 3x5
- Markers - broad and fine tip
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Pens - black & blue
- Permanent Markers
- Dry Erase Markets
- Paper Towel
- Report Covers
- Hand Sanitizers
- Kleenex Packs
- Marble Composition Books

**Deadline
Aug. 23rd**

Any donation is appreciated and helpful!
♥ Thank you in advance for your kindness & generosity. ♥



ANNUAL IRONBIRDS OUTING

**AUGUST 22, 2026
@ 6 PM**

VS

**MAHONING VALLEY
SCRAPPERS**



**LEIDOS FIELD
@ RIPKIN STADIUM**

COST \$45 PP

INCLUDES:

- ADMISSION TO THE GAME
- FREE PARKING
- ADMISSION TO RIGHT FIELD PAVILION
- ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET DINNER
- KID'S ZONE WRIST BANDS*
- FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME

**THE MEN'S GROUP WILL PAY FOR THE KIDS' TICKETS & WRIST BANDS.*

TO GET TICKETS, CONTACT BOB HORN AT 443-807-0563 OR HORNSRBB@AOL.COM



Marilyn O'Neill - August 2nd



Sam & Marsha Brooks - August 5th

Card Shower

Support & Encouragement

Rev. Dr. George Toole
4230 Harford Creamery Drive
White Hall, MD 21161

Sam Brooks
4035-A Federal Hill Road
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Kirsten Fitzsimmons
309 Logan Court
Abingdon, MD 21009



**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 - 75/(28)

August 3rd - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

August 3rd - Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 pm

August 4th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm

August 4th - Trustees Meeting @ 7:00 pm

August 8th - Flea Market @ 8:00 am

August 9th - Worship Service @ 9:30 am

August 9th - Coffee Hour with Finance Committee

August 9th - 4-H Meeting @ 6:00 pm



August 22nd - IronBirds Game

August 23rd - Season Bazaar Craft Day

September 12th - Flea Market

September 12th - End of Summer Camp Out

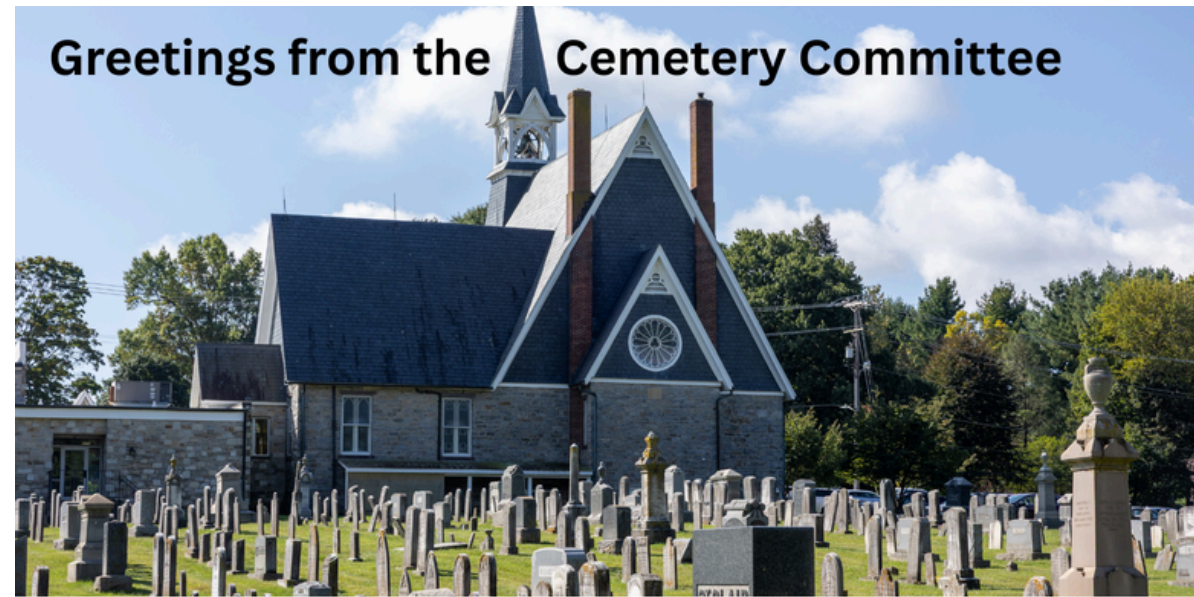
September 19th - Women's Event

September 27th - Season Bazaar Craft Day

October 10th - 4 Season Bazaar

December 5th- Blitzzen Bingo

December 12th - Wreaths Across America



As many of you know, Bethel is home to one of Harford County's most historic cemeteries. Dating back to before the American Revolution, it is the final resting place of veterans from every American conflict, as well as hundreds of faithful individuals whose lives helped build, strengthen, and sustain Bethel Presbyterian Church throughout its history.

The Cemetery Committee is responsible for the care, operation, and maintenance of this sacred place. We are truly blessed by the many volunteers from our church family and Boy Scout Troop who generously give their time to assist with routine maintenance and beautification.

What many people may not realize is that several essential services cannot be performed by volunteers. These include professional mowing, tree maintenance, and lighting. The cost of mowing alone is significant, and these expenses are not included in Bethel's annual operating budget. They are paid entirely through funds managed by the Cemetery Committee.

As we reach the midpoint of the mowing season, we are thankful that we are able to meet our current obligations. However, our available funds are becoming very limited. To continue providing the care and respect that this historic cemetery deserves, we are asking for your support. If you feel led to contribute, or if you know someone outside of Bethel who has loved ones buried in our cemetery or simply wishes to help preserve this important part of our community's history, we would be deeply grateful for any gift. Donations may be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Bethel Cemetery.

Thank you for helping us preserve this sacred place for future generations.

On behalf of the Cemetery Committee,

Steve Kauffman