



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

4135 Norrisville Road

White Hall, MD 21161

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Website: www.bethel-md.org

Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00–5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00–5:00 pm

Staff

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

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Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving

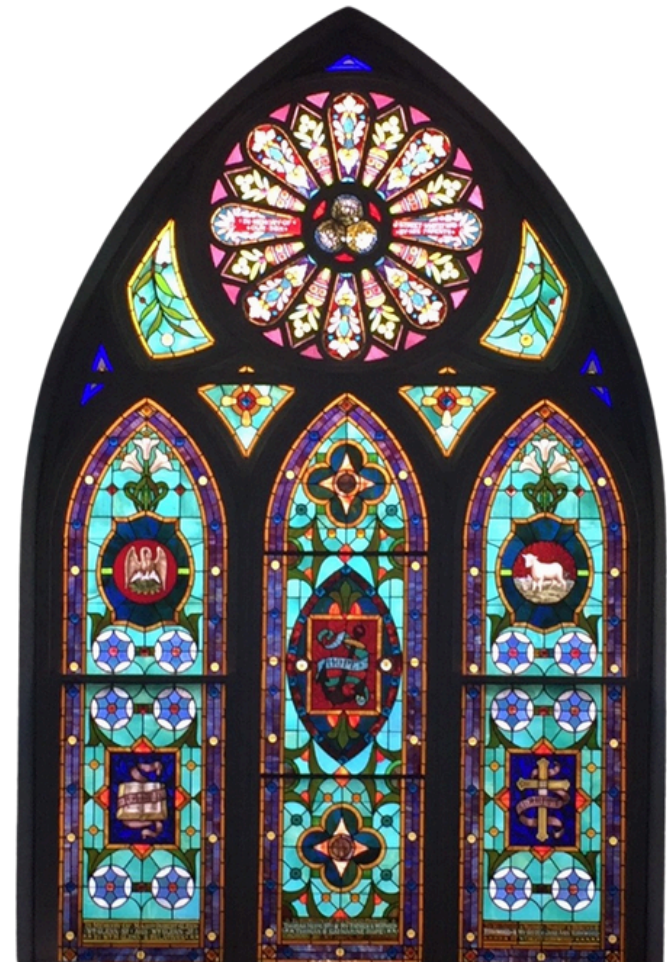


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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

August 23, 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 Rhys Burgess

Call to Worship Nancy Mory

Leader: We are the Body of Christ, the Church
People: with believers of every time and place we are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

+ Hymn #464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of Confession Chaplain Justin Woods

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Declaration of Pardon Chaplain Justin Woods

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

+ 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 Greg Burgess
Ushers this week
Tim and 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!



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

+ 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
New Testament Lesson	Mark 9:14-29	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Why Do We Pray and Fast?	Chaplain Justin Woods
+ Hymn #467	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Nancy Mory
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory		Rhys Burgess
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #372	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	
+ Benediction		Chaplain Justin Woods
Postlude		Rhys Burgess

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
Vicki Davis, member of the Bridge Group
Judy Bolke, friend of Debbie Calary
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
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
David Rose
Michelle Laret & family, friend of Donna
Jones
Lois Backus, friend of Marsha Brooks
Jerry Gladwell, friend of Marsha Brooks
Lou Wyman, friend of Marsha Brooks

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



The poster is for Bethel Presbyterian Sunday School registration. It features a large blue banner at the top with the text "BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this is a blue banner with the word "Registration" in a white, cursive font. To the right of the text is a circular inset image of a stone church with a steeple. Below the main text is a blue box with a white cross icon and the text "A place where children learn God's love, build friendships and grow in faith together." To the right of this box is a blue circle with the text "Growing in Faith Together!" and a white heart icon. Below the main text is a blue box with the text "REGISTER TODAY!" and a QR code. Below the QR code is the text "Scan the QR code to register online". To the right of the QR code is a blue box with the text "SUNDAY MORNINGS- 9:30-10:15AM". Below this box is the text "Questions? Contact the Church Office". At the bottom of the poster is a blue banner with the text "All are welcome!" in white, cursive font. At the very bottom of the poster is a quote: "Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14.

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Pat Chlebda - August 27th
Marty Nichols - August 28th
Forest Feldmann - August 29th
Owen Seiler - August 29th



Becca & Doug Smith III - August 23rd

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



Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

[Last week's attendance - 50/\(42\)](#)

August 24th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

August 24th - PNC Meeting @ 7:00 pm

August 24th - Safety & Security Meeting @ 7:00 pm

August 25th - AARP Trip - using parking lot

August 25th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm

August 30th - Worship Service @ 9:30 am - Blessing of the Backpacks

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12th - Flea Market

September 12th - End of Summer Camp Out

September 19th - Women's Ice Cream Social

September 27th - Season Bazaar Craft Day

October 10th - 4 Season Bazaar

December 5th- Blitzen Bingo

December 12th - Wreaths Across America

Ice Cream Social

The Bethel Women's Group invites the women members of the congregation to an ice cream social.

Come by for some fellowship with our sisters in Christ for ice cream and drinks and perhaps a sing-along. Refreshments and ice cream provided.

SEPT. 19TH @ 12:30-2:00 PM

Bethel Fellowship Hall

RSVP by 09/12 to Donna Jones
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donnajones921@gmail.com

