

October 2022

Bethel Tidings

From the Pastor's Desk

Simple Faith and Plain Truth

1 Timothy 2:1-7 The Message

2 ¹⁻³ The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.

⁴⁻⁷ He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth *we've* learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.

This election season is stressful, tense, and anxious. Regardless of one's political affiliation or preferred candidate, it is a fact that the election causes people to feel despair, fear, and uncertainty. Some of these feelings negatively impact our entire lives, including how we feel about others who do not share our political opinions.

Elections can be stressful during the best of times, and this year's election cycle is like no other in recent memory, compounded by Covid-19, increased awareness of racial tensions, natural disasters, and a shaky economy. As November 8 fast approaches, we could all likely benefit from taking a moment to pause, breathe, and find our balance as we experience fear and uncertainty. We are a little over a month away from Election Day. I encourage you to take this time to pray that God's will is done and that the country is not further divided. I encourage you to pray the prayer that we print in the bulletin each week, but also that you will pray that the unity of life returns to us. I pray that each of us will be made whole once again through Christ.

Peace, Pastor Jim

Women at the Well

Women at the Well and Friends are having their weekly Wednesday gatherings at 10:00 AM, with one Wednesday a month reserved for a lunch gathering at a local restaurant. The group is studying The Chosen, a video based study that includes watching a one hour video presentation one week, followed by a one hour discussion of the video the next week. Everyone is welcome to join the group for this study and no prior notice is needed.



In October, we will meet for brunch on October 19th, 11:00 am at Zach Greenlee's Fireside Restaurant & Lounge. 1716 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Bev by e-mail shanda@myactv.net, phone 301-739-6270, or in person, by Monday, October 17th so she can call in a reservation.



Supporting our Homebound

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. ~Micah 6:8

The next homebound birthdays: will be in October.

Gwennella Kalbflesh – Oct 1
154 Artizan St. Room 99
Williamsport, MD 21795

Wayne Deibert – Oct 14
11207-A Marbern Rd.
Hagerstown, Md 21740

Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update



A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

Hello Bethel family.

A big thanks going out to you for your gifts of love. We are doing pretty well but do have a few needs yet. Canned chicken, tuna, Treet or Spam, generic or name brand Spaghettios. Instant bags of mashed potatoes. Pasta side dishes, rice sides and always popular chicken ramen noodles. Our mission at Bethel has really touched the needs of our community. We have also placed in the box info about our church and services.

A special thanks for the additional donations coming from the Chewsville Lions Club. Your sister in Christ, Elaine Snyder

The Lions Club International

The Chewsville Lions Club under the direction of President Ken Tice will meet at Bethel in the Family Life Center on regular meeting dates of the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays monthly at 6:30.



We look forward to partnering with them to serve the community of Chewsville.



Coat Closet:

Chewsville Community Coat Giveaway @ Bethel

Sat. Oct. 8th 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

It is hard to think of winter coats and accessories in August when it is sweltering hot outside but cooler weather will be here before we know it. Now is the time to stock our Bethel Coat Closet to prepare for the fall. We are in need of children and adult coats of all sizes. Please ask your friends if they happen to have any coats they would like to donate and please keep an eye out at your local yard sales. Thanks for your continued support of our coat closet.



We are Growing Back!

The Spiritual Fitness Class is meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the corner classroom under the balcony.

The Bethel Believers class is meeting Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

Stewardship September 2022

Date	In person S.S./Church	Special Events
Sept 4	67	
Sept 11	70	
Sept 18	60	
Sept 25	55	Treats on the Portico



Lay Readers – Oct. 2022

Oct 2	Mary Gross
Oct 9	John Shank
Oct 16	Torrie Smith
Oct 23	Sue McAllister
Oct 30	Abby Snyder

Call Elaine to sign up! 301-991-9759.

Treats on the Portico

It was so wonderful to see everyone enjoying each other's company. Christian fellowship is such an important part of our walk in life. So many hearts were smiling. Thanks to Tim & Tammy Smith for the September blessing. Waiting for a volunteer for October 30th...call me!

We are going to do this the last Sunday monthly!

Just call the office with ideas or to take a turn.



Trunk or Treat

This year Bethel and The Chewsville Lions Club will be sponsoring a Chewsville Community "Trunk or Treat".

Plans are to have music, food and games along with "Trunks and Treats" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
In the safety of the Bethel parking lot.

The date is Friday October 28th!
Costume appreciation and Judging at 7:00 p.m.
Free hotdogs, chips and drinks!

The Lions Club will be joining us as a co-sponsor of the event and will have membership information available.

NEEDED...

- **Decorated vehicles – trunks**
 - **Candy and more candy**
 - **Treats of a Christian nature**
- **Help with games (need ideas)**
 - **Persons to monitor the area**
- **Help with competitions and prizes**

Coming Events:

Fall/Winter Calendar – All Women Together

Saturday October 8th – 9-11 a.m. Community Coat Giveaway

Tell your neighbors!

Sunday October 9th – Pastor Appreciation Day

Bring Gifts to Pastor Jim and family.

Wednesday October 12th - Church Conference

Will need refreshments.

Sunday October 16th – Laity Sunday

We are all Laity...will give Pastor Jim a break!

Sunday October 23rd – Harvest Home

Bring your gifts of food to decorate the altar.

Harvest Home Lunch - plan soups, bread and desserts.

Fri October 28th - Trunk or Treat 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Food, Games, Music, and Candy! Trunks and candy needed.

Sunday Nov 6 – All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time Change

There will be bulletin insert request and program.

Sunday November 20 – Decorate the church for Advent

Come & help, following the worship service.

Tuesday December 20 – Christmas Gift Delivery

For shut-in's and those in Need.

ADVENT:

1st Sun Nov 27 – “Up to Restoration”

No activity planned.

2nd Sun Dec 4 – “Stand as a Signal”

Make pine centerpieces, decorate cookies with snacks or ? pizza after church

3rd- Sun Dec 11 – “The Lord’s Highway”

No activity planned

4th Sun Dec 18 – “Give You a Sign” Cantata @ 7 pm

Enjoy refreshments afterwards in the FLC.

Christmas Eve- Sat Dec. 24

7:00 pm – Combined Children’s Service with Traditional Candlelight.

11:00 pm – Midnight Candlelight Service.

Christmas Day – Sun Dec 25

No Sunday School

10:00 am worship service.

October Anniversaries:

- 5 – Walt & Beverly Miller
- 18 – Michael & Kayla Rishell
- 20 – Dave & Deb Wagner
- 30 – Brad & Jennifer Leisinger
- 31 – Ted & Maria Axline



October Birthdays:

- 1 – C. Fred Baker
- 1 – *Gwennella Kalbflesh
- 3 – Martin Brubaker
- 3 – Al Deal
- 3 – John Dinterman
- 4 – Glenn Eccard
- 5 – Amy Mitchell
- 6 – Harvey Leisinger
- 7 – Heather White
- 7 – Owen Snyder
- 9 – Alan Sokol
- 13 – Connie Leisinger
- 14 – Fred White III
- 14 – *Wayne Deibert
- 17 – Brandon Sprecher
- 21 – Jeff Harbaugh
- 23 – Jane Edwards
- 26 - Braylen Price
- 28 – Ashley Miller
- 29 – Phyllis Harbaugh
- 30 – Sandy Hose
- 31 – Melissa Metzger

*Homebound
- see Caring Connections
for the address.



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October 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2:00 Brandt wedding
2 World Communion Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	3 7:00 Ad Council	4 6:00 Lions Club /FLC	5 10:00 W@W/Parlor	6	7 6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x 3	8 9:00 Coat Giveaway
9 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	10 Columbus Day	11	12 10:00 W@W/Parlor 7:00 CHURCH CONFERENCE	13	14	15
16 Laity Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 2:30 Parish Nurse/Parlor 6:00 Lions Club /FLC	19 11:00 W@W lunch at Hoffman's	20	21 6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x 3	22
23 Harvest Home/ Lunch in FLC 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	24	25	26 10:00 W@W/Parlor	27	28 5:30 Trunk or Treat	29
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship Treats on the Portico	31 Halloween	Nov 1	2	3 Deb begins Vaca		

Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

Our Mission: To be the people of God on the move for Jesus and to transform the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Vision: To be the Church of Jesus Christ to all God's children through discipleship grounded in God's Holy Word. We pledge to God and each other to accomplish our mission: Through prayer, worship and education, we will be seekers of God's will. Through witness, we will kindle the fire of spiritual and physical growth. Through Christian community we will love, nurture and support each other and those in need throughout the world.

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Sunday Service Times:

Traditional mixed with Contemporary

Worship @ 10:00 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Online Sun 10:00 am @ www.bethelumchurch.org

Family Care Ministry:

Please let us know if you or a family member wish a pastoral visit during a time of grief or hospitalization, including the birth of a child. We will pray & minister to you.

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