

Message from Pastor Jim

"Then He said, 'Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice."

1 Kings 19:11-12

I have been reflecting on the sermon series that we are in right now, "Faith." We have tried to hang onto the faith that we have in Jesus. Through the many stories that we have heard on Sunday mornings, to the life events happening to us daily in our own lives, we have searched for faith. We are like Elijah, who said he was zealous for the Lord and followed his every command. Elijah lost sight of the Living God and in his fear, hide in a cave at the top of the mountain.

I think that when the storms of life come to us, the automatic reaction is to question our faith. Why does God let this happen to me? We retreat into our cave and do not show our face for a while. God continues to call us even though we have doubts. God does not have doubt, and His faith is constant. We look for God in all of those places that we think God will show up; the winds of despair, the earthquake of doubt, the fire of criticism. When it seems that God has taken leave of our lives, and we are quietly waiting for our lives to find relief, God enters.

In the "Still Small voice of God," we get reminded of God's faithfulness. He picks us up and sends us on our way. God tells us through the scriptures His devotion. The story from Genesis to Revelation is a constant reminder of God's presence. The stories of loss and gain, of wandering and of purpose should remind us that we are not the only ones that have experienced things. Over thousands of years God has been faithful. Does that make our lives any more comfortable? Not at all. What it does provide us is the reassurance that we will come out on the other side of our troubles. When we come out on that other side, we will know that God, through Christ Jesus, has walked with us all of the way. He has provided the light of hope, the compass of comfort, and the shelter of salvation.

God is Love. No matter which way the wind blows, God is still Love. Live in the comfort of God's faithfulness, knowing that God has called you. He is patiently waiting for you. He silently walks alongside you as you journey through this life. May God Bless you.

Peace, Pastor Jim



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Missions and Outreach Ministries



Micah's Backpack ministry continues until the end of the school year. If you would like to make a monetary donation, just drop it in the collection plate with a note in the memo line for Micah's Backpack.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR MICAH'S BACKPACK

BREAKFAST ITEMS – Individual boxes of cereal and oatmeal



LUNCH/DINNER ITEMS – Small cans of spaghetti and meatballs and ravioli; individual packs of Ritz crackers; individual servings of peanut butter; cans of chicken and/or tuna fish; chicken noodle soup, mac and cheese



SNACKS - Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Individual packs of goldfish and pretzels



VEGETABLES – Small individual servings of corn, green beans, peas and carrots



JUICE BOXES



As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity. It truly does make a difference in the lives of the children!

~Kim Rishell



Promise Purses

Donations are being collected for Promise Purses. Items needed:

Feminine products, chap stick, hand sanitizer, lotion, deodorant, gift cards, journals, pens, socks, hair ties, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

Bring items in by **Monday, November 17.**

For more info contact *Candice Castillo: 240.500.8085*

Caring Connection Supporting our Homebound

This committee blesses our Homebound Souls with cards and visits. Many thanks for this new group and all they do. If you are aware of anyone needing to be added, please contact Pam Brubaker at 301-992-7831.

They are preparing Sunshine Baskets to be distributed in November.

Items are needed by **Sunday, November 10:**

Hand lotion, chap stick, hand sanitizer, small box of tissues, slipper socks, crackers, individually wrapped candies, word search/crossword books, small journals, devotional materials, ink pens, or other small items to be placed in the baskets

Homebound Birthday info is listed in the weekly bulletins.

November 16th is Libbie Buckingham.



Meet with the Bishop:

There were approximately 16 members from Bethel that attended. Information was relayed about recent conference decisions and the reasoning behind them. Questions were answered about the processes needed to remove from the conference.

You can speak with the Pastor or write to the Bishop.

Women at the Well

By: Beverly Miller

The Women at the Well Bible study, “Wonder Struck”, began in September and continues on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Next is Nov 6, 13, and 27. All are welcome!

Monthly brunch outings are held the 3rd Wednesday at 11am in local restaurants. Next will be Nov 20th at 11:00 at the Fireside. Call Beverly Miller for more info: 301-739-6270



Aspire

Sunday, November 17 @ 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Ringgold Church, 14420 Barkdoll Rd. Hagerstown, MD

1 night – 3 hours Just for Women. \$25 (group rates available)

An evening full of laughter, learning, stories and music with speaker and Bible teacher Shannon Hoffpauir, comedy by Kristin Weber and worship with Kendall Payne.

Contact the office if interested in attending.



Altar Flowers –November 2019

The 2019 sign-up sheet is posted outside the sanctuary. Please consider ordering flowers to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate an event. The cost is \$45 for both vases and they can be taken home with you following the worship service or can be given to one of our homebound members.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Oct 27	Celia Ausherman
Nov 3	Peg and Ronnie Snyder
Nov 10	Open
Nov 17	Mary & David Lidie
Nov 24	Martha Saufley

If you have a specific kind of flower or color you would like, please contact Sandy Hose (240-527-5167) or Melissa Metzger (410-251-8439). All orders are called in the Wednesday before the Sunday you've signed up for.

Let Deb Wagner know the message you would like included in the bulletin by the Tuesday prior to the service. Thank you!



Lay Readers – November 2019



<u>Date</u>	<u>8:45 am/11:00 a.m.</u>
Oct 27	Christie Phillips Combined Service
Nov 3	Laura Harbaugh Heather Updegraff
Nov 10	Deb Wagner Judy Hoffman
Nov 17	Sue McAllister Keith Hoffman
Nov 24	Laurie Shifflett Dan Rishell

Greeters – November 2019

Traditional Service

Paul & Cathy Boyer
Gene & Mary Gross

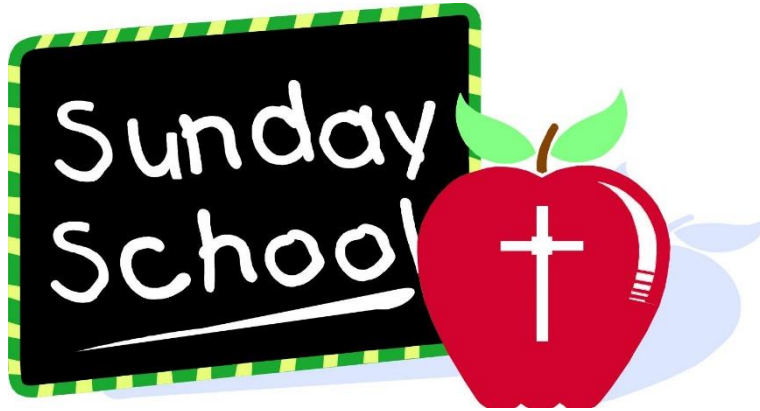
Contemporary Service

Michael & Kayla Rishell

Nursery – November 2019

Date	8:45 am Worship	Sunday School	11:00 am Worship
Nov 3	OPEN	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN
Nov 10	OPEN	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN
Nov 17	OPEN	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN
Nov 24	OPEN	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN

Abbie Barnhart needs additional help this month
Contact her at 240-818-7543/ abbie.barnhart@yahoo.com



Sunday School is available for all ages @ 10:00 am

Nursery: Ages 0 – 3 years
(beside Family Life Center)

Age 4 – Grade 2 - Upstairs Room 2-03

Grade 3 – 5: Upstairs Room 2-04

Youth: Grade 6 – Grade 12: Downstairs

Adult Classes:

Bethel Believers – Parlor

Spiritual Fitness – Under the balcony

One Loaf – Upstairs behind balcony

Wow, I Didn't Know That!

Spiritual Fitness Sunday School class beginning Sunday, November 3 @ 10:00 am

All adults (young and old) are invited to join them on an exciting new journey through the turbulent Old Testament history of Israel, their prophets and kings. The 6-session DVD series by historian, Ray Vander Laan will help us understand the Bible better and experience the historical and cultural context of events that happened.

Stewardship Sept/October 2019

Date	8:45 am Worship	Sunday School	11:00 am Worship	Special Events
Sept 1	82	39	38	Backpack blessing
Sept 8	100	66	57	Choir returned
Sept 15	76	47	42	N/A
Sept 22	95	56	38	Gideon message
Sept 29	81	48	37	Children's Choir
Oct 6	77	46	48	World Communion
Oct 13	93	44	45	Pastor Appreciation
Oct 20	72	45	42	Blankets for the Homeless
Oct 27	**	**	**	Harvest Home Service

**** The Newsletter was produced prior to the last Sunday in October, refer to your bulletins for updated weekly information.**

November Birthdays

1	Camryn Keckler			19	Jeff Barnhart
3	Donna McCuin	12	Janet Deibert	20	Jeremy Dunkin
	Ally Boyer	14	Lacey Simmons	22	Lia Beard
5	Bret Sprecher		Abi Richardson	23	Ted Axline
6	Becky Brown	15	Shaughna Campbell		Judy Ziegler
	Betty Engelhart	16	Libbie Buckingham		Melissa Broadwater
	Kent Harshman		Elaine Snyder	24	Lori Mertz
7	Kirk Longanecker	17	John Langley		Taylor Belella
	Katy Brandenburg		Kim Rishell	25	James Luther
	Cary Smith	18	Ron Metzger	27	James Johnson
	Cole Shifflett		Tim Rossiter		Jennifer Leisinger
9	Shirley Shanholtz		Addison Luther	29	Christian Wilson
	Michael McAllister		Abigail Snyder		
	Bryce Linden				

November Anniversaries:

- 5 – Jeff & Linda Barnhart
- 9 – Brian & Amy Smith
- 10 - Dale & Julie Beard
- 15 – Mike & Sue McAllister
- 25 – Tom & Jane Edwards



Treasurer's Report



The church Administrative council voted to remove the financial information from the monthly Newsletter as they did not feel this information should be placed on the internet. The weekly bulletin will continue to keep you informed of the weekly offerings. A Treasurer's Report is always available in the office. Just ask!

Online giving is available through our website: bethelumchurch.org

Sharing Bethel News:

Family Fun:

The Ice Cream Social: Making Sundaes and sharing time during this first Family Fun event of the season was indeed a crowd pleaser!

This group will has a new leader! Tammy Smith has volunteered to take charge of planning the events. Another new change is that quarterly this program will combine with Parents Night Out for a family pot-luck dinner and family activity. Let us know if you want to be part of the team. Thank you Tammy! Call to register 301-733-8387.

October 16th was a FALL FEST with a Pot Luck Dinner. Those who joined us for dinner, fellowship, and crafts had a lot fun! Small children and the adult kiddos carved and painted pumpkins and made scarecrows.



There is rumor that Wednesday, November 20th could include Bingo!

Parents Night Out:

This event restarted on Friday, September 13th. There were 12 children and we had fun teaching the children about how “God Loves Everyone” and to be kind to others as you never know what they may be going thru.

Friday, October 11th they learned about “Working for the King”. Each month all of the Volunteers are preparing with a central theme and scripture.

The first combined night will be Friday, December 13th. Call to register.

Women’s Ministry:

Last year we tried “Moments for Mom’s” as a program to involve mothers of young children while watching their children. It became obvious that most moms were working ladies that did not want to spend more time away from their children so we conducted a survey to access if there are women’s needs that are going unmet. The results showed that currently there are no other needs.

Make your ideas known:

If you have worship needs that are not being met or have ideas about a new program... let us know! The office is always open to exploring new ventures. Just call or stop by, do not worry that you will be asked to lead a new program and we will keep it confidential!



Music Notes:

The below agenda is being sponsored by the Children's and Music Committees:

Children need to get the practice schedule from Miss Melinda please.

Sun Dec 1st- 12:30-2:00 pm "The Joy Begins"

Sun Dec 8th - 7:00pm -the Cantata "The Star Still Shines"

Fri Dec 13th - 5:45 - 8:30 -Family Fun Pot Luck with Caroling

Sun Dec 15th – 6:00 – Christmas Joy w/ Children's program

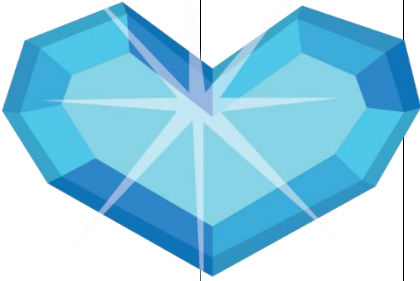
**Tue Dec 24th – 4:00 Children's Service
7:00 Traditional Service
11:00 Barn Service**

**Welcome back to the Adult Choir,
we have missed the
Blessing of your voices!**

Bethel celebrates that pianist Pam Lego will continue with us until the end of the year.
We are actively looking for a replacement as she would like to retire!

If you know anyone that would enjoy being a part of our music program...please contact Pastor Jim.



November					1 5:00 Potomac VB/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs	2 8:00 Fall Clean- up Day 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor 2:00 Baby Shower/FLC 5:00 Potomac VB/FLC
3 ALL SAINTS DAY Communion 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 Potomac VB/FLC	4 Deb returns	5 5:30 VB/FLC	6 10:00 W@W/Parlor 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	7 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	8 5:45 Parents Night Out/FLC	9 9:00 Potomac VB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Upstairs
10 8:45 Traditiona l 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 Potomac VB/FLC	11 Veterans Day 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 7:00 Ad Council/Parlor	12 5:30 VB/FLC	13 10:00 W@W/Parlor 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	14 1:00 Care Connect Baskets/Parlor 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	15 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs	16 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor
17 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 Potomac VB/FLC	18 Newsletter Deadline 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 6:30 SPRC/Upstairs	19 5:30 VB/FLC	20 11am W@W/ Brunch @ Fireside 5:00Family Fun 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	21 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	22 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	23 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor
24 BP/Child Choir UM Student Day 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 2:00 Potomac VB/FLC	25 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	26 5:30 VB/FLC	27 10:00 W@W/Parlor 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Black Friday 1:00 Blood Drive/FLC	30 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor

Mel's Retirement

October 13th Mel enjoyed many handshakes and hugs as we honored the many years of service he has faithfully completed.



Pastor Appreciation Day

October 13th we graced our Pastor with recognition during the church services and with a cake and reception. Many have come to know Pastor Jim better and realize the many hours he tends to his "flock". Always available and at our call. Many thanks!



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 Worship 8:45 am
Contemporary Worship 11:00am
Sunday School 10:00 am

Family Care Ministry:

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

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Sunday Worship

8:45am - Traditional Services

10:00am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00am - Contemporary Services