

# Bethel Tidings

Nov. 2020

## Message from Pastor Jim

It is already November. Where has the time gone this year? We have experienced the year 2020 in a whole new way, and it looks like that is not going to end anytime soon. That is the secular world, the world that we live in, so where is the spiritual world for you?

Through all of the chaos and disruption of this world, there is one thing that has remained steady. Psalm 34 says it the best way: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will always be in my mouth. I praise the Lord- let the suffering listen and rejoice. Magnify the Lord with me! Taste and see how good the Lord is!"

Have you spent the extra time that you have through the shutdown to be with God? It is amazing the new things that you can learn through reading the Bible through again. An old friend of mine, June, a minister's wife and Christian educator, once told me that she reads the Bible from the front cover to the last page every year. She is in her 90's and is still teaching a Sunday School class. I'm not sure how she is fairing in the pandemic, but I am sure that she is on her yearly endeavor because that doesn't need anybody but the Bible and yourself. She told me that she loved to read through every year because God keeps rewriting the book. Reading the Bible for 90 years, you would think that the stories are set. She said, not true. I find new things each time I read.

Friends, it's necessary to spend time with God each day. God has blessed us by giving more time. I know we want to believe that there is nothing that you don't know about the Bible. I understand that some don't think that the Bible is relevant anymore. I also know that not having total control of our life is frustrating.

God loved the world so much that God gave his only son to save us from our sins; provide us with salvation. When you worship God, are you giving yourself wholly to the worship? The pandemic came, and it will go. The chaos of the world came, and it will go. Our time came; will we let it go?

"Taste and see how good the Lord is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy! You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor him, because those who honor him don't lack a thing."

Peace,

Pastor Jim

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**Info on Bethel Youth:** "We will face a lot of challenges in our lives, but we can rise to the occasion, supporting each other during this one. We are the most resilient, most tech-savvy generation ever."  
Paige Updegraff

If you have felt a calling to go out and help this may be for you. We are going to be attending Mission Serve again in Lancaster, SC on July 17-24, 2021. All are welcome to come with the youth. If you feel this is something you would like to do, just send me an email and let me know. Thank You,  
Jason & Melissa Broadwater

## Virus Task Force:



Please know that the Pastor has put together a task force of key members that have experience in the medical field, administrators and church leaders to collect all the different recommendations and make decisions about how and when we will open the building. a.m. Please pray that we make decisions that protect everyone. The group met on Oct 8th. Plans are:

- Keep worship in the FLC as there is less "touching" with more ability to socially distance and better cleaning abilities.
- The FLC may be used for small social gatherings.
- Notify Traditional and Contemporary Altar leaders with plans.
- Have the cord for FM radio improved.
- Notify sports teams that no sports teams will be permitted.

## Women at the Well

The Women at the Well meetings will remain suspended for November. Normally monthly brunch outings are held on the third Wednesday at 11 am in local restaurants, this is also canceled. All are welcome when we return.  
Call Beverly Miller for more info: 301-739-6270.



## Caring Connections Supporting our Homebound

Psalm 91:4 (NIV) He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness shall be your shield & rampart.

Please continue to be in prayer for our Homebound. Homebound Birthday info for this month on November 16<sup>th</sup> is:

Libbie Buckingham  
22028 Holiday Drive  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

~Pam Brubaker

## Thanksgiving Baskets



The Bethel Caring Connection will be pairing up to provide families in need. The goal at this will do more baskets. Below is a list asking for donations of these items. entrance. If you prefer to make a Baskets on the check. The deadline for donations will be November 19<sup>th</sup> (one week before Thanksgiving). The baskets will be delivered the weekend before Thanksgiving. Also, if you know of a family in need of a Thanksgiving meal basket, please contact Deb Wagner @ 301-733-8387 and we will make it happen. **Thank you for your support** of those in need during these difficult times.

Committee and The Food Pantry Committee baskets containing a Thanksgiving meal to time is 5 baskets. If extra food is received we of food items needed for the baskets. We are A box will be placed at the Family Life Center monetary donation. Please write Thanksgiving

- Turkey Breasts or small hams
- Boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Jars or cans of gravy
- Cans Green Beans
- Cans of Corn
- Boxes of Stovetop Turkey Stuffing or bags of bread cubes
- Cans of Sweet Potatoes
- Cans of Sauerkraut
- Dinner rolls
- Butter/margarine
- Large bottles of Fruit Punch
- Cans of fruit cocktail
- Pumpkin Pie

We have the baskets, paper plates, napkins and apple butter already donated.



Micah's Backpack ministry will begin packing bags to be delivered the first Friday in November. At this point, the only thing we are allowed to do (per WCPS) is to have the bags at the meal sites. We are going to drop our bags at Pangborn where there is more need (at least until all kids go back to school and then we will deliver once again to Old Forge). We are also told that the food bank is telling us to use the food (pretty much ignore the expiration date) because the food is good up to almost two years past that time. They sent us a document with all of this information.

**So, we will begin packing bags for the first drop which is Nov. 6 -- we will use all of the food available in our kitchen in the basement.**

**Kim Rishell & Linda Barnhart**



## ***The Blessing Box & Food Pantry***

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35*

**Thank you Bethel Congregation for your amazing support of the Bethel Food Pantry and Blessing Box with food and monetary donations. This mission has served many families in our local communities due to your help!**

**If you would like to donate food items here is a list of frequently needed items:**

Toiletries – (shampoo, body wash & toothpaste)

Baby wipes

Little juice boxes

Macaroni and cheese boxes or cups

Spaghetti noodles and sauce

SpaghettiOs

Ramen Noodles

Kids' Cereals

Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam)

Canned soup

Canned fruit

Canned vegetables (corn, peas)

Paper goods (Toilet Paper, Paper towels, tissues)

***If you would like to donate money, write a check to Bethel United Methodist Church and indicate it is for the food pantry in the memo section of the check.***

**Please contact Deb Wagner at the 301-733-8387 for additional information or if you know someone who is in need of food.**

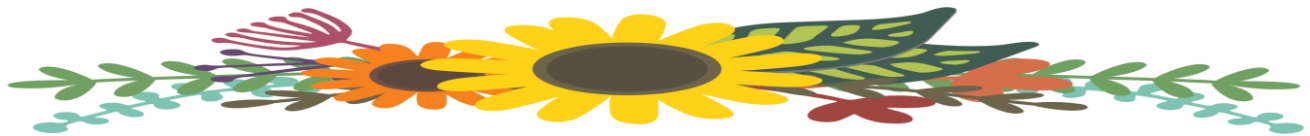
## **HARVEST HOME**

Celebrated October 25<sup>th</sup> once again showed how giving the Bethel congregation is in helping the Food Ministry. The gifts will help with this great ministry. Thanks to all!



## Lay Readers – November 2020

<b>Nov 1</b>	
<b>Nov 8</b>	Christie Phillips Kim Rishell
<b>Nov 15</b>	Jon Snyder Brian Smith
<b>Nov 22</b>	Elaine Snyder Judy Hoffman
<b>Nov 29</b>	Liz Weaver Heather Updegraff



## Stewardship October 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship Total</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>In person</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
Oct 4	191	151	40	
Oct 11	210	160	50	<b>Pastor Appreciation</b>
Oct 18	199	160	39	
Oct 25	203	155	48	<b>Harvest Home</b>

## November Birthdays:

- |    |                    |               |                    |
|----|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Nathan Phillips    | Addison Smith |                    |
|    | Camryn Keckler     | 14            | Lacey Simmons      |
| 3  | Ally Boyer         |               | Abi Richardson     |
| 5  | Bret Sprecher      | 15            | Shaughna Campbell  |
| 6  | Becky Brown        | 16**          | Libby Buckingham   |
|    | Betty Englehart    |               | Elaine Snyder      |
|    | Kent Harshman      |               | Presley Buhrman    |
| 7  | Kirk Longanecker   | 17            | John Langley       |
|    | Katy Brandenburg   |               | Kim Rishell        |
|    | Cary Smith         | 18            | Ron Metzger        |
|    | Cole Shiflett      |               | Tim Rossiter       |
| 9  | Shirley Shanholtz  |               | Addison Luther     |
|    | Michael McAllister |               | Abigail Snyder     |
|    | Bryce Linden       | 19            | Jeffery Barnhart   |
| 10 | Tyler White        | 20            | Jeremy Dunkin      |
| 12 | Janet Deibert      | 22            | Lia Beard          |
|    |                    | 23            | Ted Axline         |
|    |                    |               | Judy Ziegler       |
|    |                    |               | Melissa Broadwater |
|    |                    | 24            | Lori Mertz         |
|    |                    |               | Taylor Belella     |
|    |                    | 25            | James Luther       |
|    |                    | 27            | James Johnson      |
|    |                    |               | Jennifer Leisinger |
|    |                    | 29            | Christian Wilson   |



\*\* homebound - see Caring Connections for their address

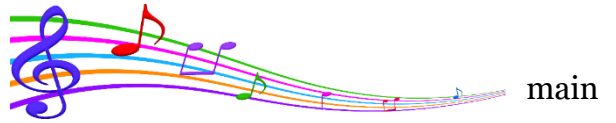
## November Anniversaries:



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



## Music Ministry:



The Ad Council met October 12<sup>th</sup> and voted to begin the Sanctuary sound system updates. The need for a projector and upgrade to allow FM broadcasting was deemed an immediate need for the FLC and was approved. This will restore the FM radio and improved broadcasting on Sundays.

## Choirs:

We invite all of our choir members to actively volunteer your talents to the one service that is currently taking place. We miss you so much and understand why you will not be able to sing in the traditional way for the Cantata this year. As much as we would love to hear the choirs and music return to the church, precautions must take place for the safety of all. Contact our Music Committee Chairperson, Joyce Belella to offer your talents individually or as a family.



## Sermon by Phone:

**301-298-1064**

A new service. Just dial the number. No codes or prompts to enter, just listen...it will be the most recent Sunday Service or any scriptures or announcements. Call it at any time.

## Radio Station:

Did you know that you can connect to the Sunday Service by radio FM station while on the property if you prefer to stay inside of your vehicle? The specific station will be announced at the beginning of each service. We apologize for the poor reception since moving inside. This is being worked on.



## Poinsettia Orders 2020

For our December 20th Service

*Red Poinsettia \$8.75 each*

The Altar Guild will be taking orders starting November 1.

Last day to order is November 29.

Please see info in the Welcome Center or **Deb Wagner** for order blanks & dedication pages. A mailing will go out to those who are not yet attending. Return money, order blanks & dedications to the church office via mail (must receive by Nov 29) or in the box beside the Offering Box. You can pick up your order after the service on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> or leave for the Christmas Eve service and pick-up later.

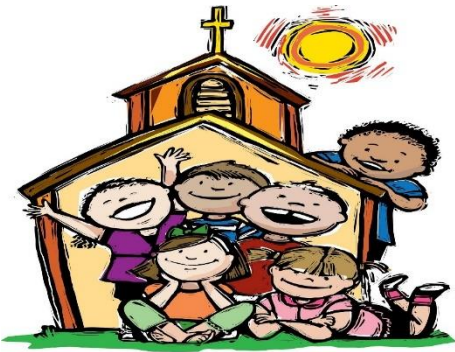


## Altar Flowers:

<b>Nov 1</b>	
<b>Nov 8</b>	McAllisters
<b>Nov 15</b>	Martha Lynch
<b>Nov 22</b>	
<b>Nov 29</b>	

## Children's Sunday School:

Currently Children's Sunday School for children grades K-5 is meeting upstairs at 9:00 a.m. while the parents are in the FLC Worship Service.



Just like the rest of us, they will remain socially distanced and wearing masks.

We are blessed to have Tammy & Teresa teaching them!

## What you are seeing on Sundays:

The COVID Taskforce has been hard at work.

While we are socially distanced and wearing masks covering the nose and mouth the entire time we are inside. The joy is in the way so many have come together to make it all happen.

The songs are being sung by the Praise team while the audience hums. The prayer requests, scripture readings and prayers continue. Pastor Jim leads us and offers sermons to enrich us. Seating is separated apart with 6ft. separation per families. Entering and exiting one way is the current routine. No refreshments will be served.

We hear you and know how many want the Sanctuary open and are trying to work towards it while keeping everyone protected and safe. **You are missed!**



## Bethel Clothes Closet Give Away

**Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Winter clothing and coats will be outside to share.**

**Special thanks to all who have donated clothes to the Bethel Clothes Closet!**

**Currently the Clothes Closet has cold weather clothing items like coats, sweaters, sweatshirts and blue jeans available to those in need.**



*Please contact Deb Wagner at the 301-733-8387 for additional information or if you know someone who is in need of clothing.*

## It is almost Church Conference time!

The annual Church Conference **will be here on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00 pm. !** The event will be different this year as it will be held virtually. Preparation is beginning with forms to complete, budgets and evaluations to be done, meetings to vote on items must take place. This begins a busy time for your leaders and it must all be completed by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Blood Drive

The next Blood drive at Bethel is **Friday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**.  
**1:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Reserve at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood>.  
**Please consider helping...call the office.**



**\*\* All below is subject to the building restrictions being lifted.**

<b>Nov 2020</b> Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> 9am FLC Service 9am Child Sunday School	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Election Day</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:45 Girl Scouts Up/down/parlor	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9am FLC Service 9am Child Sunday School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9am FLC Service 9am Child Sunday School	<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:45 Girl Scouts Up/down/parlor	<b>21</b> FLC reserved/ Snyders
<b>22</b> 9am FLC Service 9am Child Sunday School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Native American Heritage Day</b> 1:30-7:00 p.m. Blood Drive	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9am FLC Service 9am Child Sunday School	<b>30</b>					

# 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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Traditional Worship 8:45 am  
Contemporary Worship 11:00am  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
On line Sun 9:00 am @ [www.bethelumchurch.org](http://www.bethelumchurch.org)

**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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