

Message from Pastor Jim

This month we begin the journey to the cross; Easter. We celebrate the observance of St. Valentine's Day, the day of love, and then we observe Ash Wednesday, a holy day of prayer and fasting. Are you going to prepare yourself for Easter?

Many times we prepare ourselves by abstaining from something dear to us; we give up chocolate or coffee or something else that is important. We "fast" by giving these things up. This year can we do something different? Can we prepare our lives in a way that we live our lives? Can we recognize that some of our beliefs are based on a failure to consider that others struggle with their lives just like we do? In our Lenten devotions, will you take some time in meditation and prayer? Will you allow God to enter into your devotions and open your heart to hear the command that Jesus gave us to love and make disciples of Jesus Christ?

God created human beings in His image. That means not only people in general but every individual. The same God whose mind and power fashioned the stars, seas, animals, and everything else has carefully and lovingly crafted you. You are unique, and you have an individual purpose. God not only created you but also designed you for special reasons, crafting you to carry out unique missions in life-what the New Testament calls "good works." Before God created you, God decided that your life would point toward that particular end. You will find your most significant meaning in life by discovering and carrying out this distinctive purpose. That is why you have a responsibility to your Creator. God made you live with God and for God. Because you belong to God, your life must be centered on God. Many people tragically squander their lives by turning their backs on their Creator and living for themselves. But we will all give an account to the Lord for how we lived. God will ask whether or not we used what God gave us to honor God and fulfill God's purposes.

During this Easter Season, I pray that you will prepare yourselves for a new day in Christ.

Happy Easter,

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.

We are supporting 18 children at Old Forge School. As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity. It truly does make a difference in the lives of the children! ~ Kim Rishell



Missions:

An opportunity for giving to Human Relations Day occurred on January 19th. This group is meeting and looking at other ministries. For more info contact *Candice Castillo: 240.500.8085*

Caring Connection

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. Homebound Birthday info is listed in the bulletins. There are no March birthdays.

Supporting our Homebound

Women at the Well

By: Beverly Miller

The Women at the Well Bible study continues on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All are welcome! February brings the study of Max Lucado's "How Happiness Happens".

Monthly brunch outings are held at 11 am in local restaurants. Next will be Feb 19th at the Hagerstown Family Diner on the Dual Hghy. Call Beverly Miller for more info: 301-739-6270.



Altar Flowers – February 2020

The 2020 sign-up sheet is posted outside the sanctuary. Please consider ordering flowers for the altar in the Sanctuary or the Family Life Center to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate an event. The cost is \$45 for both vases. They can be taken home with you following the worship service or can be given to a homebound member.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Feb 2	Vivian Michael
Feb 9	Sylvia Rider
Feb 16	Connie Leisinger
Feb 23	Connie Leisinger

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 – February 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:45 am/11:00 a.m.</u>
Feb 2	Celia Ausherman Phil Petry
Feb 9	Christie Phillips Dan Rishell
Feb 16	Deb Wagner Kim Rishell
Feb 23	Liz Weaver Melissa Broadwater

Greeters – February 2020

Traditional Service
The Ron Mertz Family
Becky Brown & Tori Smith

Contemporary Service
The Dale Beard family

Stewardship Jan 2019

Date	8:45 am Worship	Sunday School	11:00 am Worship	Special Events
Jan 5	81	64	65	Communion
Jan 12	83	59	48	
Jan 19	75	58	67	Human Relations Day Leadership Recognition
Jan 26	86	43	54	Western MD Center



A Treasurer's Report is always available in the office if more detail is desired. . Just ask!

*Online giving is available through our website:
bethelumchurch.org*

Nursery – February 2020

Contact Abbie Barnhart at 240-818-7543/ abbie.barnhart@yahoo.com
Volunteers are needed weekly for both services and Sunday School.

March Birthdays:

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|--|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Steven Smith | | Kayla Staley | | 23 | Christopher Phillips |
| | David Robinette | 11 | Lance Poffenberger | | | Christopher |
| | Joe Leisinger | 13 | Timothy Smith | | | Leatherman |
| | Riley Crist | 14 | Donald Mertz, Sr. | | | Madison Mertz |
| 2 | Mary Lidie | | Elizabeth Weaver | | | Dylan Rowe |
| 3 | Aubrianna Guzowski | 17 | Matthew Sprecher | | 25 | Cory Brandt |
| 4 | Daniel Campbell | | Timothy Morrow | | 26 | April Smith |
| 5 | Shawn Wolfe | | Joe Purcell | | | Holly Luther |
| | Brad Leisinger | 18 | Ronald Mertz, Sr. | | 27 | Charlene Robertson |
| | Andrew McCartney | | Michele Phillips | | | Blair Rishell |
| | Emma Brashear | | Ellie Akin | | 29 | Aldine Moser |
| 8 | Linda Warehime | 19 | Meghan Jenkins | | 30 | Amanda Kershner |
| 9 | Joanne Harshman | 20 | Kerry Claiborne | | | Candace Newman |
| | Brian Reed | | Darryl Keckler | | 31 | Whitfield |
| | Jordan McGhee | 21 | Jaime Kennedy | | | Gildersleeve |
| 10 | Cokey Robertson | 22 | Batania Price | | | |
| | Tammy Smith | | Justina Bennett | | | |
| | Melissa Richardson | | Michael Rishell | | | |

Do you see a name of someone who has not been here for a while? Reach out and invite them back!

March Anniversaries:

- 2 – Tim & Tammy Smith
- 4 – David & Tammy Savage
- 8 – Fred & Peggy Baker
- 12 – Max & Jeanne Avey
- 30 – Robert & Judy Ziegler



Sunday School is available for all @ 10:00 am

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

Age 4 – Grade 2 - Upstairs Room 2-03

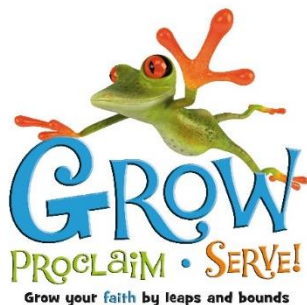
Grades 3 – 5: Upstairs Room 2-04

Youth: Grade 6 – Grade 12: Downstairs

Adult Classes: Bethel Believers – Parlor

Spiritual Fitness – Under the balcony

One Loaf – Upstairs behind balcony





Upcoming:

Friday, February 14-15, 2020

Cost \$115.00 per person

Save the date and make plans to attend our Adult Retreat. Speaker Bill Brown from Uniontown Bible Church, Union Bridge, MD will be sharing about what it means to be a part of the church community and help us grow closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This retreat is open to everyone at Bethel, young, old, single, married...

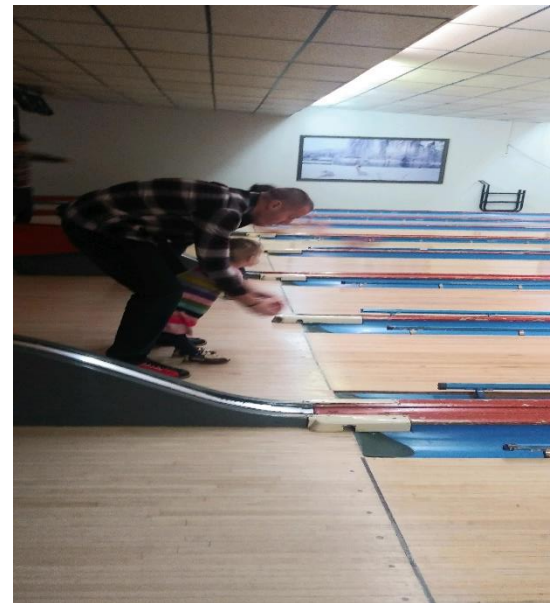
The cost is \$115.00 per person. Fifteen (\$15) dollars reserves your spot! Then two payments of \$50 due January 19 and February 2. If you are not able to pay and would like to attend we have scholarships available. Joyce Belella will start collecting Jan 5.

Adult Retreat

Skycroft, Middletown, MD

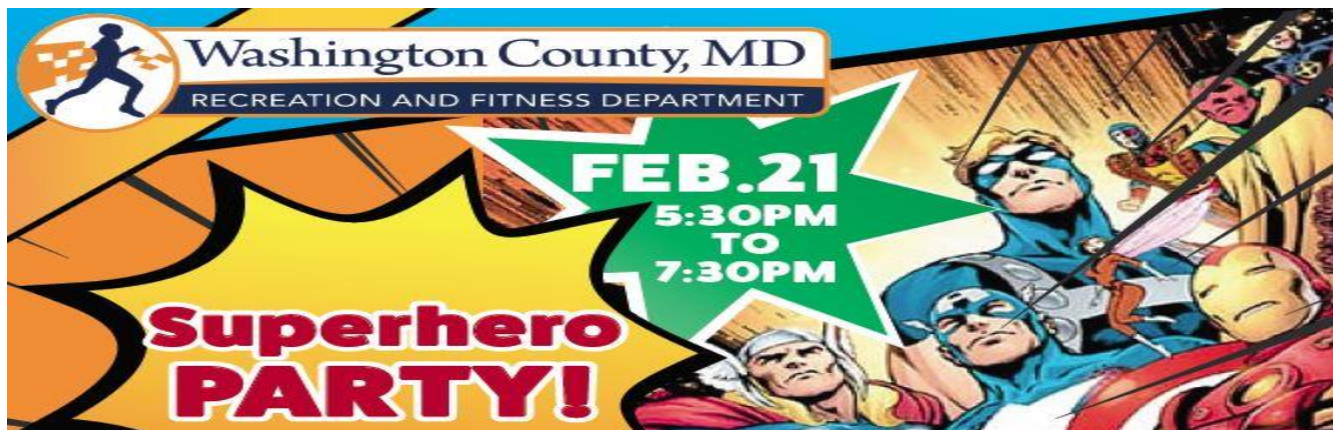
Family Fun:

On Jan 19th Bethel volunteers arranged a fun time at Turner's Dual Lanes for an afternoon of bowling!



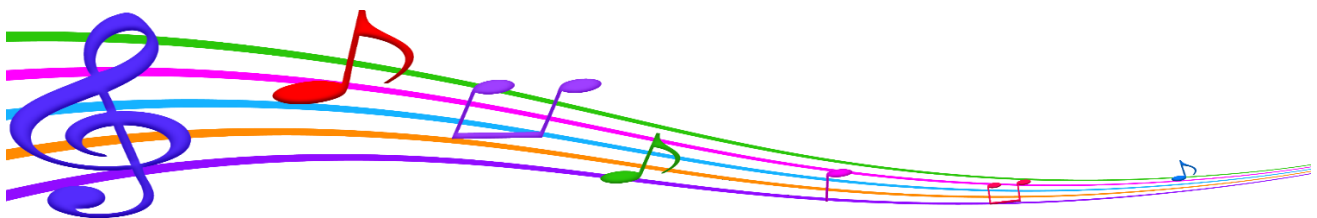
Thanks to the ones that support our children!

Bethel News:



The Washington County Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Super Hero Party on February 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Hagerstown Community College ARCC Gymnasium on February 21st, 2020. Your little Super Heroes will be our VIPs. This is a family friendly event for your young Super Hero fans. The activities include: craft activities, super hero games, moon bounce, and more. Dust off those capes and disguises and treat them to an evening of Super Hero fun.

More info on the church bulletin board.



Bethel celebrates that pianist Pam Lego will continue with us for now and welcomes Riley House.

Riley has been a student of Pam's and participates in the Jazz Music arena. He is an 11th grade honor student at Smithsburg High School playing the saxophone in the band and piano in the jazz band. His piano playing started in the second grade. He is playing saxophone in the All County Band and piano in the All County Jazz Band. WVU has invited him to be a member of their Honors Band.



In the future, he wants to go study Music and Business at Vanderbilt University.



The girls started the 2019/2020 season vying to become inaugural members of the Potomac Storm's 16U National Team. Their hard work paid off. Having made the team, the girls from 6 different area schools gathered for their practice inside the gym at Bethel UMC.

Standing around their head coach, an NCAA DII volleyball coach at Shepherd University, they were introduced to their travel team's new assistant coach, Cambria Hill.

Saying call me Coach Cam, their new coach introduced herself and explained that, like them, she had started out playing travel volleyball. She went on to say how she had worked hard and won an athletic scholarship, playing volleyball for Shepherd University. Some of the girls had heard of her and told their new teammates that she was a 3 time collegiate All-Conference player.

As the young players gathered around, one asked where she had learned to be such a great volleyball player. They were surprised when their new coach said "Right here, in this very gym."

She explained that, like them, she started her volleyball experience by practicing in the very gymnasium that Bethel UMC has allowed them to use.

A short time later, the young girls, who had only been together for a month, competed in their 1st tournament. They won their match, made it into the Gold Medal Round, and won their first medal (as a team), in their very first tournament championship match.

Like Coach Cam, one day they may tell another group of young girls how it all started right there, in the gym, at Bethel UMC.

Thank You All!

The office has received many thank you notes for the blessings you rained upon so many over the holidays!



Save the dates:

- Feb 23 – Transfiguration Sunday**
- Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday**
- Feb 29 – Potato Drop**
- March 1 - 1st Sunday of Lent**
- April 4 – Egg Hunt 11-1**
- April 5 Palm Sunday**
- April 9 – Upper Room Communion @7 pm**
- April 10 – Good Fri Service @ 7pm**
- April 12 – EASTER SUNDAY**
- 6:30 Sunrise Service – breakfast following**
- 10:00 – Celebration Combined Service**
- May 20 - - All Girl’s Together Banquet**
- June 22-16 VBS**



HEY YOU GUYS!!!!

Are you handy at home repairs?

Could you change overhead florescent bulbs?
How about install a new faucet?
Fix some broken tables?

Paint?
Hammer?
Flooring?

Did you know there are often small repairs that need done in the building. Deb would love to have a short list with your name and “specialty” that she could call as things need done. Just call the office if you can share your talents...301-733-8387.

Bethel Tidings

Feb 2020						<p>1</p> <p>9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor</p> <p>10:00 Valley register/Lower Level</p>
<p>2 Communion</p> <p>8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 12:00 Spuds Luncheon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 Potomac VB/FLC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs & Parlor</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Upstairs</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 Potomac VB/FLC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 Trustee/Finance meet/Parlor 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 W@W 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30 PNO/FLC 5:00 Adult Retreat Begins!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor Adult Retreat</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary</p>	<p>17 Office Closed/ President's Day</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>5:30 Potomac VB/FLC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00 W@W Brunch 5:30 VB/FLC 5:30 Family Fun 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs & Parlor</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor</p>
<p>23 Transfiguration Sunday Child Choir Blood Pressure checks</p> <p>8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 Potomac VB/FLC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 VB/FLC</p>	<p>26 ASH WED</p> <p>10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor</p>	<p>27 Potatoes arrive</p> <p>5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 Potomac VB/FLC</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00 Potato Drop / FLC</p> <p>9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor</p>

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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Bethel Connect:

Be connected, join our Yahoo Group, search for Bethel Connect.

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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Bethel Tidings



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Sunday Worship

8:45am - Traditional Services

10:00am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00am - Contemporary Services