

## Message from Pastor Jim

We are in the season of Lent. It is our time to prepare for the change to take place in our lives, in our very souls. It is the time that we prepare for Jesus to enter into our hearts and come out and celebrate the startling love and message of hope from the tomb.

Jesus did amazing things while He was on earth. He drew large crowds because of His miracles and unique teachings. Jesus also startled people.

Christ's words were startling and His miracles amazing, but everything He said and did is meant to call attention to how He (God) loved. "And hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:5). Each page of the Gospels is filled with encounters of Christ's startling love and the hope He brought to troubled lives.

The last sermon series we had was a study of rebuilding the broken walls and burned gates to the city of Nehemiah's childhood. It is a study of the love of a group of people that relied on God. It is a story that paints a picture of the hurt, brokenness, and destruction and of ways of entering into the life Christ offers us, repairing the burned gates in our lives.

What are you preparing for this season? Are you preparing to rebuild your hope and strengthen your faith in the Kingdom of God?

As we go about our daily routine, we have the opportunity to be an ambassador of God—an ambassador that loves and cares like Jesus. Whether we encounter a friend who is sick or dealing with the death of a loved one, a family member who is making bad choices or someone who is feeling alone, each of us has the privilege to offer Christ's startling love.

Draw near to God today and hear Christ's words of loving support for you. Jesus knows your needs, and He will lovingly provide.

"Jesus Christ is now our intercessor and our priest because He alone, can claim the power of an indestructible life. And Christ, our priest, brings in a better hope, through which we can draw near to God."  
Hebrews 7:19

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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:

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. Please pray for the Homebound as well as send cards or make a visit. Homebound Birthday info is listed in the bulletins. Addresses may be obtained from the office or Pam. 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 March 18<sup>th</sup> at Red Lobster.

Call Beverly Miller for more info: 301-739-6270.



## Altar Flowers – March 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>
March 1	Pat Wolfe
March 8	Connie Springer
March 15	Open
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

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 – March 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:45 am/11:00 a.m.</u>
March 1	Tom Smith Brian Smith
March 8	Laura Harbaugh Linda Barnhart
March 15	Celia Aushman Dan Rishell
March 22	Valerie Kaufmann Kayla Rishell
March 29	Elaine Snyder Larry Belella

## **Greeters – March 2020**

### **Traditional Service**

Steve & Lori Shifflett  
Tim & Tammy Smith

### **Contemporary Service**

The Rucci family

## **Stewardship Feb 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:45 am Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>11:00 am Worship</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
Feb 2	83	57	68	Communion Spuds Lunch
Feb 9	91	61	63	
Feb 16	88	56	58	
Feb 23	96	60	57	

Weekly offering totals are in the bulletin. 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](http://bethelumchurch.org)*

## **Nursery – February 2020**

Contact Abbie Barnhart at 240-818-7543/ [abbie.barnhart@yahoo.com](mailto:abbie.barnhart@yahoo.com)

Volunteers are needed weekly for both services and Sunday School.

## March Birthdays:

- |                      |                       |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 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

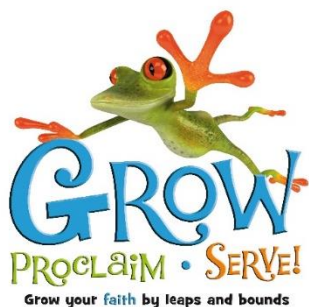
Grades 3 – 5: Upstairs Room 2-04

Youth: Grade 6 – Grade 12: Downstairs

Adult Classes: Bethel Believers – Parlor

Spiritual Fitness – Under the balcony

One Loaf – Upstairs behind balcony





**Adult Retreat:**

About 20 souls attended the retreat at the Skycroft Event Center. The focus of the “refreshment” was how to have our church be a community, both inside and outside of our walls. It all begins with making a connection. This was demonstrated in the morning services on 2-16-20 by using paperclips to show how we are all connected. Please add this to your prayers!

**Parents Night Out:**

On Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Bethel hosted an evening with the children. They enjoyed a meal, games, stories and crafts. They were taught about how God does things in His time. Valentine’ were made for their parents and they helped to decorate the bulletin board with their hand-prints while learning how we use...

“Our Hearts and Hand to Help Jesus”.



Thanks to the ones that support our children... as you can see...we get worn out sometimes!

The children had great fun giggling and whispering how they could tickle him!

Bless you Keith!

## **Prepare for Easter:**

Beginning Feb 9<sup>th</sup> orders will be taken between services for the **Easter Flowers**. The last date to order will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.



Donations for **candy** will be accepted at any time. It must be nut free and individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a plastic egg. Please avoid chocolate as it may melt.

Prayers and **preparing your heart** to honor and worship the Savior and show His Love to others is a part of our everyday life.



### **Save the dates:**

**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**

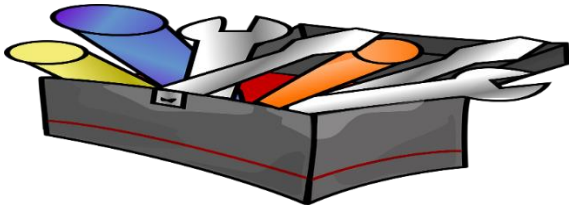
**April 12 – EASTER SUNDAY**

**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.

### **NEW:**

### **A Blessing Box**

Some members of Bethel United Methodist Church will be constructing a Blessing Box to reach out to the community. Diane Stevens will be monitoring and refilling it. This box will need donations of items such as:

Ramen noodles  
boxed cereals  
toothbrushes  
tissues  
toilet paper  
boxed soup  
box macaroni and cheese  
coffee  
tea bags  
toothpaste  
bars of soap  
shaving cream  
sticks of deodorant



### **Spuds Lunch:**

Super Bowl Sunday we enjoyed a Super Spuds Luncheon with baked potatoes with all the toppings, soup, salad and dessert. The youth and One Loaf Sunday school class worked together for this annual event. About 60 people attended and over \$100 was donated towards Mission Serve.



## We continue to grow...

Recently we have been blessed by seeing growth as evidenced by the increase in the number of children attending the services and singing in the choir.



Welcome to the new families!



Bethel Tidings

<b>March 2020</b>						
<b>1</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>1st Sun of Lent</b> 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	<b>2</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	<b>3</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office	<b>4</b> 10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	<b>5</b> 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>6</b> <b>Employee Appreciation Day</b> <b>REACH SHELTER</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs & Parlor	<b>7</b> 9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor
<b>8</b> <b>Daylight Savings</b> <b>Time Starts</b> 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	<b>9</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 7:00 Children's Comm/Parlor	<b>10</b> 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office	<b>11</b> 10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	<b>12</b> 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>13</b> 5:30 PNO/FLC	<b>14</b> 9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Upstairs
<b>15</b> 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 1:30 Bollon reserved/FLC	<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 5:30 Girl Scouts Leprechaun/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office	<b>18</b> 11:00 W@W Brunch 5:30 VB/FLC 5:30 Family Fun 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	<b>19</b> 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>20</b> 1:00 Blood Drive/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs & Parlor	<b>21</b> 9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor 4:00 Potomac VB/FLC
<b>22</b> <b>B/P checks</b> <b>UMCOR SUNDAY</b> 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	<b>23</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	<b>24</b> 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office	<b>25</b> 10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	<b>26</b> 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>27</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	<b>28</b> 9:00 Travel BB/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor
<b>29</b> <b>Child Choir</b> 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	<b>30</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	<b>31</b> 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Bible Study/Office				

# 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