

## Message from Pastor Jim



April brings new beginnings to the world as we know it. As quickly as we have adjusted to "daylight savings time," something new has come to our doorsteps; the celebration of Easter, the fear of the

"Coronavirus," the crash of the stock market, to name a few. With so much happening in our world, how are we to handle all of the pressure and stress?

If you noticed, I buried Easter among all of the other things happening. I did that because I think we do that more often than we realize. Andy Stanley asks an essential question in the study "Easter Matters." He asks the reader to discuss what you are sacrificing to be a disciple of Jesus? When we claim to be Christian, do we act like Christ? Do we wait upon Jesus? Do we listen to the call that Jesus has on our lives, or do we hear but follow our desires.

Easter is a time that we get to reset our lives. We take the opportunity to change all of those things that make our lives not Christian. It takes the things happening in our world and asks the question, "How is God using this to spread the Kingdom of God?" Caiaphas, the high priest, believed he was in control of the followers of God. He engineered the arrest and death of Jesus. What he didn't know, but became evident later was Jesus had this plan of salvation from the beginning. Why do we fear the plans that God has laid before us? Why do we question the things that are happening in our lives today? In God's ultimate plan, we come before God as new disciples called by Jesus.

This Easter, let's bring our faith to new levels. Can we not fear the world? Can we follow Jesus, not the Caiaphas' of our time?

Please stay safe and take precautions to safeguard yourself from Covid-19.

May the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Peace,

Pastor Jim

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

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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:

On March 6<sup>th</sup> Bethel provided a meal and shelter services at the Reach Shelter.

For more info contact *Candice Castillo: 240.500.8085*

### Caring Connection



### Supporting our Homebound

This committee blesses our Homebound Souls with cards, gifts and visits. 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. April birthdays are Jacquie Starleper on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Jean Detwiler on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 April 15<sup>th</sup> at Red Lobster.

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



## Altar Flowers – April 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>
April 5	Open
April 12	Pam Brubaker
April 19	Tammy Gantz
April 26	Mary Gross

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 – April 2020

April 5	Christie Phillips Kim Rishell
April 12	Jon Snyder
April 19	Elaine Snyder Judy Hoffman
April 26	Liz Weaver Heather Updegraff

## **Greeters – April 2020**

### **Traditional Service**

Jon & T.J. Snyder  
Teresa Rossiter with Elaine Snyder

### **Contemporary Service**

Larry & Joyce Belella

## **Stewardship March 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:45 am Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>11:00 am Worship</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
March 1	95	55	58	Communion Pastor Wunderlich
March 8	79	45	26	
March 15	0	0	0	Closed 574 online/mail
March 22	0	0	0	Closed 436 online
March 29	0	0	0	Closed 1,955 online

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.

## April Birthdays:



1 PerryMiller		
2 Kaylee West	14 Carrie West	22 Jordan Boward
3 Ann Taylor	15 Joseph Rishell	24 Melissa Springer
4 Scott Harshman	Cheyenne Price	Makayla Clairborn
5 Ronnie Snyder	Dominic Rucci	25 John Backus
Brittany Buhrman	16 Kayla Harshman	Carol Ganley
Matt Stevens	17 Duane McNairn	28 Barbara Axline
6 Ted Reeder	Colby Johnson	Katie Sprecher
Debbie Johnson	18 Phillip Baker	Callie Rishell
Kinsey Shifflett	Dennis Leatherman	29 Melvin Weaver
Carolina Bennett	19 Cindy Harshman	Keith Hoffman
9 Alicia Guzowski	Dalton Miller	Teresa Rossiter
10 Corrine Palmer	20 Walter Miller	Jason Broadwater
Connor McNairn	Mike Young	Jason Campbell
11 Eleanor Loveland	Marlene Young	30 Ryker Guzowski
13 Aimee Stewart	21 Annie Young	

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

## April Anniversaries:

- 1 - Kyle & Kristen Akin
- 6 - Gary & Katie Green
- 8 - Martin & Pam Brubaker
- 10 - James & Debbie Johnson
- 16 - Mike & Linda Sokol
- 17 - Mel & Liz Weaver
- 20 - Lacey & Barbara Simmons
- 24 - Bill & Amanda Kershner
- 25 - David & Mary Lidie
- 26 - Ted & Janice Reeder
- 29 - David & Susan Brandenburg
- 30 - Gene & Mary Gross





### **Supporting the College Students...this is new!**

Joyce Belella is collecting contact info on who these students are and how to best reach them. As well as “goodies and cards” so that they may be reminded that Bethel is still here for them.



### **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

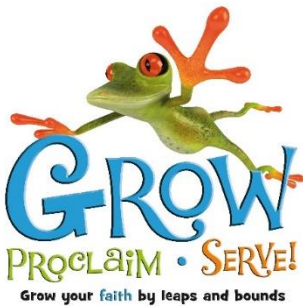
Grades 3 – 5: Upstairs Room 2-04

Youth: Grade 6 – Grade 12: Downstairs

Adult Classes: Bethel Believers – Parlor

Spiritual Fitness – Under the balcony

One Loaf – Upstairs behind balcony



### **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!



**CANCELED EVENT**

## Prepare for Easter:

You may volunteer to deliver flowers to the Homebound. A list is on the table by the Main Sanctuary door.

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:

**April 4 – Egg Hunt 11-1- Canceled**

**April 5 Palm Sunday -Online**

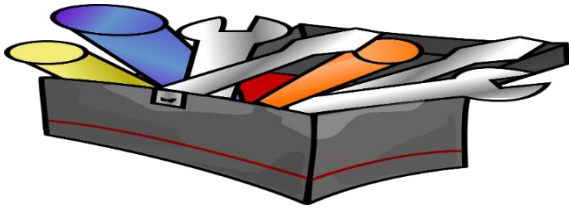
**April 9 – Upper Room Communion @7 pm Canceled**

**April 10 – Good Fri Service @ 7pm- Canceled**

**April 12 – EASTER SUNDAY-Online**

**May 20 - - All Girl's Together Celebration**

**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 deoderant





## 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!

<b>April 2020</b>						
			1 10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	2 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	3 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs & Parlor	4 8:00 set up Egg Hunt/FLC 11:00 EGG HUNT 2:00 Hill Shower/FLC 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor
5 <b>Palm Sunday Communion</b>  8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	6 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	7 5:30 VB/FLC	8 10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	9 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Upper Room Communion	10 <b>Good Friday</b> 5:30 PNO/FLC 7:00 Worship Service	11 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Upstairs
12 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  6:30 Sunrise Service Breakfast following  10:00 Combined Service	13 <b>Office closed</b> 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	14 5:30 VB/FLC	15 11:00 W@W Brunch 5:30 VB/FLC 5:30 Family Fun 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	16 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	17 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Upstairs & Parlor	18 BWC pre-conference 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor 10:00 Smith Memorial/FLC
19 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	20 Newsletter Deadline 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	21 5:30 VB/FLC	22 <b>Admin Assist Day</b> 10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	23 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir	24 5:30 Potomac VB/FLC	25 9:00 AA/Lower 9:30 CSU/Parlor
26 <b>Child Choir/Kellar B/P checks</b> 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 Western MD	27 Voting Prep FLC CLOSED	28 VOTING CENTER FLC CLOSED	29 10:00 W@W/Par 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 AA/Upstairs 7:00 CSU/Parlor	30 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Adult Choir		

# 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

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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**