

May 2022

# Bethel Tidings

## Message from Pastor Jim

Today is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All through Lent and Easter, we have been preparing ourselves for the birth-the reawakening of God in our lives. Every year, at this time, we can do a serious reboot of our lives. We can shut down our current habits and sins and start fresh.

God knows our sins, and when we repent or turn away from those things pulling us away from the love of God, he knows them both.

The next step in the cycle is recorded in the book of "Acts." God's grace is given, and we have a new slate, as the saying goes. It has been wiped clean. Acts asks, "How are we going to live in the new reality that Easter brings?" We must begin our discipleship in earnest. That is the hard part. We have prepared, now we must demonstrate. We can't just hear the Word of God, agree with it, and then continue living life as we always have lived. We have to commit to being a witness of the Kingdom of God. Our life of faith will produce a life of faithfulness. We are being called to change the world, and at the same time, we are being transformed ourselves.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you can make an impact. You might be starting, or you may be a weathered traveler. We can be a witness for the Kingdom wherever you reside on the spectrum. That is the challenge, "To live out faith daily and be the voice of the salvation of God that has been given to us by the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ." Do you struggle with some of the things being asked of you through Jesus' witness?

In Acts, Peter declared, "We are witnesses." He told us that we are taking up the mantle of being the church. We need to understand that to witness is not simply to observe but rather to proclaim. When we do this, we are then living into our Easter lives.

We are called to bear witness, be a witness, and live as a witness to the Kingdom of God every day of our lives.

We need to live our life out loud!

Happy May  
Pastor Jim

## HOLY WEEK:

**Palm Sunday:** What a lovely service with such beautiful palms in the windows, on the altar and walls. Sixty-five celebrated as the story of Jesus entering the city was told with the adoration by the showing of palm leaves.



## Maundy Thursday:

A beautiful quiet gentle service honoring the events of the last supper with communion by intinction in front of the altar steps on the communion table. Fourteen souls attended.



MAUNDY  
THURSDAY



## **Good Friday:**

**The sanctuary was stripped of the paraments. Things were simple and silence was celebrated during the service along with acknowledgement of the Reproaches and recognition of the 10 Laments with prayers for mercy. Twelve were sent forth in peace.**



## **Sunrise service with breakfast:**

**There were ten who endured and enjoyed the chill of the morning. Listening to the chirp of birds with a woodpecker adding his song. Then we enjoyed a beautiful fellowship breakfast.**

**Thank you!**



## Easter in the sanctuary:



Has it ever been more lovely? The Altar Committee worked very hard and were very creative. From the lower step a story was told of the palms, the rooster with a picture of the betrayal along with a whip and bound hands led into the cross with a crown of thorns. The rock with the tomb and the empty burial linens. Finally it showed Easter celebration with the white paraments and flowers. The drape leading back to the ground. Ninety-three were in attendance and the sanctuary was filled with the beauty of flowers and the sounds of favorite Easter hymns.

## Women at the Well

Women at the Well continues with the Bible study, "The Chosen", Wednesdays at 10 on 5/4, 5/11, 5/25. In June, July & August, we will meet for brunch on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We will resume our study in September.

Brunch on Wednesday, May 18th, 11:00, Olive Garden. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to Bev by e-mail [shanda@myactv.net](mailto:shanda@myactv.net), phone 301-739-6270, or in person, by Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> so we can call in a reservation.



## Supporting our Homebound

He has shown you oh man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

~Micah 6:8

Thanks to everyone who took baskets to fill for our home or nursing home bound members. The baskets were so thoughtfully and lovingly filled, and I know they brought joy to those who received them!!!

Please continue to pray for and send cards to these folks and perhaps even phone or visit now that COVID restrictions have lessened. You can get an updated list in the church office or call me at 240-734-1101 for phone numbers or addresses.

If you know of folks suffering from cancer that need support and /or transportation please call the church office as the Caring Connection committee can provide help. Pam Brubaker.

May 4 - David Starleper  
18900 Artillery Dr.  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

May 31 – Millie Miller  
Williamsport Retirement Room 226  
154 Artizan Street  
Williamsport, MD 21795

## Homebound Easter Gift Baskets:

Many in the congregation participated by taking and filling a basket with gifts. Many also delivered them.



## Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update

*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*  
**Proverbs 11:25**



Thank you for your continued support of our community with your donations for our blessing box. Our church family has poured out so much love. You are a blessing to me also. We are always in need of chicken ramen noodles. Snacks, juices, Kool aide juice pouches, Children's sweetened cereal and canned chicken, Vienna sausages, tuna and canned spam or treat. Spaghetti sauce, canned fruit. Right now, we are in good shape for vegetables.

Thank you your sister in Christ  
Elaine Snyder

## The Bethel Coat Closet:



*He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none.*  
**Luke 3:11**

The Bethel Coat Closet is currently collecting coats for all ages and seasons. We are also accepting winter gloves and hats. Please keep the needs for coats and accessories in mind as you are out and about at lawn sales this summer. Please spread the word to your family and friends as well. We hope to have a large number of coats before fall for our local community. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

Diane Stevens

**F.R.O.G.** (fully rely on God) Sunday School for grades 4 - 8 has started a new venture... for youth grades 4 thru 8.

Youth Fellowship is changing to Sundays after church twice monthly from approximately 11:30 to 12:30 beginning May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

You can call the office 301-733-8387 to ask for details.

Or

You can see the online info @ <https://tinyurl.com/y7g752ut>





## **Landscaping:**

Have you noticed what's going on out front? The daffodil are blooming. Our grounds crew has already been busy pulling the leftover old vines and preparing the soil for new plants.



## **Easter Meal Baskets:**

This year we had 4 local families contact the church and request assistance with Easter meals. We are happy to say that we were able to provide them with Easter meal baskets. They were also given bags of potatoes and light bulbs.

I would like to thank Deb Wagner for assisting me with the assembly and delivery of these baskets. And thank you for your continued support of our local families in need. Our next holiday baskets will not be until Thanksgiving but please continue to support our food pantry until that time.

Diane Stevens

## **And Flowers:**

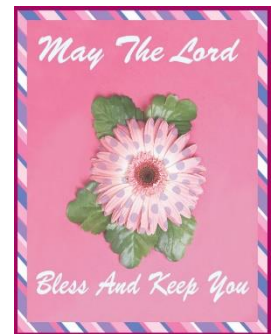
The beautiful pansies were the week flowing Easter. The truly wonderful.



delivered to the homebound during smiles these simple gifts bring are

## Stewardship April 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>In person S.S./Church</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
April 3	57	
April 10	65	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
April 14-15	14/12	<b>Maundy Thursday /Good Friday</b>
April 17	10/93	<b>Son-rise Easter Sunday</b>
April 24	60	



## Lay Readers – May 2022

<b>May 1</b>	Linda Barnhart
<b>May 8</b>	Abby Snyder
<b>May 15</b>	Jeanne Dinterman
<b>May 22</b>	Roni McNairn
<b>May 29</b>	Elaine Snyder

Call Elaine to sign up! 301-991-9759.



## May Anniversaries:



- 4 – James & Rachel Matlock
- 8 – Bill & Phyllis Harbaugh
- 13 – Jason & Christie Phillips
- 21 – Steve & Nancy Smith
- 22 – John & Kayla Staley
- 31 – Steven & Hannah Kimball

## May Birthdays:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 4- *David Starleper       | 25 – Ernest Paulsgrove |
| 7 – Tyler Barnhart        | 25 – Faith Osuji       |
| 8 – Barry Sprecher        | 26 – Sara Rishell      |
| 9 - Sue McAllister        | 27 – Jeanne Carper     |
| 11 – Frank Morrisey       | 27 – Cathy Boyer       |
| 11 – Paul Beella          | 28 Tucker Ziegler      |
| 14 – Kathy Francis        | 31 - *Millie Miller    |
| 15 – Lauren Williams-Rowe | 31 – Bradley Spickler  |
| 17 – Mary Gross           |                        |
| 17 – Debra Hose           |                        |
| 20- David Wagner          |                        |
| 20 – Jordyn Phillips      |                        |
| 24- Walter Shilling       |                        |
| 24- Jeanne Dinterman      |                        |
| 24 – Gary Green           |                        |



\*Homebound  
- see above for the address.

Bethel Tidings

May 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>						
<b>1</b> Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	<b>2</b> 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>3</b> 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>4</b> 10:00 W@W 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs	<b>7</b> 9:00 A A
<b>8</b> Mother's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	<b>9</b> 5:00 Volleyball/FLC 7:00 Ad Council/Parlor	<b>10</b> 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>11</b> 10:00 W@W 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 Piano tuning 1:00 Blood Drive	<b>14</b> 9:00 A A
<b>15</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	<b>16</b> 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 11:00 W@W lunch 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 Piano Recital 6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs	<b>21</b> 9:00 A A
<b>22</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 W@W 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 AA
<b>29</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Office Closed 5:00 Volleyball/FLC	<b>31</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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Be connected, join our Google Group, search for Connect @ Bethel.

## Sunday Service Times:

Traditional mixed with Contemporary

Worship @ 10:00 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Online Sun 10:00 am @ [www.bethelumchurch.org](http://www.bethelumchurch.org)

## Family Care Ministry:

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

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