

# Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

## Bethel Tidings



June 2024

### Answering the Call: Embracing Our Mission

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’  
And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” Isaiah 6:8

Dear Church Family,

We are reflecting on the words of Isaiah 6:8, where we are reminded of the powerful moment when the prophet Isaiah responded to God’s call. In this verse, Isaiah’s readiness and willingness to serve stand as a timeless example for all of us. Today, we are invited to embrace this spirit of service and commitment within our own church community.

**Responding to God’s call** Isaiah’s response, “Here am I. Send me!” resonates deeply with the core of our faith. It is a call to action, a willingness to step forward and be instruments of God’s work in the world. In our church, we are presented with numerous opportunities to say “Yes” to God. Whether it’s through our outreach programs, community service, or daily acts of kindness, each one of us has a role to play in God’s plan.

### **Embracing Our Mission**

Our mission as a church is to spread love, compassion, and the teachings of Christ. This mission is not just for a select few; it is a collective responsibility. Isaiah’s bold declaration inspires us to move beyond our comfort zones and to serve with joy and dedication. When we respond with “Here am I. Send me!” we are committing ourselves to be God’s hands and feet in our community and beyond.

### **Opportunities to Serve Community Outreach**

**1. Community Outreach:** Join in the efforts to support local families in need.

Whether through food drives, coat donations, or volunteer work, your participation makes a difference.

**2. Church Ministries:** Our various ministries, from children’s programs to adult education, are always in need of passionate volunteers. Your unique gifts can greatly enhance these programs.

**3. Prayer and Support:** Not all acts of service are visible. Praying for our church, its members, and our mission is a vital way to contribute. Offering emotional and spiritual support to those around us is equally important.

**Making the Commitment:** As we move forward, let us embody the spirit of Isaiah. Let’s be ready to say “Yes” to the opportunities God places before us. Each of us has something valuable to offer, and together, we can achieve great things for His glory. In this season, I encourage you to reflect on how you can answer God’s call. Whether it’s through active participation in church activities or quiet, steadfast support, your commitment is crucial. Let us unite in saying, “Here am I. Send me!”, and watch how God’s love transforms our community and our world.

Peace, Pastor Jim

## Recent Activities:

### Pot Luck Lunch Sunday April 28

There were 20 whom attended and enjoyed homemade chicken corn soup, sandwiches, salads, sides and wonderful desserts. It is so nice to relax and enjoy the company of others after church. The next one is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps a cookout? We can begin enjoying the pavilion!

### The Altar Committee:

Many thanks to those who not only decorate and prepare the communion. But also those who tend to the landscaping and recently mulched the flowerbeds.

### All Women Together Tea on Sat May 11th





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On Saturday, May 11th ladies of the church and their guests gathered in the Family Life Center to celebrate spring and Mother's Day with a spring tea. All who attended had a lovely time enjoying fellowship, tea sandwiches, fruit, tea and desserts. Many women pitched in to make this event happen. Thank you to Sandy Hose and Kathy Morisey for creating the beautiful floral centerpieces that were given away to one lucky lady at each table. Thank you to Linda Barnhart who provided musical entertainment. A big thank you also goes to Vivian Micheal, Melissa Metzger, Cathy Grantham, Beverly Miller, Valerie Kaufmann and all the ladies who provided the delicious desserts. It was truly a shared effort that made this gathering so successful!

Valerie Kaufmann

## Ongoing Programs:

### Altar flowers:

Bethel continues to be blessed by the talents of the Altar Committee. Sandy Hose continues to expand her creative side...



Pentecost Sunday!

### Women at the Well

The Women at the Well will finish their current bible study on May 29th. We will not meet for the months of June, July & August except for brunch on the third Wednesday of each month. The luncheon for June 19th (11:00) will be at Schulas. We invite ladies (and Gentlemen) to join us. Details will be in the bulletin. We will resume bible study September 4th.



### Bethel Coat Closet

The closet is now empty. Therefore we will throughout 2024. If you have any questions



again collect coats of any type anytime please contact Diane Stevens. Thank you.



### Supporting our Homebound Bethel Caring Connection

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”  
John 13:34

Bethel Caring Connection is a ministry of Bethel Church that serves home and nursing home shut-in members, as well as members and those in the community suffering from cancer. We will sit with folks, take them to appointments, and provide food when needed. Some of our Caring Connection members are now shut-ins or are caring for family members which has reduced our number. If you can help us with this ministry of love or have a need, please call me at 301-992-7831 or the church office at 301-733-8387.

Thanks to all who so faithfully send cards to our homebound. Just this week I witnessed a member open cards from church members with a big smile of appreciation!!! Blessings, Pam Brubaker

**Homebound birthdays...**The next homebound birthdays will be in July.

## Sunday School updates

Participating in the C-H district "Campfire Night on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The **Pre-teens - F.R.O.G.** - Roller Skating in June, and Camp Manidokan - July 14-19.

## Micah's Backpack

### Healthy Meals for Healthy Families

A friend of mine was teaching Kindergarten and had a student with behavior challenges. She started to notice that Monday's were a struggle for him. One Monday he came in and ate 12 pancakes. If you've ever tried school pancakes, you know he had to be hungry. She realized he was coming in hungry and once she got him Micah bags, she saw much improvement in his overall behavior especially on Mondays.



That said, we have completed stocking the supplies for the end of the year. We will begin again in August. If you see canned pasta, soups, tuna, etc. on sale, we are packing for 21 students. Money is also welcomed.

Thanks for your continued support to this program!

Linda Barnhart



## Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update

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

Our blessing box has continued to serve many. This has been such a great blessing to our church family to serve others. At this time we give many thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Melissa Metzger is now shopping for additional items when needed and Nancy Shank has agreed to fill the box on Fridays. In addition, the blessing box could not work without your love and contributions. If you have any questions please contact me 301-991-9759. Your sister in Christ, Elaine Snyder





## Leadership News:

To be the people of God on the move for Jesus to transform the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Leadership Board Updates:

#### A New Band

The New Horizons Band of Hagerstown will be joining us for their practices on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3:30. This is a group of older folks that still have a love of music and playing their instruments. They give concerts at Homewood Nursing Home and the Washington County Senior Center. We will be inviting them to join us in our activities.

**The Financial status** was discussed as weekly offerings are not meeting the budgeted amounts. Your Leadership Team is keeping a close watch on this as well as planning fundraisers and the possible need for a special campaign for the new boiler.



**The Catalyst Team** is focusing on helping isolated or homebound as their outreach. They presented their initiative to the district and received praised from the D.S. and the Bishop.

**Trustees** are focused on getting estimates for repairing or replacing the boiler. We will have Campaign to raise “Furnace Funds”. You may donate at any time as these monies will be kept in a designated fund. The old boiler should be repaired soon.

Other projects needed are outdoor painting, possible removal of the cemetery fence, replace fiberglass areas, and removal of dead trees and brush. A Prayer Garden is in the design stage.

#### Outreach to Small Groups and Young Adults

A group from the Board gathered and met. They spoke with the younger adults in the area to gather thoughts. Overall people want to feel welcomed and that they are attending a joyous worship. Would a Worship Leader to help with songs and inspiring the crowd help? Do we need more hospitality and refreshments before or after the service? Should sermons be designed to relate the Bible to present everyday struggles in life? Do we need to change the time of the services.

All things to consider and pray for guidance about. You may see some temporary changes as we “try out” some of the ideas and would appreciate your feedback to any of the Board Members.

The next meeting will be on Wed June 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Readers:

If you would like to volunteer to read the scripture, contact Elaine Snyder at 301-991-9759.

## Attendance – May 2024

Date	In person Church S.S./ Worship	Special Events
April 28	13/46	Pot luck - 20
May 5	17/55	
May 12	16/ 56	
May 19	19/55	
May 26		

## Upcoming Events:

### Camp Manidokan

### Plans to help

This year we have 3 youth who have registered for church camp July 14 to 19, 2024. We have been preparing to fund their travel by having sub sales in February and April. A portion of those proceeds will be donated to this. In addition, we had Special Offering opportunities on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>. The children have participated in making the subs as well as helping with the Pancake Breakfast at Easter, visiting area Nursing Homes and Making Blankets for the homebound. Along with other Youth, they have become much more active this past year. We welcome the gift of the church being able to enrich their Christian experience. We will also be applying to the Campership Endowment Program for Scholarship Funds.

### CH Youth

This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of June, July and August at alternating churches. Our turn will be August 7 at 6pm. We will need to provide a pot-luck meal and create games. Last year we had approximately 40 youth and adults. It is open to the community...pass the word!

### Breakfast for the Men

For Father's Day on Sunday June 16 at 8am we would like honor the Men of Bethel by providing them with a hearty breakfast in the FLC or Pavilion (weather permitting). Look for a sign-up sheet for hosting, cooking and providing food at the entryway soon.

## June Birthdays:

3 – Linda Barnhart  
6 – Juliette Fulton  
8 – Aurora Ellis  
11 – Harold Taylor  
13 – Scott McClure  
18 – Christopher Ellis  
19 – Bradley Miller Rishell  
21 – Ben Howes  
24 – Carrie Johnson-McClure  
26 – Mike Sokol  
28 – Tammy Wagner  
29 – Frank Rucci  
30 – Linda Langley  
30 – Teri Lutz



## June Anniversaries:



1 – Ron & Peggy Snyder  
7 – Denny & Valerie Kaufmann  
7 – Diane & Randy Stevens  
10 – Steve & Cathy Rice  
13 – Steve & Lori Shifflett  
25 – Cokey & Char Robertson  
27 – Scott & Carrie Johnson-McClure



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Sunday 2 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship 2:00 pm Western MD Hospital	Monday 3	Tuesday 4 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	Wednesday 5 12:30-3:30 Band 6:00 Youth at Rehoboth	Thursday 6	Friday 7 12:30-3:30 Band 6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & upstairs x 2	Saturday 1/8 Deb on vaca 1:30 Youth kickoff @ Grace
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	10	11	12 11:00 Schoollunch 12:30-3:30 Band 6:30- G.S. Leaders/upstairs 7:00 Leadership/Parlor	13	14 FLAG DAY 12:30-3:30 Band	15 Pavilion reserved- Kellar 7pm – movie/game day
16 Father's Day 8:00 Men's breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	17 5:30-8:00 VBS Newsletter Deadline	18 5:30-8:00 VBS 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	19 Juneteenth 5:30-8:00 VBS 11:00 School lunch 11:00 W@W at Schulas 12:30-3:30 Band	20 5:30-8:00 VBS	21 5:30-8:00 VBS 12:30-3:30 Band 6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & upstairs x 2	22 6:00 Spaghetti/VBS Program
23 No Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Combined Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship In pavilion	24 Pastor away Returns July 10th	25	26 11:00 School lunch 12:30-3:30 Band	27 7:00 VBS meet Parlor	28 12:30-3:30 Band	29
30- 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship						

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**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 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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