

July 2022

# Bethel Tidings

## Message from Pastor Jim

"Grieving is the process of accepting the unacceptable." (Father Isaac, St. Andres's Abbey)

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and condolences on my mother's death. You have comforted my family and me. It seems that there are many of us experiencing loss this spring.

Grieving allows us to live beyond the narrow sliver of existence, numb to both the lows of loss and the delight-filled gifts of grace. I am beginning to recognize that my journeys of loss are not interruptions to life but essential vehicles to engage in life more deeply. We are reminded, "What is in the way is the way, not trying to get around the hurdle." (Beth Allen Slevecove)

Our lives change in many ways, and for a time, we may find the ordinary things of life lose their shine; prayer may even become a little difficult.

At times, we are unable to pray in any typical way. We just need to catch our breath. Friends, the secret of living well is not having all the answers but pursuing unanswerable questions in good company. I offer this: Connect with God and share your journey with others. Sometimes we need to open ourselves and let go of things we love dearly. Bring it to God. God is always at home. It is we who have gone out for a walk.

May God be your comfort in this season of your life.

Peace,

Pastor Jim



## Women at the Well

Women at the Well will continue the study, "The Chosen", Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fall. In June, July & August, we will meet for brunch on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Brunch on Wednesday, July 20th, 11:00 at The Dixie Eatery, Main Street in Smithsburg. 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, July 18<sup>th</sup> so we can call in a reservation.



## Supporting our Homebound

He has shown you, O 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

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.

The next homebound birthdays:

July 28 - Alvey Moser  
220360 Landis Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

July 30 - Vic Springer  
20009 Rosebank Way Rm 124  
Hagerstown, MD 21742

July 31 - John Kalbflesh  
P.O. Box 165  
Chewsville, MD 21721

## Blood Drive:

The next collection day will be Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>.



**F.R.O.G.** (Fully Rely On God) Sunday School for grades 4 - 8 **is suspended for the summer** .

Youth Fellowship is Sundays after church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays monthly from approximately 11:30 to 12:30.

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

Or

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



## 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 treet meat. Spaghetti sauce, canned fruit. Right now, we are in good shape for vegetables.

Thank you, your sister in Christ, Elaine Snyder

### **Back to School**

This year we will gather supplies and distribute to our Bethel students as well as those in need via requests in the blessing box.



### **We will collect:**

All of the ordinary things:

- wide-ruled paper
  - composition books
  - #2 pencils
  - Black & red pens
  - Highlighters
  - glue sticks
  - pencil box
  - 24 pack of crayons
  - 8 pack of washable markers
  - baby wipes
  - boxes of tissues
  - quart & gallon Ziploc baggies
  - large pink erasers
  - Backpacks are always needed but a gift card may be the way to go as some are specific.
- 3 ring binders
  - rulers
  - single subject spiral notebooks
  - 3 ring binders ( 1/2 to 2 inch)
  - scissors
  - Dry erase markers-black low odor
  - subject dividers
  - colored pencils
  - post it notes
  - 2 pocket folders

All leftover supplies will then be given to a local school.

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Your gifts are always appreciated...just place them on the table in the Parlor.

## Stewardship June 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>In person S.S./Church</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
June 5	57	
June 12	60	
June 19	67	Donuts for Dads
June 26		

## Lay Readers – July 2022

<b>July 3</b>	Deb Wagner
<b>July 10</b>	Bev Miller
<b>July 17</b>	Drew Ross
<b>July 24</b>	Martin Brubaker
<b>July 31</b>	Elaine Snyder

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

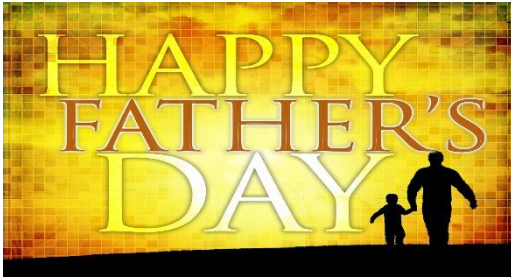
## Blessings:

**The children's message** has become a favorite time of the adults and the children. Pastor Jim makes them feel so comfortable...they say just about anything! At the same time, as you can see by their faces, he holds their attention. They are indeed our pride. Recently they have been taking turns with him at the pulpit. A different perspective may help shape their future!



## Bulletin Boards:

Creativity should be Cathy Grantham's middle name! She has been blessing us with special arrangements and scriptures on the bulletin boards. Deb Wagner decorates the table to relate to the weekly sermon.



## Father's Day Celebration:

The entire congregation enjoyed coffee and donuts on the portico after the service on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Fathers were also given mini-flashlights. It was so wonderful to see everyone enjoying each other's company.

Christian fellowship is such an important part of our walk in life. So many hearts were smiling. Thanks to Pastor Jim for getting up early and running to pick up the donuts, and Kellar for making the coffee!



**I hear we are going to do this the last Sunday monthly!**

## July Anniversaries:



- 5 – Tim & Carrie West
- 7 – Daniel & Erica Rishell
- 10 – Ron & Lori Mertz, Jr.
- 13 – John & Gwenella Kalbflesh
- 13 – Duane & Roni McNairn
- 14 – Tim & Teresa Rossiter
- 15 – Alvey & Deanie Moser
- 19 – Patrick & Courtney Eckard
- 20 – Paul & Tammy Gantz
- 27 – Billy & Michelle McCartney
- 27 – Ron & Mary Ann Mertz, Sr.
- 28 – Ernest & Connie Paulsgrove

## July Birthdays:

- 1 – Peggy Snyder
- 4 – Rick Hose
- 4 – Billy McCartney
- 5 – Cullan Ganley
- 9 – Nancy Robinette
- 11 – Robert McGhee
- 13 – Jackie Manuel
- 13 – Rebecca Ziegler
- 17 – Carissa Belella
- 21 – Valerie Kaufmann
- 21 – Cindy Spickler
- 21 – Samantha Rossiter

- 23 – Celia Aushman
- 23 – Pam Brubaker
- 23 – Joe Robinette
- 24 – Beverly Miller
- 24 – David Lidie
- 28 – \*Alvey Moser

- 30 – \*Vic Springer
- 30 – Barbara Simmons
- 31 – \*John Kalbflesh
- 31 – Steven Rice



\*Homebound  
- see Caring Connections  
for the address.

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July 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
					1	2 9:00 AA
3 <b>Communion</b>  9:00 Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	4 Office closed  <b>Independence Day</b>	5	6	7	8	9 9:00 AA
10 9:00 Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16 9:00 AA
17 9:00 Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	18 <b>Election Set-up/ FLC</b>  Newsletter Deadline	19 5:30 – Election Board/ FLC	20  11:00 W@W lunch @ the Dixie	21	22	23 9:00 AA
24/ 31 9:00 Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	25	26	27	28	29 1:00 Blood Drive	30 9:00 AA



# 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.

## Telephone Prayer Chain:

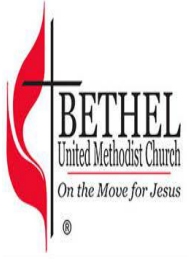
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