

Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

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August 2024

A Season of Preparation and New Beginnings

Dear Church family,

As we continue our journey together in faith, August brings with it a season of preparation and anticipation. The charge conference will be upon us before we know it, and with that comes the opportunity for the pastor, church, and staff evaluations. These evaluations are crucial in helping

us reflect on our progress, address any areas of concern, and celebrate our achievements.

They

ensure that we remain accountable and committed to our mission and vision.

One of the exciting developments on our horizon is the launch of a new small group ministry. Small groups offer a unique opportunity for deeper fellowship, personal growth, and community building. They are a vital part of our church life, fostering connections and spiritual growth in an intimate and supportive setting.

To make this ministry truly inclusive and enriching, we are seeking your input. Do you have a special skill, hobby, or study topic you are passionate about? Perhaps you enjoy cooking, gardening, or a specific area of study in theology or the Bible. Maybe you have a heart for prayer, outreach, or creative arts. Whatever it is, we want to hear from you! Our goal is to create a diverse array of small groups that cater to a variety of interests and needs within our congregation.

Here are a few examples of small group topics that could be explored:

- ☐ Bible Study and Theological Discussions: Delve deeper into scripture and explore theological concepts.
- ☐ Prayer Groups: Come together in prayer and support one another.
- ☐ Creative Arts: Share and develop artistic talents, from painting to music.
- ☐ Outreach and Service: Plan and participate in community service projects.
- ☐ Health and Wellness: Focus on physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.
- ☐ Hobbies and Interests: Gardening, cooking, book clubs, and more.

We will soon be providing a schedule of topics and availability for these small groups,

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ensuring there is something for everyone to participate in. This is a wonderful chance to connect with others who share your interests, learn something new, and grow in your faith journey.

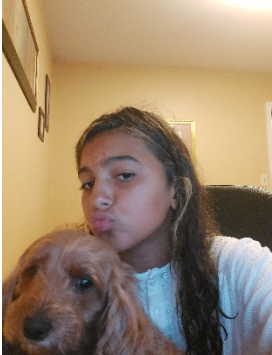
As we prepare for the charge conference and the evaluations, let us do so with a spirit of unity and openness. Your feedback is invaluable, and together, we can continue to build a vibrant and thriving church community.

We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to embarking on this new chapter with you. Let's make this season one of growth, connection, and renewal.

Blessings, Pastor Jim

Recent Activities:

Camp Manidokan



They had a first time church camp experiences the week of July 14th. Congratulations to Cameron, Azalea, and Bella. Canoeing, rafting, zip lining, and above the trees ropewalks were part of the fun. They had daily Bible studies and everyday evening devotions. Crafts were a large item with making tied dyed camp shirts. The week was electronic free with no phones or games. Bella said she loved it and is ready to go back to their winter camp in December. The picture is the first day home with marker on her forehead, poison on her neck, and loving on Grand-ma and Pappy's puppy Nikki.

CH Youth

These will be held on a Wednesday of July and August at alternating churches. Our turn on July 10 was cancelled as only one area church responded with only 2 youth. Please continue prayers for the growth and strengthening of our Youth programs.

Treats under the portico

On Sunday July 21st a treat of fresh fruit and sweets was served. Teresa Rossiter and Deb Wagner planned and provided the treat. Jayelynn and Bella helped serve the goodies.

There is a sign-up page by the entry doors as we hope to do this once a month, next on August 18th. With a Potluck Lunch each quarter which is to be on September 15th.



Say Hello to the New Horizon's Band



This group has been enjoying the comfort of a reliable and comfortable space to practice their music on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. They are a group of seniors who love what they do and share their talents with others by performing at Senior Centers and Nursing Homes.

Wonder if we could get them to treat us?

New outdoor signs:

Since on Wednesdays the school lunch handout is here...there can often be a line of waiting vehicles. So we decided to welcome the families with some signs to introduce them to Bethel and invite them to join us.

If you are out and about on a Wednesday around 11:30-12:30 drive by and see the action!



Washington County School Board Summer Lunch Program:



On Wednesdays this summer, the Washington County Board of Education uses the Bethel parking lot to distribute free lunches for the week to families of the children who normally get free lunches during the school year. It is very rewarding to see our property being used for the community.

Continued Events:

Altar flowers:

Bethel continues to be blessed by the talents of the Altar Committee. Sandy Hose continues to expand her creative side along with Kellar Smith and Kathy Morrissey!

Currently there are multiple dates open throughout the Fall. Please consider signing up. The cost is \$45.00 for both flower arrangements (not the vase) that you may take with you after the service. Be sure to let the office know a week in advance what you would like written in the bulletin. Thank you!

Women at the Well

The Women at the Well will continue their study of The Chosen on Wednesday, September 4, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the church parlor. Recently completing its fourth season, The Chosen, is a highly acclaimed video series based on the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers. The fourth season begins with the death of John the Baptist. Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable and ally with their Roman oppressors.



We invite you to join us on Sept. 4, at 10:00 as we view the first episode, followed on the following Wednesday by a discussion and study using the guide [God's Goodness to the Chosen](#). We will follow this pattern each week, with the exception of the third Wednesday of each month, when all are invited for fellowship and lunch at various local restaurants. This study is open to all (men and women). Please contact Beverly Miller (shanda@myactv.net) or Valerie Kaufmann (kaufmval@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us. We need a count of how many are planning to attend so that study guides can be ordered ahead of time. Lunch is Aug 21, 11am at the Long Meadow Diner.

Bethel Coat Closet

The closet is near 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

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

Please continue to pray and send cards to our shut-ins. Summer can be a lonely time when others are out enjoying fun with family and friends but our home and nursing home bound members are unable to take part in these activities. Perhaps you could choose one of these folks to visit once a month. If you need names, telephone numbers or addresses call me (301-992-7831 or the church office at 301-733-8387).

Thank you all for prayers for our shut-ins and folks who are ill or going through a difficult time. Please let us know when you need prayer or assistance. Also, please let me know if you have ideas for cheer, I'm always open and grateful to get new ideas for lifting folks!! Have a wonderful end to your summer!
Blessings in Christ, Pam Brubaker

Homebound birthdays...

Aug 11 – Deanie Moser
20036 Landis Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Aug 14 – Evelyn Downs
20701 Emerald Dr.
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Aug 27 – Phyllis Rice
c/o Fahrney Keedy
8507 Maplewood Rd.
Boonsboro, MD 21713

Micah's Backpack

Healthy Meals for Healthy Families



We will begin again this month. If you see canned pasta, soups, tuna, etc. on sale, we are packing for 21 students which will be adjusted after school starts. Full lists of acceptable donations is in the file holder next to the bulletins.
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.



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:



New Ideas:

Bev Miller has suggested a **Fall Yard Sale** – This is scheduled for Saturday October 5th. This will be a community event with the opportunity to rent tables and spaces. Contact the office if you have items to donate but need transportation.

Sandy Hose has asked for a **Fall Cleaning Day** – Has been scheduled on Saturday October 19th. We will asking for you to “ADOPT A ROOM”. Basically house clean it and make a list of any needed repairs. Even use touch up paint or caulking for small fixes. You could also take an area to trim and clean-up outside.

Teresa Rossiter wants to have a **Soup Sale** of her well-known wonderful chicken corn soup. She is hopeful for a time in August and perhaps again in October. All proceeds will be donated to the Furnace Capitol Campaign.

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. Sept 18, at 7pm in the Parlor...Join us!

Readers:

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

Attendance – July 2024

Date	In person Church S.S./ Worship	Special Events
June 30	24/72	Pastor Robison
July 7	20/46	Keith Hoffman
July 14	15/60	
July 21	15/62	Treats on the Portico
July 28		

Upcoming Events:

CH Youth

These will be held on a **Wednesday** this summer at alternating churches. The next one will be Wednesday August 21, 6-8 pm at Rehoboth UMC in Williamsport for “Water Works”. We are asked to bring a drink and dessert.

Potluck Lunch

Sunday, September 15, at 11:30 we will come together for a Potluck Lunch after the worship service.
There will be a sign-up page by the entry doors.



“Fall/Winter of 2024 Events”

A meeting on Sept. 4th at 11am in the Parlor will confirm the plans.



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Sun Aug 18 – Christian Education Day & Treats on the Portico

Mon Aug 19 – 1st day of School for Teachers

Wed. Aug 21 – 6-8 pm CH Youth @ Rehoboth for Water Works

Mon Aug 26 – 1st Day of School

Wed Sept 4 – W@W restarts & 11am All Women Together meeting.

Sun Sept 22 – Potluck Lunch & recognition in the Pavilion

Sat Oct 5 - Community Yard & Soup Sale (Steam & Craft on 9/28, Colorfest 10/12)

Sat Oct 12 – Church Conference

Sun Oct 13 – Pastor Appreciation Day Oct 16 – Boss’s Day

Sat Oct 19 - Fall Clean-up inside and outside

Sun Oct 20 – Treats on the Portico

Fri Oct 25 – 7pm, Trunk or Treat (Halloween -31st is Thur) (Mummers Parade Oct 26)

Sun Oct 27 - Harvest Home

Sun Nov 24 –4pm - Community Thanksgiving Meal (with Lions)

*** Sub Sales will need added.

And Advent

August Birthdays:

1 – Gene Gross
1 – Laura Harbaugh
4 – Kathy Morrissey
4 – Michelle McCartney
5 – Jennifer Ritter
5 – Brady Boyer
6 – Colleen Barkman-Crowther
8 – Jaylynn Stone
11 – * Deanie Moser
11 – Lori Shifflett
14 - * Evelyn Downs
14 – Jason Phillips
14 – Makayla Phillips
15 – Benjamin Gantz
17 – Valerie Eccard
18 – Peggy Baker
18 – Anthony Perry-Roberts
19 – William Harbaugh
24 – Katie Kelly
24 – Matthew Johnson
27 - *Phyllis Rice
29 – Randy Stevens
31 – Martha Saufley



August Anniversaries:



17 – Michael & Marlene Young
20 – Michael & Donna Johnson
22 – John & Nancy Shank
28 – Keith & Judy Hoffman

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Aug. 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 12:30-3:30 Band	3
4 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship 11 am Rossiter/FLC 2:00 pm Western MD Hospital	5	6 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	7 11:00 lunch drop 12:30-3:30 Band	8	9 12:30-3:30 Band	10 11 am Anders/FLC
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18 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship Treats on the Portico	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	21 11:00 W@W lunch 11:00 lunch drop 12:30-3:30 Band 6pm Youth @ Rehoboth 7pm Leadership Council/Parlor	22	23 12:30-3:30 Band	24
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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 mixed with Contemporary

Worship @ 10:00 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Online Sun 10:00 am @ 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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