

Message from Pastor Jim

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There's a Reason (Romans 8:28)
For every pain that we must bear,
for every burden, every care,
There's a reason.

For every grief that bows the head,
for every teardrop that is shed,
There's a reason.

For every hurt for every plight
for every lonely pain-racked night
There's a reason.

But if we trust God as we should,
It all will work out for our good.
He knows the reason.
Author Unknown

We are finishing up five weeks of the Book of John discourse on the "Bread of Life." I think that it is essential to remind ourselves that we can't just read about Jesus, but we need to ingest his words and live our lives following Jesus's love and his grace. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of humans." He is asking us to be little "Christ's" sharing in God's work on earth. He didn't say that all we had to do was "read about me," but instead accept me into your life and live freely, spreading the good news of the Gospel. He said look, watch, and learn about how to live as disciples of Jesus. We know that our life is going to be sprinkled with all the emotions that we can emit. Our job as disciples is to submit ourselves to the will of God. All we need to do is to "Trust and Obey" Jesus, our savior.

Peace,

Pastor Jim



Church Conference

Will be on Thursday September 23rd. Bethel will serve as the host church in person for Mt. Zion of Myersville, Mt. Bethel of Mt. Lena, John Wesley of Hagerstown and Bethel of Chewsville. It starts at 7:00 pm and is open to all who would like to attend. Each church is given an opportunity to share highlights and news from their congregation. The leaders have been busy submitting forms with updates from the past year to comply with the Baltimore Washington U.M. Conference.

A church to meet the needs of today might appear vastly different from the churches most of us have known. At that it may not be so much a departure from, as a return to, the New Testament churches. These churches realistically faced a rapidly changing world, employed methods that shocked the traditionalist, and were basically a spontaneous lay movement instead of a preacher-dominated organization.

C.R. Daly

Women at the Well

**Business meeting on Wednesday September 1st @ 10:00 a.m.
in the Parlor.**

The Women at the Well and friends will be meeting at Shulas on Wednesday September 15th @ 11:00. This is an open invitation for anyone who would like to join us for devotions, brunch and fellowship. Please call me at 301-739-6270 or e-mail shanda@myactv.net no later than Sept 8th so I can make final reservations.



The weekly meetings are normally at 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays in the church Parlor. Meetings will restart after the decisions of the business meeting. This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to join in fellowship when we return. Call Beverly Miller for more info: 301-739-6270.



Caring Connections Supporting our Homebound

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

Please pray for our homebound as well as our other members who have concerns and conditions that do not allow them to be out and about. The next birthdays are listed below with addresses. Cards and phone calls are always welcome. Call Pam Brubaker or the church office for addresses and phone numbers.

This group will meet on Tuesday September 1th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Homebound Birthdays: *There are none before October 1st.*

Reminder that many Nursing Homes are now open again and visits are so important. Recommend you call first as visitation may need scheduled.

Let's share:

Something You Can Do

by Everett Wentworth Hill

There must be something you can do
To ease the burden of the day,
For someone who has lost his faith
In self, and cannot find his way.

One little deed, one thought, one act,
Will bring reward to you when aid
Is given to someone who strays
Along life's path, alone, afraid.

You might have been that one who lost
His faith, and failed to understand,
And needed friends to urge you on.
Think well, then offer him your hand.



Be Always Giving

Poet: Unknown

The sun gives ever; so the earth--
What it can give so much 'tis worth;
The ocean gives in many ways--
Gives baths, gives fishes, rivers, bays;
So, too, the air, it gives us breath.
When it stops giving, comes in death.
Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not is not living;
The more you give
The more you live.

God's love hath in us wealth unheaped
Only by giving it is reaped;
The body withers, and the mind
Is pent up by a selfish rind.
Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give pelf,
Give love, give tears, and give thyself.
Give, give, be always giving,
Who gives not is not living;
The more we give
The more we live.

Lay Readers – September 2021

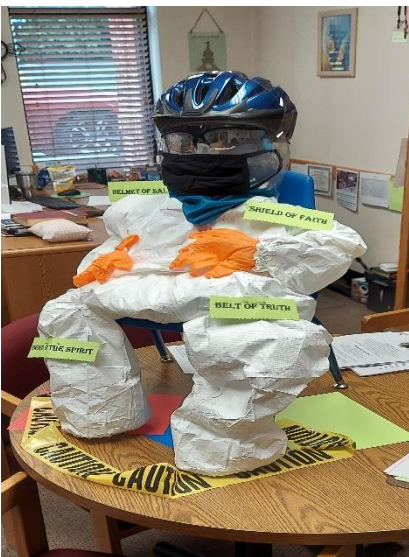


Sept 5	Laurie Simmon
Sept 12	Abby Snyder
Sept 19	Kellar Smith
Sept 26	Elaine Snyder

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

The Visual Entry Table...

This little guy is to represent protection. The helmet, the mask, safety glasses, protective clothing and gloves! How do you protect yourself in the name of Jesus? A helmet of salvation, a belt of truth, the sword of the spirit and a shield of faith. The entry table in the main hallway is now being used for visual displays that relate to the Sunday Sermons. The Sunday Bulletin will be including a note about the relationship of the items displayed.



Do you have a creative side? Let the office know if you want to give it a try!

Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update

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

As most of you know, I have been managing the Blessing Box since it began in the Spring of 2020. I have greatly enjoyed our food mission and getting to know some of the families that we have helped along the way. However, the time has come for a change in my volunteer work due to a health issue and some family commitments. As of the beginning of August, Elaine Snyder graciously began managing the Blessing Box. Pam Brubaker and Melissa Metzger have also stepped up to assist Elaine with filling the Blessing Box each week. Many thanks to each of you! Special thanks also to Judy Hoffman for her service in filling the pantry and to Deb Wagner who continually helps with the food ministry in many ways. (Of note, during the past year several church members had offered to help fill the Blessing Box and Food Pantry. However, due to concern for everyone's safety during COVID, it was decided to limit it to one person. Please know your kind offers to help were greatly appreciated.)



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The donations from the "Fill the Trailer" Food Drive are dwindling. Below is a list of needed items if you would like donation ideas and thanks again!

Diane Stevens

From the Dollar Store:

Shampoo	Shaving cream	Razors, 5 or 10 pack	Toothbrushes
Conditioner	Body Wash	Dish detergent	Tooth Paste
Baby wipes			

From the Grocery Store:

Complete brand meals	Canned tuna & meats	Instant Oatmeal pkts
Jelly- plastic jar	Peanut butter	Generic Pop Tarts
Juice Boxes	Cool Aid boxes	Kids' Cereals
Canned corn	Canned green beans	Canned carrots
Instant Mashed potatoes	Spaghettio's	Pork & Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup	Mustard	Ketchup



Acolytes and Communion Assistants:

Pastor Jim along with teachings from Pam Brubaker have prepared a whole new crew of helpers. Miss Pam gave them the history of the importance of these duties in her Sunday School class. Then Pastor Jim gave them a “hands on” lesson while also teaching them the responsibility of their commitment. As additional children who could not be here that day come forward with interest...he is teaching them individually.

Congratulations to:

Madison Snyder, Abby Snyder, Bella Wagner, Jaye Stone, and AshLynn Humphreys as Acolytes.

Owen Snyder, Zacarri Wagner and Hannah Smith as Communion Assistants.

As more children express interest, they will be trained.
Thank you little ones!

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

It is hard to believe during the recent weeks of heat that cold weather is right around the corner. The Bethel Coat Closet is in need of winter coats and winter accessories like gloves, hats, and scarf. Our current supply of coats is low. We will be offering the coats to families in need in our local area this fall. Please ask your friends and families if they have coats their children have

outgrown. Please ask your adult friends and family if they have coats they no longer wear. The coats and accessories can be dropped off under the church portico at any time. Thanks so much for your support of this project. *Additional details will be provided in a future newsletter.*

Diane Stevens



Stewardship August 2021

Date	10:00 am Worship Total	Online	In person S.S./Church	Special Events
Aug 1	185	128	57	Communion
Aug 8	229	180	49	
Aug 15	110	61	49	Live stream problems
Aug 22	175	120	55	
Aug 29				



Virus Task Force:

Changes In the building:

Social distancing, using hand sanitizer and wearing masks if you have not been vaccinated while inside the building continue to be recommended. Girl Scouts and Volleyball practices have restarted. Each group has provided COVID protocol for their distancing, masking and cleaning. The FLC is open again for events.



Masks are per your choice.



Children's Sunday School:

Currently Children's Sunday School for children ages kindergarten and younger are meeting in the Nursery and grades 1-5 are upstairs. The time 9:00 a.m.



The COVID restrictions are being followed.
We want to keep our little ones safe.

You can call the office 301-733-8387 to ask for a monthly lesson packet,
Or
You can see the online info @ <https://tinyurl.com/y7g752ut>

Adult Sunday School:

A combined adult class led by Pastor Jim is being held at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Let us know if you are ready to create a new class or restart your adult classes.

The Nursery is open:

Abbie is back with her helpers to tend to babies thru pre-k during Sunday School and during the church service. The staff and volunteers will all wear masks.



Blood Drive

The next Blood drive at Bethel will be
Friday September 24th from 1:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Reserve at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood>.

Thanks to all who continue to donate their gift of blood and to those who help by volunteering their time to serve in this mission.

Altar Flowers:

As we are back to the building... do you enjoy their beauty? Please consider donating for a service. You can then take home 2 arrangements to enjoy. The cost is \$45.00. Your check can be made payable to Bethel with a note on the memo line it is for flowers. Just call the office or sign up on the hallway flower calendar. Then let the office know by the Wed prior what you would like in the bulletin.



Thank You!

September Anniversaries:



- 2 - Brett & Ericka Linden
3 - Dustin & Jaime Kennedy
7 - Bret & Lisa Sprecher
8 - Blair & Kim Rishell
9 - George & Debra Brandt
10 - Jon & Angi Backus
10 - Jeff & Laura Harbaugh
11 - Paul & Cathy Boyer
15 - Paul & Stephanie Belella
20 - Harvey & Connie Leisinger
21 - John & Jeanne Dinterman

September Birthdays:



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|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 Maria Axline | 14 Kristen Akin | |
| Dale Beard | 16 Lou Bachtell | |
| David Newman | 17 Jacob McIntyre | |
| 2 Andrew Ritter | 18 Shirley Herbert | |
| 3 Doris Miller | 19 Ray Tolley | |
| 5 Ronald Shanholtz | 20 Stephanie Belella | |
| Maureen Decker | Kian Roberts | |
| Madalyn Kershner | 21 Jordan Cunningham | |
| 6 Danielle Kaufmann | 22 Steven Young | |
| Abbie Barnhart | 23 Gary Johnson | |
| 8 Bill Luther | Allison Palmer | |
| Hunter Smith | 24 George Connor | |
| Matthew McCartney | 25 Debra Brandt | |
| 9 Larry Belella | Jon Snyder | |
| David Brandenburg | Amanda Stevens | |
| 11 Brian Augustine | 26 Linda Sokol | |
| 12 Chris Smith | Anthony Kimball | |
| Nora Rose Boyer | 27 Rebecca Leatherman | |
| 13 Diana Leatherman | | |
- 28 Paul Gantz
Christie Phillkips
Isabella Kershner
Emma Eckard
29 Hannah Smith
30 Mike Morgan
Rachel Brashear
Cahlen Beard

Do you see a name of someone who is a member but has not been here?

Reach out and give them a call!

*Homebound – see Caring Connections for addresses.

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 W@W business meeting	2	3 6:00 Girl Scouts/ Parlor & Up x 3	4 9:00 A A
5 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship FM 97.9 Sermon by Phone	6 Office Closed Labor Day	7	8	9	10 8:30 Lifeline Screening/FLC	11 9:00 A A
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship FM 97.9 Sermon by Phone	13	14 7:00 Caring Connections	15 11:00 W@W lunch@	16	17 6:00 Girl Scouts/ Parlor & Up x 3	18 9:00 A A Deb on vaca
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship FM 97.9 Sermon by Phone	20 Newsletter Deadline Deb on vaca	21 Deb on vaca	22 Deb on vaca	23 7:00 Church Conference - Host Deb on vaca	24 1:30 Blood Drive Deb on vaca	25 9:00 A A Deb on vaca
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship FM 97.9 Sermon by Phone	27	28	29	30		

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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Bethel Connect:

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

Family Care Ministry:

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

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Bethel Tidings



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