

# Bethel Tidings

MARCH 2019

## Message from Pastor Jim

From the Pastor

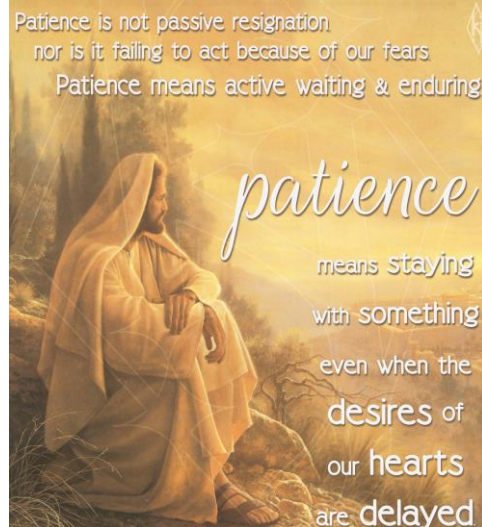
The mystery and wonder of God's holiness come alive in the journey of Lent. We turn our hearts more fully toward the Divine in the season of Lent. It all begins with Ash Wednesday. We examine our lives and work to eliminate habits that distract us from the Holy. It is this day that we come to Christ as we ask that He create in us a new heart.

As with any journey, Ash Wednesday is only the beginning. There is much ground to cover. If we follow the map, Bible, we can navigate more efficiently, but there are always wrong turns, detours, and construction on our way.

I remember taking a driving trip to visit family in Minnesota. The route AAA gave us was one that I wasn't familiar with but thought they knew best. The roads were smooth, only one little area of construction. We felt that we found the ultimate answer to difficult travel. Just a few days later we began the return trip. It was as if we took an entirely different route. The roads were filled with construction and detours, missed turns, and confusion. It was identical to the way we took going in the other direction. Our Spiritual life experiences that same route sometimes. We travel through our faith journey just like we are on a smooth road. We take Jesus as our Lord. We read the Bible. We go to Bible studies. We pray. We go to church. We are happy. Then at some point, the construction starts. The road is no longer smooth. We read the map just like when we began this journey, but we miss and get detoured or sometimes even broken down. The Good News is that we can go to our Savior, Jesus Christ, and He will get us back on track. Life isn't a smooth road. Things happen in life that take us off course; because it is our human imperfection. Don't be discouraged. Don't put your hands up in resignation. This is the season that we can once again get back on track. We can prepare our hearts to receive the Good News once again. If you have felt lost in your journey, Jesus can help. Prepare your heart. Jesus is calling. Will you answer?

The road may not be smooth, but the journey is worth the struggle. Blessings on your Lenten Journey.

Pastor Jim



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# Women at the Well

by: Beverly Miller

*The Women at the Well Bible study, will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Parlor on February 6th, 13th, and 27th.*

*The Women at the Well have just begun a new Bible Study, "Wonder Struck - Awaken to the Nearness of God" by Margaret Feinberg. We have room for you - won't you join us? We will meet March 6th, 13th and 27th at 10:00 am in the Parlor. You are also invited to join us for brunch at 11:00 am on March 20th at Dolce' Restaurant.*

*Ladies - save the evening of May 15th! Details will be in the April Newsletter.*



## Sunday Worship

8:45am - Traditional Services

10:00am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00am - Contemporary Services

### **\*NUT SENSITIVE\***

**AS WE RESPECT THAT INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE NUT SENSITIVITIES,**

**We at Bethel make every effort to keep our kitchen "Nut Free".**

**If your donated food item may contain nuts, or has been prepared in a facility where nuts may have been present, please use a place card in front of the item. (In the drawer below the coffee pot.)**

**THANK YOU**

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Micah's Backpack packs approximately 15-20 backpacks for students at Old Forge Elementary school. This effort ensures that students will have food over the weekend when not in school. Here is a list of items that we include in the backpacks. Please pick up some items at the store and drop them in the bins that are placed at each entrance. If you would like to make a monetary donation, just drop it in the collection plate with a note in the memo line for Micah's backpack. As always, thanks for your kindness and generosity. It truly does make a difference in the lives of the children!

~ Kim Rishell

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR MICAH'S BACKPACK

### BREAKFAST ITEMS – Individual boxes of cereal and oatmeal



### LUNCH/DINNER ITEMS – Small cans of spaghetti and meatballs and ravioli; individual packs of Ritz crackers; individual servings of peanut butter; cans of chicken and/or tuna fish; chicken noodle soup, mac and cheese



### SNACKS - Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Individual packs of goldfish and pretzels



### VEGETABLES – Small individual servings of corn, green beans, peas and carrots



### JUICE BOXES



## Altar Flowers - March 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
March 3	Vic Springer
March 10	Open
March 17	Open
March 24	Open

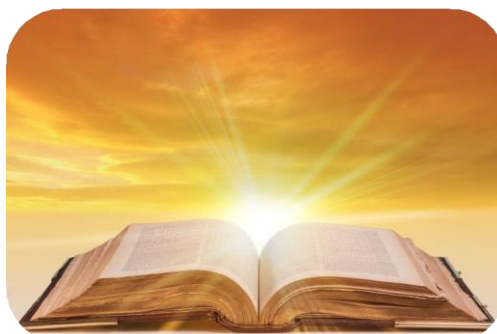


The 2019 sign-up sheet is posted outside the sanctuary. Please consider ordering flowers to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate an event. The cost is \$45 for both vases and they can be taken home with you following the worship service or can be given to one of our homebound members. If you have a specific kind of flower or color you would like, please contact Sandy Hose (240-527-5167) or Melissa Metzger (410-251-8439). All orders are called in the Wednesday before the Sunday you've signed up for.

*Don't forget to give Deb the message you would like included in the bulletin the Tuesday prior to the service. Thank you!*

## Lay Readers - March 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:45 am / 11:00 am</u>
March 3	Terri Smith Linda Barnhart
March 10	Elaine Snyder Dan Rishell
March 17	Jon Snyder BKim Rishell
March 24	Rennis Fox Dan Rishell
March 31	OPEN Kim Rishell



## Greeters - March 2019

TRADITIONAL SVC - 8:45 am	
<b>March:</b>	Shaun & Pat Wolfe David & Mary Lide

CONTEMPORARY SVC - 10:45 am	
<b>March:</b>	Tim & Carrie West





## Nursery Care - March 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:45 am Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>11:00 am Worship</u>
February 3	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN OPEN
February 10	OPEN OPEN	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN OPEN
February 17	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN OPEN
February 24	OPEN OPEN	Tammy Smith Katie Smith	OPEN OPEN



**To sign up for Nursery Care please send a message to Abbie Barnhart  
at: [abbie.barnhart@yahoo.com](mailto:abbie.barnhart@yahoo.com).**

Our littlest members deserve our support too.  
Thank you!

## Sharing from our Members

Church Church is hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me. It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, and selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church — Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come. So even on the hard days at church - the days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again; when I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face; when I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope; when I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung; when I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away, I'll remember, HE has never failed to meet me there.

Church is a body, a family, a place to love God and love others.

# The Potato Drop



The Potato Drop occurred on Feb 23rd. This year we had 42,000 pounds of potatoes delivered, volunteers divided them into 1,000 smaller portions and they were distributed to over 5,000 hungry families. Thank you Bethel family!



# Volunteer Brunch



On February 10<sup>th</sup> the Vision Committee hosted a brunch in honor of all Bethel Volunteers. The day began wondering what we would do with so much food. Over 70 attended and enjoyed the presentation of the stained glass window that will be hung in the FLC welcome area. In the end, the food was just enough!



## Stewardship - February 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:45 am Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>11:00 am Worship</u>	<u>Special Events</u>	<u>Offering</u>
February 3	94	65	58	N/A	\$3,969
February 10	94	55	56	N/A	\$4,020
February 17	87	56	52	N/A	\$3,244
February 24	89	59	44	N/A	\$2,898



### **Jesus = Life**

*"Before I created you in the womb, I knew you;  
Before you were born, I set you apart;  
I made you a profit to the Nations."*

*"Ah, LORD GOD," I said, "I don't know how to  
speak because I'm only a child."*

*The LORD responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a  
Child.'"*

*Where I send you, you must go;*

*What I tell you, you must say.*

*Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you  
to rescue you," declares the LORD.*

**-JEREMIAH 1:5-9**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
Blood Pressure Check	5:30pm Volleyball / F	5:30pm Volleyball / F	10am Women-Well /	5pm Sub Sale/ Lower	6pm CSU Class / Ups	9am Travel BB / FLC
Create	7:30pm Children's Mi	7pm Missions Comm	5pm Sub Prep/Lower	5:30pm Volleyball / F	6pm Girl Scouts / FLC	9am AA / Lower Level
11am Contemporary			5:30pm Volleyball / F	7pm Adult Choir / Pa		10am CSU Class / Pa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion	5:30pm Volleyball / F	5:30pm Volleyball / F	12am ASH WEDNESD	5:30pm Volleyball / F	5pm Reach Shelter	9am Travel BB / FLC
8:45am Traditional W		6pm Girl Scouts / Pa	10am Women-Well /	7pm Adult Choir / Pa	5:30pm Parent-Out /	9am AA / Lower Level
10am Sunday School		7pm Caring Connect/	5pm Family Fun Fren		6pm CSU Class / Ups	10am CSU Class / Pa
11am Contemporary			4 more			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time s	5:30pm Volleyball / F	5:30pm Volleyball / F	10am Women-Well /	5:30pm Volleyball / F	6pm CSU Class / Ups	9am Travel BB / FLC
8:45am Traditional W	7pm Ad Council /Par	6pm Girl Scouts / Pa	5:30pm Volleyball / F	7pm Adult Choir / Pa	6pm Girl Scouts / FLC	9am AA / Lower Level
10am Sunday School	7:30pm Child's Comm		6pm CSU Class /Ups			10am CSU Class / Pa
2 more			2 more			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day	NEWSLETTER DEADLI	5:30pm Volleyball / F	10am Women-Well /	5:30pm Volleyball / F	6pm CSU Class / Ups	9am Travel BB / FLC
8:30am Recieve Men	5:30pm Volleyball / F	6pm Moment's For M	11am Fellowship Bru	7pm Adult Choir / Pa		9am AA / Lower Level
8:45am Traditional W			5:30pm Volleyball / F			10am CSU Class / Pa
2 more			3 more			7pm Family Fun/Bow
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Blood Pressure Check	5:30pm Volleyball / F	5:30pm Volleyball / F	10am Women-Well /	5:30pm Volleyball / F	6pm CSU Class / Ups	Leadership Seminar/O
8:45am Traditional W			5pm Sub Prep/Lower	7pm Adult Choir / Pa		9am Travel BB / FLC
10am Sunday School			5:30pm Volleyball / F			9am AA / Lower Level
11am Contemporary			3 more			10am CSU Class / Pa
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
8:45am Traditional W	5:30pm Volleyball / F	5:30pm Volleyball / F	10am Women-Well /	5:30pm Volleyball / F	6pm CSU Class / Ups	9am AA / Lower Level
10am Sunday School		6pm Girl Scouts / Pa	5pm Family Fun Fren	7pm Adult Choir / Pa	6pm Girl Scouts / FLC	10am CSU Class / Pa
11am Contemporary			5:30pm Volleyball / F			1pm Girl Scouts/FLC

## Events to watch for:

### Lent Bible Study

Ask for date & time

"Easter Study": will be a four week study that will be 60 to 90 minutes long. Pastor should be contacted directly. It will be taught by Pastor Jim.

### Reach Shelter

March 8

Bethel Volunteers will be serving a meal and working at the Reach Shelter. Contact Candice@240-500-8085

### Easter Egg Hunt

Sat April

13 @ 11:00

Help spread the word. We are excited to share blessings to the community children. There will be a candy filled Egg Hunt, games, free lunch and a time of fellowship.

### Family Fun Frenzy

Sat March

23 @ 7:00

Our next event will be Sat March 22nd at 7:00. BOWLING with duck-pins at Turners on the Dual Highway. Cost is

\$3.75 per game. Shoe rental is free. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board.

### Parents Night Out

Fri March

8 @ 5:30

This is the date of the next event. FYI- we are planning an "end of year" FAMILY PICNIC for June. July and August this event will take a vacation and the restart in September.

### A Message from the Altar Guild: Sunday

Easter

Changes are coming soon to the Sanctuary of Bethel United Methodist Church. Our beautiful dorsal curtain behind the altar was taken down. The dorsal curtain was donated to the church in 1962 by the mother of Phil & Fred Baker in memory of their father.

We will salvage what we can of the dorsal curtain to use throughout the church and as a drape around the base of the Christmas tree. The Eternal Light from the center of the church was removed and given to Pastor Schildt. He was touched by our thoughtfulness in thinking of him.

We hope that you are as excited by these fresh new changes as we are. We also hope to have all of the work completed before Easter and plan to have a dedication ceremony for our new cross.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st -Steven A. Smith

-David Robinette

-Joe Leisinger

-Riley Crist

2nd -Mary Lidie

3rd -Aubrianna Guzowski

4th -Lisa Marie Hempfing

5th -Shawn Wolfe

-Brad David Leisinger

-Andrew McCartney

-Emma Brashear

8th -Linda Warehime

9th -Joanne Harshman

-Brian Reed

-Jordan McGhee

10th -Robert G. "Cokey"

Robertson

-Tammy R. Smith

-Melissa Ann

Richardson

-Kayla Noel Staley

11th -Lance Poffenberger

13th -Timothy G. Smith

14th -Donald L. Mertz, Sr.

-Elizabeth K. Weaver

17th -Matthew Sprecher

-Matthew E. Sprecher

-Timothy Morrow

18th -Ronald Lynn Mertz, Sr.

-Michele S. Phillips

-Ellie Akin

19th -Meghan Jenkins

20th -Kerry Claiborne

-Darryl Keckler

21st -Jaime Lyn Kennedy

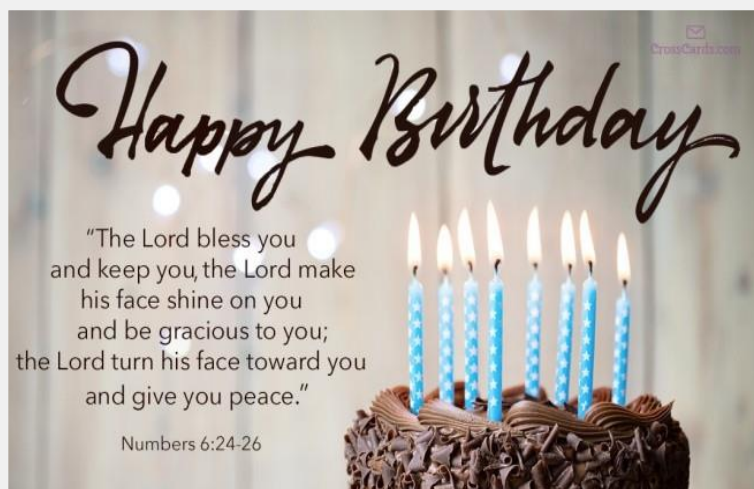
22nd -Batania Price

-Justina Bennett

22nd -Michael Rishell

23rd -Christopher S. Phillips

-Christopher Leatherman



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2nd -Tim & Tammy Smith

8th -Fred & Peggy Baker

12th -Max & Jeanne Avey

30th -Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ziegler, II



# Treasurer Report

January 2019

## Income

Offerings and Undesignated Receipt	14,147.92
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## Restricted Contributions

Other Restricted Contributions	300.00
Disbursement of Restricted Contributions	-50.00
<b>Restricted Contributions</b>	<b>250.00</b>

## Other Income

Interest Income	23.44
Use of Church Fees	120.00
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>150.90</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,548.82</b>

## Expenses

### Missions

Fire & Ambulance Companies	50.00
Other Contributions	778.62
Valley Little League	575.00
<b>Missions</b>	<b>1,403.62</b>

### Pastor Expenses

Parsonage Utilities and Maintenance	1,043.79
Pastor's Salary	4,209.50
Continuing Education and Support	35.00
<b>Pastoral Expenses</b>	<b>5,288.29</b>

### Program Expenses

Nursery Coordinator	210.00
PR Taxes	16.07
Flowers	135.00
Children's Ministry	310.32
Sunday School Materials - Adult	181.65
Church Materials	103.24
Kitchen Supplies and Materials	116.76
Pianist	500.00
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>1,573.04</b>

# Treasurer Report

January 2019

## Facilities Expenses

Payroll Tax Exp. Custodians	98.30
Electricity	1,285.08
Repairs & Maintenance	1,433.77
Gas & Oil	653.93
Telephone & Internet	1,134.72
<b>Facilities Expenses</b>	<b>588.22</b>
	<b>69.95</b>

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**5,263.97**

## Administrative Expenses

Office Supplies	322.74
Payroll Tax Expenses	141.75
Administrative Assistant	1352.76
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>1,817.25</b>

## Total Expenses

**15,346.17**

## General Fund Net Income

**-797.35**

## Overall Net Income

**-797.35**

*CHRIST BESIDE ME,  
CHRIST BEFORE ME,  
CHRIST BEHIND ME,  
CHRIST WITHIN ME,  
CHRIST BENEATH ME,  
CHRIST ABOVE ME.*

*—SAINT PATRICK*





# BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Mission & Vision

**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:

8:45 am - Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship Service

### FAMILY CARE MINISTRY:

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

### TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN:

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