

February 2023

# Bethel Tidings

1 John 4:7-12 New International Version

God's Love and Ours

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

When you are loving, you are doing what He is. So why would we ever shy away from loving others? One reason has to do with fear. Maybe we think they will take advantage of us. Perhaps we feel that they will be ungrateful. Maybe we will have to sacrifice too much of what we want or need to teach that class, join that ministry, listen to that person's problem, or help that neighbor. But the good thing about loving the way the Bible says to love is that "there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. You can never out love God.

Peace and love

Pastor Jim

## Women at the Well

Women at the Well will continue with the bible study/video, "The Chosen", Wednesdays @ 10:00, in the parlor. Brunch will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Bistro 11. All are welcome.

All are welcome to join us for Bible study and/or brunch. Please RSVP to Bev by e-mail [shanda@myactv.net](mailto:shanda@myactv.net), phone 301-739-6270, or in person, by Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> so she can call in a reservation.



## Supporting our Homebound

Bethel Caring Connection

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

I Peter 4:10

Happy New Year Bethel friends!!!! As we continue into the dark days of winter let us not forget those who are home or nursing home bound, those who cannot freely get out and about. Please remember these folks in your daily prayers and send cards or perhaps pick up the phone and make a call. I know folks love to hear from you. Deb has an updated list of shut-ins in the office or you can call me at 310-992-7831 for more information if you need it.

Pam Brubaker

The next homebound birthday:

February 6 – Walt Finnin

750 Dual Hggy, Room 107

Hagerstown, Md 21740

## Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update

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

Hello Bethel family. A huge thank you for going out of your way with your gifts of love. A special thanks for the additional donations coming from the Chewsville Lions Club. Welcome to Judy Hoffman who will take over Mary Gross' duties. Thank you Mary.

Your sister in Christ, Elaine Snyder

## The Lions Club International

The Chewsville Lions Club under the direction of President Ken Tice will meet at Bethel in the Family Life Center on regular meeting dates of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays monthly at 6:30.



## Christmas season finishes:

### The Nativity:

With the weather and electric challenges of Dec 24 and 25, the nativity performance involving the children was cancelled.

Then by request of the children...it was rescheduled and presented on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They were all so wonderful. Imagine 15 minutes to pick costumes, get them on and follow instruction to the altar.

Thank you children and Tammy Stone for helping with the reading.  
And to those behind the scenes!



## **The Leadership Board:**

This year the Administration Council has changed to a “One Committee” format.

This Board will work together on all projects and focus on following  
Bethel’s Mission & Vision.

Opportunities to join the group are open. Let us know if you want to participate on the  
Board or a Committee.



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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:

1. Through prayer, worship and education, we will be seekers of God’s will,
2. Through witness we will kindle the fire of spiritual and physical growth, and
3. Through Christian community, we will love, nurture and support each other and those in need throughout the world.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

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



## Changes on the property:

### Demo:

On Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> Allegany Wrecking & Salvage began demolition of the rental property at 21016 Twin Springs Drive. By Wednesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> the house was down!



### Pavilion:

Antietam Tree & Turf removed the dead Silver Maple tree near the playground and also trimming the one next to it. This in preparation for construction of the pavilion and for the safety of the children.

Major League Builders has staked out the site of the pavilion. They plan to dig the footers soon.



### Subs:

On January 19<sup>th</sup> Bethel members along with Lions Club, and Volleyball teams helped make 570 subs. After expenses, we profited \$2,455.00 that will be donated to the Trustees funds.

## Attendance – January 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>In person Church</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
<b>Dec 24/25</b>	52/37	Christmas Eve/Day
<b>Jan 1</b>	78	
<b>Jan 8</b>	68	
<b>Jan 15</b>	51	
<b>Jan 22</b>	60	

**Lay Readers  
– Feb. 2023**

<b>Feb 5</b>	Heather Ross
<b>Feb 12</b>	Pam Brubaker
<b>Feb 19</b>	Carol Ewan
<b>Feb 26</b>	Tammy Stone

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



And I thank God for the Lighthouse, I owe my life to him.  
 Jesus is the Lighthouse and from the rocks of sin,  
 He has shown the light around me, so that I might clearly see.  
 If it wasn't for the Lighthouse, where would this ship be?  
 —“The Lighthouse,” by Ronny Hinson.

## February Anniversaries:

- 1 - JR & Devena Dunkin
- 9 - Ed & Sandy Hose
- 10 – Robert & Cathy Grantham
- 13 – David & Lauren Rowe
- 20 – David & Jacquie Starleper



## February Birthdays:

- 1 – Lynn Harshman
- 4 – Susan Brandenburg
- 4 – Michael Robinette
- 6 - \*Walter Finnin
- 6 – Megan Gelsinger
- 7 – Heather Ross
- 7 - Connie Paulsgrove
- 8 – JR Dunkin
- 10– Roni McNairn
- 10 – Denise Gelsinger
- 11 – Denise Boward
- 13 – Ed Hose
- 13 – Erica Rishell
- 14 – Tammy Gantz
- 15 – Nancy Shank
- 16 – Victoria Woshi
- 17 – Natalie Phillips
- 20 – Richard Salvatore
- 23 – Karen Luther
- 25 – John Shank
- 28 – Denny Kaufmann



- \* Homebound
- see caring connections for addresses

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Feb 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
5 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship 11:00 Reception for David Brandenburg	6  7:30 VB/FLC	7  1:00 Caring Connections  6:00 Lions Club Zone meeting /FLC & Parlor	8  10:00 W@W/Parlor 7:30 VB/FLC	9  7:30 VB/FLC	10  6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x 3	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	13  7:30 VB/FLC	14  Valentine's Day	15  11:00 W@W lunch  7:00 Leadership Board/ Parlor 7:30 VB/FLC	16  7:30 VB/FLC	17  6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x 3	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	20 President's Day Newsletter Deadline  7:30 VB/FLC	21  6:00 Lions Club /FLC & Parlor	22  10:00 W@W/Parlor 7:30 VB/FLC	23  7:30 VB/FLC	24	25  Girl Scouts Thinking Day/ FLC All Day
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	27  7:30 VB/FLC	28				



# Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

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## **Church Office:**

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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](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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## **Bethel Connect:**

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