

# **Bethel Tidings**

From the Pastor:

Our long preparation has brought us to Easter. Our practice will make permanent changes in our lives because we have been moving toward the Cross. We are preparing ourselves to worship inside-out. Our Lent worship took us down the road with Jesus so that our lives are crucified with Jesus, our sins buried in repentance, and our lives resurrected.

We have a choice to make.

We live in what Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis called “hot-mess times.” All life is under the microscope, and truth and un-truth divide us.

We have a choice to make.

Do we live as the people who love like Jesus, or do we slip into the ranks of self-righteousness?

It is up to us to model what it means to be saved and move on to sanctification.

Are you ready to continue the journey?

Peace,

Pastor Jim



## Women at the Well

The Bible Study (The Chosen) continues on Wednesdays, April 5, 12, and 26 at 10 a.m. in the parlor. Brunch at BJ's by the mall on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. 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, so she can call in a reservation.



## Supporting our Homebound

Bethel Caring Connection

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. I Peter 4:10 (NIV)  
Thanks to all who have filled Easter baskets to share our love with the homebound!!!! As always Bethel folks have used their gifts to serve our Risen Savior at this most holy time of year!!

If you or a loved one need a helping hand please reach out to the church office or to me. May God richly bless you all at this most beautiful time of the year.

Pam Brubaker 301-992-7831

The next homebound birthdays: Jacquie Starleper – April 8  
18900 Artillery Drive  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Jean Detwiler – April 19  
20009 Rosebank Way, Rm 110  
Hagerstown, MD 21742

## 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 service many. This has been such a great blessing to our church family to serve others. At this time we could really use full size boxes of sweetened cereal. We are also in need of mashed potatoes, Rice and noodle side dishes. We can always use canned chicken and tuna. Any donations are appreciated.

Again many thanks go out to Pam Brubaker, Melissa Metzger, Judy Hoffman and Mary Gross. Without these wonderful volunteers this would be a difficult job. Also 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



## Coat Closet

He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none. Luke 3:11

Just a reminder to everyone that we will again be collecting coats and winter items like gloves and hats throughout this year. As the the season changes to SPRING and you clean out your closets, please consider donating any unwanted winter wear to the Bethel Coat Closet. Of note, we are no longer

accepting other clothes items. We do also accept backpacks in new or slightly used condition in preparation for the fall school supply giveaway. Thank you so much for your continued support of this mission.

Diane Stevens

## Lions Club News:

The club had their "Charter Night Meeting" on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The good old days were remembered with pictures and displays of past Lions members and activities. Several Bethel families were invited in honor of their past loved ones who were Lions members. Vintage telephones were part of the decorations to celebrate Alexander Graham Bell's birthday. Bell invented the telephone, but he also played an important role in how Helen Keller became associated with the Lions Clubs International. Keller and Bell are the guiding spirits of Lions International, after being asked by Helen Keller to become her knights of the blind in 1925. The theme for our Charter Night was "Lions Communicating Through Service".



**Lion Pastor Jim Johnson** - This Lion recently joined our club, but he is not new to the Lions organization. This member has helped revitalize our club by welcoming us back to where we were first chartered back on February 22, 1955. As a result, our club has now come full circle. We are back home at Bethel United Methodist Church because of this person and serving the Chewsville community. We would like to thank Lion Pastor Jim and the Bethel United Methodist Church for

welcoming us back and allowing us to meet in the Life Center twice a month. We have Co-sponsored numerous service projects with the church that served the community such as Trunk or Treat, Coat Drive, Thanksgiving Baskets, Blessing Box for the hungry, Toys for Tots, Blood Drives, Micah's Backpack program, and the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. We would not have had this opportunity if it would not have been for Pastor Lion Jim. He does everything at the club meetings from helping with set-up to clean-up and to audio function. He is always there to lend a hand. His devotion to his family, church, his community, and club are unwavering. On behalf of the Chewsville Lions Club, it is my honor to present the Presidential Appreciation Award to Lion Pastor Jim Johnson.

## Up & Coming:

**The Vidalia Onion Sale** has an expected arrival date of May 11<sup>th</sup>. You may place orders until May 8<sup>th</sup> by calling 717-658-7067 or signing up on the Bethel bulletin board. \$16.00 for 10 lb. bag or \$8.00 for a 5 lb. bag.

## The Pavilion:

Past member Arlene Hoover donated funds to be used to upgrade the church sound system and to build a pavilion that could serve the community. It is almost finished and we hope will be completed in time to use it for **the Egg Hunt on April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. This event will include lunch, games, indoor and outdoor activities for all. A new SENIOR EGG HUNT will take place with children helping the Seniors and those with Special Needs .

We are taking **"NAME THE PAVILION"** suggestions by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to encourage the community to join together in its use. Just call the office to schedule a reservation. Do we have any builders out there to make tables?



### **Mommy & Me Spring Paint Night:**

Will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm in the downstairs Community Room. Adults are \$45 and Children \$10. Sign up by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Kayla Mackrell at 301-991-8696. Mom- welcome sign with bunny, child – Bunny with flower and includes a Peter Cottontail book.

Then on Fri. June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6 to 9pm will begin our **“MINI VBS”**; it will continue Sat. June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4 pm with lunch provided; and finish on Sun. June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am with the children participating in the worship service and followed by a community lunch. The theme is “GET INVOLVED”. Please let the office know if you can help with this. We also plan to repeat with another session in August and combine it with our School Supply Giveaway and the Lions’ backpack event.

### **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.

**This “Unified Board” works together to** decide on what the needs of the church are and to create work teams. Plan ahead, not fix after! If no interest, then table the item (i.e. Harvest Home and Centerpiece making that were very poorly attended). Focus on where God has placed us in the community. How can we care for our Elders and our Youth and Children?

## Members:

The Leadership team is made up of

David Wagner, Chairman 301-991-1234 or [wagner2121@myactv.net](mailto:wagner2121@myactv.net)

Duane McNairn, Trustee Chairman 301-797-5748 or [mcnaidua@gmail.com](mailto:mcnaidua@gmail.com)

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Four other members are:

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Phil Baker (member at large) 301-739-0829

Please feel free to contact any members, most are available anytime. Drew, Jon and Karen work day-time jobs so call them in the evenings please.

## Meeting Dates:

This Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Exceptions will be made to accommodate full attendance. With this new configuration it is highly important that all members attend.

## Finance information:

Phoenix Rising Financial Service who has experience working with UM churches has been contracted to take over the bookkeeping duties. David Wagner and Martin Brubaker are now the signatories for the bank accounts. All invoices and receipts will be channeled thru the office and most banking will take place electronically. Please feel free to ask the office if you as a member would like to see monthly reports or have any questions.

## Can you help?

Do you know anyone interested in learning to play the organ – Sue is willing to teach.

How about someone willing to play the piano?

Could you help with mowing, maintenance, or changing letters on the Marquee?

## Attendance – March 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>In person Church</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
<b>Feb 26</b>	64/16	Ash Wednesday
<b>March 5</b>	62	
<b>March 12</b>	69	UMCOR Sunday
<b>March 19</b>	58	

## Lay Readers – April 2023

<b>April 2</b>	Tori Smith
<b>April 9</b>	Elaine Snyder
<b>April 16</b>	Sue McAllister
<b>April 23</b>	Cathy Grantham
<b>April 30</b>	Tammy Stone

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



## April Anniversaries:

- 8 – Martin & Pam Brubaker
- 10 – James & Debbie Johnson
- 16 – Mike & Linda Sokol
- 20 – Lacey & Barbara Simmons
- 25 – David & Mary Lidie
- 29 – David & Susan Brandenburg
- 30 – Gene & Mary Gross



## April Birthdays:

- 1 – Perry Miller
- 2 – Kaylee West
- 5 – Ronnie Snyder
- 5 – Zachary Kaufmann
- 7 – Debbie Johnson
- 7 – Kinsey Shifflett
- 8 – Cooper Rishell
- 8 – \* Jacquie Starleper
- 9 – Alicia Guzowski
- 10 – Conner McNairn
- 14 – Carrie West
- 15 – Cheyenne Price
- 15 – Dominic Rucci
- 17 – Duane McNairn
- 18 – Phillip Baker
- 19 – \* Jean Detwiler
- 20 – Walter Miller
- 25 – Carol Ganley
- 28 – Callie Rishell
- 29 – Keith Hoffman
- 29 – Teresa Rossiter
- 30 – Ryker Guzowski



- \* Homebound
- see caring connections for addresses

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April 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:00 Egg Hunt
2 Communion <b>Palm Sun.</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	3	4  6:00 Lions Club /FLC & Parlor	5  10:00 W@W/Parlor  5:30 VB/FLC	6  7:00 Maundy Thur 5:30 VB/FLC 6pm Mommy & Me Paint Night	7  7:00 Good Friday Service  6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x 3	8
9 Communion <b>Eater Sunday</b> 6:30 Son-rise service 7:30 breakfast 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	10 Pastor on Vaca	11	12  11:00 W@W lunch  5:30 VB/FLC	13  5:30 VB/FLC	14	15
16 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of Easter</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	17	18 Pastor returns  6:00 Lions Club /FLC & Parlor	19  11:00 W@W/lunch 5:30 VB/FLC 7:00 Leadership Board/ Parlor	20  5:30 VB/FLC	21  6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x 3	22
23/30 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26 Administrative Assist Day 10:00 W@W/Parlor 5:30 VB/FLC	27  5:30 VB/FLC	28	29



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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.

### **Newsletter Editor:**

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