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# *The Bethel Beacon*

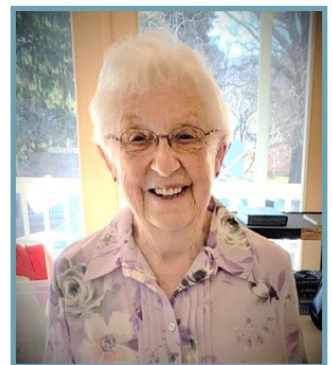
THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Living our faith, sharing God's love.*



## Pastoral Column—February 2023

Last month was a very special month for Bethel UMC. We welcomed six new members along with Joanne Clary being Baptized on Sunday January 8. We are so thankful that the Taylor family (Travis, Crystal, Grant, and Oliver), Ted Zyla, and Betty Pilcher were able to join our church that Sunday too.



As we welcomed new members, we were grateful for Pat Martin and Joice Fredenburgh for volunteering to help us with the church Choir and the handbell Choir as we continue to search for a Music Director at Bethel.

## Pastor's Column—continued



One of the realities of life is felt when we must move. Dave Collyer purchased a new home near his daughter's house in Fredericksburg and Rev. John Killinger and I went to see him last week. Both Rev. John and I were so happy for Dave as his new home was just stunning.



During all these wonderful events, we had many of our Bethel members test positive for Covid. We are thankful that many have managed well in overcoming Covid but some are still feeling the affects of this virus that takes away so much of our energy. Prayers are lifted for each of you.

We also had many prayers answered for our members who recently had surgery or health concerns that needed special attention.

As I look at 2023, it is my hope and prayer that nothing will stop us from worshiping God and meet so that no one feels neglected or missed. So please take the positive approach and reach out to me and I would love to come over to see you or take you out for a meal. Having said that, I was able to spend some quality time with Rick and Karen Putnam last month as Rick's mother went to be with the Lord.

## Pastor's Column—continued



The month of February is also hard for my mother as my father's memorial is on February 18. It has already been 30 years since my father's tragic death. This year, she won't be by herself as we will comfort her on that weekend. A further blessing that God gave her was her grandson Andrew who was born the very next day on February 19. He will be 26 this year. To honor grandma, Andrew gave her an honorary bow of respect and love as it is customary for children to show their respect to their elders in the New Year by bowing. Tears were flowing from mom in gratitude and joy.

I am treasuring these moments with you because you are family too and lets give God all the glory and honor each day as we seek to love one another. ~ Pastor David Ryu

## Upcoming Bible Study

### Wednesday Bible Study (Pastor David Ryu)

**Topic:** Four Spiritual Laws (Tools for Evangelism)

**Start:** February 1, 8, & 15 (1 PM class and 7 pm class)

**Place:** Parish House

### Thursday Bible Study (Pat Martin)

**Topic:** What Happens When Women Say Yes to God?

Have you ever wondered what your life, our church, or even the world would look like if you said YES to God more often? You just might live more fully, love more deeply and experience God in ways you never thought possible. The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study will begin a new book entitled, "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God" by Lysa Terkeurst on February 9th at 9:30 a.m. All women in the church (and beyond) are welcome! I have 20 books and if I need to order more, I will be happy to do so. Please let Pat know if you will be joining the group for this next study (pat88piano@gmail.com). Or sign up at the church. A Sign Up sheet will be on the welcome desk on Sunday. Please join us and invite a friend.

**Start:** February 9 – 9:30 AM ~ 11 AM (Nine weeks)

**Cost:** \$13 for the book

**Place:** Social Hall

### Adult Sunday School (Murray Edwards)

**Topic:** Begin Again (Max Lucado)

**Start:** February 5, 2023

**Time:** 9 AM

**Place:** Pavilion Room

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**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary & Online

1st & 3rd Sundays: Communion Sundays

2nd Sunday: Youth Group Meeting—12:00 pm at the Church

4th Sunday: Youth Motel Ministries—12:00 pm

*Join our Sunday morning ministry team. To volunteer:*

- ◆ *to read scripture, contact Jane Brewer at 540-428-0038*
- ◆ *to usher, contact Tom Ferrell at 540-439-9043*
- ◆ *to help before and after communion, contact Cathy Carayas at 540-219-2575*
- ◆ *to assist with tech, contact Sarah Hundley at 540-589-5564*
- ◆ *to assist with the Youth, contact Sandra Colvin at 540-347-2375 or Karla Yocum at 540-514-6070*

*We appreciate all of our volunteers and can always use more!*

**Upcoming Events**

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm: Bible Study—Four Spiritual Laws  
 Feb. 1, 8, & 15—Parish House

Thursdays, 9:30 am—11:00 am: Women's Bible Study—Social Hall

Thursdays, 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal—Bell Room

Thursdays, 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, February 3, 6:00 pm: The Friendship Table Orientation  
 Dinner

Saturday, February 4, 9:30 am: UMW Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm: Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 pm: Trustees Meeting

## Lay Leadership:

Lay Leader: Brett Hahn

Administrative Council Chair:  
Nancy Pinson

Vice Council Chair:  
Carlton Hayden

Staff-Parish Relations:  
Rosanne Williamson

Finance Committee Chair:  
Lewis Lee

Trustees Chair:  
Ava Lee

Church Treasurer:  
Donna Broadbent

Finance Secretary  
Christine Winters

Recording Secretary:  
Gary Pinson

Nurture/Fellowship Committee  
Chair:  
Charlene Hahne

Mission & Outreach Committee  
Chairs:  
Sandra Colvin,  
Karla Yocum

United Methodist Women  
President: Dolores Goff

Lay Member to Annual  
Conference: Brett Hahne

District Conference  
Representative & Steward:  
Murray Edwards

## February Worship

February 5—Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany—Communion  
Genesis 21:22-34 —“Covenant - A Sermon Series: Making  
Commitments That Count”  
Special Music: *God Will Make a Way*

February 12—Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany  
Ruth 1:6-9; 16-18 —“Covenant - A Sermon Series: Intimacy as  
Covenant”  
Special Music: *Seek Ye First*

February 19—Transfiguration Sunday—Communion  
Genesis 9:8-17 —“Covenant - A Sermon Series: Covenant with  
Creation”  
Special Music: *Rain Down*

February 26—Ash Wednesday  
Exodus 24:1-7 —“Covenant - A Sermon Series: Living With Rules ”  
Special Music: *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*

## The Friendship Table

Recently Pastor David announced the “**Table for Eight**” program that Bethel once had and threw out the term “**Dinner for Eight**” as that was the program he had at his former church. In listening to the leaders, some groups may prefer meet in the afternoon and simplify their food fellowship with snacks so we decided to change the name to **THE FRIENDSHIP TABLE**.

Those who have signed up for **THE FRIENDSHIP TABLE** will gather at the Parish House on Friday, February 3 at 6:00 pm for dinner and orientation so that everyone will know what to expect.

**THE FRIENDSHIP TABLE** is an outreach program where our Bethel family members can gather each week to share their lives and create a healthy environment for good Christian fellowship. The vision of **THE FRIENDSHIP TABLE** is to have a seat available for individuals to invite anyone who has stopped attending church.

Each group of eight will have a coordinator to facilitate the gathering times and locations. Pastor David will provide discussion questions related to Sunday’s sermon. The group will share their joys and concerns and wrap the session up with a word of prayer. These gatherings shouldn’t take more than 2 hours which includes the eating and fellowship time. Each group will have the flexibility to change their venue and gathering times according to their group’s preferences, but this program will run for six straight weeks. If you are interested, sign up by emailing Pastor David Ryu at: [pastordavidryu@bethelumc.com](mailto:pastordavidryu@bethelumc.com).

### February Birthdays:

01 June Wagner  
05 Dolores Goff  
12 Jimmy Lee  
14 Anna Lee  
16 Ed Bowers  
17 Ellie Taylor  
22 Martha Ginader  
23 Lamar Ford  
27 Marlene Billak  
31 Rachel Gibson

### February Anniversaries:

02 William & Nancy Matthews  
05 Ken & Pat Adams  
14 Don & Mary Ann Otey  
18 John & Gloria Killinger  
19 Clarence & Margaret Gill  
29 Earl & Geneice Kemper

## Music Notes

“Don’t Stop the Music!”

Music is an integral part of our worship services at Bethel. Have you ever thought about why that might be? The music, whether sung or played on an instrument, is an act of worship: a way to point people to God.

The pre-service music is a way to center ourselves, and prepare our hearts and minds for worship. I start playing the piano 15 minutes or more before the service begins. Why? Not only to get myself centered and focused on God, but also to help you slow down and leave the world behind for a bit. I hope as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, you will begin to feel the spirit soften whatever you were dealing with before you walked inside.

The hymns are selected to enhance the message of the scriptures and the sermon. The act of singing together connects us to God and to one another. Even reading the words as a hymn is played or as others sing can provide that connection.

The special music offered by the choir, a small group or a soloist is an act of worship that allows us to hear the music and think about the words and melody as another way of pointing us to God.

This brings me to the choir. We are very few in number and would love more folks to share in this ministry. The church has many beautiful anthems to sing and share, but they take more folks to sing them. Will you join with us as we come together to sing? You don’t have to read music, but the ability to carry a tune is a definite plus. No “solo voice”? No problem! And NO auditions! My only request is that you come with an open heart and a desire to serve God and Bethel Church through its music ministry. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:45 – 8:00.

Please prayerfully consider giving us a try. We need you. You can reach me by email at [pat88piano@gmail.com](mailto:pat88piano@gmail.com); or on my cell at 703-220-7079. Let’s talk... or just show up!

Patricia Martin, Interim Music Director

## Bethel Breakthrough Prayer

God of grace and power, thank you for loving us and for hearing our prayers.

Break through into Bethel Church, into our lives, our families, our community, and our world, with healing power and visible signs of your grace. Guide us in the ways of Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future you desire for us; even when the present is full of uncertainty and anxiety. Lord, we are asking, seeking, and knocking. Open doors that will lead us on paths of faithful discipleship; and give us the courage to walk through those doors as we live our faith and share God's love. Amen.

## Missions & Outreach

As we did last year, in February we will be having our "Love and Appreciation Project." We will donate bags of appreciation to various agencies that have made a big difference in our community. We ask for donations of snacks and notes of appreciation. Snacks may include cookies, crackers, chips, nabs, popcorn, etc. The donations should be left in the Social Hall at Bethel Church by Sunday, February 12th. We will then put the bags together and deliver these to the agencies. The staff of the following agencies will be given baskets:

1. Fauquier Hospital ER
2. Fauquier Hospital ICU
3. GoWell Urgent Care Facility (below Giant)
4. Piedmont Urgent Care Facility (on Blackwell Road)
5. State Police
6. Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
7. Warrenton Town Police
8. Fire Department (Warrenton)
9. Rescue Squad (Warrenton)
10. SPCA (Casanova)—in addition to snack items for staff, people may donation cat and dog items (food, toys, etc.)

Reminder that each month we have "Motel Ministry" in our community and donations are needed. Items that you can donate are canned food items (meat, vegetables, fruit, pasta, beef stew, chili, and soup), peanut butter, jelly, cereal, granola bars, etc. Toiletries such as deodorant, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, body lotion, laundry detergent (pods), tooth brushes, etc.

Thanks for supporting our community projects as we "Live Our Faith and Share God's Love."

Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum



## Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY)

On Sunday January 29th, our Youth group went to the local ice-skating rink for a social.

Special thanks to all our volunteers and parents who joined us.

**Ink Cartridges**

Donating used ink cartridges to the church helps us to get rewards at Staples that we use to purchase copy paper and other office supplies.

Thank you to all who donate!

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**Finance & Worship Attendance**

**Income & Expenses\***

January Income: \$19,580.00      January Expenses: \$23,279.44  
 YTD 2022 Income: \$19,580.00      YTD 2022 Expenses: \$23,279.44

\*Because the Beacon is published monthly, finances for the prior month will be reported.

**Attendance & Giving**

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/ Kids	Average	Giving
January 1	51	67	86.00	\$4,264.00
January 8	3	87	88.00	\$5,173.00
January 15	21	50	82.33	\$3,354.00
January 22	9	45	75.25	\$3,424.00
January 29	33	75	81.80	\$3,365.00

**Worship Update**

We recently changed our mask mandate for worship and all other events at Bethel. If you feel safer or want to protect family members at home, please feel free to wear a mask. If you want to come without a mask, you are welcome to do so. We continue to meet in the Sanctuary. Air purifiers are running in the sanctuary before, during, and after worship service.

Communion will be served by intinction on the first and third Sundays of the month. Those who prefer the self-serve elements or the gluten-free elements can ask the server when they come up.