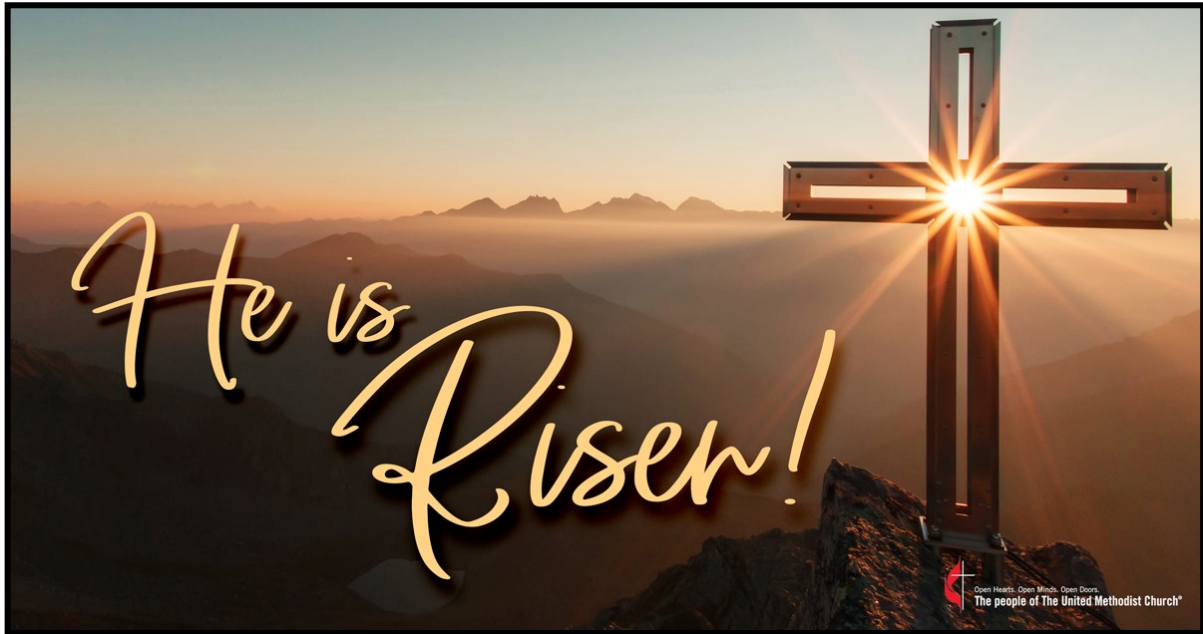

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BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Living our faith, sharing God's love.



Pastoral Column — Alone Again

One of the hardest things I witnessed while my mother stayed with me for almost three months were the moments she stayed home by herself. Although she was quite comfortable being alone it still bothered me to think she ate by herself or was waiting for Tarah and me to come home. During those moments of solitude, my mother listened to numerous sermons on



YouTube

from well-known Korean Methodist preachers. She also spent some time writing in her journal about her daily events and her encounters with God. But her favorite activity was needle point and over these months, mom was able to finish 20 pieces. She gave some to Kaitlin and Tarah but as soon as she got home, she had to display them for her own pleasure.

Pastor's Column—continued

My mother has an artistic side to her that people have appreciated and one of the joys in her is making things to add beauty to life. One day we visited her favorite store in Virginia and purchased some artificial flowers. As soon as she was done displaying her needle point creations, she was onto arranging the artificial flowers into her antique vases. Did I tell you that this all happened between 12:30 AM to 2 AM when we safely arrived back in Toronto on March 27th?



The week before we drove mom back to Toronto, one of her students that she taught in high school came up to visit mom from Alabama with my aunt and her husband. Listening to them talk was somewhat surreal. Watching a well-established 76-year-old lady talk to mom as her beloved teacher was amazing. Seeing the impact mom had on this lady and how she became successful in the United States allowed me to see a part of my mother that I seldom saw.



Not only was my mother a wonderful teacher but she also mentored many poverty-stricken children under her wing so that they could have the same opportunities as others. Apparently, my aunt (in the pink coat) met Mrs. Young Hee Kim at their local Korean Catholic Church in Birmingham, AL. They sat at the same table over lunch one Sunday and as they were sharing stories of how they came to Alabama, Mrs. Kim talked about her high school days in Korea. As my aunt listened to her story, she started to mention the same high school my aunt attended. Then my aunt asked if she knew a teacher by the name of Sun-Hi Choi. With a shocked look on Mrs. Kim's face, she said mom was her teacher. Then my aunt said that she was related to her, and they became close friends and took this opportunity to come visit mom.



Although it was hard leaving mom in Toronto, I knew she had friends and family she could lean on. The day before I left, she wanted to go see her sister as they are like two peas in a pod.

With much laughter and joy, both sisters were so glad to be together again, and I was glad she reconnected with her too.



Pastor's Column—continued



When I returned to Virginia, one of the first things I wanted to do was reconnect with some of our members that have not been able to join us on Sundays. I called some of our retired clergy members and John and Beth Chadsey along with John Killinger joined me at Northside 29 for lunch. They were the first members to ride the church minibus and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and good food.



BUS MINISTRY

Bethel Minibus

Have you seen this vehicle yet? Bethel UMC recently purchased a wonderful minibus from the Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington where my wife, Tarah, serves as an Associate. They have had this minibus since 2007 and recently decided to sell it as they now have two newer buses. After some basic maintenance and touch ups, this bus is now ready to serve our church in many ways. We plan to hold weekly gatherings for those that cannot drive and use it for all our mission projects throughout the year. This vehicle will



also help our children and youth ministry as they continue to grow in their activities and gatherings. Special thanks to Bethel's Trustees, Finance Committee, and Methodists on Mission (MOM) for financially providing the funds to make this happen. What a great way to show our presence in the community!

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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

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

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

Thursdays, 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Saturday, April 1, 9:30 am: United Women in Faith Meeting

Sunday, April 2, 10:00 am: Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 2, 5:00 pm: Taizé Service

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9, 6:30 am: Son-Rise Service

Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am: Easter Sunday Service

Saturday, April 15, 9:00 am: UMM Breakfast—Northside 29

Saturday, April 22, 8:00 am-12:00PM: United Women in Faith Yard Sale

Sunday, April 23: Children’s Sunday School resumes

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 pm: Trustees Meeting

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 am: Youth Sunday

Lay Leadership:

Lay Leader: Brett Hahn

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Chairs:
Sandra Colvin,
Karla YocumUnited Methodist Women
President: Dolores GoffLay Member to Annual
Conference: Brett HahnDistrict Conference
Representative & Steward:
Murray Edwards**April Worship**

April 2—Passion/Palm Sunday — Communion

Matthew 21:1-11 — “This is the Day”

Music: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor; Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty; King of Kings; Were You There*Special Music: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley – Hymndingers*

April 2—Taizé Worship Service — A worship experience in the Taizé tradition. It is characterized by the singing of meditative songs, candlelight, prayers, readings and scripture, along with periods of silence to allow us to hear Holy Spirit speak. (This service is not recommended for young children because of the long periods of silence.)

April 6—Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17 — “Commanded to Love”

Music: *He Has Made Me Glad; Father, I Adore You*

April 7—Good Friday —Tenebrae Service

Prelude: *Where are the Shepherds Now*

April 9—Son-Rise Service

April 9—Easter Sunday

Colossians 3:1-4 — “The End that Wasn’t”

Music: *The Day of Resurrection; Thine Be the Glory*Special Music: *Alleluia! Jesus Lives Today*

April 16—Second Sunday of Easter — Communion

1 Peter 1:3-9 — “Fullness of Joy”

Music: *Easter People Raise Your Voices; He Lives*Special Music: *Come to the Feast*

April 23—Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 116:1-4; 12-19 — “Loosening the Bonds”

Music: *I Will Call Upon The Lord; More Love To Thee*

April 29—Fourth Sunday of Easter — Youth Sunday



April Birthdays:

05 Judy Green
 06 Martin Jeffrey
 07 Sarah Taylor
 09 Ervin Teets
 10 Steve Kalinsky
 Christine Winters
 11 Robert Mayhugh
 12 Dona Nagy-Sutton
 14 Mary Grace Reichel
 15 Jennifer Bartlebaugh
 17 Emily Williamson
 18 Callaway Lee
 19 Stewart Nell
 Cindy Rainger
 20 Nancy Moore
 21 Sharon Sutton
 22 Avery Ford

April Anniversaries:

02 John & Beth Chadsey
 18 John & Joan Bacot
 Ervin & Mary Ann Teets

**Music Notes****Welcome back to Joan Bacot!**

Joan was the Music Director here at Bethel UMC for several years before moving on to other things. Now retired, she was the choral director at Fauquier High School and for several years where I served as her accompanist. Now we've come full circle and she has taken on the role of accompanist here. Joan is a wonderful musician and she and I have a great synergy working together. With an accompanist, I can conduct the choir to hopefully enhance what they are doing and give them confidence. Kudos to the choir for having endured without a conductor for over two months. Tis' not an easy thing to sing without one. All of this is to say we are delighted to have Joan with us.

Have you noticed that the choir is growing? We have added some new folks and welcomed back others; and ***we would love to welcome YOU***. If someone in your life has told you that you can't sing, let's talk about that. If you think you can only sing in the shower, let's talk about that. If you can sing, but don't read music, we can cover that, too! With the attendance at our worship services growing, it must be getting crowded out there. We have a seat for you in the choir.

We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. and then again at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Come, "dip your toe into the water" and give us a try for 6 weeks. After that if you decide it's not for you, then step away. But you just might discover you enjoy the singing and the fellowship.

Meditation Hymns

Sing! About once a month everyone gets a chance to sing in the choir... right from your seat during worship! You may have noticed that we've added a Meditation Hymn on occasion as part of our worship service. Why? I'm glad you asked. It's not because the choir wants to take a break. It's so we all remember that we are to be active participants in the worship service, not just observers. Typically, it will be a hymn that can be sung as a prayer and will generally be sung while seated. We hope you will appreciate the extra opportunity to sing.

Taizé Service Songs

Please join us for the Taizé service at 5:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 2nd; and bring your friends. This brief service will be a continuation of the Sunday morning worship service as we seek to walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross. It includes songs, readings, prayers and silence: all in a beautifully designed worship space with lots of natural evening light and candlelight.

The songs are not well known in traditional worship services, but... they are all found in *The Faith We Sing!* As you enter the sanctuary you will be given a song sheet with the words printed on it. We have included the page numbers from *The Faith We Sing!*, but honestly, the melodies are easy to learn. Jeff Krauss (on guitar) and I will be leading the music and singing, and after you hear the song once, you'll be able to sing it. The Taizé style songs are repeated many times because they have one simple phrase that is designed to be sung as a prayer.

Pat Martin, Music Director
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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.

Bethel United Methodist Men (UMM)

Since the beginning of the pandemic, our UMM group was not able to gather together for some time. Currently our executive team is Steve Yocum (President), Lewis Lee (Vice President), Murray Edwards (Secretary) and Roger Broadbent (Treasurer). As we launch our UMM group again, we want to invited all the men at Bethel UMC to save the date for a gathering on Saturday April 15 at BUMC's Social Hall. Our guest speaker is Rev. Chris Riedel (Senior Pastor at Aldie-Arcola UMC) who was our pastor back when he was a seminary student at Wesley. God is calling us to gather together so that we too can become "Likable Legends." Let us rise to become strong men of God!

LIKABLE LEGENDS

- **Bethel Men's Breakfast**
- Date: Saturday April 15
 - Time: 9 AM
- Place: Bethel UMC Social Hall
- Guest speaker: **Rev. Chris Riedel**
Senior Pastor of Aldie-Arcola Cooperative Parish
- Cost: Love offering



Bethel United Women in Faith (UMW)

On Saturday April 22, Bethel United Women in Faith (UMW) will hold their annual church yard sale. This year, we are going to clean house and bring out all the collected items from before to sell it. Someone's donation can be a treasure for another person so come check out all the items we will have out on the yard. It will begin a 8 AM and close at 12 PM.



Missions & Outreach

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, we would like to have a food drive similar to the one that we had during the Advent season. This food drive would benefit the Motel Ministry Project. We are asking the congregation to bring their donations into church each Sunday during Lent. The following is a suggested list of items you may contribute:

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| Laundry detergent
(the plastic tablets) | Cereal |
| Bar soap | Cereal/Granola bars |
| Body wash | Small jar of peanut butter |
| Body lotion | Small jar of jelly |
| Tooth paste | Small jar of mayonnaise |
| Shampoo | Crackers |
| Conditioner | Bags of individual snack size
chips, cookies, etc. |
| Deodorant | |
| Feminine products | |

Canned food items: (preferably with lift tops, but regular cans will work also)

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| Canned tuna | Canned beef stew |
| Canned chicken | Canned vegetables |
| Canned soup | Canned fruit or fruit cups |
| Canned chili | |

Your support of this project would be most appreciated.

Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum

Taco Night
at Bethel's
Friendship Table



Living our
Faith, Sharing
God's Love
with our Motel
Ministry



Computer Ministry

Hands and Feet

As Christians, we often like to refer to ourselves as the Hands and Feet of Christ. Recently we had a great example of what that means. One of the many charitable outreach projects which BUMC supports is Bethel Computers for Education (BCFE) which donates computers to some of the poorest schools in the world. Recently, BCFE needed to ship more than 500 laptop computers to schools in Haiti and Uganda but getting them there was the hardest part of the project. Hands and Feet from churches in Warrenton and Vero Beach, FL came together for the purpose of moving all the computers.

One team of volunteers refurbished the computers, another team packed them, and a third team moved them from Virginia to Vero Beach where a local team moved them into temporary storage. Other volunteers arranged for shipping to both countries. One team even carried 100 laptops in their luggage as they boarded a cruise to Santa Domingo and then transported by car to Hinche, Haiti.



It was a massive effort which could not have been done without the Hands and Feet of many people from all different walks of life - different denominations - and different talents. It proved without a doubt that each of us have different talents that can be used as the Hands and Feet of Christ. All we must do is offer them up and a great deal of good can be accomplished.

Dennis Baumann



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!

Finance & Worship Attendance

Income & Expenses*

March Income: \$23,697.00 March Expenses: \$37,343.68
 YTD 2023 Income: \$76,111.00 YTD 2023 Expenses: \$84,379.03

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

Attendance & Giving

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/ Kids	Average	Giving
March 5	33	74	105.30	\$10,587.00
March 12	43	97	108.45	\$5,134.00
March 19	29	67	107.42	\$3,737.00
March 26	45	86	109.23	\$4,239.00

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.

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