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# Bethel Beacon

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



## Message from the Pastor

Dear Bethel Family,

You are reading the first monthly newsletter of 2025. If you're like me, you made some New Year's resolutions this year; some you are keeping, while others you may be struggling with. If you're managing to stick to all your resolutions, I commend you for your commitment! However, if you've fallen behind, I encourage you to pick up where you left off. You still have eleven months to make progress. I've been in your shoes, too. A couple of years ago, one of my resolutions was to lose weight. I faced several challenges in keeping that resolution, but each time I stumbled, I picked myself up again. Eventually, with regular exercise and a healthy, disciplined diet (at least most of the time), achieved my goal. So, if you've stumbled on any resolution you made, I urge you to start again. After all, our Christian faith is about second chances, and God is always willing to offer them.

I am very excited about Bethel's ministry plans for 2025, and you can find some insights into those plans in the following pages of this newsletter. "Come and see" and be a part of the great work that God is doing through Bethel UMC.

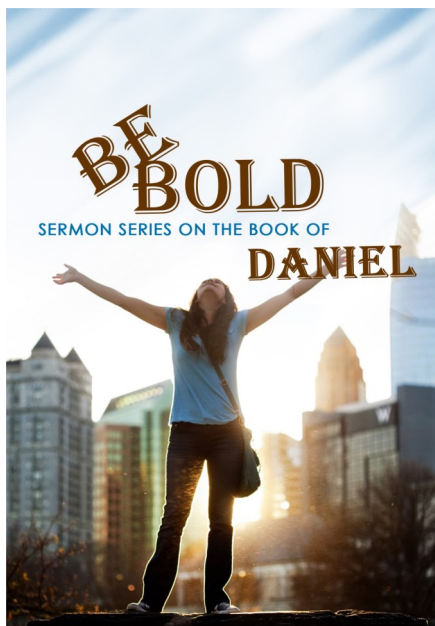
This is my earnest prayer for all of you: "May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. May He remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests." (Psalm 20:1-4)

Thank you, and please let me know if I can assist you in any way.

Rev. Nadeem



## Be Bold: Daniel Sermon Series



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| <b>February 2:</b>  | Be Bold: Go Against the Flow<br>Daniel 3:13-18               |
| <b>February 9:</b>  | Be Bold: Embrace Humility<br>Daniel 4:28-37                  |
| <b>February 19:</b> | Be Bold: Tell the Truth<br>Daniel 5:1-9                      |
| <b>February 23:</b> | Be Bold: Learn, Understand, Defend<br>Daniel 7:1-8, 11:36-39 |
| <b>March 2:</b>     | Be Bold: Pray and Trust<br>Daniel 10:7-14                    |

## Don't Stop the Music

A huge thank you to all the people who shared their musical gifts with the congregation during Advent and Christmas. The youth, the choir, the handbells, instrumentalists and vocalists. I think our Advent and Christmas musical season was delightful. In particular, thank you to Jane Brewer for serving as our choral accompanist and to Joice Fredenburgh for working with the handbells. Both are wonderful women with which to work.

### *Looking Ahead...*

I will be on medical leave for about 8 weeks, which began Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. My surgery, which was postponed from last October, was on January 13<sup>th</sup>, after which I have lifting and other restrictions for many weeks. During my absence, Jane Brewer has agreed to work with the choir and play on Sundays. It is a huge commitment and I am grateful for her dedication to the music ministry of the church.

### *Your Favorite Hymns*

I've put a clipboard on the Welcome Desk for you to write down your favorite hymns. It will be out there for about 6 weeks, but don't wait. While you're thinking of it, please add to the list. We will sing them in our next Sunday HymnSing and for Meditation hymns.

### *Bethel is hiring a Pianist/Accompanist*

Although, dear Jane and Joice have been so helpful over the last many months, filling in at the piano; the church is in need of a competent pianist who will accompany the choir. This is a paid position. I will still play for the worship services (when I return from medical leave); but we are in need of an accompanist at the piano while I direct the choir. If you know of anyone, please put them in touch with me. [pat88piano@gmail.com](mailto:pat88piano@gmail.com)

### *Your invitation*

We invite you to join the choir. All voices are welcome, especially sopranos. If you play an instrument, please let Jane Brewer know if you'd like to share some music during a worship service during January or February. Don't be shy. Rehearsals are at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday evenings. And you'll have the best seat in the house!





Sing and Ring!  
Worship  
Celebrations





## Chiming in from the Bell Room

The Hymndingers have enjoyed a long recess but are back at work getting ready to assist in worship again. We hope to be able to play for you in March as we enter into the Lenten season. We are also expanding our library once again to include some new music so that means lots of practice for us.

We were happy to be a part of the Sing and Ring celebration in December. It is a time when we get to play some of our favorite Christmas songs. We took a break after that which allowed everyone to spend time with their families and to take part in various church and community activities. Our Christmas dinner and gift exchange this year became a post epiphany evening with dinner at the Fredenburgh home followed by gift exchange and time for good conversation.

You may see a new feature in this column starting next month when we will feature one or two of our bell ringers. We will continue this each month until you have had an opportunity to get to know all of us. We have found that we come from places all over the country originally and have such diverse and interesting life stories to tell about our growing up, our families, our careers, etc. I think it will be a fun thing for our congregation to have an opportunity to get to know our members better.

As always, I can't say thank you enough to all of our ringers for their commitment and dedication of time. And thank you also to our Bethel congregation for their warm welcome and encouragement as we continue in this important music ministry.

Joice Fredenburgh

## Happenings with Bethel Members



Kathi and Jason Reichel are big supporters of the Ruritan's Dinner. Thank you!

Brenda Romenius came from the Alexandria District and awarded Kirsten King a pen and certificate for her term working for the district.



**Lay Leadership:**

Lay Leader: Brett Hahne

Council Chair: Ava Lee

Vice Chair: vacant

Staff-Parish Relations:

Steve Church, Interim Chair

Finance Chair: Lewis Lee

Finance Vice Chair:

Travis Taylor

Board of Trustees Chair:

Roger Broadbent

Church Treasurer:

Donna Broadbent

Finance Secretary

TBD

Recording Secretary:

Janet Miles

Worship Committee Chair:

Cathy Carayas

Funeral Care Committee Chair:

Donna Broadbent

Sunday School Superintendent:

Crystal Taylor

Nurture/Fellowship Committee

Chair: TBD

Mission &amp; Outreach Chairs:

Sandra Colvin,

Karla Yocum

United Women in Faith

President: Dolores Goff

United Methodist Men

President: Joe Florence

Annual Conference Member:

Rosanne Williamson

District Conference

Representative &amp; Steward:

Murray Edwards

Youth Representative:

Grant Taylor

Young Adult Representative:

TBD

**Mission/Outreach Committee**

The Mission/Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support for our missions and outreach projects.

We will continue to collect donations for Motel Ministry. Our next visit will be February 2, 2025. Your donations may be put in the bin on the cart in the Social Hall. We are in need of the following items:

Canned Food: meats (chicken, tuna), soups, spaghetti, beef stew, chili

Deodorant (men's and women's)

Can openers

Small packs of cookies, crackers, chips

Capri Sun Drink Packets

Canned fruit (regular and sugar free)

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Mustard and Mayonnaise

Women's Feminine Products

Soap

Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Lotion

Karla continues to work with the "Kairos Prison Ministry."

Sara Janickey continues to collect items for the Family Shelter in Warrenton. (paper towels, etc).

In appreciation of all their efforts for us during the year in February the Mission/Outreach Committee will be preparing bags of snacks to take to the staff of several local (Warrenton) first responder agencies. Since Valentine's Day is this month, we will be calling these bags of "Love and Appreciation from Bethel United Methodist Church." We will be collecting cookies, chips, crackers, etc. to put in the bags. These donations should be dropped off in the Social Hall at the church by Sunday, February 16th. The BUMY will be helping with this project, but we are also asking for volunteers to help prepare these bags after the service on Sunday, February 16th, and volunteers that would be willing to deliver bags. The following is a list of the agencies we will be preparing bags to share our love:

## Mission/Outreach Committee (cont.)

Fauquier Hospital ER  
Fauquier Hospital ICU  
GoWell Urgent Care (below Giant)  
Piedmont Urgent Care (on Blackwell Road)  
State Police  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office  
Fire Department (Warrenton)  
Rescue Squad (Warrenton)



SPCA (Casanova—Fauquier County)—in addition to snack items for the staff, people may donate cat and dog items (food, toys, etc.)

Your assistance would be most appreciated with this project. Please let Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum know if you are interested in helping out with this project.

Since we were unable to meet on January 19th, we will try to reschedule our meeting so that we can review upcoming projects.

Our Bethel family is always so generous with their support of our projects. It helps us in our mission of “Living Our Faith and Sharing God’s Love”.

Thanks, Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum, Co-Chairs of Mission/Outreach Committee

## Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY)



The Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY) will continue participating each month in the “Motel Ministry”. At our recent meeting the youth under Joice’s direction learned to play the bells. We have very talented youth! The Adult Volunteers and Pastor Nadeem are in the process of discussing with the youth and parents when our meetings should be for 2025. We are trying to select the



day and time that would allow our youth to participate more with BUMY. We are holding a parent/teen meeting on Sunday, February 9 after the worship service in the Upper Room.

**January Birthdays** *(Sorry, we missed publishing these)*

1	Rick	Putnam	17	Janet	Henry
6	Dave	Childers	18	Bonnie	Pool
8	Crystal	Taylor	20	Bill	Mitchell
10	Courtney	Childers	21	Amy	Zitzmann
10	Anne	Durbin	22	Stephen	Lee
10	Addison	Sellers	23	Alberto	Aguilar
12	Doloris	Baker	23	Amanda	Chow
12	Kim	Childers	24	Jill	Wilson
12	Edward	Stouffer	25	Linda	Lee
13	Thomas	Litchford	26	Charlene	Hahne
14	Carlton	Hayden	27	John	Lepto
16	Kirsten	King	31	Rachel	Gibson
16	Mary Ann	Otey	31	Denali	Grogan
17	Ruth	Lepto	31	Roger	Johns

**February Birthdays**

1	June	Wagner
5	Dolores	Goff
8	Luke	Gibson
12	James	Lee
14	Anna	Lee
22	Martha	Ginader
26	Aaron	Winters
27	Marlene	Billak

**March Birthdays**

4	Robert	Grady	20	Hilda	Laing
12	Patrick	Atwell	21	Dorothy	Crane
12	Beth	Chadsey	23	Nancy	Rider
12	Rebecca	Crouch	23	Anna	Shriver
13	Dean	Fortney	25	John	Bacot
16	Peggy	Goff	25	Tammie	Grogan
17	Allison	Janickey	27	Betty	Zyla
18	Patricia	Martin	29	Joice	Fredenburgh
19	Cora	Gibson	30	Matt	Gibson
20	Victoria	Atkins	31	Sue	Brooks

**Anniversaries**

January 07	Kevin and Tara Lee
February 02	Bill and Nancy Matthews
February 05	Ken and Pat Adams
February 14	Don and Mary Ann Otey
February 18	John and Gloria Killinger
February 19	Margaret and Clarence Gill
March 23	Dan and Sara Janickey

## Infrastructure Grant Application

Bethel UMC has an exciting opportunity to apply for an Infrastructure Grant for up to \$200,000 through the Northern Virginia Methodist District. These grants are designed to increase the missional impact of the church by offering financial support for infrastructure projects and to reduce existing infrastructure debt.

Pastor Nadeem along with Ava Lee, Council Chair, Roger Broadbent, Trustee Chair, Rick Putnam, Trustee, and Rosanne Williamson, as the grant writer, is the Bethel team preparing our application due to the district on Friday, January 31, 2025.

To fulfill the infrastructure needs at Bethel we are requesting this grant to (1) replace the shingles on the church roof and the towers (2) repair and pave the parking lot, (3) install a sidewalk for safer access to our Parish House where our offices and youth space are located, and (4) build an outdoor worship/recreation space. Finally, we will request the remaining debt of \$44,000 from our last capital project be funded.

The Bethel projects total to \$228,200 and Bethel Church will be requesting from the grant a total of \$193,000. In order to show good faith on the part of the church, the grant requests a 15% church match or in our case, a total of \$34,200.

On Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the grant informational meeting following the worship service, attendees asked many good questions



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about the grant process and the church match requirement, and a fund drive immediately began to meet the needed match of \$34,200. Some folks are even willing to make matching donations. We would like to have all pledge commitments in by March 2. Please email Lewis Lee (lee421@starpower.net) with your pledge amount. If you'd like to add to the fund, please make your check out to Bethel UMC and write Grant on the memo line – thank you so much!

For more information, please ask any of the grant team members.

## Events and Meetings

Wednesdays	Prayer Gathering, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Mondays	Women's Book Study, 10 a.m., Pavilion Room
Thursdays	Hymndingers, Bell Rm 301, 5:30—6:30 pm Choir, Sanctuary, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 1	United Women of Faith (UMF) Meeting, Pavilion Room, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 1	United Methodist Men (UMM) Meeting, Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 2	Motel Ministry, 11:30 a.m. Social Hall
Tuesday, February 4	Fauquier Cty Quilters, 6:30 p.m. Social Hall
Sunday, February 9	Trustees, 11:30 a.m., Pavilion Room
Tuesday, February 25	Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Pavilion Room

## Worship Reminder



**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.