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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,

We have entered the fourth week of Lent, and my hope and prayer are that you are taking this opportunity to engage in spiritual work during this season. Fasting, spending time in prayer, reading the Bible, and self-examination are valuable practices to deepen our relationship with God and with others. Lent invites Christians to make necessary changes by letting go of things that hinder our growth into maturity and completeness. This could include bad habits such as gossip, anger, overspending, procrastination, favoritism, addiction, or any other negative behaviors that need to be addressed.

If your health permits, fasting can be particularly instrumental as you work toward significant changes in your life. Self-examination leads to repentance, which prompts change, and repent-

ance fosters a better relationship with God and with others. Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights before beginning His earthly ministry. As followers of Jesus, we are encouraged to fast and pray, and I hope you will consider this important spiritual discipline. Additionally, as we continue our journey toward the cross, I would like to extend an invitation to join us at Bethel for the Holy Week services. The services are listed below.

I look forward to seeing you!

In Christ,
Rev. Nadeem



Holy Week Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem the Sunday before his resurrection. Mentioned in each of the four Gospels, the Bible story of Palm Sunday tells us that Jesus entered the city knowing He would be tried and crucified and welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the remembrance of Jesus' last days.

Holy Week Taize' Service

Join us on Sunday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Begin your journey to the cross on Palm Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.
in the quiet of the sanctuary.

A Taize' style service is a quiet, contemplative service that includes prayers, songs, readings and quiet periods. The sanctuary will be lighted with candles. Come early. Music will begin at 4:40 for you be still, shake off the day; and consider your role in the journey to the cross with Jesus.

Would you walk with him? Would you hide? Would you stay through all of it?
Give yourself the opportunity to spend time in the quiet and the beauty of the candles.

The service will last about 35-40 minutes. No preaching, no offering.
Just readings, singing, prayers and time to think.

Holy Week Good Friday

Good Friday is a critical worship experience for our Christian faith. This does not only carry theological significance in Christian traditions, but also reminds us of the pain, sorrow, suffering and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Christ would like to see us at the feet of the cross, reflecting and pondering the meaning of that great sacrifice before we shout "He is Risen" on Easter morning. In this service, we will focus on the last seven words that Jesus spoke on the cross. Join friends and family on **April 18, at 7:00 p.m.** Service will also be live streamed.

Holy Week Easter

We will continue Bethel's traditional Easter Sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning and the service will be held outside at 6:45 a.m. Come and join Bethel Church to shout "He is Risen" with the rising of the sun.

Easter regular service will be at 10 AM. Easter brings us a great opportunity to invite our neighbors and friends to join for worship. Think about a person that you would like to invite this year.



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Easter Garden on the Old Rugged Cross

As Easter morning approaches, please consider donating some spring flowers to adorn our Old Rugged Cross outside the social hall. It's become a Bethel tradition, and looking out on that magnificently flowered cross as the sun rises during our Sunrise service is just breathtaking! And it makes for a great photo op for family pictures too.

Please bring some cut flowers — either from your garden, or store bought — when you come to the Good Friday service at 7pm on Friday, April 18; Saturday, April 19; or Easter morning. Our members have also pruned smaller flowering branches from their own magnolias, redbuds, dogwoods, forsythia and the like, and added them to the cross too. There will be buckets of water on the first table as you enter the church and just outside the front door. Just place your flowers into one of the buckets when you arrive on Good Friday or anytime that Saturday. Our early birds to the Sunrise Service on Easter morning will place the flowers in the chicken wire that's wrapped around the cross. The palms that we waved on Palm and Passion Sunday will already be on the cross to serve as a beautiful background for your flowers.



*Imagine
A
World
At
Peace
An Art Quilt*



Bethel is blessed to have a local quilt artist, Sara Rayaprol, share her lovely work with us during the season of Lent. When asked about her inspiration, she wrote the following:

What if we could wrap the Earth in a Tallit?

If you aren't familiar with this prayer shawl, it is a personal tent, if you will, or covering. When I'm covered by my Tallit, I feel a strong sense of God's presence and peace. My quilt visualizes the Earth wrapped in a Tallit and filled with God's peace, love, hope, and light.

This idea came from a vision I received when thinking about my love for all humanity and how God's children are suffering and dying in the recent wars! Peace and unity in love should be for all mankind! These two things have to begin in every heart. I pray that you can share my vision of peace as you look upon my quilt.

The Hebrew blessing on the Tallit translates to: "Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to enwrap ourselves with tzitzis."

Imagine A World at Peace is displayed above the information table in the Social Hall. Please take a few minutes to pray for peace, personally and for our communities, as you enjoy the artwork.



Don't Stop the Music

Pat Martin, Music Director

A huge thank you to everyone who helped lead the music at Bethel starting in mid-January when I began my medical leave of absence. I'm back now but I certainly appreciated the prayers, cards, meals, flowers and the love shared with me during my recovery. I am feeling well now, and just need to find where all my energy went!

Jane Brewer made the process much easier for me. Jane and I have known one another for over 30 years when she and I served other churches, but collaborated on some joint projects. She is an extraordinary musician with a heart for serving the Lord through music. Jane will continue to direct the choir through Easter, since she's been rehearsing with them for 8 weeks. I'm happy to work side by side with her. THANK YOU, dear Jane!

As always, we have room for more folks in the choir. If you've ever thought about being part of a choir, please talk to me, or just come on Thursday evening at 6:45. We'll have your chair and some music ready! You do NOT need to be able to read music. Most in the choir do not. But a heart for singing and working together is a must.

We are still looking for an accompanist for the choir. If you know anyone who is proficient at the piano; or if you know someone who has been an experienced choral director, please talk with me.

Women's Thursday Morning

Class Returns!

April 17th – May 22nd



Pat Martin will begin a six week class on **Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. starting on April 17th in the Pavilion Room.** This will be a different format because we will NOT be studying a specific book. The class is designed using the tenets of the "Holy Moments" book (which you do not need to read) and adding a specific scripture each week. ***This is a guided Discussion class.*** No reading required. In the tradition of John Wesley, who called his groups "Classes", we will meet to talk about the holy moments in our lives each week and "how it is with our souls". No pressure, no stress. No need to sign up. Just come and be yourself and share your stories. Pat asks you to join with her and invite a friend.



March Birthdays

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

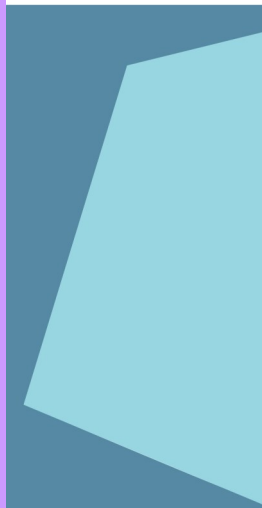
Anniversaries

23 Dan and Sara Janickey

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.





CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Finance & Worship Attendance

Income & Expenses

February Income	\$23,773.00	February Expenses	\$24,390.87
March Income:	\$20,251.00	March Expenses	\$38,053.55
YTD 2025 Income:	\$84,196.55	YTD 2025 Expenses:	\$87,644.92

Attendance & Giving

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/Kids	Average	Giving
February 2	40	80	59.60	\$8047.00
February 9	72	60	59.67	\$3671.00
February 16	42	75	61.86	\$7719.00
February 23	27	69	62.75	\$4336.00
March 2	12	69	63.44	\$6037.00
March 9	42	69	64.00	\$3934.00
March 16	42	74	64.91	\$4060.00
March 23	35	59	64.42	\$3440.00
March 30	n/a	66	64.54	\$2780.51

Note from the Finance Committee

In a season where we traditionally give up something for ourselves,
what is it that we give to others of ourselves?

What does giving mean to you?

Is it your time that you freely give?

Is it your experience you share with others?

Is it your financial support?

Thank you for all the ways you give, together they are the foundation of our church and every way is a gift granted us by God.

Lewis Lee, Travis Taylor, Donna Broadbent, Brett Hahne, Ava Lee, Steve Church, Roger Broadbent, Jennifer Sellers, Eric Zitzmann,
and Pastor Nadeem

April Birthdays

Mary Beth Colvin	2
Sarah Hundley	4
Judy Green	5
Ervin Teets	9
Steve Kalinsky	10
Christine Winters	10
Dona Nagy-Sutton	12
Mary Grace Reichel	14
Jennifer Bartlebaugh	15
Emily Williamson	17
Callaway Lee	18
Cindy Rainger	19

April Anniversaries

John and Beth Chadsey	02
John and Joan Bacot	18
Mary Ann and Ervin Teets	18
Ted and Betty Zyla	29

Mission/Outreach

Next Motel Ministry is Sunday, April 6th.

Karla continues leading the Kairos Prison Ministry. She has their prison meeting this coming weekend. She will share all the cookies that were prepared and donated by the Bethel congregation.

Sara Janickey continues preparing and sharing meals with the help of Bethel congregation for the Emergency Family Shelter in Warrenton.

Ed Stouffer and Denny Baumann continue to work with the Computer Ministry. We received pictures from BCFE in Haiti.

**United Women of Faith Reading Program**

Thank you to the current participants of the reading program. This year's books are displayed in the Social Hall near the Welcome Center for anyone to borrow. There are different categories to pick from: Social Action, Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Leadership Development, and Education for Ministry. There are even more books eligible for this year's reading recognition program in the library. **Bethel has a library? Yes, we do!** Take the elevator to the 3rd

floor or the stairs by the kitchen (up one flight) and visit Room 303 (around the corner to the right).

Read a book from every category to earn a certificate award from the United Methodist Women of Northern Virginia. We have kid books too. Shout out to Luke and Isla for reading a couple books.



Youth Sunday, March 30



Bethel United Methodist Youth (BUMY) provided Bethel's worship service on Sunday, March 30. The youth performed the servant volunteer roles and brought powerful testimonies to complement the Daniel scripture (Daniel 6:7-13; 16-23 NIV). Luke G. and Brody S. served as the ushers. Oliver T. and Kadisha N. offered the greetings, call to worship and prayers. Kevin K. and Brody S. also led the congregation in a competitive game of Daniel Trivia. Bethel's musical talent surpassed all expectations with Grant T. as the pianist, Oliver T. on his cello, Luke G. on his tuba and Addie S. performing solo the worship anthem, *Hallelujah*.

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Events and Meetings

Wednesdays	Prayer Gathering, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Thursdays	Hymndingers, Bell Rm 301, 5:30—6:30 pm Choir, Sanctuary, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1	Fauquier Cty Quilters, 6:30 p.m. Social Hall
Saturday, April 5	United Women of Faith (UMF) Meeting, Pavilion Room, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 6	Motel Ministry, 11:30 a.m., Social Hall
Saturday, April 12	Soup Dinner, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sunday, April 13	Trustees, 11:30 a.m., Pavilion Room
Wednesday, April 16	BUMY Painting Night, 5:45 p.m., Social Hall
Thursday, April 17	Women's Holy Moments Class, 10 to 11 am, Pavilion Room with Pat Martin
Tuesday, April 22	Retired Teachers Luncheon, 9 am, Social Hall
Tuesday, April 22	Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Pavilion Room
Tuesday, April 29	BUMY Fellowship Meal, 5:45 p.m.—8:00 p.m., Davis Parish House



Bethel
 Community
 Everywhere!

Pat Adams,
 Martha Jo
 Payne,
 Dolores Goff,
 Donna
 Broadbent,
 Diane
 Shofkom,
 Martha
 Ginader,
 Jane Brewer



Thank you
 Ken Adams
 for letting us
 see their
 smiling faces.

