



## Bethel United Methodist Church

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Address service requested



A NEW  
YEAR  
&  
NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES



Do not neglect  
to **do good** and to  
**share** what you have,  
for such **sacrifices**  
are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

## Bethel Tidings

*Ministries of Bethel United Methodist Church*

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### Bethel United Methodist Church

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#### **Sunday Worship Services**

Rev. Bill Warehime, Pastor  
 8:45 a.m. - Traditional  
 11:00 a.m. - Contemporary Service  
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

#### **Church office**

Phone 301.733.8387  
 Email: [bethel.church@myactv.net](mailto:bethel.church@myactv.net)

Please contact the church office:  
 If your address or phone number has changed.  
 If there has been a birth or death in your family.  
 If you are ill or hospitalized.

#### **For Prayer Chain**

Contact Beverly Miller 301.739.6270 or  
[shanda@myactv.net](mailto:shanda@myactv.net)

### Secretary's office hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:  
 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
 Tuesday, Thursday:  
 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.  
 email: [bethel.church@myactv.net](mailto:bethel.church@myactv.net)



The office is closed on major holidays.  
 Bulletin announcements are due to the office by Wednesday prior to Sunday.  
 Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month.  
 Please notify the custodians or the office of changes in the use of facilities.

The office has forms for organizations to fill out to use the church facilities for sub sales, programs or other activities in the church to help scheduling heat, custodian time, etc.

If the SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN is in effect at 5:01 p.m. there will be no evening activities.  
 Sunday morning is rarely cancelled. In case of cancellation, you may call the church as to whether church is cancelled, also an announcement is called into WJEJ and WCRH as early as possible.

But under no circumstances, if you do not feel safe to travel, DO NOT COME! Your comfort and safety are important. We trust you to use your best judgement.

## Bethel's Vision 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.

## Bethel's Mission Statement

We the people of God  
On the move for Jesus  
To transform the world  
By the power of the Holy Spirit

Catch the Excitement!  
Witness the Joy!  
Shape the Vision!

## Meet Our Staff



### Bishop of Balt/Wash Conference:

Bishop John R. Schol  
*bishopsoffice@bwcumc.org*  
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11711 E. Market Place  
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### Cumberland/Hagerstown Superintendent:

Rev. Dr. Conrad O. Link  
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Hagerstown, MD 21740-5452

### Pastor:

Rev. Bill Warehime  
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Home phone: 301.733.8221  
Cell phone: 410.259.3301

### Church Secretary:

Joyce Belella  
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**Church Staff (continued)**

**Lay Leaders:**

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 301.733.7431

**Usher Chair:**

Phil Baker  
 301.739.0829

**Assistant Usher Chair:**

Barry Sprecher  
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 301.824.3727

**Acolyte Chair:**

Lisa Sprecher  
*bellringerbum@aol.com*  
 301.733.0999

**Custodians:**

Kathy Rice	Mel Weaver
301.665.1062	301.824.2951

**Noah's Ark Childcare Center**

Teresa Rossiter  
 301.733.1273

**Church Ministries**

**Administrative Council**

Pastor .....	Rev. Bill Warehime
Chair .....	Larry Belella
Recording Secretary .....	Joyce Belella
Lay Leaders .....	Al Deal

Keith Hoffman

Church Treasurer .....	David Brandenburg
Finance Chair .....	Chris Bolton
Financial Secretary .....	Mary Gross
Lay Member to Conference ....	Max/Jeanne Avey
Trustee Chair .....	TBD

S. S. Superintendent ..... Mary Gross

SPRC Chair ..... Tom Edwards

Lay Leadership ..... Ed Staeblein

Youth Representative ..... Matthew Sprecher

Children Ministries ..... Donna Johnson

Christie Phillips

Noah's Ark ..... Teresa Rossiter

Youth Ministries ..... Barry/Penny Sprecher

Blair Rishell

Health Ministries ..... Janet Deibert

Altar Committee ..... Doris Miller

UM Women ..... Vivian Michael

Family Ministries ..... Maureen Springer

Librarian ..... Jeanne Carper

Members @ Large ..... Celia Ausherman

Fred Baker

Phil Baker

June Sprecher

Marlene Young

**Committee on Pastor Parish Relations**

Keith Hoffman .....	2012
Derek Ritter .....	2012
Ed Staeblein .....	2012
JoAnn Bolton .....	2013
Melissa Broadwater .....	2013
Tom Edwards, Chair .....	2013
David Brandenburg .....	2014
Paul Boyer .....	2014
Ben Howes .....	2014

**Trustees**

Jon Snyder .....	2012
Barry Sprecher, Treasurer .....	2012
Glenn Springer .....	2012
Dale Beard .....	2013
Jason Broadwater .....	2013
Bret Sprecher .....	2013
Jim Luther .....	2014
Karen Luther .....	2014
Linda Barnhart .....	2014

**Committee on Lay Leadership**

Sandy Hose .....	2012
Barry Sprecher .....	2012
Ed Staeblein, Chair .....	2012
Roni McNairn .....	2013
Derek Ritter .....	2013
Teresa Rossiter .....	2013
Pam Deal .....	2014
Steve Young .....	2014
Elaine Snyder .....	2014

**Church Ministries (continued)**

**Scholarship Committee**

Celia Ausherman	Mike McAllister
Harvey Leisinger	Marlene Young

**Altar Committee**

Max/Jeanne Avey	Beverly Miller
Fred Baker	Doris Miller, Chair
Tom/Jane Edwards	Melissa Metger
Chris/JoAnn Bolton	Phyllis Rice
Glen Eccard	Teresa Rossiter
Sandy Hose	Elaine Snyder
Harvey/Connie Leisinger	

**Youth Fellowship**

Jordan McNairn .....	President
Brady Boyer .....	Vice-President
Secretaries .....	Megan Gelsinger
	Ally Boyer
Treasurer .....	Matthew Sprecher
Public Relations .....	Ryan Bolton
Activity Coordinators .....	Sami Rossiter
	Connor McNairn

**Caring and Sharing Ministry**

They provide food to those of our Bethel family when they are in needs, such as after hospitalization, or homebound members who need meals. Contact:

Donna Johnson  
301.797.8658 or [dj@myactv.net](mailto:dj@myactv.net)

**Church Ministries (continued)**

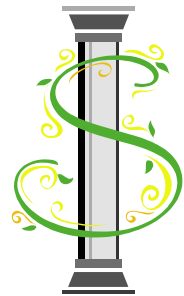
**Communion Ministry Team**

- Al Deal
- Keith Hoffman
- Judy Hoffman
- Sandy Hose
- Doris Miller
- Ed Staeblein
- Marlene Young



**Finance**

- Finance Chair ..... Chris Bolton
- Treasurer ..... David Brandenburg
- Financial Secretary ..... Maureen Springer



**Finance Committee**

- Celia Ausherman
- Chris Bolton
- David Brandenburg
- Mary Gross
- Barry Sprecher
- Mike Young

**F.R.O.G.**

**Meet 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays during Worship**

Donna Johnson, teacher  
 Children from Kindergarten - 5th Grade learn to Fully Rely On God with crafts and lesson time. Also there is choir practice for the children to sing on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.

**Loyal Temperance Legion**

**Meets 4th Sunday during Traditional Service**

Teresa Rossiter, director  
 LTL is the children's branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for ages 6 - 12 years old.

1. Their purpose is to help children know the effects of alcohol and other drugs.
2. Children experience holding an office and conducting meetings.
3. Program based on character training with lessons in citizenship, social services and health.

**Blood Pressure Screenings**

**Given 4th Sunday of the month**

Screening are available in the Adult Sunday School area before the Traditional Service and the Family Life Center hallway between services.

**Noah's Ark Childcare Center**

**School days 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

This after-school program has the desire to serve the children of the community with enthusiasm for learning good Christian values in an environment that is nurturing and accepting of others. It is an outreach of the church, which dedicates its services to the Lord our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Coordinator, Teresa Rossiter  
 301.733.1273



**Church Ministries (continued)**

***Women at the Well***

***Wednesday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.***

The Women at the Well are an active part of the ministry of Bethel. During the fall and winter they have a Bible study. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for a Fellowship Brunch at area restaurants. They also sponsor several events for the Bethel congregation such as the Mother/Daughter Banquet, and a Women's Retreat.

***Prayer Chain***

A group of dedicated, loyal, compassionate people in our congregation receive prayer requests and immediately act upon them by offering prayer.

Coordinator, Beverly Miller 301.739.6270

email: [\*\*\*shanda@myactv.net\*\*\*](mailto:shanda@myactv.net)

Chair person of each cell is listed:

Phyllis Rice ..... 301.739.1478

Peggy Snyder ..... 301.790.1776

June Sprecher ..... 301.739.8986

Liz Weaver ..... 301.824.2951

We also have an **Email Prayer Chain** - if you are not on the list to receive the praises and prayers of the congregation

email Pastor Bill [\*\*\*billwarehime@myactv.net\*\*\*](mailto:billwarehime@myactv.net)

or the Church [\*\*\*bethel.church@myactv.net\*\*\*](mailto:bethel.church@myactv.net)

***Missions & Outreach Coordinators***

Roxanne Terry  
717.762.7953

Aimee Stewart  
[\*\*\*aimeeforvim@yahoo.com\*\*\*](mailto:aimeeforvim@yahoo.com)

*Bethel United Methodist Church's Missions and Outreach Committee is on the move for Jesus in our local community, in our country and in places around the world spreading the news of God's grace through helping hands and Christian love.*

Ministries supported in our local community:

- Bethel Helping Hands
- Popcorn Ministry
- Habitat for Humanity
- Smithsburg Area Food Bank
- Prayer Shawl Ministry

Ministries supported in our country:

- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Military Care Packages
- Mission Serve
- Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

Ministries supported in our world:

- Least of These Ministries
- UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- Operation Christmas Child
- Church World Service
- Nothing But Nets



### Church Ministries (continued)

#### Bethel Believers

Class meets Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in the church parlor.

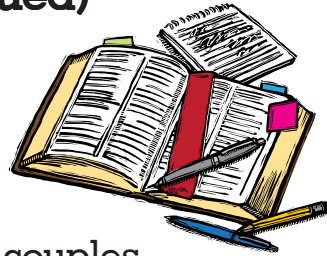
Open to all adults, the class generally has individuals and couples ranging in age from twenties through seventies-plus! There's a place for everyone in the Body of Christ. All are welcome.

Bethel Believers mission calling:

*Come Holy Spirit, open our eyes so that we see Jesus; open our ears so that we hear His words; open our hearts so that we know His love. Then bless and lead us to go forth to be His hands and feet as we share His love and expand His Kingdom in our church, our community and our world.*

Use small group study materials.

The class expands the church outside its doors through mission and outreach projects such as gathering and shipping military care packages, making and distributing emergency survival kits such as flood supply kits and through Operation Christmas Child, an annual project that shares the good news of God's love with hurting children around the world in poverty, areas of war-torn destruction and areas of natural disaster, through the gift of a shoe box filled with simple gifts.



#### Music at Bethel

We are blessed to have many music ministries at Bethel. Don't miss out on an opportunity to share your talents. New members and Special music are always welcome.

**Adult Choir** rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. from September - May. They sing in the Traditional Service on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month.

**Men's Chorus** rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from September - May. They sing in the Traditional Service on the 4th Sunday of the month.

**Crosswalk** is our Youth Praise Team, they rehearse on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. They participate in the Contemporary Service a Sunday during the month.

**Offering** the Praise Team rehearses on Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. They participate in the Contemporary Service each week.

#### Music Staff

- Resource Coordinator ..... Marlene Young
- Accompanist ..... Phyllis Harbaugh
- Accompanist ..... Sue McAllister
- Adult Choir Director ..... Jeff Harbaugh
- Accompanist ..... Nick IntVeldt
- Men's Chorus Director ..... Duane McNairn
- Accompanist ..... Joyce Belella
- Worship Leader ..... Paul Belella
- Children's Choir Director ..... Donna Johnson

**Church Ministries (continued)**

**Sunday School**

Superintendent .....	Mary Gross
Pre-K/Kindergarten .....	Tammy Smith Valerie Kaufmann
1 & 2 Grade .....	Tammy Gantz Maureen Springer Jane Edwards
3 - 5 Grade .....	Teresa Rossiter Lori Shifflett Jeanne Dinterman Kim Rishell
6 - 12 Grade .....	Barry/Penny Sprecher Blair Rishell Jason/Melissa Broadwater
TNT Cross Training .....	Steve Young
Seekers Class .....	June Sprecher
4th Day .....	Dale Beard
Bethel Believers .....	Marlene Young
Adult Sunday School .....	Tom Edwards



***BOB - Brothers of Bethel  
Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of  
the month***

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.  
Proverbs 27:17*

Men's group that get together for food and fellowship. They also adventure through the Bible with different studies.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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Knitted and crocheted prayer shawls are available for anyone for comfort during difficult times or also for joyful times. Lap robes can be taken to those in convalescent centers or who are going through chemotherapy or in hospice care. Pillows are good for surgical or special situations, and several baby afghans are available. These items are bagged, tagged, and sized in the library or on the small table in the Family Life Center foyer.

Anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet or sew a pillow and be part of this ministry may contact Jeanne Carper, Liz Weaver, Ruth Clevenger, Linda Barnhart, or Danielle Poffenberger. Demand is high, supply is low, rewards are priceless.

**For A Laugh**

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going." "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said:

1. They don't like me, and
2. I don't like them."

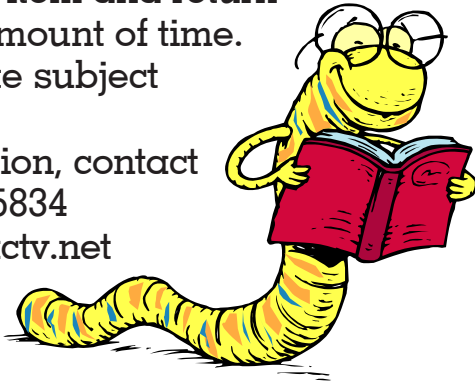
His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you should go to church.

1. You're 59 years old, and
2. You're the pastor!"

### ***Our Library***

The library is open when the church is open. It is located behind the door in the parlor and includes the books shelved on the east parlor wall. About 1200 books are organized by subject. Also available are 100 VHS tapes and DVDs and almost 50 CDs. A searchable list of all items is available on the computer in the library and on the church website or by request. Selected items are also available on a table in the Family Life Center. Just sign out the item and return it within a reasonable amount of time. Donations of appropriate subject matter are appreciated.

For additional information, contact  
Jeanne Carper: 301.791.5834  
or email: [j.carper@myactv.net](mailto:j.carper@myactv.net)



### **Emmaus Ministries**

#### ***Emmaus***

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. Weekends are in the spring and fall.

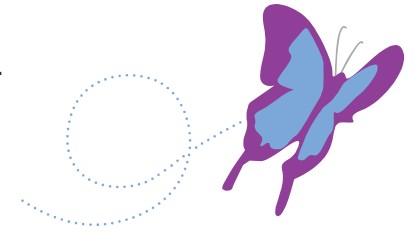
*And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Luke 24:32*



### ***Chrysalis***

Chrysalis in the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus. It symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. The growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship.

There is a Young Adult weekend for ages 19-24 and a High School weekend for ages 15-18.



### ***Kairos Ministries***

A prison ministry designed to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated men, women and children, and to their families and to those who work in the prison environment.



### ***Emmaus Weekends***

Men's Spring Weekend April 26-29  
Women's Spring Weekend May 3-6

### ***Chrysalis***

Youth Weekend February 17-20

### ***Kairos Outside***

Women affected by those incarcerated  
April 26-29

## Samaritan's Purse

Marlene Young received a letter from Neil Parrot, Maryland House of Delegates:

Thank you and the congregation at Bethel United Methodist Church for your efforts in preparing and sending shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child. Your contributions to this organization are doubtlessly some of the best things a church congregation can do.

As your delegate, I believe that such efforts are lights to the community and the world. It goes to show the tremendous things that can happen with perseverance and dedication.

I know that your gifts will touch and change the lives of children everywhere and that is an immensely comforting thought. Thank you so much for your selfless giving of time and effort to further this great cause.

### *Where Is Samaritan's Purse Working...*

In places like Vietnam, Samaritan's Purse is building schools to provide children with an opportunity to receive an education and change their lives.

In Mongolia, through Children's Heart Project, a child was flown to Ann Arbor, MI for life-saving surgery.

Samaritan's Purse distributed hundreds of tons of food staples with material support from the UN's World Food Program.

Dear Lord,  
 Today as I bring my needs to You,  
 I also pray that You will fill my greater need  
 To be open to the possibilities of Your answers.  
 Help me to accept unlikely means,  
 In the same way You accepted me  
     when least likely to succeed.  
 As I pray for rescue,  
 Rescue me from forgetting  
     that You are always there.  
 As I search for answers,  
 Help me listen for Your words,  
 And lead me to follow Your directions.  
 May I respond to calls to pray,  
 Trusting You will supply the words.  
 Open me to accept new partnerships,  
 To broaden my faith and narrow my faults.  
 Help me diligently store the Scriptures,  
 So they might answer me with truth.  
 May I never stop being amazed

## Prayer Works



by Your answers  
 So that I might stand  
 daily in awe  
 Applauding the ways  
 You are at work  
 in my life.  
 Today and forever may  
 I always be  
 Surprised by prayer.

~Karen Barber,

*Surprised by Prayer*

	2011	2012
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	255,320	258,318
Use of Building	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	260,320	263,318
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>		
Interest-Mortgage	15,000	8,000
Principal-Mortgage	<u>40,000</u>	<u>47,000</u>
<b>Total Cap. Expend.</b>	55,000	55,000
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Bible School	1,000	1,000
Camps & Conferences	1,200	1,500
Children's Ministry	500	500
Church Materials	3,000	3,500
Church Music	1,500	1,500
Guest Speakers	300	300
Library & Visual Aids	200	200
Sunday School Mat.	3,200	3,200
Women at the Well	500	500
Youth Ministry	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
<b>Total Christian Ed.</b>	12,150	12,950
<b>Current Operating Expenses</b>		
Advertising	2,500	2,500
Electric	13,000	11,000
Employee Compensation		
Custodians	14,038	14,248
Secretary	11,964	12,143
Employment taxes	1,989	2,019
Flowers/Memorials	1,000	1,000
Gas & Oil	12,500	15,000
Insurance	11,000	11,000
Ministry of Music	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	600	600

Office Supplies	3,500	3,000
Repairs/Maintenance	5,000	5,000
Telephone/Internet	2,000	2,000
Transportation	500	500
Water	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,900</u>
<b>Total Operating Exp.</b>	82,091	82,910
<b>Contributions and Donations</b>		
Local Food Assist.	500	500
Missions	7,500	
Church World Service		100
Habitat for Humanity		1,000
Kairos Prison Ministry		200
Least of These Ministries		1,000
Missionary Support		2,500
Nothing But Nets		100
One Great Hour of Sharing		400
Popcorn Ministry		50
REACH		500
Smithsburg Food Bank		1,000
United Methodist Advance Project		200
World Communion		300
Miscellaneous		<u>1,650</u>
<b>Total Contrib/Don</b>	7,500	9,000
<b>The Ministry</b>		
Pastor's Salary	47,551	48,264
Continuing Education	500	500
Travel Expenses	3,600	3,600
Pension/Medical	20,005	20,759
Utilities & Maintenance	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>
<b>Total Ministry</b>	75,856	77,323
<b>Apportionments</b>	27,223	26,135
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>260,320</b>	<b>263,318</b>