

# Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

# Bethel Tidings

## November 2024

### **Grateful for Pentecost, Awaiting Advent**

As we move through November, the season of Pentecost draws toward its close, and we find ourselves reflecting on the many ways God's Spirit has been at work in our lives and in the life of the church. Pentecost reminds us that we are a people empowered by the Holy Spirit, sent into the world to bear witness to Christ's love, mercy, and hope. It's a season that calls us to live in faith, not in fear, and to trust in God's provision—an echo of the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 6:25-33, urging us not to worry, but to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

As we look ahead to Advent and the promise of the Christmas season, we do so with the anticipation of God's new creation. Revelation 21:1-6a offers us a vision of what's to come—a new heaven and a new earth, where every tear is wiped away, and all things are made new. This is the hope that sustains us, even as we navigate the uncertainties of our world today. It reminds us that God's kingdom is already breaking into our midst, transforming our hearts, our communities, and our world.

This November, let us give thanks for the ways God is moving in our midst, shaping us into the people we are called to be. And as Advent approaches, let us prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ who makes all things new.

With gratitude and hope,  
Pastor Jim Johnson

### **A Heartfelt Thank You**

I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to all of you for the incredible Pastor Appreciation Sunday that was held in honor of my family and me. The recognition, kind words, and thoughtful gestures were truly overwhelming, and we are immensely blessed to be part of this wonderful church community.

Ministry is a journey that we walk together, and I am constantly reminded that the hard work we do is made possible because of the support, prayers, and love from each and every one of you. It is a privilege to serve alongside such a dedicated and caring congregation. The energy and commitment you bring to the life of this church are what make it thrive, and it is an honor to witness how God works through all of us.

Please know how much my family and I appreciate your generosity and your encouragement. We look forward to continuing this journey with you, as we seek to deepen our faith, serve our community, and grow together in Christ's love.

Thank you again for making us feel so appreciated and loved.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jim Johnson

## Recent Activities:

### Capitol Campaign Fundraising

Teresa Rossiter continues to lead the fund-raising. The Fall Fest/Yard Sale was held Sat. Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and profited \$1259.35 Then a sub sale raised nearly \$2,000 on Thur. Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. The Furnace Capitol Campaign continues to grow. Thanks to all for their contributions and hard work in both of these ventures.

### Fall Cleaning Day – Occurred on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

While only a few were here that morning, others have signed up to do specific areas at their convenience. Two youth were excited to rake leaves and help wash baseboards.



**Church Conference** – was held Saturday October 12 at 9am in the FLC. We served as host to 11 churches in 2 groups. Everyone entered to the wonderful smell of muffins and coffee bread baking by our hostess Teresa Rossiter who also had fresh fruit, homemade cookies and sandwiches for the second group. All Bethel reports were completed and a thank you to Karen Hays for taking the minutes. They also complimented the condition of the building...Kellar had it all shining!

**Pastor Appreciation Day-** celebrated Pastor Jim, wife Debbie and daughter Liz for their dedication to this church. Pam and Marty Brubaker surprised the Pastor by interrupting the announcements to give him a beautiful letter of recognition and a gift of a snake plant. Abby Snyder also presented a frog shaped fly swatter from the F.R.O.G. Sunday School class. The children sung Jesus loves Me replacing words with a special meaning to him.

**Laity Sunday** was celebrated on Sunday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Members from the children and the Leadership Board led the service. There were funny moments and laughs shared. Pastor Jim expressed his gratitude to all of the Laity of the church and closed it with a benediction.

**Trunk or Treat** was Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Carol Ewan served as Bethel's leader this year with Nancy Shank as her Back-up. New beginnings Christian Fellowship and the Chewsville Lions Club joined us again this year. Pictures and details will be in the next Newsletter.

## Continued Events:

### Women at the Well

The Women at the Well will continue with "The Chosen" Bible study on Wednesday 11/6 & 11/13, 10:00 in the front SS room. No meeting on 11/27. It's not too late to join us. Brunch is Wednesday, 11/20, 11:00 at Christines Cafe, 81 W. Main St., Waynesboro. All are welcome.



This study is open to all (men and women). Please contact Beverly Miller ([shanda@myactv.net](mailto:shanda@myactv.net)) or Valerie Kaufmann ([kaufmval@gmail.com](mailto:kaufmval@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining us.

### Altar flowers:

Bethel continues to be blessed by the talents of the Altar Committee. Currently there are multiple dates open throughout the Fall. Please consider signing up. The cost is \$45.00 for both flower arrangements (not the vase) that you may take with you after the service. Be sure to let the office know a week in advance what you would like written in the bulletin. Thank you!

### Bethel Coat Closet

The coat closet is in need of coats. We were our recent yard sale. We still have some need more. We do not have any children's some before December. In December, we John's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown to offer coats to families in need. This has become an annual event for our church and has been a blessing to many families. The coat closet is always available to those in our local community during office hours, Please help us gather coats as well as any winter wear like hats, scarfs and gloves. Thank you so much for your past donations of coats over the years. They have been greatly appreciated!



able to provide free coats to those in need at remaining women's and men's coats, but we coats at this time and would love to collect will be again joining Mama Dee at Saint

### Micah's Backpack

## Healthy Meals for Healthy Families

We began again on Sept 16th. If you see canned pasta, soups, tuna, etc. on sale, we are packing for 24 students which will be adjusted after school starts. Full lists of acceptable donations is in the file holder next to the bulletins.

Money is also welcomed. Just write "Micah's" on the memo line. Thanks for your continued support to this program! Linda Barnhart





**Supporting our Homebound**

**Bethel Caring Connection**

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16



Thanks to Sandy Hose and Kathy Morrisey for making decorated mini pumpkins for our shut-ins. Those along with bags of candy were delivered early in October. Folks that I visited seemed to like them but most of all they like a visit from a church friend!!

Please remember our folks on birthdays and holidays, cards are always welcome as well as phone calls and visits. If you need an address or phone number call me at 301-992-7831 or the church office.

Blessings in Christ, Pam Brubaker

**This group is looking for a new leader, as Pam is ready to pass the torch. Please contact her or the office if you could help with this.**

**Homebound birthdays...**

Nov 12 – Janet Deibert  
8507 Mapleville Road  
Boonsboro, MD 21713

**There are none in December.**

**Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update**

***A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25***



Our blessing box has continued to serve many. This has been such a great blessing to our church family to serve others. At this time we give many thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

In addition, the blessing box could not work without your love and contributions. If you have any questions please contact me 301-991-9759. Your sister in Christ, Elaine Snyder

**Readers:**

If you would like to volunteer to read the scripture, contact Elaine Snyder at 301-991-9759.

## Leadership News:

To be the people of God on the move for Jesus to transform the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Leadership Board Updates:

**Fundraising** is necessary as the budget continues to fall short.

Do you have a gift of making items we could sell? Would you be interested in purchasing a Christmas flower arrangement? The group would appreciate your feedback to any of the Board Members.

**The Boiler** – Och has been working on this...the parts are installed. we may have heat!

**Bible Studies** –Groups are being planned for “those with Losses” and another small group at Southpointe.

The **next meeting** will be on Wed. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Parlor...Join us!



## Attendance

Oct. 2024

Date	In person Church S.S./ Worship	Special Events
Sept 29	17/56	
Oct 6	12/62/20	WMC
Oct 13	14/66	Pastor Appreciation Day
Oct 20	22/68/40	Laity Sunday Treats in the FLC
Oct 27		Harvest Home

## Just of Interest

A circular issued by the police department of Houston, Texas, which is both a warning and an accusation:

### **For Parents: How to Make a Child into a Delinquent—12 Easy Rules**

1. Begin at infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad language, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give him spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then [let] him "decide for himself."
4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around: books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
10. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying: "I never could do anything with him."
12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it.

Source: G. Ingle, *The Lord's Creed* (Collins, 1964), 40–41.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Upcoming Events:

**So many wonderful opportunities**

**Think twice...where can you use your talents in service to the church?**

## “Fall/Winter of 2024 Events”



### DATE:

### LEADERS:

Fri Oct 25 – 9:00 Decorate for Harvest Home – Kathy, Sandy, Pam, Beverly

Sun Oct 27 – 11:30 Harvest Home Meal

Teresa

We celebrate our bounty with donations of food that will be used in the Blessing Box. A humble lunch of soups, salads, breads and desserts will follow the service.

Sun Nov 3 – 10 am –All Saints Day

Kathy & Sandy

All Saints Day. Please let the office know by Mon October 28<sup>th</sup> if you would like to light a candle and have your loved one listed in the bulletin.

Sat Nov 23 –9am - Thanksgiving Meal Boxes (Lions & NB)

Diane Stevens

We will identify those in need by using the blessing box and ask that the recipients be from Chewsville or Smithsburg. After we have 12 requests the offer will be taken out of the box.

We plan to make tabs of items to hang on the church doorway for those to donate the traditional items. The Lions will get the turkeys again this year and New Beginnings church will join us.

The cut-off date for requests will Fri Nov 15

Donations here by Monday 11/18.

Box assembly on Thur 11/21 at 10am.

Pick-up will be available at 9-10am on Sat Nov 23.







## November Birthdays:

- 3 – Ally Boyer
- 7 – Kirk Longanecker
- 7 – Cole Shifflett
- 9 – Shirley Shanholtz
- 9 – Michael McAllister
- 12 – \* Janet Deibert
- 14 – Lacey Simmons
- 14 – Drew Ross
- 16 – Elaine Snyder
- 17 – Kim Rishell
- 18 – Ron Metzger
- 18 – Tim Rossiter
- 18 – Abigail Snyder
- 19 – Jeff Barnhart
- 22 – Lia Beard
- 23 – Ted Axline
- 27 – James Johnson



## November Anniversaries:



- 5 – Jeff & Linda Barnhart
- 10 – Dale & Julie Beard
- 15 – Mike & Sue McAllister
- 25 – Tom & Jane Edwards

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Nov. 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday					1	2
					12:30-3:30 Band	10:00 SYA Cheer celebration/FLC
<b>3 Communion</b> All Saints Day Daylight Saving time change 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship <b>2:00 pm Western MD Hospital</b>	4 Election Prep/ FLC closed	5 Election Day / FLC closed	6 10:00 W@W/1 <sup>st</sup> floor classroom  12:30-3:30 Band  6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Up 6:00 pm GS Older/ Upstairs	7 Ethics Training  6:00 pm – New Begin  Bible/Parlor  6:30 Cantata practice	8 12:30-3:30 Band	9
10 Blanket Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	12 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	13 10:00 W@W / 1 <sup>st</sup> floor classroom 12:30-3:30 Band 6:00 Girl Scouts Leaders/Upstairs	14 6pm – New Begin Bible Study 6:30 Cantata practice	15 Last day for T-box requests 12:30-3:30 Band	16 <b>1:00 Lions Creative Cards/FLC</b>
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	18 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> T-box items here.	19 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	20 11:00 W@W lunch 12:30-Band/ FLC 6:00 G.S. older/Up And FLC 6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Up 7:00 Leadership Council/Parlor	21 10:00 T-box assembly 6pm – New Begin Bible Study 6:30 Cantata practice	22 12:30-3:30 Band	23 9:00 T-box pick-up  11:00 Ausherman family/ FLC
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	25	26	27 10:00 W@W 1 <sup>st</sup> floor classroom 12:30-3:30 Band	28 Office closed  THANKKGIVING	29 12:30-3:30 Band	30


# Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

**Our Mission:** To be the people of God on the move for Jesus and to transform the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Our Vision:** 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: Through prayer, worship and education, we will be seekers of God’s will. Through witness, we will kindle the fire of spiritual and physical growth. Through Christian community we will love, nurture and support each other and those in need throughout the world.

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**Sunday Service Times:**

Traditional mixed with Contemporary  
Worship @ 10:00 am  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Online Sun 10:00 am@ [www.bethelumchurch.org](http://www.bethelumchurch.org)

**Family Care Ministry:**

Please let us know if you or a family member wish a pastoral visit during a time of grief or hospitalization, including the birth of a child. We will pray & minister to you.

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