

DECEMBER 7, 2025



Bethany United Methodist Church

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by Megan & Greg Cooke in honor of their daughter, McKena, and her December birthday.

To sponsor altar flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, sign up on the fellowship hall calendar located next to the television.

HYMNS

UMH #216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
UMH #218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

TFWS = THE FAITH WE SING

UMH = UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10 NIV

Romans 15:4-13 NIV

SERMON

"All is Calm, All is Bright: Rooted in Promise"
Reverend Jacob Jackson

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Pete Dell

Greeters: Paul Letra, Carole Schauer, Jan McKinney

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leaders: Megan Cooke, Joe Dell,

Children exit the sanctuary after the offering and return during the last hymn.

FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to join in a time of fellowship after the worship service. Food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREES

Unwrapped gifts are due next Sunday.

ENE OF YEAR STATEMENTS

Contact Bethany's Financial Secretary for a copy of your 2025 giving statement.
Jane Dell: 717-658-4227

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 10th

10:00 a.m. Prayer Group

11:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Questions? Contact Pastor Jacob

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Help decorate the sanctuary for services on 12/21 & 12/24 by ordering a 7-inch plant for \$12. Orders are due on 12/14.

FINANCE UPDATE

2026 Budget: \$156,097

2026 General Fund

Total needed: \$50,000

Total pledged to date: \$39,452

2026 Capital Fund

Total needed: \$8,000

Total pledged to date: \$3440

2025 Grateful Giving Campaign

Total needed: \$36,087

Total received to date: \$9400

LOOKING AHEAD...

Dec. 13th Christmas Concert, 3 p.m.

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service, 4 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRAYERS

DECEMBER 7TH

1. John
2. Health concerns for a coworker

NOVEMBER 30TH

1. Less anger, more grace

NOVEMBER 23RD

1. Margie West
2. Ken Williams
3. Lois & Rick Wells

NOVEMBER 16TH

1. Anne Marie Drescher
2. Denny
3. Lorrie May & granddaughters
4. Sympathy to Robin Black & the family of Matthew Briggs

LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL NEEDS

1. Abortion issues
2. Active-duty military and veterans
3. Areas recovering from severe weather
4. Desire to find common ground, reconciliation and peace in our world
5. First Responders and Caregivers
6. Friends & members of Bethany UMC
7. God's direction for ways to help the homeless
8. Human Trafficking
9. Immigrant Crisis
10. People who don't know Christ
11. People struggling with violence, racism, unemployment, injustice, mental health & drug issues
12. The United Methodist Church & all denominations, The Lower Shore District, The Pen-Del Conference
13. Troubled relationships & marriages
14. Vulnerable youth in our community
15. World Hunger, Water Availability

PRAISES

1. A parishioner is grateful to be home safe.
2. The Dell family celebrates the birthdays of Phil Jackson and Jane Dell.
3. Donna Behe is feeling blessed by the strengthening relationship of her sons.
4. Linda Moran looks forward to celebrating her brother-in-law's 90th birthday and praises God for enabling him to have the strength to overcome challenges.
5. Pastor Jacob is grateful for prayer, messages and gifts extended upon the birth of a son, Jude Ram Jackson. His wife, Yvonne and daughter, Savannah are doing well.
6. The Rosamilia family enjoyed a Pennsylvania family celebration and praised God for His protection during a dangerous situation while traveling home.

CARING CARDS

Sympathy

Barbara May, c/o Mindy Wade
5186 Glen Forrest Drive,
Flower Branch, GA 30542

Cards for Healing & Encouragement

John Tenorio, Rm. #7, Harrison House
430 W. Market Street
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Kelly Wood
8060 Purnell Crossing Road
Berlin, MD 21811

Dixie Porter
9822 Keyser Point Road
Ocean City, MD 21842