



From the Pastor

Bethel Banner 2026

Last month we had the shared experience of watching the Winter Olympics. What I like about the Winter Games is that there are sports that we don't normally watch, such as the biathlon (cross country skiing and shooting), ski jumping, skeleton, and luge. Those last two events were especially fascinating for our 3- and 2-year-old grandchildren.

One of the sports that seems to be talked about a lot is curling. I think one of the reasons we get so interested in it is because it's a sport that we can look at and think, "Yeah, I could do that." One of the things that I love about curling is that they have something called "thinking time," that is part of the game. Thinking time is the time allotted to each team to think about the next move they want to make. Each team gets 38 minutes of thinking time they can use. However, if they run out of thinking time it automatically ends the game and you lose. I got me to thinking about how much better each of our days would go if we structured thinking time into our day. How many problems could we avoid, how many harsh words would we not say if we just stopped and used thinking time?

Thinking time was very important to Jesus during his ministry. He often took time to be by himself, so that he could communicate with his Father and stay focused on his Father's mission. Scripture talks about thinking time as something important for our walk with God. Psalm 1:2, says that those who are happy are those who meditate on the law of the Lord, day and night, and 1 Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us to pray without ceasing. So, the next time you are stressed or not sure what to do, take some thinking time and talk to God.

Blessings,

Pastor John

Holy Week Services

Please join us for worship as we celebrate Holy Week in the following services:

March 29- Palm Sunday, one service at the special time of 10:00am

April 2- Maundy Thursday Communion, 6:30pm

April 5- Sunrise Service in the Shick Shack at 7:00am

Easter Celebration at 8:30am and 10:30 am.

Confirmation Class

Pastor John is looking to have a Confirmation Class for young people, ages 12-17, who wish to join the church. Classes will be held after the 10:30 service on the Sundays between April 19 and May 17, and the Confirmation service will be at the 10:30 service on May 24. Any young person who wants to be confirmed should contact Pastor John at (484) 333-4409, or by email at pastorjk11@gmail.com.

Update on UMW Activities

The UMW gathered on February 18, 2026, for a brief meeting before a workshop. Preliminary plans were discussed for the Community Tea for Women on Saturday, May 15, 2026, at 1:00. Once again, we will need hostesses! Our menu for this event is tea sandwiches, and of course, decadent desserts! Reservations will be accepted after April 6th. The theme will be The Scarlet Thread, symbolic of the consistent, unbroken narrative through the entire Bible of God saving His people through the sacrificial blood of Jesus.

As we've discussed before, it's not too early to start collecting items for shoeboxes. There is a list on the mission table for ideas. School supplies are on sale in July and August, which is the best time to pick up goodies.

Following the meeting, Bethel UMW welcomed seven members of the Uwchlan Garden Club for a cooperative workshop decorating cans. The cleverly covered cans are then used for flower arrangements for "Petals Please," whose mission is to bring joy to individuals through the beauty of repurposed flowers. Napkins and tissue paper are adhered to the cans and covered with Mod Podge to create a lasting piece which can be washed and reused. These creations can then be adorned with jewels, buttons, ribbon, etc. 41 cans were completed, and everyone had a good time. The UMW will be continuing this project at the meeting on March 18th at 1:00. The April 15th meeting will be at 7:00 pm. Our speaker will be Maria Jacobs, and the topic is TBA.

Guys and Gals

We will be having Dinner on Tuesday, March 24th

Location to be announced

Spring City Food Pantry (Project Outreach):

Bethel's donation for March will be:

Elbow Pasta

Canned Fruit

They are also in need of shopping bags, either cloth or the ones that can be purchased at the grocery store.. Items may be placed on or under the Food Pantry collection table in the lobby.



Our next Project Outreach Food Pantry is Thursday, April 23rd at 10:00am.

Thank you for your contributions!



Beacon of Hope - On Sunday, February 8th, Tom Niarhos, Executive Director, Beacon of Hope Pottstown, gave a talk on progress Beacon of Hope has made in the Pottstown area and his personal journey. Heartfelt thanks to Tom for sharing with us Sunday morning; we know this is a busy time of year for him. The Coldest Night of the Year was February 28th. Bethel walkers are Lori Corbett, Val Romberg, Karla Romberg, Jeff Wynn, Linda Wynn, Althea Segner, Cheryl Emery and yours truly. Bethel Team, Cold Feet, has raised \$9,060.00 to support this local ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity! Jean Domin

Women's Book Club

"By Any Other Name"

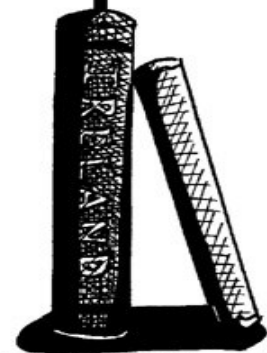
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Discussion

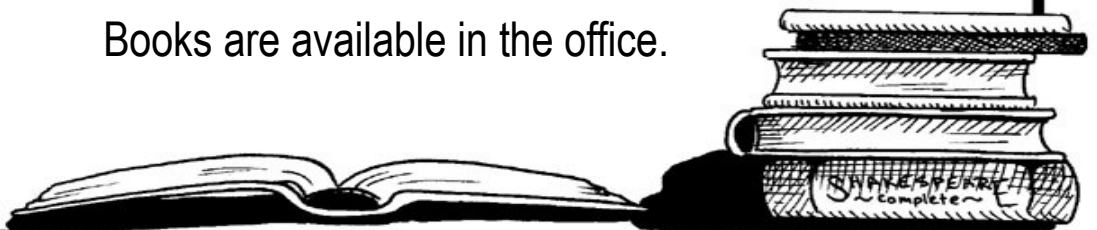
Monday, March 23rd

10:00am in the Café

Books are available in the office.



Nikki O'Shea 2008



March Calendar

Sun, Mar. 1 st	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Mar. 2 nd			
Tues, Mar. 3 rd			
Wed, Mar. 4 th	6:30pm-8:00pm 7:00pm	Pack 4 Coventry Chorus	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Thurs, Mar. 5 th	6:30pm 7:00pm	Webelos Bible Study	Green Room Café
Fri, Mar. 6 th			
Sat, Mar. 7 th			
Sun, Mar. 8 th	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 5:30pm	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service Family Worship	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary Sanctuary
Mon, Mar. 9 th	6:45pm-7:45pm	Troop 4	Board Room
Tues, Mar. 10 th	7:00pm	Trustee Meeting	Board Room
Wed, Mar. 11 th	6:30pm-8:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Pack 4 Finance Meeting Church Council Coventry Chorus	Fellowship Hall Board Room Board Room Sanctuary
Thurs, Mar. 12 th	6:30pm	Webelos	Green Room
Fri, Mar. 13 th			
Sat, Mar. 14 th			
Sun, Mar. 15 th	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 1:00pm-6:00pm	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service Girl Scouts	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Mon, Mar. 16 th			
Tues, Mar. 17 th			
Wed, Mar. 18 th	6:30pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Lion Den UMW Meeting Coventry Chorus	Green Room Board Room Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Mar. 19 th			
Fri, Mar. 20 th			
Sat, Mar. 21 st			
Sun, Mar. 22 nd	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Mar. 23 rd	10:00am	Women's Book Club	Café
Tues, Mar. 24 th		Guys and Gals Dinner	
Wed, Mar. 25 th	6:30pm 7:00pm	Lion Den Coventry Chorus	Green Room Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Mar. 26 th			
Fri, Mar. 27 th			
Sat, Mar. 28 th			
Sun, Mar. 29 th	9:00am 10:00am	Seekers Combined Service	Library Sanctuary
Mon, Mar. 30 th			
Tues, Mar. 31 st			

Upcoming Meetings

Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30pm

Finance Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm

In the Board Room

Church Council

Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

UMW Meeting

Wednesday, March 18th at 1:00pm

In the Board Room



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March Family Fun Activities

- CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- BUILD A LEPRECHAUN TRAP
- BUILD A HOMEMADE KITE
- FLY A KITE
- SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT
- CELEBRATE PI DAY
- DONATE TO A FOOD BANK
- BAKE A PIE FROM SCRATCH
- HAVE A FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- ATTEND AN EARTH HOUR EVENT
- READ/WRITE POETRY
- MAKE HOMEMADE WAFFLES
- TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK



Children are a gift
from the Lord

Psalm 127:3

March 2026

March 1	Darlene Bowen
March 1	Diane Heitzman
March 3	Sandra Davies
March 3	Michael Evasew
March 5	Kim Evasew
March 5	Derek Vondercrone
March 5	Mitchell Evasew
March 5	Lillian Evasew
March 6	Brian Story
March 9	Dudley Bowen
March 12	Jeanne Haring
March 16	Karla Romberg
March 18	Tish Tittle
March 18	Karen Story
March 20	Kim Bradbury
March 23	Anne Hoffman
March 25	Alec Cuthbert
March 26	Aidrick Vize
March 29	Clifford Story
March 29	Isla Cuthbert
March 30	Andrew Weber



We recycle in different ways. Check out the Mission table at the top of the stairs.

Drop off used ink cartridges in the basket. These give the church credit towards purchases at Staples.

Redner's receipts continue to be collected. After submission to Redner's, 1% comes back to the church. It takes some effort, but it's free money.

Pull tabs continue to be collected for Ronald McDonald House.

Used glasses are collected for the Lion's Club.



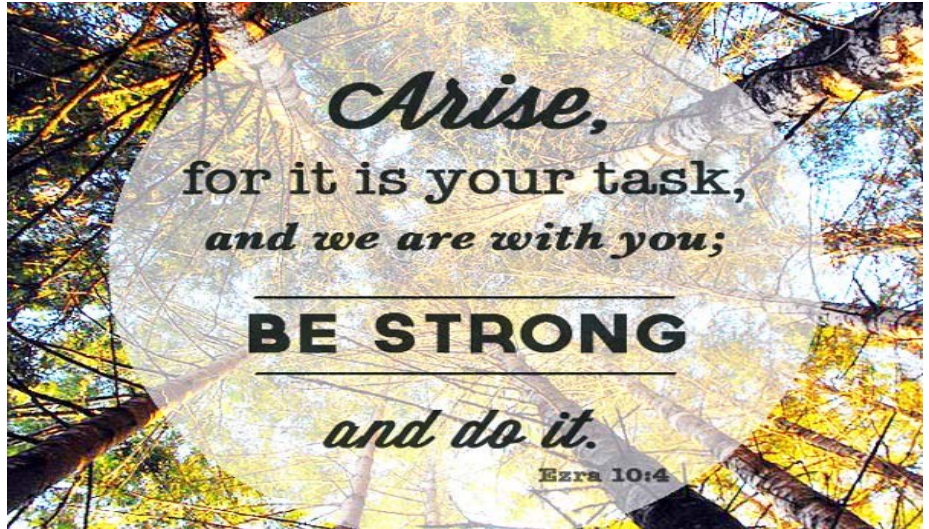
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