



Bethel Banner 2026

From the Pastor

As we all know, Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which was proven by the empty tomb and appearances of the risen Savior to his followers. However, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we aren't just celebrating a single event that took place on a particular day. We celebrate the power of the resurrection, which is the power of God to bring life to those who are dead. The empty tomb provides the loci for our celebration, but the life-giving, life-changing power of the resurrection continues to live on each and every day. As the prophet Jeremiah said in Lamentations 3: 22-23, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Likewise, the Apostle Paul said, "So, if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

It is easy for us to forget to look for the new things God is doing in and among us. We can get so caught up in traditions, in doing things the way they always have been done, that the idea of doing something in a new way is often rejected out of hand. What is new is not viewed as a potential blessing from God but as a disruption to a tried and true method. We need to remember that we worship a God who is always seeking to make things new. We serve a God that is constantly gifting His people to engage in new ideas, new ministries, new ways of sharing the resurrection story.

The reason I am talking about this is because in this month of April you are going to be hearing about some changes I would like to make to our Sunday morning worship structure, that involve the time we worship and, to some degree, the way we worship. These ideas are not new in and of themselves but have been talked about on numerous occasions. What is new is the challenge I am offering you to see these changes in the light of a larger picture of mission and ministry for our church. The question I want us to wrestle with is, "Is it worth a possible personal inconvenience to the way I am used to worshipping in order to create the possibility for God to do something new among us?" Stay tuned for hearing more about when I would like to present more details to you about these changes.

Blessings,

Pastor John

Update on UMW Activities

The UMW gathered on March 18, 2026, for a brief meeting and a workshop. Further plans were discussed for the Community Tea for Women on Saturday, May 16, 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.

Following the meeting, the UMW welcomed Kathy Ewell from the Uwchlan Garden Club, and once again we enjoyed the comradery while decorating cans. "Petals Please," whose mission is to bring joy to individuals through the beauty of repurposed flowers, greatly appreciates our can decorating skills. These creations can then be adorned with jewels, buttons, ribbon, etc. 43 cans were completed this time.

The April 15th meeting will be at 7:00 pm. Our speaker will be Maria Jacobs, and she will present on alcohol ink techniques. We will be making coasters.

Please note that the regular meeting for May will be one week later than usual on May 27th at 7pm.

Just a reminder that 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.

Guys and Gals

Guys and gals will be taking a pause in April.

Spring City Food Pantry (Project Outreach):

Bethel's donation for April will be: Condiments

Mayo Ketchup BBQ Mustard Salad Dressing

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!



Spring Cleaning

What a wonderful workday it was for those who came out on a chilly Saturday to spruce up the church grounds. It was amazing what was accomplished in just over 4 hours. There was a blending of sounds: a chainsaw buzzing, the roar of the Kubota, the rumblings of loaded wheelbarrows, shovels scraping the asphalt, the scratching of rakes, and the crows overhead offering their consistent objection to the beautification process. Sincere thanks to those who braved the nipping wind and accepted payment in donuts and coffee: Ralph and Cheryl Emery, Carol and Mike Osiol, Jean Domin, Bob Miller, Linda and Jeff Wynn, and Rob and Barb Hanlon.

Do not be dismayed if you missed out on the donuts. We will be planning another workday soon. Maintenance never stops. Stay tuned!!!

Women's Book Club

“Beneath a Scarlet Sky”

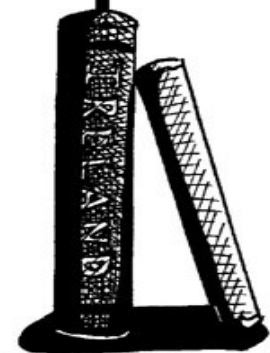
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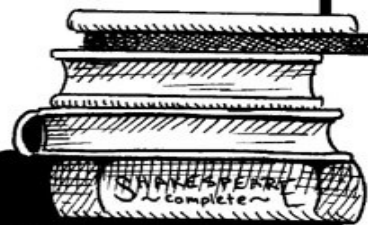
Monday, April 20th

10:00am in the Café

Last Meeting Until Fall



Nikki O'Shea 2008



April Calendar

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| Wed, Apr. 1 st | 6:30pm-8:00pm 7:00pm | Pack 4 Coventry Chorus | Fellowship Hall Sanctuary |
| Thurs, Apr. 2 nd | 6:30pm | Maundy Thursday | Sanctuary |
| Fri, Apr. 3 rd | | | |
| Sat, Apr. 4 th | | | |
| Sun, Apr. 5 th | 7:00am 8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 10:30am | Sunrise Service Potluck Breakfast Praise Service Seekers Worship Service | Shick Shack Café Sanctuary Library Sanctuary |
| Mon, Apr. 6 th | | | |
| Tues, Apr. 7 th | | | |
| Wed, Apr. 8 th | 6:30pm-8:00 7:00pm 7:00pm | Pack 4 Church Council Coventry Chorus | Fellowship Hall Board Room Sanctuary |
| Thurs, Apr. 9 th | 7:00pm | Bible Study | Board Room |
| Fri, Apr. 10 th | | | |
| Sat, Apr. 11 th | | | |
| Sun, Apr. 12 th | 8:30am 9:00am 10:30am | Praise Service Seekers Worship Service | Sanctuary Library Sanctuary |
| Mon, Apr. 13 th | | | |
| Tues, Apr. 14 th | | | |
| Wed, Apr. 15 th | 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm | Lion Den UMW Meeting Coventry Chorus | Green Room Board Room Fellowship Hall |
| Thurs, Apr. 16 th | | | |
| Fri, Apr. 17 th | Evening Setup | Troop 4 Campout | Church Grounds |
| Sat, Apr. 18 th | 4:00pm-6:00pm All Day | Lasagna Pickup Troop 4 Campout | Fellowship Hall Church Grounds |
| Sun, Apr. 19 th | 8:30am 9:00am 10:30am Morning 5:30pm | Praise Service Seekers Worship Service Troop 4 Cleanup Family Worship | Sanctuary Library Sanctuary Church Grounds Sanctuary |
| Mon, Apr. 20 th | | | |
| Tues, Apr. 21 st | | | |
| Wed, Apr. 22 nd | 6:30pm 7:00pm | Lion Den Coventry Chorus | Green Room Fellowship Hall |
| Thurs, Apr. 23 rd | 10:00am-12:00pm | Project Outreach | First UCC |
| Fri, Apr. 24 th | | | |
| Sat, Apr. 25 th | | | |
| Sun, Apr. 26 th | 8:30am 9:00am 10:30am | Praise Service Seekers Worship Service | Sanctuary Library Sanctuary |
| Mon, Apr. 27 th | | | |
| Tues, Apr. 28 th | | | |
| Wed, Apr. 29 th | 7:00pm | Coventry Chorus | Fellowship Hall |
| Thurs, Apr. 30 th | | | |

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Meeting

No Meeting This Month

Church Council

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

UMW Meeting

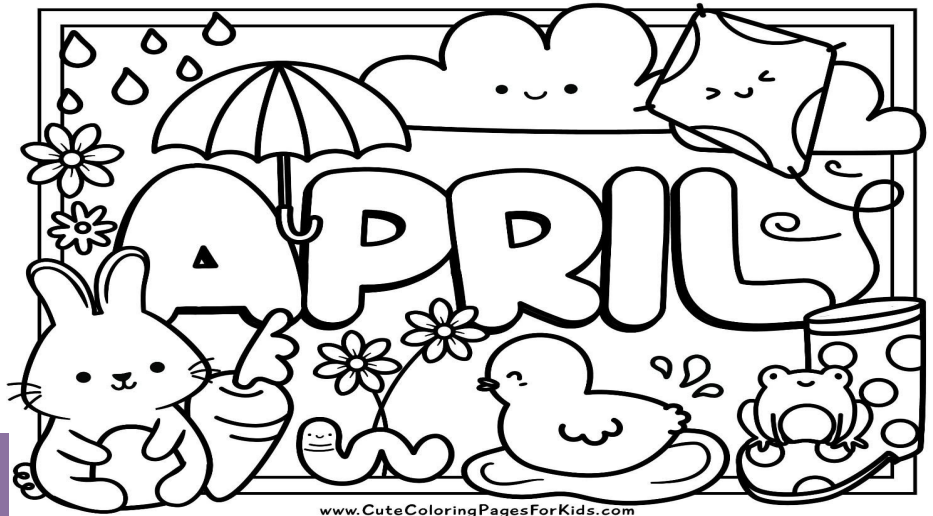
Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room



We are two Yetis seeking to return to our rightful owners. Have you missed us? (The red thermos was found in the Café, and the green thermos was left in the Board Room.)

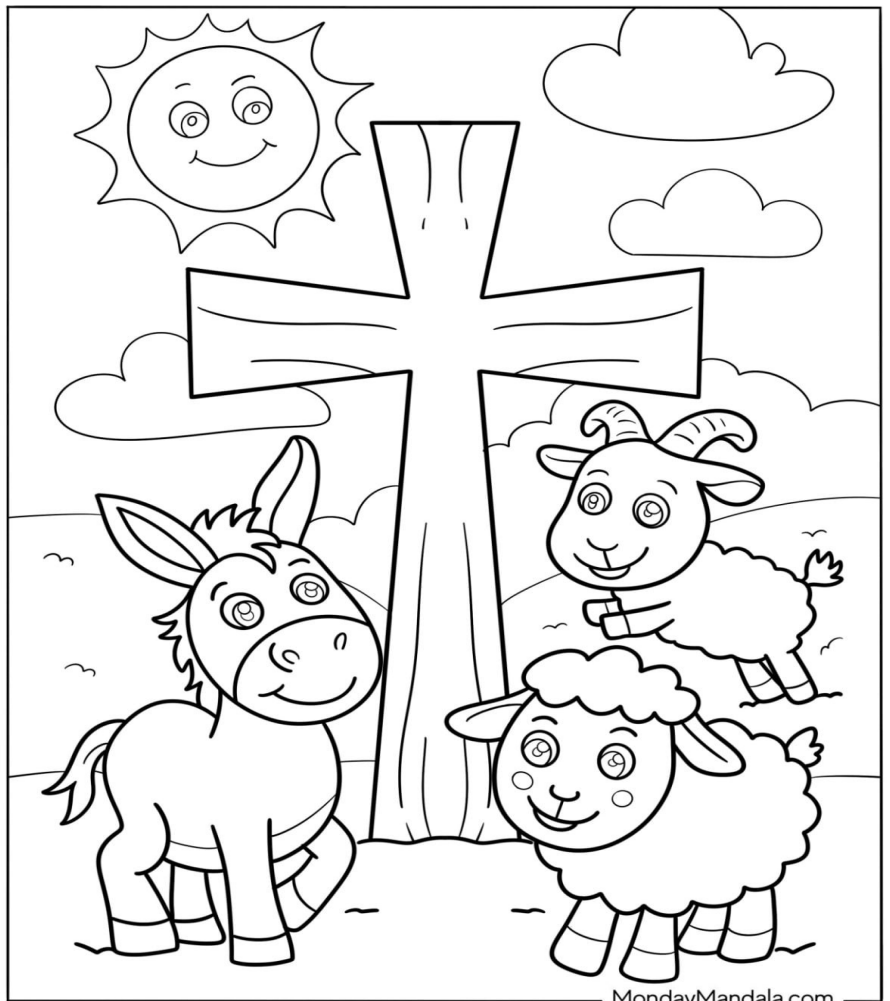




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April Family Fun Activities

- HAVE APRIL FOOL'S DAY FUN
- VISIT A LIVING/WORKING FARM
- COLLECT WILDFLOWERS
- FLY A KITE
- SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT
- START SOME SEEDS IN CUPS
- HAVE A PICNIC
- BAKE A CHEESECAKE
- HAVE A FAMILY GAME NIGHT
- START THE 52 HIKE CHALLENGE
- ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEERING
- PLAY IN THE RAIN
- GO TO A PETTING ZOO



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Happy
Easter

- 3 Liz Mongold
- 3 Paul Gresko
- 3 Laurie Hasselhan
- 4 John Zeh
- 5 Clair Weikel (Rocky)
- 6 Erin McKinley
- 6 Robert Shantz
- 6 Lindsay Cloak
- 10 Jason Romberg
- 10 Mike Kelly
- 10 Jake Robinson
- 11 Sam Keller
- 11 Jake Vondercrone
- 12 Chris Weber
- 12 Michael Horvath
- 13 Turner Graeff
- 13 Kevin Shutt
- 15 Jeffrey Wynn
- 15 Marisa Bishop
- 16 Terrie McKinley
- 17 Dennis Robinson
- 20 Ethan Conway
- 23 Kristen Starnier
- 23 Kathy Gresko
- 23 Timothy Keller
- 28 Jason Shultz
- 30 Georgia Zeh



Congratulations to Bethel Team Cold Feet raising \$9,980.00 to support the homeless in Pottstown for Beacon of Hope. The team placed 1st in Pottstown and 11th nationally. Team Cold Feet sends their personal thanks to members of the church for their continued generosity to support this ministry. Our team goal this year was \$5,000.00. Well done!





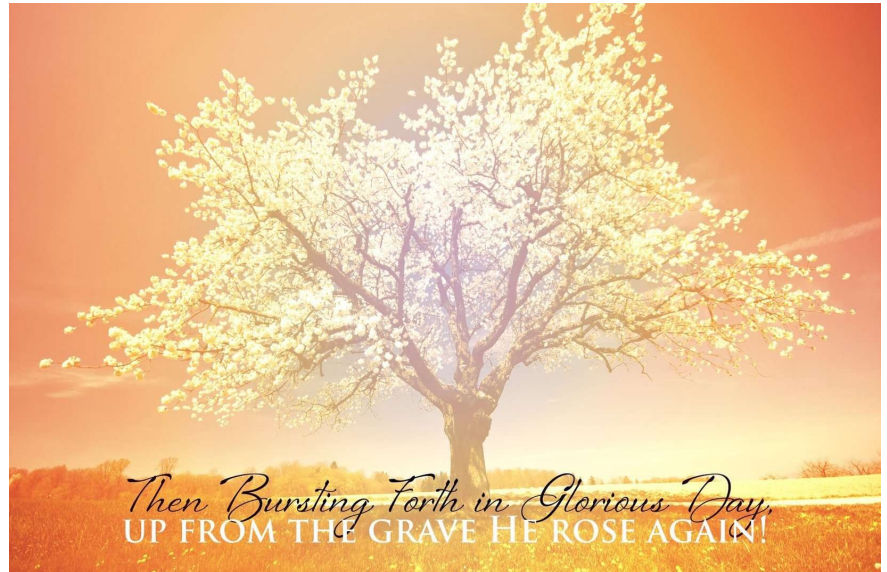
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