



## Bethel Banner 2026

### From the Pastor

Last month I talked about making a presentation in church about changes I would like to make to the time and structure of worship on Sunday morning. The presentation took place on April 26, so I would like to offer a synopsis of what I presented.

I would like to see us move to one worship service, beginning September 13, 2026, with the time of the service moving to 9:30am. The reason for this change has to do with the mission of our church. For years we have been saying that we need to reach young families, and it has been frustrating trying to find a way to connect with those families. Through Faithful Foundations, God has brought that mission field right to our front door. We now have the opportunity to connect with these families in a way we never could before. In order to try and reach these families we need to make worship as family friendly as possible and 9:30 is currently the most popular worship time for these families. Moving to one service also gives us the opportunity to have the hour afterwards to connect with one another as one church family. The 10:30 hour could be used to offer educational opportunities, or to engage in a mission project together, or have a meal together, just to give some ideas.

I know going from two services to one can be difficult. It can make the time of worship less convenient for those currently worshiping, and we can end up with a style of worship that neither the 8:30 or 10:30 people like. However, if we are focused on the mission and purpose of the church, which goes beyond ourselves, we can overcome these difficulties. There is no guarantee this change will work to reach these families but all we can do is to be faithful to the calling God is giving us. The results are up to God.

I have not made a final decision on this yet, and I know I will need the support of the church in order for this to work, so I am asking for your input. There are congregational response forms that will be available at the church through the month of May. I will also send a copy through email in a week or so, for you to fill out and return to the church. This isn't a vote but is a way to identify potential issues and address those concerns.

Blessings,

Pastor John

## Update on UMW Activities

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the **UMW** held an evening meeting. Following the business, we made coasters using an alcohol ink technique under the guidance of our speaker, Maria Jacobs. Attendees created uniquely colorful tiles, and all of them turned out beautifully.

Don't forget to sign up for the Community Tea for Women on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. Our speaker will be Marlane Druckenmiller, and she will tell us about "The Joy of Tea." Invite some friends. Space is still available; see the sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary.

Please note that the regular meeting for May will be one week later than usual on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. We will be doing some prep for the Chicken Barbeque as our project of the night. Our June meeting will be held on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Join us that evening for a potluck and fellowship. Meetings are open to all women.

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. If you are not sure what to pack in a shoebox, you will find a list of suggestions on the mission table.

## Guys and Gals

We will be having dinner at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

McGerk's Pub and Grill 70 Buckwalter Rd. Royersford, PA, 19468

### Spring City Food Pantry (Project Outreach):

Bethel's donation for May will be: Paper Products

Toilet Paper    Napkins    Paper Towels etc.

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.



**Thank you for your contributions!**

# May Calendar

Fri, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Lunch/Prom Pictures	Shick Shack
Sat, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
Sun, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, May 4 <sup>th</sup>			
Tues, May 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Wed, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm 7:00pm	Pack 4 Coventry Chorus	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Thurs, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Bible Study	Board Room
Fri, May 8 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat, May 9 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:45pm-7:45pm	Troops 4	Board Room
Tues, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Trustee Meeting	Board Room
Wed, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Pack 4 Finance Meeting Church Council	Fellowship Hall Board Room Board Room
Thurs, May 14 <sup>th</sup>			
Fri, May 15 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Ladies Tea	Fellowship Hall
Sun, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, May 18 <sup>th</sup>			
Tues, May 19 <sup>th</sup>			
Wed, May 20 <sup>th</sup>			
Thurs, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Cub Scouts	Shick Shack
Fri, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>			
Sat, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>			
Sun, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, May 25 <sup>th</sup>			
Tues, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Guys and Gals	McGerk's
Wed, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	UMW Meeting	Board Room
Thurs, May 28 <sup>th</sup>			
Fri, May 29 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat, May 30 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	Seekers Combined Service	Library Sanctuary

# Upcoming Meetings

## Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

## Finance Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30pm

In the Board Room

## Church Council

Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

## UMW Meeting

Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room



# *Community Tea for Women*

*Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 1pm*

*Bethel United Methodist Church  
952 Bethel Church Road  
Spring City, PA 19475  
610-495-6807*

*hosted by the Bethel United Methodist Women*

*Please join us for an afternoon of tea sandwiches, decadent desserts, door prizes, and fellowship! Our speaker will be Marlane Druckenmiller who will regale us on "The Joy of Tea."*

*Contact the church (above) or Terry Miller at 610-506-8455 beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. This no cost event is open to all women in the community. Our mission focus for this event is Pottstown Beacon of Hope. A monetary offering will be collected, or you may visit their website <https://pottstownbeaconofhope.org> for a wishlist.*

*Seating is limited;  
you must reserve a seat in advance.  
Hats are encouraged, but not required!!!!*



Bethel United Methodist Church  
Annual Chicken BBQ  
Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

2 to 5 pm

*Rain or Shine*

*Take Out or Dine In*

*Walk-ins welcome!!!!*

Enjoy a half a chicken, applesauce, coleslaw, baked beans, roll, and a cookie for only \$18. **For more information or to purchase tickets, call the office at 610-495-6807 or email [betheloffice952@aol.com](mailto:betheloffice952@aol.com)**

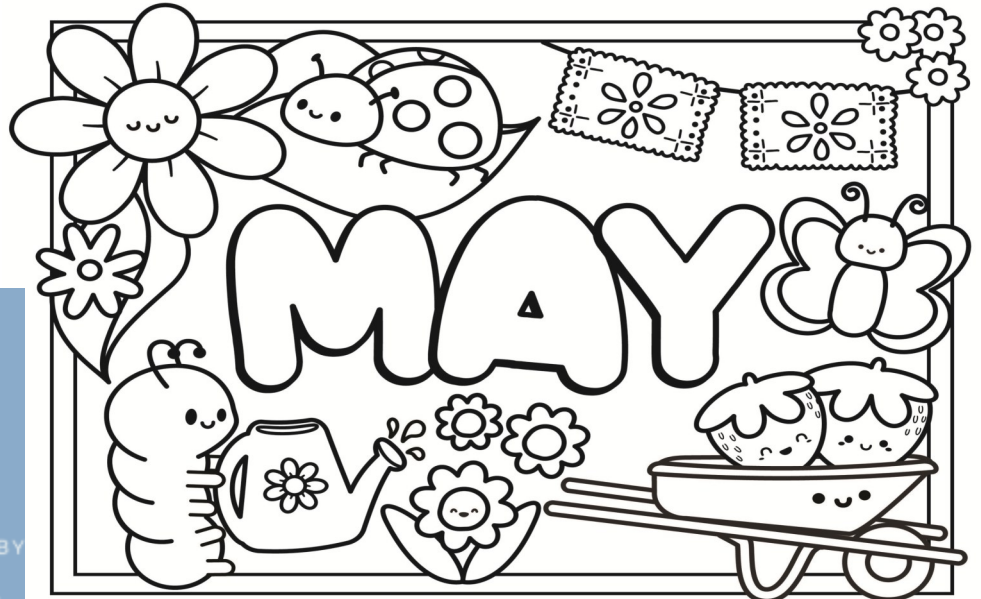


The UMW will be making a donation to the building fund this Mother's Day in honor of all women who are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, nieces, mother figures, and mentors- all those who have nurtured and been a loving support to those around them by their contributions to family and society.

## Women's Book Club

Will return in the Fall





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## May Family Fun Activities

- WATCH THE KENTUCKY DERBY
- CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO
- SCREEN FREE WEEK
- MOTHER'S DAY EVENT
- MAKE HOMEMADE HUMMUS
- WATCH STAR WARS MOVIE(S)
- DONATE TO A FOOD BANK
- MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT
- HAVE A FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- TAKE A FAMILY ROAD TRIP
- MAKE A TURTLE CRAFT
- RAISE BUTTERFLIES
- START AN HERB GARDEN



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May 3	Mark Murray
May 3	John Yusko
May 3	Jackson Starner
May 5	Doug Long
May 5	Jake Kelly
May 7	Margaret Linderman
May 8	Dana Robinson
May 9	Clayton Platchek
May 9	Scarlet Marie Barton
May 9	Haloran Shutt
May 10	Robert Shantz
May 10	Amelia Barton
May 11	Karen Hetrick
May 14	Danielle Shantz
May 14	Jennifer John
May 18	Erich Earhart
May 20	Douglas Kollar
May 20	Jenny Robinson
May 23	Val Romberg
May 25	Lynne Huerta
May 25	Sophia DeHaven
May 27	Charles Hanlon
May 29	Harry Moore
May 31	Jennifer Vondercrone



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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