



Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am

June 2026

Over the past five years, it has been one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life to serve alongside you at St. Bethlehem United Methodist Church. As Ryan, Thomas, and I prepare for this next chapter of ministry in London at Hounslow and Chiswick Methodist Churches, I have found myself reflecting with deep gratitude on all that we have shared together.

Ministry is never the work of one person. It is the work of a community shaped by grace, rooted in love, and continually transformed by the Holy Spirit. When I look back on these years together, I do not simply see programs, events, or accomplishments. I see people. I see a church that has loved deeply, served faithfully, and continued to say “yes” to God even in seasons of uncertainty and change.

Together, we navigated difficult seasons that none of us could have anticipated. We learned how to be the church in new ways during times of grief, division, exhaustion, and rebuilding. Through it all, you continued to care for one another and for this community with compassion and resilience. You showed up for neighbors in crisis, supported families through loss, celebrated baptisms and confirmations, prayed over graduates and newborns, and made room at the table for new faces and new stories.

Over these years, I have watched this congregation grow not only in numbers, but in courage and in heart. We have deepened our commitment to hospitality, justice, and community care. We have wrestled honestly with hard questions and trusted that faith is strong enough to hold them. We have worked to become a church that reflects the radical love of Christ more fully — a church with open hearts, open doors, and open minds.

As I reflect on the last five years, I keep returning to the words of the apostle Paul in Philippians 1:3: “I thank my God every time I remember you.” That is the truth of my heart. I will carry this church, these memories, and these relationships with me wherever God leads next.

The ministry of St. Bethlehem United Methodist Church is far from finished. God is continuing to move in and through this congregation. I believe deeply that your best days are not behind you. The seeds planted over these years — seeds of love, justice, compassion, welcome, and faithfulness — will continue to grow and bear fruit in ways we cannot yet fully see.

Thank you for allowing me the sacred privilege of walking alongside you during these years. Thank you for your trust, your encouragement, your generosity, and your faith. Thank you for the ways you have helped shape me as a pastor and as a person.

Though this season of ministry together is coming to an end, the love we share in Christ does not end. I look forward to hearing the stories of how God continues to work through this church for years to come.

With deep gratitude and love, Pastor Corrie

Prayer Requests

Pam Barrett
Randy Boyer
Ann Irwin

Mary Meilcarek-Clark
Mary Neitzke
Kathi Parker

Roberta Polk
Harriett Silvey
Lucille Thompson

Birthdays

7th Vivian Brimm

9th Mary Turner

30th Sarah Clark

Liturgists & Acolytes

Doyle Clark
Sarah Clark
Josh Waterhouse

Michael Bellamy Rosie Clark
Andrew Clark Annalea Waterhouse

2026 Open Table Leadership

Pastor: Corrie Alexander-Willette

Chair: Margaret Fisher

Finance: *VACANT*

Trustees: Doyle Clark

SPRC: Erin Jones

Lay Leader: Margaret Fisher

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Nita Heilman

Preschool Board Chair: Karen Keen

Secretary: *VACANT*

Treasurer: Sarah Clark

From Our Leadership

From our Lay Leader and Table Chair:

The people of God are a work in progress! In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul describes the people of God as growing together in Christ, knit together by ligaments, each part working properly and promoting the growth of the whole body of Christ. Each person is a beloved child of God, and we are being knit together as the whole body of Christ. If you've ever had a broken bone, you know that when the body is knit back together, it can sometimes be a painful process. But the resulting bones are stronger, and so it can be when the people of God seek to be knit together as disciples.

In spite of things that may try to separate us such as a health crisis, political differences, worship styles, theological differences or even simple misunderstandings. Jesus calls us to be knit together as disciples. How can we work to be the body of Christ working for justice? Where do we see God at work in the world, calling us to join in the work of resisting evil? What practices of faith draw us closer to our companions in Christ?

Holy Spirit, be with us in our need. Walk with us in our search. Be with us in our wanting and our longing. Open our hearts to perceive the grace freely offered to us. Give us courage to go out and proclaim, in word and deed, the good news of Jesus Christ. Give us hearts of compassion to be responsible messengers, committed to the suffering people of the world. Walk with us so we can discover the path of faithfulness and invite others to come and know the grace of Christ. Amen.

Margaret Fisher, Board Chair

From our Mission & Service Leader:

Back to Guatemala! I will be returning to Mission Guatemala in San Andreas on July 11 with the Otterbein UMC team in Hagerstown, Maryland. This will be my 13th time to Guatemala and I can't wait to see my friends there!!! This year our team is collecting vitamins for our clinic to give out to patients. A complete list is available at church and in this newsletter. The specific brands shown are not required as long as the dosage units are the same. This is an opportunity for St.B to be a part of the work done by our clinic that serves the Mayan communities in more remote areas. July 5 will be the last day I can collect any vitamins you purchase. Thanks for caring about folks you will probably never meet!

Nita Heilman

Children's Multivitamins Women's Multivitamin Zinc Gummies (30 mg) Vitamin C (1000 mg)



Cranberry (4200 mg) Antacid Tablets Acetaminophen (500 mg) Pepto Bismol Cytology Brushes



Notes & Thoughts

Pastor Corrie Is Leaving & We Have A New Pastor

Pastor Corrie's last day in pulpit at St. B is June 7th and her moving day is June 12th, however she will be on vacation until June 30th. As such, the church office will be closed during the week of June 22nd through 27th.

If a need arises or a family emergency occurs, please contact Margaret Fisher at (931) 338-5537 and she will contact a Pastor on your behalf.

Our new Pastor will move into the parsonage on June 23rd; her office hours will begin July 6th and her first day in pulpit will be July 12th. Please make plans to be here on July 12th as we endeavor to make our new Pastor feel welcome.

Regarding the Spring Market

A big thank you goes out to all who participated in the 2026 Spring Market, you helped make this a successful event for St. B for a second year. The clouds and wetter weather came in late in the afternoon, but it still turned out to be a great day. We had 56 Vendors register for the event and they were happy with the enormous amount of foot traffic they received; many have already inquired about our Fall Bazaar in September. Anyone with questions or suggestions on things we could improve, please contact Margaret Fisher or Tiffany Julian; they've already identified one or two items and have begun strategizing for our next event.

Please mark your calendars for our Fall Bazaar on September 19th and make plans to attend.

United Women in Faith

The Ladies of the St. B UWF will be in charge of the worship service on June 28th including ushers, greeters, music, and acolytes. We'll need all ladies to attend and wear their new UWF t-shirts.
Margaret Fisher, UWF Leader

Special Music

If you'd like to offer your musical talents for some special music this summer, please contact Margaret Fisher so we can get you on the schedule.

Special Events

Pastor Corrie is moving to Hounslow, England!

Through tear-filled eyes let's bid a fond farewell to Pastor Corrie, Ryan, and Thomas and wish them the best of luck in the UK!

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, games, and fun as we celebrate Pastor Corrie, her message, and her time with St. B.



Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026

Time: Following Worship

Where: Heritage Hall

Join us as we celebrate 250 years of
"one nation under God"

Happy Birthday America July 4, 2026

Bring a picnic and your lawn chairs and join us for an evening of fireworks, sparklers, and fun.

This is sure to be a birthday celebration you won't want to miss.

- When: Saturday, July 4, 2026
- What Time: 5:00 pm
- Where: St. B Busport

St. B and UWF Planned Fundraising Events

August 7th: Spaghetti Dinner from 4pm - 6:30pm

September 19th: St. Bethlehem UMC's 2nd Annual Fall Bazaar from 10am - 4pm

October 12th: Loaded Baked Potato Dinner from 4pm - 6:30pm

Upcoming Events

The St. B **Sewing Circle** meets on the second Monday of each month at 12:00 pm at rotating attendee locations. If you have any questions or wish to join the Sewing Circle, please contact Nita Heilman.

This month we'll meet on June 8th at the home of Debbie Hadley.



Ann's Closet would like to thank everyone who found it in their hearts to donate food items these past few months. We are so thankful we're able to demonstrate Christ's love in this way and humbled that we can be ambassadors to those that don't know His grace and abundant love.

If you find yourself able to donate this month, please contact Emily Bellamy or Joy holder for our most pressing needs. Again, thank you.

Ann's Closet will be open this month on: June 3rd and 17th.

Our **FUEL** program has ceased its operations for the 2024-25 school year but will return for the 2026-27 school year in August/September. It's too early to project an increase or decrease in children who will need our assistance, but our FUEL team is proud of the work they do for under nourished, developmentally challenged children. With your help, though, we'll be able to continue this vital work.



United
Women
in Faith

Ann Doris Circle Meeting: June 9th at 10:30 am

Night Circle Meeting: TBD

Join us for **BINGO** on Thursday, **June 18th** from 10:30-11:30 am.

What better place to play BINGO than St. B. We usually meet on the third Thursday morning of each month and afterwards continue our fellowship and fun with a group lunch. Come join us for BINGO this month for a fun time and white elephant gift exchange.



Join us Friday, **June 19th** for **Game Night:**

Game Night has been a fantastic outlet during these rainy Spring nights. For anyone that hasn't yet, please join us for our next event. We play games while others are happy to sit around and talk. Regardless of your preference, we'd love to have you join in on the fun!

Mark your calendars for upcoming Game Nights dates:

July 17th

September 18th

August 21st

October 16th

And this is what we've been doing...



Happy Father's Day



ACROSS

1. Male parent.
4. Hallmark specialty: greeting ____.
6. Physically and mentally robust.
8. Male head of the family.
11. Recreational activity for some fathers.
14. Another name for father.
16. Male offspring.
17. Token of appreciation.
19. Affection and devotion.
21. Month in which Father's Day is celebrated.
22. Loud explosive sounds and also an informal term for dad.
23. Female offspring.

DOWN

2. Source of wisdom and guidance.
3. Biggest of the Three Bears.
5. Might be served in bed on Father's Day.
7. Closeknit group of relatives
8. Feeling of satisfaction and fulfillment.
9. Father's Day is on the ____ Sunday of the month.
10. Brave and determined.
12. Day of the week for Father's Day.
13. Popular sport for some fathers.
15. Beliefs and principles that are important
18. Companion and confidant.
20. Superlative form of good.

Best	Courageous	Family	Friend	June	Patriarch	Son	Teacher
Breakfast	Dad	Father	Gift	Love	Pops	Strong	Third
Card	Daughter	Fishing	Golf	Papa	Proud	Sunday	Values

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Trinity Sunday 10am - Worship	1	2 6:30pm - Cub Scout	3 11am - Ann's Closet 7:30pm - N.A.	4 Corpus Christi 7:30pm - N.A.	5 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	6 6pm - N.A.
7 Annual Conference @ Murreboro First	8	9 10:30am - UWF Anne 6:30pm - Cub Scout	10 7:30pm - N.A.	11 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	12 6pm - N.A.	13
10am - Levi Parrott 10am - Worship	15 6:30pm - Cub Scout	16 11am - Ann's Closet 7:30pm - N.A.	17 10:30am - BINGO 7:30pm - N.A.	18 Juneteenth 6pm - Family Game Night 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	19 6pm - N.A.	20
14 Flag Day 10am - Worship	22 6:30pm - Cub Scout	23 7:30pm - N.A.	24 7:30pm - N.A.	25 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	26 4pm - N.A. Business 6pm - N.A.	27
21 Father's Day 10am - Worship	28	29 6:30pm - Cub Scout	30 11am - Ann's Closet 7:30pm - N.A.	1 7:30pm - N.A.	2 Independence Day 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship	3 Independence Day 6pm - N.A.
28 10am - Worship	29	30	1	2	3	4

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