



BETHANY IN BERLIN

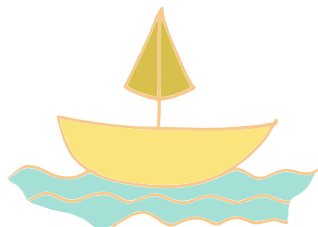
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christ's Love Grows Here

Bethany UMC

Newsletter

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

Dear Friends and Members of Bethany,

I believe last August I wrote to you about August being a season of new beginnings. For many families, children and grandchildren are preparing to return to school or begin exciting new chapters. In our own family, Savannah will begin attending an early learning center for the first time. As parents, Yvonne and I are excited to watch her grow, learn, and make new friends. At the same time, we'd be lying if we said there wasn't a little nervousness too. Or a lot of nervousness, depending on which parent you ask. I imagine many of you know that feeling well as you watch children, grandchildren, or loved ones step into new seasons of life.

This August, I don't want to cover old ground and just write about new beginnings; rather, I'd like to write about uncertainty.

It's not just our families that remind us of life's uncertainties. We continue to feel the strain of rising costs for groceries, utilities, and everyday necessities. We hear news of conflict around the world and pray for those serving in our military, for innocent civilians caught in the middle, and for world leaders. We see communities devastated by wildfires, extreme weather, and natural disasters. Closer to home, you may be carrying and uncertain burdens that will never make the headlines: health concerns, grief, loneliness, financial pressures, or uncertainty about what tomorrow may bring.

In moments like these, it can be tempting to focus on everything we cannot control. Yet Scripture gently reminds us that our hope has never been found in stable circumstances. Our hope is found in a faithful Savior.

Jesus told His disciples in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

As we move into August together, my prayer is that Bethany will continue to be a place where people find hope. A place where we encourage one another, bear one another's burdens, celebrate life's joys, and remind one another that God is still at work. In a world that often feels uncertain, the Church has the privilege of pointing people to the One who is certain—the One who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

May the Lord bless you and your family as we step into this new season together. I look forward to worshiping with you throughout August as we continue to discover God's faithfulness in every season of life.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Jacob T. Jackson



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WORSHIP SERVICES

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE...

Genesis 32:22-31

"In Christ Alone"; #526 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

8/2

8/9

GOD THE STORYTELLER

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15

#368 My Hope is Built; #378 Amazing Grace

WHO BELONGS IN CHURCH?

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Matthew 15:10-28

"#191 Jesus Loves Me; #2025 As The Deer

8/16

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WORSHIP SERVICES

PROTECTING LIFE

8/23

Exodus 1:8-2:10

#127 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah; #399 Take My Life and Let It Be

8/30

THE DANGEROUS GOSPEL

Jeremiah 15:15-21 ; Matthew 16:21-28

#528 Nearer, My God, To Thee; #502 Old Rugged Cross

Worcester County



The Worcester County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a child-friendly, safe and neutral location in which local law enforcement and Child Protective Services investigators may conduct and observe forensic interviews with children who are alleged victims of crimes. The CAC provides child and non-offending family members with support, crisis intervention, trauma based therapy, and medical intervention.

Our **MISSION** - Protect, Serve and Advocate for Children and Families

Our **VISION** - Stop Child Maltreatment and Empower Survivors

Our **WORK** - The CAC is comprised of all partnering agencies in Worcester County who investigate and prosecute child abuse as well as medical and mental health professionals who work towards protecting abused children.

- **Investigation** - Worcester County Sheriff's Office and other local and State law enforcement agencies provide support during the investigative and prosecutorial process. Investigations are conducted jointly with child protective services workers and law enforcement officers assisting one another.
- **Treatment** - Several local agencies are involved in providing treatment solutions:
 - **Atlantic General Hospital** provides medical intervention. The Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) nurse examines the child victim for signs of sexual abuse and other untreated medical conditions. SAFE nurses are specially trained to examine victims and collect evidence. Medical exams are provided at no charge to families.
 - **Life Crisis Center, Inc.** provides mental health intervention and advocacy to child victims and non-offending family members. Providers are specially trained in trauma-based therapy to offer specialized treatment for abused children.
 - **Worcester County Department of Social Services**, child protective services unit provides support for child victims and families through the investigative process. The forensic interview is conducted one-on-one in a neutral setting that is sensitive to the needs of the child. The interview allows the children to explain what happened in their own words.
- **Prosecution** - Office of the State's Attorney for Worcester County partners with the multidisciplinary team and prosecutes offenders when the evidence warrants.

United in Mission: Shared Ministry & Hub Meetings

Join **Bethany, St. Paul's, Atlantic, Stevenson, Community Church at Ocean Pines, Curtis, New Bethel, Calvary, St. John's, and Showell** as we continue to strengthen our connectional ministry across congregations.



- ✓ Combine Resources and Talents
- ✓ Build Relationships Across Congregations
- ✓ Live Out Our Shared Call to Discipleship

HUB/SHARED MINISTRY MEETING
Aug 12th AT 2 PM, Sept 23rd & Oct 14th at 2:30 PM
BETHANY UMC

Focus on service projects for
our community and shared worship
opportunities for our churches

FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

Dinner • Worship • Breakout Activities

Bring the whole family for a night of food, fun, and worship! Each evening begins with a shared dinner, followed by a brief worship service featuring contemporary Christian music and a short message. Afterward, kids and youth will go to age-appropriate breakout groups with games, crafts, activities, and meaningful conversation.



Friday, Aug. 14th - 6:00 pm
More Dates to Come!



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All ages welcome!



BETHANY UMC'S

2026 FLEA MARKETS



~~SAT. MAR 2~~

8 AM TO
12 PM

SAT.
SEPT 5



CRAFTER AND BAKE SALE

VENDOR DETAILS
(TABLES AVAILABLE OR BYO)

\$15 FOR
1 SPACE
\$25 FOR
2 SPACES

CONTACT MARY MARTINEZ
OR USE QR CODE TO RESERVE

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BREAKFAST FOR SALE
VISIT FROM WORCESTER
COUNTY PUP

CHILDREN'S CRAFT
TABLE

OUTDOOR WEATHER
PERMITTING

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Save the Date

Sight&SoundMovie

A Great Awakening

August 18, 2026, Tuesday

5:30pm

Community Church at Ocean Pines
11227 RaceTrack Road
Berlin, MD 21811

Sanctuary

Can bring beverage but NO food

With the colonies on the brink of collapse, the Rev. George Whitefield, Methodist, unites an entire generation with his thundering sermons and proclamations of liberty. In a miraculous turn of events, Benjamin Franklin becomes one of Whitefield's closest friends and greatest promoters. With the nation's freedom hanging in the balance, the founders discover true liberty cannot only be written into law -- it must be awakened in the hearts of the people.

BETHANY UMC'S



WILD WEST BLOCK PARTY



OCT. 10TH - 11 AM TO 2 PM

8648 STEPHEN DECATUR HWY
BERLIN, MD 21811

SAVE THE DATE

FREE FOOD
LIVE MUSIC
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
SO MUCH MORE

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RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 17TH

Can't be with us in person?

WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Every Sunday at 10 am

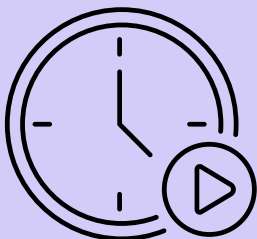


Watch Live

Watch Bethany's services live on Sunday:
Youtube: youtube.com/@bethanychurchinberlinmd4242
Facebook: facebook.com/BethanyUMCBerlin

Listen Live

Dial-in and listen to Bethany's services:
Dial-in Number: (605) 313-9642
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Find our sermon and full service at a later time:
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Podcast: "Bethany in Berlin UMC" on your desired podcast provider

SMALL GROUPS

AUGUST
2026
**TUES
@
1PM**

DISCIPLE CLASS

No meetings this month.

PRAYER GROUP

Aug 12th
Aug 26th

The prayer group at Bethany is a relaxed group that meets on the second and last Wednesday of each month to share prayer concerns, give thanks, and seek guidance from God through collective prayer and reflection.

**WED
@
10 AM**
**WED
@
11AM**

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

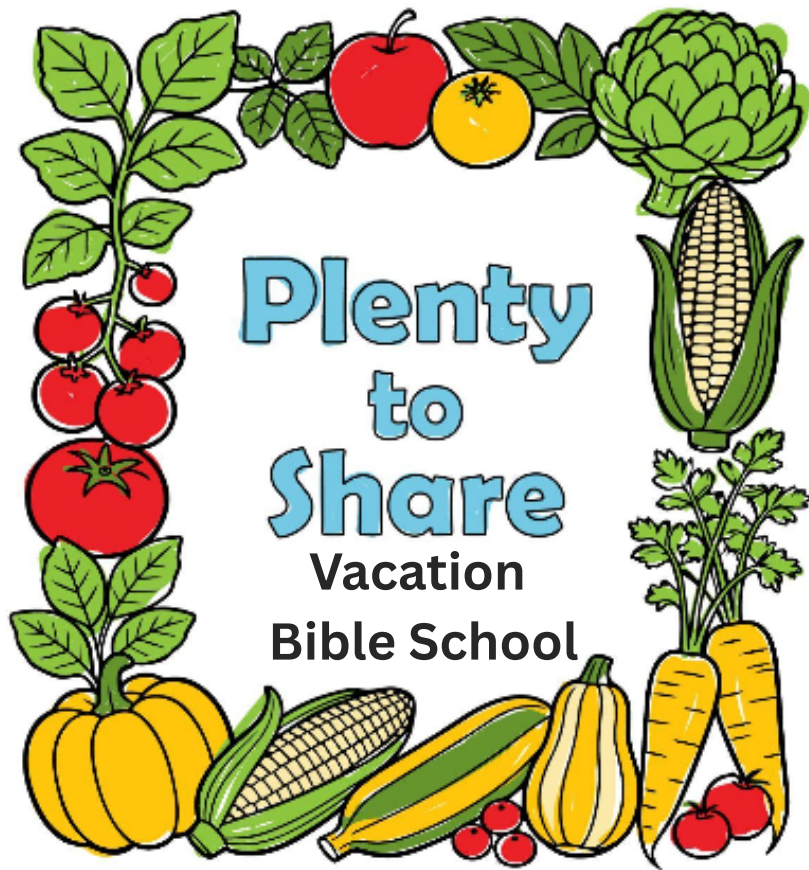
Aug 5th - Who Are We as the People of God? Week 5
Aug 12th - Who Are We as the People of God? Week 6
Aug 19th - Who Are We as United Methodists? Week 1
Aug 26th - Who Are We as United Methodists? Week 2

WOMEN'S LIFT GROUP

This group will break for the month of August and resume in September.

**WED
@
6:30 PM**

SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT



VBS WORSHIP & SKITS



VBS CRAFTS



VBS FOOD



VBS GAMES



MISSION PROJECT: BAG TYING



CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 10 AM Sunday Service & Children's Sunday School	3	4	5 Life Line Screening 11 AM Bible Study 12 PM Block Party Planning meeting	6	7	8
9 10 AM Sunday Service & Children's Sunday School SUM Fruit Collection	10	11	12 10 AM Prayer Group 11 AM Bible Study 2 PM HUB	13	14	15
16 10 AM Sunday Service & Children's Sunday School	17	18	19 11 AM Bible Study 12 PM NOW	20	21	22
23 10 AM Sunday Service & Children's Sunday School	24	25	26 11 AM Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10 AM Sunday Service & Children's Sunday School	31					

BETHANY BIRTHDAYS

6 - Gilbert Borradaile

15 - Ray Nornes

29 - Megan Dell

EXTENDED PRAYERS

1. Charlotte
2. Dee
3. Gloria
4. Joanne
5. Judy & Jeffrey
6. Wilma
7. Kevin and Linda Anderson
8. Russel Bagnall, Jr.
9. Callie Bitner
10. Melody Bennett
11. Patricia Brodsky
12. Kevin Clemence
13. Scott and Mary Collins
14. Evan Craig
15. Brantley Cropper
16. Francis Daigre
17. Dee Drescher
18. Jen Elliott
19. Shirley Findlay
20. Bette Finley
21. Richard Finley
22. Sharon Goetz
23. Keith Goshen
24. CJ Hebert
25. Joel & Nell Houston
26. Rebekah Jackson
27. Helen Maloney
28. PJ Maloney
29. Jenna Martin
30. Fox Martinez
31. Nathan Mitchell
32. Jacob Mongelli
33. Lily & Joe Nicoso
34. Suzanne Nimmo

34. Pat Parks
35. Liberty Porch
36. Mason Prather
37. Leneve Savag
38. Ryan and Chrissie Spencer
39. Carson Taylor
40. Bob & Gloria Taylor
41. Cathy Tenorio
42. Norma Timmons
43. Frank & Nancy Tribuno
44. Charles W.
45. Joyce Wagner
46. Ken & Judy Williams
47. Kelly Wood

LOCAL, REGIONAL & GLOBAL

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