



From the Pastor

Bethel Banner 2026

September is a month of transitions. Summer is ending and Fall is beginning. Summer vacations have ended and the kids are going back to school. Some of those kids are entering new schools while some are starting college. It is a time when we think about starting new things, which means it is a time of year when people consider going back to church.

It is because this is a month of transitions that I chose September for our transition to one service, at 9:30am, which begins September 13th. For some, the move to one service feels like a step backward, that we will be offering less. However, the change wasn't made because we can't do two services anymore. We could have continued with that format. It was made to help the mission of our church. It gives us a worship time that is more favorable for families with young children, which will help us in our outreach to the Faithful Foundation Families. The change was also made because we are in a season in the life of our church where we need to be reminded that for the church to move forward we all need to be working together, and worshipping together is a great place to start. We are also excited that this new service will come with a new music director, Mr. Wade Van Orden, who will be sharing his musical talents with us.

While change can be hard, it can also bring about exciting new possibilities if we move forward with a positive attitude. What can you do to help with the transition? First of all, pray. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us through this transition and that we will have hearts open to how the Spirit desires to move among us. Secondly, display an attitude of patience that will be an example for others in the church. It is going to take time to adjust to one service and there will be rough spots along the way, so we need to keep focused on the big picture. Thirdly, if you are physically able, be in attendance on Sundays. As it says in Hebrews 10:25, "Let us not give up meeting together...but encourage one another." When we are in attendance Sunday mornings it builds morale and creates momentum for other positive things to happen. Finally, think of someone you can invite to church. Even if that person has declined in the past, they may be ready now.

Blessings,

Pastor John

Update on UMW Activities

On August 19th the United Methodist Women met at 7 pm for planning and preparing. The Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tea were discussed, and following the meeting, shoeboxes were assembled for Operation Christmas Child.

Amy Keller has had to step down as the chair for Attic Treasures due to an exciting opportunity to spend time caring for her new grandson. There was discussion as to whether to opt for another way to use the Café/Boardroom space, but it was decided that we would continue with Attic Treasures and come together to make it work. If there is someone out there who would like to take charge of this aspect of the Bazaar, please let Terry know. There will be plenty of helpers, but they are looking for a leader. Another position which needs to be filled is someone to man the soup pre-order process. Again, contact Terry if you would like to volunteer.

The next meeting of the UMW will on **Wednesday, September 16th at 1:00**. We will be returning to the daytime meeting until next Spring. This will be an important meeting as we begin to gear up for our two big events in November and December. Our activity for the meeting will be filling shoeboxes.

The UMW events and meetings welcome all women who would like to attend. We'd love to see you there!

Guys and Gals

To be announced

Spring City Food Pantry (Project Outreach): October 29th 10:00am-12:00pm

Bethel's donation for September will be:

Toilet Paper

Pancake Mix

Syrup

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!

September Calendar

Tues, Sept. 1 st			
Wed, Aug. 2 nd			
Thurs, Sept. 3 rd			
Fri, Sept. 4 th			
Sat, Sept. 5 th			
Sun, Sept. 6 th	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 7 th			
Tues, Sept. 8 th			
Wed, Sept. 9 th	6:30pm 7:00pm	Finance Meeting Church Council	Board Room Board Room
Thurs, Sept. 10 th			
Fri, Sept. 11 th			
Sat, Sept. 12 th			
Sun, Sept. 13th 9:30am Service Starts	8:30am 9:30am	Seekers Worship Service	Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 14 th			
Tues, Sept. 15 th	7:00pm	Trustee Meeting	Board Room
Wed, Sept. 16 th	6:30pm	Cub Scouts	Shick Shack
Thurs, Sept. 17 th			
Fri, Sept. 18 th			
Sat, Sept. 19 th			
Sun, Sept. 20 th	8:30am 9:30am	Seekers Worship Service	Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 21 st			
Tues, Sept. 22 nd			
Wed, Sept. 23 rd	7:00pm	Coventry Chorus	Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Sept. 24 th	10:00am	Charge Conference	St. Matthew Valley Forge
Fri, Sept. 25 th			
Sat, Sept. 26 th			
Sun, Sept. 27 th	8:30am 9:30am	Seekers Worship Service	Library Sanctuary
Mon, Sept. 28 th			
Tues, Sept. 29 th			
Wed, Sept. 30 th	7:00pm	Coventry Chorus	Fellowship Hall

Nursery Childcare Provider Needed on Sundays at Bethel UMC

Bethel is currently looking for a nursery childcare provider to cover for our 9:30am service. This is a paid position, and three years' experience and/or certification in childcare are preferred. Clearances will also be required. The applicant will be working in conjunction with a volunteer. Compensation will be paid even if there are no children. Please contact the Church office if you or someone you know would be interested in the position.

Administrative Assistance Needed

Bethel UMC is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant! The job will include administrative and website/digital sign responsibilities. Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm. You will receive paid time off after the first year. Please contact the main office at 610-495-6807 with any questions or email your resume to Betheloffice952@aol.com

Women's Book Club

"Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult

Discussion: September 28th at 10:00am

In the Café.



Nikki O'Shea 2008



Upcoming Meetings

Finance Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm

In the Board Room

Church Council

Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

Trustee Meeting

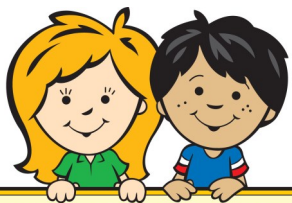
Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

UMW Meeting

Wednesday, September 16th at 1:00pm

In the Board Room



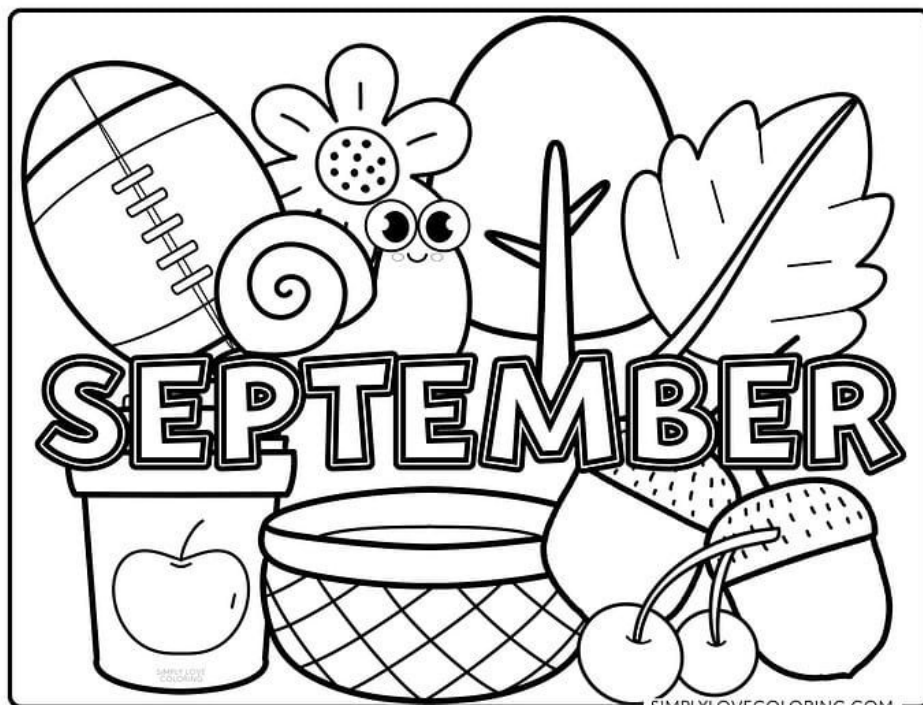
KIDS PAGE

SUMMER bucket list

SEPTEMBER bucket list...

- 🍎 Go to a farmers market
- 🍎 Visit a corn maze
- 🍎 Make homemade jelly
- 🍎 Go geocaching
- 🍎 Make popcorn balls
- 🍎 Have a picnic
- 🍎 Drink hot chocolate
- 🍎 Go on a bike ride
- 🍎 Make a leaf craft
- 🍎 Have family movie night

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Come to Bethel UMC
952 Bethel Church Rd. Spring City, PA

On Sunday, September 13th, 9:30am we will celebrate our NEW worship service time. There will be a picnic afterwards, with games for the kids.

Please RSVP and let us know how many are coming.

610-495-6807

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September 1	Robert Graeff
September 4	Scott Osiol
September 6	Norman Segner
September 6	Alexander Gerber
September 7	Barbara Gill
September 7	Linda Unger
September 8	Ryan Conway
September 8	Lisa Riley
September 11	Mary Parke
September 11	Kathryn Tschantre
September 13	Barry Kerchner
September 13	Chris Cuthbert
September 15	Rachel Moore
September 15	Michael Steele
September 15	David Guest
September 17	Tyler Shantz
September 18	Analisa Romberg
September 18	Grayson Duber
September 19	Liam Conway
September 20	Darlene Robinson
September 21	Austin DeMarco
September 21	Jim O'Connor
September 21	Sean Davis
September 21	Justin Daubert
September 23	Cheryl Mullins
September 24	Diane Raab
September 25	Joyce Shutt
September 26	Adele Groman
September 26	Mark Ferriss



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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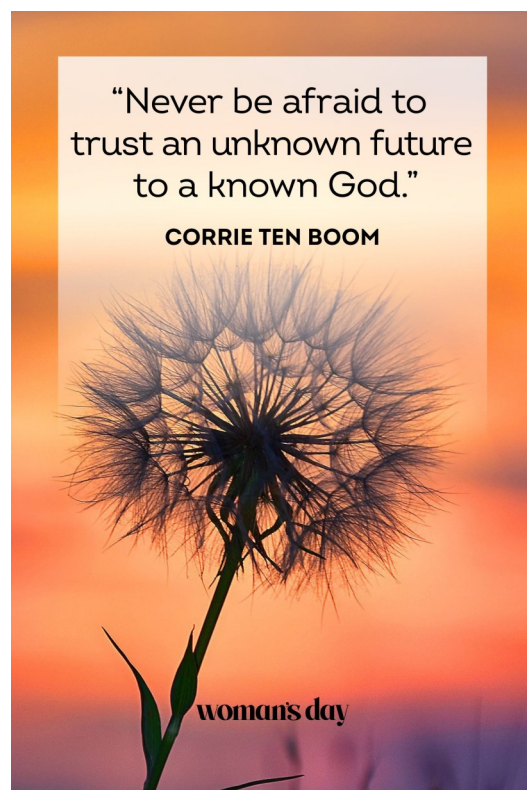
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