

From the Pastor

It is November, a season for giving thanks. While we might be setting our eyes on Christmas and the preparations for that celebration, it is important to remind ourselves of the blessings God has given us. There are many challenges in life and many things happening in the world that we don't understand. It is easy to focus on the negative and begin to feel hopeless. Those of us who attended Charge Conference were reminded of the power of giving thanks. The presiding Elder of our Charge Conference reminded us of all the ways God has blessed us and how God has enabled us to minister to the world around us. He was very thankful for the ministry of Bethel, and it reminded us that God is working in ways we don't always see. So, give thanks to God for what God has done for us and for the ways God has enabled us to serve Him, the church, and the community.

I would like to take this November opportunity for thankfulness and give thanks to our church leaders for their hard work and dedication. These are people who volunteer countless hours and do many things behind the scenes that keep the church alive and active in ministry to the world. Thank you for your faith in God and your belief in the ministry of this church.

I would also like to thank God for this, my 38th year in pastoral ministry. I thank God for the privilege of preaching and teaching the Word of God. I have tried to never lose sight of the responsibility of rightly interpreting God's Word, and to do my best to speak the truth in love. I have often said that I couldn't picture myself doing anything else. However, life is full of different chapters, and I have decided that the time is right for me to step away from pastoral ministry. Therefore, I am going to retire, effective July 1, 2027. It is time for me to focus on some other areas in my life and to find new ways to use my gifts of preaching and teaching to serve God and the Church.

I invite you to be in prayer for the upcoming pastoral change and for the person who will be appointed as your next pastor. The appointment season begins in January, so don't look for any announcement until sometime between the middle of January and the middle of March.

Grace and Peace to All,

Pastor John

Update on UMW Activities

Bethel's United Methodist Women met at 1 pm on Wednesday, October 28th. The Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tea were the focus of discussion and, following the meeting, attendees continued the process of filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 9-2. Volunteers are needed throughout the week prior for soup prep and distribution of items for Attic Treasures. The day of the event, any time you can give to serve in the kitchen, bake table, Attic Treasures, or clean up is greatly appreciated. [See week of worksheet enclosed.]

The next meeting of the UMW will on Wednesday, November 18th at 1:00. We will be reviewing the Christmas Bazaar and planning for the Tea.

The Christmas Tea for Women will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 1:00. Reservations will open beginning Monday, November 16th. We will be in need of table hostesses once again so that we can accommodate over 90 women who eagerly await this gathering. Our mission focus will be St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, and our speaker will enlighten us with tips decorating for the holidays.

The UMW events and meetings are open to 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): December 22nd 10:00am-12:00pm

Bethel's donation for November will be:

Toilet Paper ***Canned Corn*** ***Canned Peas***



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!

Sun, Nov. 1st All Saints Day	8:30am 9:30am 6:00pm-7:00pm	Seekers Class Worship Service Girl Scout Meeting	Library Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Mon, Nov. 2nd			
Tues, Nov. 3rd			
Wed, Nov. 4th	7:00pm	Chorus	Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Nov. 5th	6:30pm-8:00pm	Pack 4	B.R., S.S.
Fri, Nov. 6th			
Sat, Nov. 7th			
Sun, Nov. 8th	8:30am 9:30am After Service	Seekers Class Worship Service Reception	Library Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Mon, Nov. 9th			
Tues, Nov. 10th	7:00pm	Trustee Meeting	Board Room
Wed, Nov. 11th Veteran's Day	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Chorus Church Council Finance Meeting	Fellowship Hall Board Room Board Room
Thurs, Nov. 12th	6:30pm-8:00pm	Pack 4	B.R., S.S.
Fri, Nov. 13th	4:00pm-6:00pm 4:00pm-7:00pm	Soup Pickups Vendor's Setup	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
Sat, Nov. 14th	7:30am-8:45am 9:00am-2:00pm 11:00am-1:00pm	Vendor's Setup Christmas Bazaar Soup Pickups	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
Sun, Nov. 15th	8:30am 9:30am	Seekers Class Worship Service	Library Sanctuary

F.H. = Fellowship Hall
B.R. = Board Room
S.S. = Shick Shack

Mon, Nov. 16th			
Tues, Nov. 17th	6:30pm-8:00pm	Den Meeting	F.H., B.R., S.S.
Wed, Nov. 18th	1:00pm 7:00pm	UMW Meeting Coventry Chorus	Board Room Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Nov. 19th	6:30pm-8:00pm	Cub Scouts	Shick Shack
Fri, Nov. 20th			
Sat, Nov. 21st			
Sun, Nov. 22nd	8:30am 9:30am 1:00pm-4:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Seekers Class Worship Service Girl Scout Meeting Girl Scout Meeting	Library Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
Mon, Nov. 23rd	10:00am	Book Club Meeting	Cafe
Tues, Nov. 24th	7:00pm	Coventry Chorus	Fellowship Hall
Wed, Nov. 25th			
Thurs, Nov. 26th	Church Office Closed	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Fri, Nov. 27th			
Sat, Nov. 28th			
Sun, Nov. 29th	8:30am 9:30am 3:00pm-5:00pm	Seekers Class Worship Service Girl Scout Meeting	Library Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Mon, Nov. 30th			

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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, three years of 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.

Women's Book Club

"Help Wanted" by Adelle Waldman

Discussion: November 23rd at
10:00am
In the Café.





November 2026

Upcoming Meetings

Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

Finance Meeting

Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30pm

In the Board Room

Church Council

Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

Women's Book Club

Monday, November 23rd at 10:00am

In the Cafe

UMW Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th at 1:00pm

In the Board Room

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 14th

9:00 am to 2:00 pm at

Bethel United Methodist Church

952 Bethel Church Road
Spring City, PA 19475
610-495-6807 or UMCHURCHBETHEL.ORG

- Crafts
- Attic Treasures
- Bake Table
- Preserves Pantry
- Homemade Soups and other great food

Free Admission and Parking

Volunteers Needed!!

Here are the dates and times we need kitchen volunteers for the Bethel Bazaar. Please see the sign up sheet in the lobby.
Questions: Contact Terry Miller at 610.506.8455.

* Sunday 11/8/26: 1-4pm Veggie cutting party
* Wednesday 11/11/26: 9am-5pm Cook vegetable beef & ham/bean soups
* Thursday 11/12/26: 10am-5pm Chicken pickin'; prepare chicken corn noodle and pot pie soups, set up tables for vendors
* Friday 11/13/26: 3-6 pm- Hoagie preparation and make BBQ
* Saturday 11/14/26: 7am start- Hoagie assembly
  And then there is all day Saturday in multiple areas!

You need not commit to the entire day of the Bazaar.

The sign up sheet will have shift times available.
Workers are especially needed from 8:30 to 2:30 for a variety of jobs:

* Food service at the window, kitchen help/food prep, and dish washing
* Cashiers
* Sales at bake table/pantry
* Work in lunch room-clean tables and replenish condiments
* Help in Attic Treasures
* Clean up!

Bethel Bazaar Soup Preorder Form
November 14, 2026
All soup is $10 per quart

Vegetable Beef # quarts_____

Chicken Corn Noodle # quarts_____

Pot Pie # quarts_____

Ham & Bean # quarts_____

Pick up: please check which day you will arrive

Friday 11/13/26 4-6pm_____

Saturday 11/14/26 11am-1pm_____

Name_____

Phone#_____

All preorders are due by
Sunday 11/8/2026
Questions: Terry Miller 610.506.8455

Our preserved products, along with some delectable sweet treats, will be available for purchase at the Bake Table in the Lobby on Saturday, November 14th.
Quantities are limited, so get there early!

Call to Arms- Man Your Mixers!

Once again, it's the annual appeal for your delectable donations of pies, cookies, cakes, breads, candy, and other confectionary creations for the Bazaar bake table. Items may be dropped off Friday the 13th from 5-7 pm and Saturday morning before 8:30 am. Please refrain from cream items that require refrigeration. Thank you in advance for your contributions toward missions!!!!

GUIDELINES FOR DONATIONS TO ATTIC TREASURES FOR THE BAZAAR

Donations can be dropped off in the Board Room beginning on Sunday, October 25th. Please do not place donations on the Board Room table. **The last day to drop off donations is Sunday, November 7th.**

Items we CANNOT accept include the following: clothing of any kind (this includes shoes and hats), furniture, encyclopedias, dictionaries, magazines, large electronics like tv's, monitors, computers, etc., sheets, comforters, make up, VHS and cassette tapes, helmets of any kind, used infant car seats, swings, highchairs or playpens.

Please make sure all items are clean and in working order. Items that require batteries should have them installed.

Items we are always LOOKING for include: holiday decorations, jewelry, toys, household decorations, glassware, dishes, table linens, picture frames, pet items, fabric and craft items, baskets, books (no more than 2 boxes per family, please), puzzles and purses.

If you are unsure about donating an item, please ask Terry Miller at 610.506.8455 or email: pollentec@comcast.net before dropping off the item in question.



Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 19, 2026, at 1pm

Bethel United Methodist Church

952 Bethel Church Road

Spring City, PA 19475

610-495-6807

Reserve your seat by calling the church beginning Monday, November 16th.
Seating is limited; reservations in advance are required.
Please join us for an afternoon of quiches, salads, decadent desserts, door prizes, fellowship, and a presentation on tips for holiday decorating!

This event is open to all women in the community. There is no charge for attending, but monetary donations and in-kind gifts will be received for St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter in Phoenixville, PA.

Hosted by the Bethel United Methodist Women



November

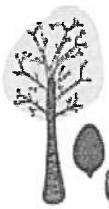
FAMILY BUCKET LIST


watch a football game


make baked apples


make pumpkin pancakes


jump in a pile of leaves


fall nature walk


make a leaves craft

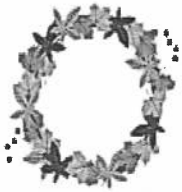

watch the Thanksgiving Day parade


take family photos


donate to a food bank


make a list of things to be thankful for


pay it forward

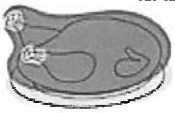

make a fall wreath


bake a pumpkin pie


decorate for fall


go to a fall festival


drink apple cider


cook a turkey


do a puzzle

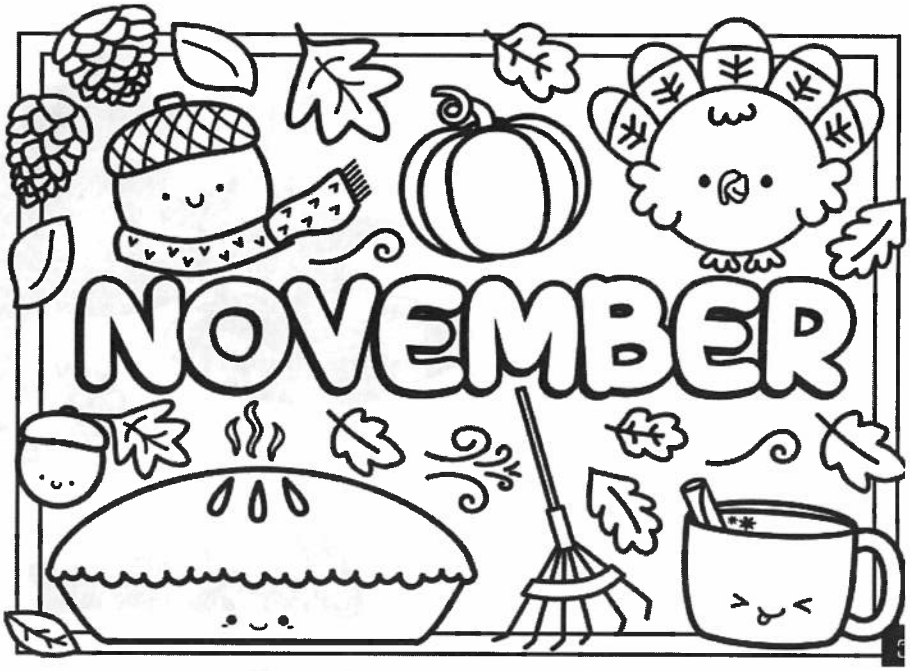

take a scenic fall drive

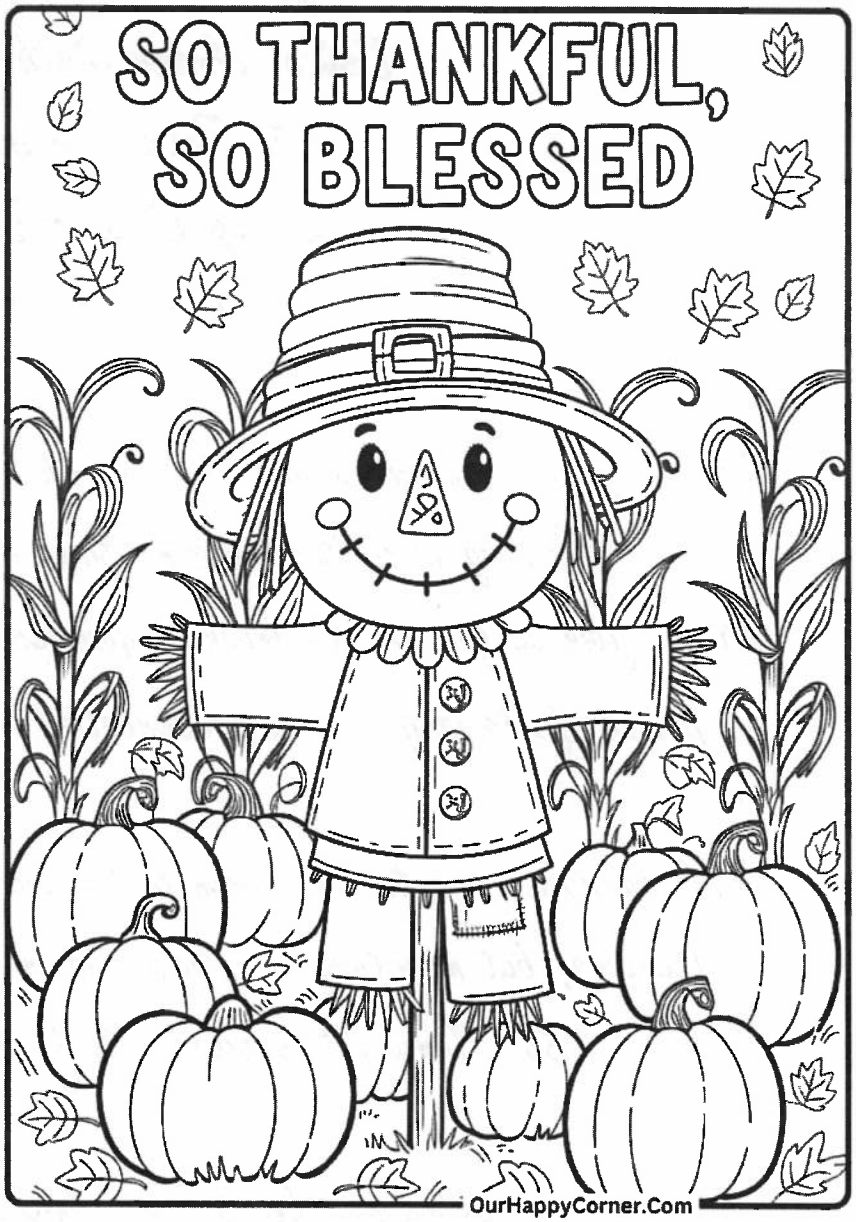


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Gobble Gobble







November 1	Karen Conway
November 4	Darrell Hoffman
November 6	Lynne Walleigh
November 7	Aubrey Bates
November 9	Sue Robinson
November 12	Dylan Murray
November 12	Cheryl Emery
November 14	Suzanne Collins
November 16	Jennifer Rowley
November 17	Kaye Hetrick
November 17	Dawn Allison
November 19	Sarah Handwork
November 20	Stephanie O'Connor
November 21	Becky Bishop
November 21	Carol Osiol
November 24	Joanne Meitzler
November 25	Amanda DeHaven
November 25	Althea Vize
November 25	Brandon DeHaven
November 26	Brianna Trout
November 28	Benjamin Graeff
November 28	Devin Long
November 28	Trevor Long
November 29	Victoria Earhart





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 reading glasses, prescription glasses and sunglasses are collected for the Lion's Club.

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We Recycle!

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