



# BETHEL CHRONICLE

“The Small Country Church with a BIG Heart”  
Sunday Worship with Jr. Church 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Bethel’s Vision: **Connect** with God through Prayer, **Grow** in Christ through Love, **Go** into the world & serve. **Connect, Grow, Go...**

## November 2024

### NOVEMBER MINISTRY

- Wed. Nov. 6 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Endowment Committee
- Thurs. Nov. 7 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Administrative Board
- Tues. Nov. 12 – 1:00 p.m.**  
Health/Welfare/Mission Committee

### Ministry Meetings/Events

- Sun. Nov. 3 – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
Messy Church
- Wed. Nov. 6 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Lunch & Learn
- Sat. Nov. 9 – 8:00 a.m.**  
Men’s Group &  
Happy Workers Circle
- Tues. Nov. 12 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
Friends Fellowship
- Sat. Nov. 16 – Noon to 2:00 p.m.**  
Pork BBQ pickup
- Sun. Nov. 17 – December News Articles Due**
- Sun. Nov. 24 – Harvest Home**

### November Dates to Remember

- Nov. 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 5 – Election Day - Your vote counts!
- Nov. 11 – Veterans’ Day
- Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day



**NOVEMBER COLLECTION**  
Harvest Home collection for Mason Dixon  
Community Services.

## PASTOR’S CORNER



Dear Ministry Partners,

As we enter the month of November, we find ourselves surrounded by the beauty of autumn, with leaves changing colors and the air turning crisp. It’s a season that naturally invites us to reflect on change and growth—both in nature and in our own lives. This month, we’ll continue exploring our sermon series on the Book of Acts, looking at the early church and the Spirit-led movement that spread the gospel throughout the world. What was it that empowered this small, diverse group of believers to grow into a movement that transformed lives and communities?

One of the key themes in Acts is *boldness*. As we read about Peter and John speaking with courage before authorities, or Paul sharing the gospel despite constant opposition, we’re reminded that the early church didn’t rely on human strength or strategy alone. Their boldness came from a deep reliance on the Holy Spirit, a strong sense of mission, and a community that encouraged and supported one another. This same Spirit is at work in us today, calling us to be bold in our own witness, to serve our neighbors with love, and to build bridges of reconciliation.

This month, I encourage you to consider what it would look like for you to live boldly. Is there someone in your life who needs a word of hope? Is there a community need that God is calling you to address? Just as the early church stepped out in faith, trusting in God’s provision and power, we too can respond with courage, knowing that God is still at work through His people.

In the spirit of thanksgiving, let’s also remember to give thanks for the way the Holy Spirit has been moving among us. We have a spirit of renewal and hope in our church and our community. Whether it’s through acts of service, new ministries, or simply gathering for worship, each of these is a testimony to God’s continued faithfulness.

May this season be one of gratitude and boldness for each of us. As we continue our journey through the Book of Acts, may we be inspired by the faith of the early church and be open to the ways God wants to use us today.

Go Forth,  
Pastor Beth “PB”

## Worship Information for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service

**Sunday November 3- All Saints Sunday and Holy Communion - *Get Up! Acts 3:1-10***

10:15AM SS Speaker - Norina Bentzel – Guest speaker on 2001 machete attack at RLASD

**Sunday November 10 *No Longer Afraid-Acts 4:1-22***

followed by Fellowship Time sponsored by the Happy Worker's Circle

**Sunday November 17 *I Need to Make a Call-Acts 4:23-31***

**Sunday November 24 *Harvest Home*** - Guest Speaker Ashleigh Lucas from Central PA Food Bank  
Non-perishable food will be given to Mason Dixon Community Services

## HARVEST HOME

Sharing with others has always been one of the things Bethel “the small country church with the big heart” has been known for. This Fall’s Harvest Home will be no exception.



**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, Thanksgiving Sunday, non-perishable items will be collected for the Mason Dixon Community Services food pantry. Open your hearts and cupboards and share with those in need. Thank you in advance for your items to fill the benches at the front of the church!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Classes meet every Sunday after Worship at 10:15 a.m.

### **Back Room Sunday School Class - November**

The small group which meets in the back of the church is beginning a new study in November. The study, focused on the life of Esther is a rags-to-riches story in which we meet a young woman who is placed by God in a position where she plays a major role in the history of the Israelite nation. If you are facing an uncertain future that is filled with fear, doubt and hard choices, you will want to join us as we travel through Esther's story as we study Max Lucado's "You Were Made for This Moment" video study.

## ***MESSY CHURCH***

**November 3 - 3:30pm-5:30pm**



At Messy Church, all ages meet together to learn about Christ through games, crafts and activities, music and storytelling from the Bible. A foundational ingredient of Messy Church is to gather around a table for a meal and build relationships with each other, God and the world. This is not a drop off event but an intergenerational event. The theme for the afternoon is God Enters the World.

Join us as we pin the tail on the donkey. Make a star ornament. Create the shepherd's sheep and so much more.

Spaghetti will be served for dinner! - Sponsored by Faithful Workers Sunday School Class

## HAPPY WORKERS CIRCLE

The HWC wishes to **THANK** everyone who contributed to the Rummage Sale. Your contributions and purchase of clothing, misc. items, sandwiches, baked goods, etc. helped to make the sale a success.

The next HWC meeting will be on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> when they will be serving Breakfast to the Men's Group and then conducting their own November meeting.

## MEN'S GROUP

The men will join together Saturday morning, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to enjoy breakfast served by the Happy Workers Circle. After the meal they will conduct their normal meeting of devotion and business.

Men of all ages are invited to attend.

## FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

Next meeting for this group is Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> which is deemed as a craft day for holiday gifts for the shut-ins. And hey...make one for yourself too.

Bring your lunch and join this group of fun-loving Seniors for a great day out.

## PORK BBQ



### New Dinner Offering

Many of you expressed how much you enjoyed the Pork BBQ (from Big Bob's) at the annual picnic. This prompted interest in hosting a **Pork BBQ Dinner Sale**. The sale will be held on **November 16<sup>th</sup>** with pickup from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Preorder by signing on the back table in the church by November 10<sup>th</sup> or calling or texting Howard at 717-676-1202.

Dinner will include: Pork BBQ Sandwich (Roll and BBQ will be separated in the container). Also included is a 4 oz. serving of Bethel's famous pepper slaw and a bag of chips. Cost is \$9.00 for the dinner. A slice of cake can be added for \$1.00. Several women from the church will be baking some of your favorite cakes to complete the meal. These include – Shoefly, Oklahoma, Chocolate/Peanut Butter, Angel Food, Coconut, German Chocolate. A full dinner in one complete packet! Is your mouth watering? If so sign up or contact Howard Now! Don't miss out on this.

Also offered for sale will be Bethel's Pepper Slaw by the Quart for \$5.00 or Pint at \$3.00.





## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### HIGHLIGHTING HEALTH/WELFARE & MISSIONS

On behalf of the Health/Mission and Welfare Committee, Bethel UMC has three opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ: two being monetary donations, one by truly being the hands and feet.

1. The UMC Mechanicsburg Children's Home needs help for the "Christmas Tree" wishes. Buying items or gift cards requested by the children on various websites and shipping directly to the school.
2. The Children's Home of York also has a similar store list for their children's wishes for Christmas
3. The third way to help is helping to serve the noon meal at Our Daily Bread on South George St in York. They are in need of 4-5 people the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 12:30. At this time, we would be serving the meals that the kitchen makes.

**More info and links to purchases sites to follow. Any questions please see Fawn or Pastor Beth**

In a land full of wonders, with creatures galore,  
There are chances to help that you simply can't ignore.  
With a hop and a skip, and a heart full of cheer,  
Let's seek out the ways we can lend a hand here!

There are folks who need kindness, a smile, or a friend,  
And with each little gesture, the joy will extend.  
From the tiniest critters to the tallest of trees,  
Every act of compassion brings smiles and good ease.

So grab your bright hat and your trusty old shoes,  
There's a world full of chances—there's nothing to lose!  
You can plant a small garden, or read to a child,  
Each moment of service makes the whole world more wild!

Whether helping your neighbor or sharing a toy,  
Each small act of service brings laughter and joy.  
So look all around you, what do you see?  
Opportunities to serve are as vast as the sea!

Now go on, dear friend, let your heart take the lead,  
With kindness and courage, you'll plant every seed.  
In this whimsical world, with its colors and curves,  
The best gift of all is the love that you serve!

Source: [chatgpt.com](https://chatgpt.com)



**Promote the ministries of Bethel if you are on Facebook. SHARE! Share the Facebook information. Just click and share ENEWS, Outreach events, fundraisers, etc!**

## Thoughts on Finance



As we roll into the final months of 2024, I begin to gather all the information I need to complete the church budget for next year. I look at the rolling 12 months of expenses and our current average income. It helps me determine where we are meeting expectations and where we maybe off a bit so I can make adjustments and report them to you.

Not only should all businesses and nonprofits have budgets, so should all households. Budgeting gives you control of your finances. It can help you fix bad spending habits, allows you to plan for tithing, prepare for retirement, and help out when you have emergencies. Budgeting ensures you only spend what you can afford and helps you make decisions whether you should buy something or not.

Once you have, and stick to a budget, you may notice that your family life is beginning to improve. Less arguments about money and knowing that all family members know the do's and don'ts of dealing with money. Studies have shown that controlling your finances can also reduce financial stress and improve mental health. We all know that stress can also lead to physical problems like high blood pressure, heart rate and weight gain.

So, as we wind down another year and prepare for 2025, consider taking the time to make a budget. Who wouldn't like a better family life and less financial stress for next year. If you have any questions about budgeting, you can ask me. I'd be happy to answer them for you.

Ed Miller. Stewardship Chairperson

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## HEALTH TIP OF THE MONTH YOU SMELL GAS IN YOUR HOME

Most people will recognize the “rotten egg” odor associated with a gas leak, but you should also be aware of the sounds & sights if a leak, Daniel Lowry, spokesperson for Kentucky utilities LG&E and KU Energy, says that you may notice a “hissing or whistling sound coming from an appliance.”

*Don't turn on the lights!* Your first instinct might be to investigate but use a flashlight or your cell phone. “You do not want to turn on lights or start activating electrical switches, because that could create a spark”, Lowry says.

*Open your doors and windows* to immediately vent the area.

*Get away, but not by car.* Walk outside and call the gas company. Avoid getting in your vehicle, especially if it's in the garage. “You don't want to get in your car and start it, because that could also create a problem if there is a major leak. Go to a safe area. If it's cold outside, go to a neighbor's home.” Bring any pets with you.

*Call the gas company* and then call 911 too. Error on the side of caution.

Source - AARP the magazine



## GUEST SPEAKER - Welcome Norina Bentzel

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> during the SS hour, Norina Bentzel-former principal of North Hopewell Winterstown Elementary School will be in the church sanctuary to speak about the horrific day when in 2001 a man wielding a 2-foot-long machete entered the school and attacked both children and the staff.

While the story sounds gruesome, Mrs. Bentzel has a true story of crisis, recovery and forgiveness to share. Please plan to attend this presentation.

## Collinsville Library Basket Auction

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the filled basket of goodies donated to Collinsville Library. The library hosts a Christmas Basket Silent Auction each year during the holiday season. Area businesses donate a basket with the proceeds of the sale generating income for the library. Bethel's basket contained items used in winter along with promotional items/literature about the church.



The baskets are available for viewing at the library and bids are received from Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm Noon. High bidder at that time will purchase the basket.

Baskets are varied from small to large and contents vary as well. Consider visiting and making a bid – great way to start your Christmas shopping.



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Yes, it is that time again. A joyous, wonderful, exciting time of year. What better way to start the Advent Season than spending time with your church family.

A soup/bread/dessert luncheon will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> after Worship service. Following the service, we will proceed to the Social Hall where there will be light snacks, adult and children festivities including Santa until lunchtime. Lunch is planned to be served by 11:30 or 12:00.

After lunch you are free to visit with friends or leave for other events you may have planned for the day.

A sign up sheet will be on the Information Table if you are able to provide a soup/bread/dessert. There will also be a sign up sheet for those willing to decorate a table to make the event extra festive.

## INTERESTED IN LAY LEADERSHIP?

Rev. Denise Haskins and Beth Zeiders, District Administrative Assistant, will be providing the CE class: Pastoral Caregiving.

The date is Saturday, November 23 from 8-4:30 pm. It will be in person at Mt Zion UMC in Enola. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25 and scholarships are available.

The registration form can be found on the lay servant ministry website: [Lay Ministry – Susquehanna Conference \(susumc.org\)](http://susumc.org)



# SERVING IN WORSHIP DURING NOVEMBER

If you would like to serve in upcoming months, sign up on information table

DATE	GREETERS	LITURGIST
November 3	Fawn & Brice	Fawn
November 10	Gloria & Tina	Tina
November 17	Brian & Kathy	Michael G.
November 24	Ed & Julie	Ed

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

**Do you love to decorate and share fellowship with others? Then join the Decorating Committee November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to decorate the church for the Advent Season!**



**BIBLE TRIVIA**

Can you answer the following questions, taken from the book 270 Bible Trivia Questions and Answers.

1. How many books are in the New Testament?
2. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
3. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?
4. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?
5. To what city was Saul traveling when he encountered a great and blinding light?

See answers below

**LOOKING AHEAD - SAVE THE DATE**

Messy Church	November 3
Harvest Home	November 24
Congregation Christmas Luncheon	December 1
Friends Fellowship Christmas Party	December 10
HWC/Men’s Group Christmas Banquet	December 13
Annual Christmas Program	December 15

**TRIVIA ANSWERS:** 1. 27 2. Locusts 3. Simeon 4. 2 John 5. Damascus

**Deadline for November Newsletter is Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024 – Submit info to Thalia McKinley**  
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