



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion no children's church 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Sunday School/Adult Enrichment Classes 9:45 AM Youth Fellowship (LCH) 11:00 AM Traditional Service	2	3 4:30 PM TOPS (FH-C) 7:00 PM A Disciple's Path (CR)	4 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (WC)	5 9:00 AM Food Co-op Meeting (FH) 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 523 (FH) 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice (WC)	6 Church office closed 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 13104 (FH)	7 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 16332 (AX)
8 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Sunday School/Adult Enrichment Classes 9:45 AM Youth Fellowship (LCH) 11:00 AM Traditional Service 12:00 PM Prayer Team (WC)	9 6:15 PM Boy Scouts (FH) 6:15 PM Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00 PM SPRC (CR)	10 11:00 AM Lunch Bunch 4:30 PM TOPS (FH-C) 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Ladies' Game Night (FH) 7:00 PM Church Council	11 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM Hospitality Dinner 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (WC)	12 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 523 (AX) 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice (WC) 7:00 PM Rock Club (FH)	13 Church office closed 2:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 523 (CH)	14 7:00 AM Mission Team Fish Fry (FH) 4:00 PM Calvary Refuge Center - New Founders 5:00 PM Christian Growth (Ch)
15 Beans&Rice and Friends House Sunday 8:30 AM Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Sunday School/Adult Enrichment Classes 9:45 AM Youth Fellowship (LCH) 11:00 AM Traditional Service 12:15 PM Mission Team Meeting (CR)	16 6:15 PM Boy Scouts (FH) 6:15 PM Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00 PM Nominations Committee (CR)	17 12:00 PM Seasoned Saints (FH) 4:30 PM TOPS (FH-C)	18 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (WC)	19 9:00 AM Food Co-op Meeting 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 523 (AX) 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice (WC) 7:00 PM UMW Joy Circle Meeting (FH)	20 Church office closed 5:00 PM Bankston/Knarich Wedding Rehearsal (WC) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 13104 (FH)	21 8:00 AM United Methodist Men's Meeting 12:00 PM setup for wedding 5:30 PM Bankston/Knarich Wedding (WC)
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29 9:00 AM UM Men will host breakfast 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service	30 6:15 PM Boy Scouts (FH) 6:15 PM Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00 PM Simon Peter Bible Study (CR)					

Bethel United Methodist Church

We Are Mist

In response to whether she could commit to something, my mother would often say, “God willing and the creek don’t rise.” I used to wonder what the creek rising had to do with anything. I learned it went back to the days in the country when an overflowing creek could mess up a roadway and hinder travel plans. In recent days I find myself pondering the first part of that phrase, God willing.

As much as I want to live within God’s will there are times when I find myself struggling with saying it. In the last week of life for a dear church member, Fred Przystas, it seemed that God’s will was to take Fred home to glory. I didn’t want to pray Thy will be done. I wanted God’s will to be aligned with what I wanted. I wanted Fred to be made healthy and strong. Now that Fred is with God, of course, I am accepting of God’s will.

To not want to pray God’s will, can be a matter of trust. Will we trust God with all that concerns us? Will we trust God with everyone that we love and care for?

If we are honest, nothing in this world is under our control. People are here today and gone tomorrow. There is nothing we can do to sustain a life that God is calling home. We can’t control when life is spinning like a whirlwind. We can only try to hold on and not get thrown off balance. If we are blessed to be in a position of influence, power or leadership, we still have limitations. All of us must answer to the higher authority. In this life and the next, it is God who is in control. We are fortunate that all that God does, the molding and shaping, the taking away and adding to, it is all for our good. God loves us. Therefore, we can trust that, even if the creek rises, God is working things out for our good.

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money.” Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.”– James 4:13-14

Oreo's Blog



Hi, kids. How is school going? Do you have a lot of homework?

Guess what I saw on my walk this morning? It was Herme, the caterpillar! He was walking across the street? Do you know who I am talking about?



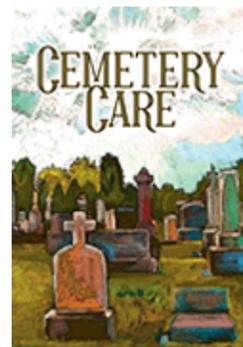
Max Lucado has written some books about Herme and his friends. Herme the caterpillar was sad because he was just plain green. He couldn't fly like a bird. He didn't have a house on his back like a snail. He didn't have beautiful colors as some of his friends, like the ladybug. One day Herme was very tired and went to sleep inside a cocoon. Guess what happened next? You are right! He emerged several days later as a beautiful butterfly with lots of colors. And he could fly!

Are you sometimes jealous of your friends or other kids at school? Sometimes it seems that they have more of something than you do? Or they do something better than you? I think we all have those thoughts sometimes. Just remember that God is not finished with you yet! Who knows what tomorrow will bring and what God has planned for you?

Remember--Jesus loves you and so do I. Love, Oreo

Part of the great heritage of this church is buried across the street in the cemetery. A few years back we established a trust fund for the care of the cemetery. At present the trust is not funded well enough to take care of all the maintenance of the cemetery. To offset this shortfall the trustees of the cemetery are planning a work day on September 21 to remove trees that are blocking some of the graves.

We will have a sign up sheet in the Narthex for helpers. We plan to cut the workday short so that we do not interfere with the wedding. We will end before 1:00 PM. If you have any questions, please see Steve Gay.



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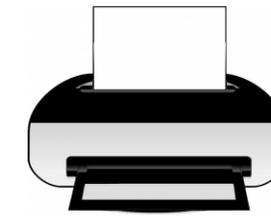
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Ink and Toner Cartridge Recycling

Did you know you can recycle your ink cartridges by taking them to any Office Depot? Since Bethel has a Rewards account at Office Depot, if you provide the church phone number, we get a \$2.00 credit for each cartridge, toward office supply purchases. This also includes tone cartridges like from our copier in the mail room. For your convenience, look for a collection box on top of the collection bins in the narthex, outside the church office. For information, click on the link: <https://www.ofalticedepot.com/a/content/loyy/recycling-program> or talk to Diane Geno.



We need your help with the Audio-Visual team at the 11:00 service.

There are very few requirements:

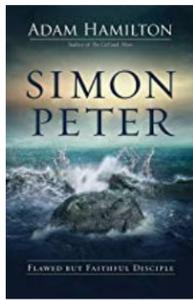
1. You must be able to climb the stairs.
2. You need to be able to use a computer mouse.
3. You need to be willing to learn.
4. You should not be in the choir, or be an usher.

The more people we get to volunteer, the less often you will be needed. Couples are welcome.

UMCMarket and Amazon Smile

If you have not already done so, sign up at umcmarket.org. There are a host of retail outlets that will donate a percentage of your purchases to Bethel. store's website, a box will pop up that will tell you what percentage the store will donate if it is part of the UMCMarket. Most retail outlets are. You can check the [umcmarket](http://umcmarket.org) website to see what stores are registered.

Amazon is not on UMCMarket, however, they will also donate a percentage of your purchases to Bethel. You can sign up at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1527241>. Please remember to always go this website to sign in. It will then take you to Amazon where you can make your purchases. You will see "Supporting Bethel United Methodist Church" somewhere on the top of the screen so you will know a percentage of your purchases will be donated.



Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple. Adam Hamilton narrates for us the life of Simon Peter. Through scripture and images of the Holy Land we will follow the life of Simon Peter as he followed Jesus Christ. This ordinary man was called by God to do extraordinary work for the kingdom. Come explore how God is calling you to share your gifts and talents for the Kingdom. Leading this six week study is Andrea Folkes. Class will start Monday, September 30th at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Worship Center. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex.



Listed Below is a list of items that need to be repaired around the church campus. If there is something on the list you have the skills to tackle, please let Tom Smith, the Trustee Chairman know. If you don't have the skill to do any of these jobs, please consider making a donation towards the repairs. We at Bethel are responsible to keep the church maintained in any way we can. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

- Paint wall in ladies restroom in Worship Center
- Replace ceiling tiles in ladies restroom
- Fix light switches that are erratic
- Annex soffit needs repair
- Annex gutters need cleaning
- Water-flow away from Chapel
- Sanctuary carpet needs stich in and gluing
- Repair sanctuary stucco and paint
- Basement in Annex needs cleaning and renovation
- Paint lower front of sanctuary which had black streaks
- Remove grass growing in cracks of parking lot and seal seams
- Nursery cove molding just inside the door
- Decorate a nursery wall
- Balcony handrail needs to be reattached to the wall
- Patch Drywall
- Bathroom sinks need protective covering/sleeve
- Carpet outside the copy room needs to be glued down
- Nursery bathroom needs ceiling tile and fresh paint
- Doors in Fellowship Hall need weather stripping
- Tables outside the chapel need refinishing



It is that time of year again. Back to school. Where did the summer break go?

As you gather your school supplies please don't leave out the important stuff. Everyone remembers the books, papers, laptops, calculator, etc. Many forget to also include the belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet, and sword. No, I'm not talking about tools for the Game of Thrones. I'm talking tools essential for returning to school.

I remember last year some of you were complaining about fake friends. Those who act like you are best buds one day and snub you the next. I also heard fretting over teacher's expectations and parents lacking trust in you. Well, the important stuff will help you to deal with the challenges and stresses of school, home, and the neighborhood kids. When you leave each morning with God's pack list, you are prepared for a successful day.

So here is the checklist again found in Ephesians 6:10-17.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

When you make God an important addition to your life, Things will go well for you. Blessings on you and the new school year. See you on Sunday!

Remember: Sunday School 9:45 am, Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 am

Bethel Service

Times:

Contemporary Service

8:30am

Sunday School

9:45-10:45am

Traditional Service

11:00am

Third Sunday Donations

Please remember your Third Sunday donations for these mission initiatives:

A Friend's House is dedicated to meeting the emotional and physical needs of children in crisis. Please consider donating to A Friend's House. Look for the Little Wooden House in the Narthex to make your donation.

Helping in His Name Food Pantry.

As you enter or leave worship, don't forget to place your donations of beans and rice in the supply bin near the church office.



This year our UMW JOY Circle hosted our annual Ladies' Tea. We went around and around as to what to do. We've had speakers, we've had games, we've had just good old fashioned conversation. After prayerful consideration, we decided on a speaker—one of our own church members, Melissa Shealy.

Melissa's own personal story is very powerful. And how she got involved with prison ministry is also equally as powerful.

God's timing is always right, even when we have to wait a long time.

Here's a synopsis of what Melissa does for the prison ministry she's involved with. She is a retired teacher so that gives her a special direction to tie into.

"When I was researching prison ministries in Georgia in 2014, Heartbound Ministries (they put chaplains and volunteers in prisons and transitional centers all throughout Georgia's state prisons) connected with my spirit. I reached out to their founder, Andrea Shelton, and she arranged for my one day training and then she connected me with a facility she thought might be a good fit—Metro Transitional Center (MTC)/Chaplain Sinkfield (at the time). It felt like the perfect fit the first time I went while shadowing Chaplain Sinkfield. So I associate myself with being part of Heartbound Ministries and serve in the facility, Metro Transitional Center, Atlanta. I now serve as a volunteer under Chaplain Sandra Anderson who has been there for 2 years. Each time I go (which is every other Wednesday), Chaplain Anderson puts me where the need is—sometimes it is a Prayer and Share group (a time for that very thing—sharing, scripture reading, praying, just "listening") or tutoring in GED sessions with GED teacher Mrs. Robinson (which has been where I have been spending most of my time there the past 2 months as several ladies were GED testing this summer)."

The timing and subject weaved perfectly with all the things we've been highlighting this year among the overall UMW. Not to mention an issue that needs to be addressed thoroughly and with patience and energy right now. As you can see, there are many ways to be involved. We hope to highlight some of those ways in the future.

Another amazing part of the Tea this year happened to be what we asked people to bring. We don't charge for the tea. For those who can, we asked for donations from a list Melissa got from the Chaplain. Wow did people respond! 41 ladies brought:

Total items donated = 426 including: Socks + 63; Undergarments + 44; Oral Hygiene + 34; Hair care + 23; Body wash and soap + 34; Deodorant +=11; Body lotion & SPF + 10; Towels and wash cloths + 125; Journals + 5; + Hangers 80!

The ladies in JOY Circle stepped it up and made some fabulous food, beautiful decorations and lots of smiles and hugs for everyone coming in. We had a MAJOR downpour that ended 10 minutes before our start time. The sun popped out and people started flowing in. We are so thankful for the folks who came, who assisted, who gave, who listened. You couldn't walk away from this without being convicted of how important it is to DO something! And the knowledge that EVERYONE can find some way to plug in with our gifts to make a difference. Only God can make that happen!



We are looking for a special person to be our Public Safety Team Leader. This person will be in charge of all parking, shuttle service, security matters and will manage a small volunteer squad. If interested, please see Mary Ann Hill for more details.

Plans for next year's Awesome Blossom Spring Fest are underway! This will mark our 5th year anniversary and we will be celebrating in a number of ways, beginning with an updated website, all new attractions, anniversary specials and other surprises to be disclosed later. If you'd like to participate in this year's "awesomeness," please see any committee member.



We will meet on September 17th for lunch at 12:00 noon. On the menu will be Baked Chicken with gravy, rice, green beans and dessert. We will play our regular game of Bingo and have a devotional. Please think about what you would like to do in the upcoming year.



Saturday, September 14th

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

\$8.00 Per Plate

Plate includes Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies and a Dessert

Proceeds go to Bethel's Mission Team for their trip to Honduras in 2020



Jenny Umberger	9-02
Terry Bolt	9-02
Elliott McElroy	9-07
J.P. Brown	9-07
Tomika Johnson	9-10
Gabrielle Williams	9-10
Samantha Nichols	9-14
George Pinson	9-17
Steve Gay	9-17
Kimberly Cowan-Keane	9-18
Cathy Coleman	9-21
Joe Everidge	9-22
Eloise Matthie	9-25
Vickie Pinson	9-25
Eddie Hill	9-27



Shirley & Bud Freeman	9-01
Cathy & Chesley Coleman	9-11
Cindy & Lance Brooking	9-16
Deb & Randall Carter	9-16
Tonya & Randy Godwin	9-17
Joni & John Per-Lee	9-19
Jogi & Paul Mauger	9-21

Sunday Servants

September 1, 2019

Communion Assistants: E.Y. Baine, Valerie Blackburn, Eugenia Walters
 Children's Sunday School: Patti Pierce
 No Children's Church Holy Communion
 Ushers: Team 3: Nick Sparks, Liz Sparks, Mary Ann Hill,
 Donna Lollar
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: 11:00 Linda Henderson
 Audio/Visual: 8:30: Alan Pierce, Tonya Godwin, Pat Deloney
 11:00: E. Y. Baine, Jock Baine, Tripp Nelson, Audrey Black

September 8, 2019

Children's Sunday School: Genia Walters
 Children's Church - Genia Walters
 Greeter: Mark Cheek
 Ushers: Team 4: Charlie Henderson, Linda Henderson, Bo Shealy,
 Duane Revennaugh, Andrea Folkes
 Acolytes: Samantha Nichols, Gabrielle Williams
 Nursery: 11:00 Jeanette Moore
 Audio/Visual: 8:30: Alan Pierce, Pat Deloney,
 Tonya Godwin
 11:00: E. Y. Baine, Jock Baine, Tripp Nelson, Audrey Black

September 15, 2019

Children's Sunday School: Deena Goodwin
 Children's Church: Deb Carter
 Greeter: Mark Cheek
 Ushers: Team 5: Ron Beavers, Nancy Beavers, Charlie Thompson,
 Andre' Wilkerson, Joyce Wilkerson
 Acolytes: Andre' Wilkerson, Jr., Jada Wilkerson
 Nursery 11:00 Kellie Frissell
 Audio/Visual: 8:30: Alan Pierce, Pat Deloney, Tonya Godwin
 11:00: E. Y. Baine, Jock Baine, Tripp Nelson, Audrey Black

September 22, 2019

Children's Sunday School: Pat Deloney
 Children's Church: Carol McClure
 Greeter: Mark Cheek
 Ushers: Team 1: Jock Baine, Richard Johnson, Marvin Shanks,
 Mary Joe Shanks, Mark McElroy
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: 11:00 Deena Goodwin
 Audio/Visual: 8:30: Steve Gay, Pat Deloney, Tonya Godwin
 11:00: E. Y. Baine, Jock Baine, Tripp Nelson, Audrey Black

September 29, 2019 (Combined Service 10:00)

Children's Church: Carol McClure
 Greeter: Mark Cheek
 Ushers: Team 2: Sheila Ricks, Harold Moore, Jeanette Moore,
 Chris Dawson, Peggy Dawson, Cathy White
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: 10:00: Lucy Strauss
 Audio/Visual: Steve Gay, Pat Deloney, Tonya Godwin
 E. Y. Baine, Jock Baine, Tripp Nelson, Audrey Black



Samson Chapman
 Cheryl Robinson
 Bill Frizzell
 Haley Roberson
 Mary Frances Koch
 Laurie Nix
 Fern
 Cheryl Wear
 Liz Dawson
 Peggy Dawson
 Janice Gray
 Paula Frizzell
 Beth Henry Phillips
 Jim Henry III
 Neda Brimer
 Mike Brown (Carrie)
 Elliott McElroy
 Kay Turner
 Nicholas Jerome Scott
 James Peters
 Patricia Strauss
 Pansy Horton
 Jeff Sanders
 Delbert Reckart
 Wanda Davis
 Linda Youngblood
 Harper Ricks
 Carol Chappelle
 Shirley Walters
 Carolyn Charles
 Chanda White
 Gary Dawson
 Brianna Deaton
 Carolyn Cowart
 Blanche Wenz
 Ken Smith
 Ginger Cornwell
 Lee Shaffer
 Boston Jutson
 Herman Johnson
 Jerry King
 Kendra Slappy
 Rev. Glenn Dyer

Becker Nixon family
 William Walters
 Phyllis Cowan
 Donna Thomas
 David Parker
 Mark Johnson
 Bo Shealy
 Denise Brady
 Family of Fred Przystas
 Family of Andy Cannon
 Family of Larry Stewart

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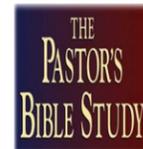
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 *Sheila Readdy
 *Harold Thurman
 *Thayron Manning
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 *Harry Pierce

GENERAL GIVING FOR AUGUST 2019

August 4 \$6,528.00
 August 11 6,674.00
 August 18 5,337.00
 August 25 4,956.00
 Total \$23,495.00

The Weekly offering needed to fund budget is \$6,449.05

The mortgage balance as of August is \$89,296.04



The Pastor's Wednesday Mid-Day Bible Study meets every Wednesday in the conference room. Anyone interested in attending a Bible study during the day is welcome to join in.



The United Methodist Men meet every third Saturday. At 7am we gather to prepare the food and at 8am we have breakfast. Come on out guys and let's have some good food and fellowship.



JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle of the UMW meets every third Thursday at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Youth and Children's Activities

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Children's Church – is held after the Children's message in the 11:00am Worship Service except on first Sunday, everyone stays in the sanctuary for the celebration of Holy Communion.