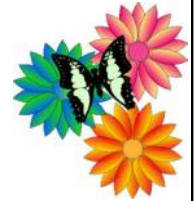




God's Lighthouse at the Beach

May 2013 NEWSLETTER

"Bethel ...God's Beach House, where the Son always Shines"



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8:00 AM	Traditional Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Contemporary Service	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Traditional Service	Sanctuary

Prayer & Healing Service:

First Thursday ea. Mo. at 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School:

9:15 AM	In various classrooms	year round
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ONLINE DIRECTORY

The Church Directory is available online and can be accessed in one of two ways:

Go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com and sign in using our secure password. (If you don't have the password, please contact me or the church office.)

-- OR --

Go to the church website at bethellewes.org
Click on the **Information** tab, then on the **Directory** tab where you will sign in with the password.

Addresses, phone numbers and email info are updated as often as possible. Photos are added as new members join or a request to update is received. You can print the directory, or any part of it, from your personal printer. If you don't use a computer, a copy can be provided by the office. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Dawson at debrajhd2@comcast.net or 302-827-2152.

The Elizabeth Circle

The Elizabeth Circle May 1st Luncheon meeting will be 12:30 p.m.. at 1776 in a separate room on Tuesday, May 7. We will order from the menu and have prayer and an inspirational message. All ladies of the Church are welcome. If you need a ride, please call Ginny Mitchell at 645-8810.



The Mary Martha Circle

The Mary Martha Circle Luncheon Meeting will be held at ANNABELLA'S Italian Restaurant, 1201 Savannah Road in Lewes at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 1.

We will be ordering from the menu and will meet in the private room to enable us to have our special time of fellowship, devotion, prayer and lunch. All ladies in the church are welcome.

For information or to arrange transportation call INEZ BRENGLER at 644-4818.



MAY 2013










Fuel's Big Day of Service!
 On Sat, May 18th we will be having a fundraiser where people from the church sign up for work projects around their home or business and we will assign work teams to each project. Donations will be accepted for the value of the work.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	1	2	3	11
Confirmation interviews 	National Ice Cream Cone Day!			National Eat Beans Day! 		
12	13	14	16	17	18	25
Mother's Day No Fuel					"Fuel's Big Day of Service"	
19	20	21	22	23	24	31
Fuel goes to the kids show! 		National Cheese Lovers				Memorial
26	27	28				
No Fuel Day	Weekend!	National Country Music Day!				



And Family News

Hello Bethel!

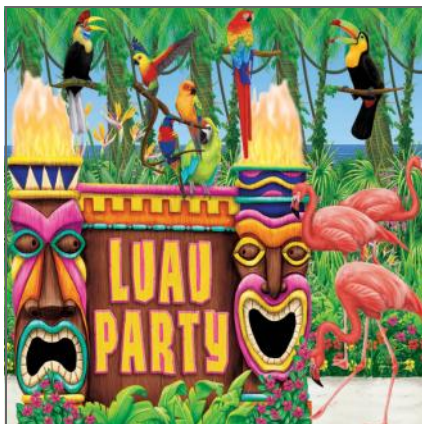
Well the temperatures are up, pollen fills the air, and the turkeys are gobbling. All this must mean spring is well underway! This month I want to take a few moments and update you on all that is happening with the Youth and Family Ministries in the late Spring and Summer.

Ray's Ramblings

Upcoming Events



Fuel's Big Day Of Service!
Saturday, May 8th
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Fuel Year End Luau Party



June 2nd 6:00-8:00 p.m. at
Bob & Carol Wright's House

Mission Trips- This years Youth Mission Trip to Nashville, TN is almost full. We have 35 spots for this trip and we only have 4 left to fill. Our Adult Mission Trip to Sutton, Alaska is full with 20 people going on the trip!. I am really excited about both of these trips and can't wait to see what God does through us and in us on these adventures!

Mission trip fundraising- Envelopes-Thank you all so much for your generous donations through our envelope fundraiser. About 75% of the envelopes have been taken and turned in, but its not too late for you to help with this Fundraiser! We really need all of the envelopes to go because this is our biggest fundraiser for this trip!

Fuel's Big Day Of Service- This year we are trying a new Fundraiser called Fuel's Big Day of Service. On Saturday, May 18th from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. we will be scheduling all different types of service projects that you might need done around your home or business. We will assign a group of students and adults to your project and will be accepting a donation to our Student mission trip for the value of the work. All donations are tax deductible! Please let me or any of our Adult leaders know what you would like us to do.

Stock sales- Starting in June the students will be selling shares of stock for \$25 each. By purchasing stock, you will be investing in the student mission trip and will be invited to join us in August for the stock holders dinner to hear the stories and see all the pictures of our trip.

Year end "Fear Factor" Luau - Our Fuel year end Luau will take place on Sunday, June 2nd from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.at Bob and Carol Wright's house. It will be a fun party to celebrate the school year and get us pumped about the summer activities.

Beach Bible study days- On Wednesday July 17th, we will begin our Summer beach Bible study days. Each Wednesday we will meet at church at 10:00 a.m. and have a fun Bible study then load up in cars and head to the beach for the afternoon. Lunch will be provided to the students and we will wrap up around 2:30 each week.

Thanks for your continued support of the students here at Bethel!

Ray Davis

Director of Youth and Family Ministries





Dear Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to all of you! I pray that you're enjoying this wonderful change in the season called Spring.

On the day that I wrote this contribution to our monthly newsletter, the news networks are broadcasting, seemingly non-stop, about the manhunt for the one responsible for the bombings at the Boston Marathon.

Additionally, they are letting us know the ongoing body count in the wake of the horrific explosion at a West Texas fertilizer plant. All of this is causing many people to ask the same questions they ask every time there's a terrible tragedy: "How can a loving, benevolent, omnipotent God allow such things to happen?" Perhaps you've ask this yourself. Well, let me offer some

hopeful words about these things as we try to make sense of it all.

There's one thing that's very clear in Scripture: It doesn't promise that if we believe in God, we'll always have safety, good health, and wealth in this life. It does NOT teach us that those who follow God will have a life of bliss. On the contrary, it often describes the faith of those who trust in God despite their suffering, and the comfort, strength, and hope they find in the face of human suffering. (Does the name Job mean anything to anyone here today?)

As I thought about these things with one eye on the news, and having preached numerous sermons on this subject, I've come to the conclusion that when "bad things happen to good people," that is, the suffering of innocents, it usually happens because of one of three reasons.

First, people suffer death and devastating loss because we live on a planet where God also created certain natural laws that govern our planet. When hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, monsoons, volcanoes, and earthquakes happen throughout the world, sometimes, people get in the way. These are natural occurrences, all designed by God, to keep our planet's climate in perfect balance. Sometimes though, people choose to live in dangerous areas near the sea, or near a fault line, or in an area known to spawn tornadoes. When human beings get caught in these giant forces of nature, people sometimes suffer.

Secondly, suffering is sometimes caused by decisions made by ourselves or others. God's given us freedom to put things into our bodies that we know are harmful or unhealthy. Sometimes people choose to drink then get behind the wheel of a car. Sometimes people make decisions that do harm to others that we have no control over, like placing bombs along a city street or flying airplanes into skyscrapers, or shooting little children at their school desks.

Finally, there's suffering caused by sickness. When we become ill, many of us will ask, "Why me, Lord?" as though through human sickness is a punishment from on high. But then I'm reminded that the punishment for our sin was taken upon Jesus as he died on the cross. I'm convinced that sickness is not God's will. When Jesus walked the earth, he devoted massive amounts of his time to healing the sick, not making people sicker. Sickness is part of life. Part of the risk of living is that we might get sick and die. This is not God's doing. It's simply part of having bodies like ours in a world like ours.

As we witness the suffering, death, evil, and sin in the world on our television screens each night, we must remember as people of faith that these things WILL NOT have the last word! This is the message of Easter—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We must not forget that the cross was NOT the end, but only the beginning of the story. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's assurance that the forces of light will defeat the forces of darkness. And ultimately, everyone will see it at the last day!

Perhaps the most powerful and hopeful passage of Scripture for me is found in Revelation 21, where we read,

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." (Rev. 21:1-5)

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May God’s grace be upon all who have suffered these recent, and not so recent, tragedies. And may all God’s people (you and me) hold each of them in prayer.

Yours in Christ,



The United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men met on Sunday April 21st. Our chefs Allen Riley and Chip Brittingham provided their usual spectacular breakfast. Our speaker was Bill Brittingham. Bill who grew up on Pilottown Road, is a retired magistrate from the State of Delaware. He became a magistrate in New Castle County, later transferring to Sussex County. The "Judge" shared how he became a magistrate as well as some of his interesting cases. Excellent program!

The Methodist Men will meet in May on Sunday the 19th for another amazing breakfast cooked by our chefs Allen and Chip. The speaker is not yet known but come out and join us for good fellowship and food.



BETHEL BAND OF BROTHERS

The next meeting of this men’s ministry, will be Saturday, May 4 at 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread on Route 1. We hope you will join us. Come prepared to be fed spiritually as well as physically and then go to work! For more information call Pastor Fred at 302-645-9426.



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GRADUATE CALL



Now is the time to let us know if you have a 2013 graduate to be recognized by our church. Please, either email (office@bethellewes.org) or call (302-645-9426) the church office with the name of the graduate, high school/college. Graduates will be honored Sunday, June 2 at all three services.

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Julie Wilson	5/06/2000
Richard & Pamela Hartnett	5/06/2000
Glenn & Linda Griffin	5/06/1978
Scott & Anne Spoor	5/07/1983
Bob & Carol Wright	5/09/1981
Jim & Joan Mayben	5/10/1958
Sam & Mariah Calagione	5/11/1996
Richard & Diane Bolin	5/12/1962
Richard & Jackie Steele	5/15/1988
Wayne & Mary Lou Warren	5/16/1981
Joe & Virginia Lank	5/16/1964
John & Megan Nehrbus	5/17/2008
Patrick & Shannon Staggs	5/17/2003
David & Christina Pierson	5/18/1997
Daniel & Cheryl Baldwin	5/18/1996
William & Amy Robinson Crotty	5/19/2001
James & Jennifer Bastian	5/20/1995
Mark & Barbara Moore	5/20/1978
Tom & Julie Hudecheck	5/20/1995
Larry & Karen Caulk	5/21/2011
Larry & Carlene Spangler	5/22/1971
Doug & Cindy Riniker	5/23/1981

BIRTHDAYS

James Kennedy	5/01
William Preston	5/01
Shane Raley	5/01
Mark Maull	5/01
Alexandra Cleaver	5/01
Alexis Gooch	5/01
Cora Sweitzer	5/01
Patrick Staggs	5/01
Allen Riley	5/02
Sarah Tappan	5/02
Norma Adams	5/03
Parker Powell	5/03
Tom Hudecheck	5/03
Isaac Fowler	5/03
Donna Fleischauer	5/03
Grace LoBiondo	5/03
Heidi Quillen	5/05
Nolan Moss	5/05
Jacob Pierson	5/05
Cynthia Owen	5/05
Amy Robinson	5/05
Sandy Bassett	5/05
Michael Dickerson	5/06
Beverly Porter	5/06
Mackenzie Burns	5/06
Beverly Bert	5/07
George Pepper	5/07
Linda Bolt	5/07
Brian Meding	5/07
Ashley Dickerson	5/08
Sydney Ostroski	5/08
Susan Lee	5/08
Diane Miller	5/08
Gail Pristash	5/08
Robert Fowler	5/09
Ethan James	5/09
Douglas Elliott	5/10
Timothy Lehne	5/10



BIRTHDAYS (CONTINUED)

Margaret Maull	5/11
Tyler Mock	5/11
Susan Dorow	5/11
Lorraine Cintron	5/11
Callie Short	5/11
Judy Schulze	5/12
Phyllis Byrne	5/12
Flo Stanley	5/12
Brittany Welch	5/12
Jim Mayben	5/13
Patrick Emmett	5/13
E. Ronald Millman	5/14
Megan Nehrbas	5/15
Sarah Hastings	5/15
Ellis Jack	5/15
Lydia Conner	5/16
Scott Elder	5/16
Julie Hudecheck	5/16
Anne Spoor	5/17
Barbara Moore	5/17
Alexandra Chiantas	5/17
Isabel Abboud	5/17
William Heuring	5/18
Rachel Meluney	5/18
Sara Moore	5/18
Keara Parsons	5/19
George Hunsicker, Jr.	5/19
Hugh Jack	5/19
Elizabeth Grove	5/20
Jessica Bohl	5/20
Teresa Mocci	5/21
Thomas Burn, IV	5/21
Wayne Warren	5/22
Todd Fritchman	5/22
Sam Calagione	5/22
Carter Staggs	5/22
Keri Faircloth	5/23
Megan O'Brien	5/23
Judy Dawson	5/23
Stephen Brown	5/23
Nicholas LoBiondo	5/23
Bill Powell	5/24
Devin Owen	5/24
Jody Boyer	5/24

Hiba Stancofski	5/24
Richard Hartnett	5/24
John R. Nehrbas	5/24
Damon Turner	5/24
Stephanie Karl	5/25
Patricia Ingram	5/26
R. Marvin Ingram	5/26
Sandy Coleman	5/26
Janet Brittingham	5/26
Penny Glenn	5/27
Michael Arnett	5/28
Nikki Fisher	5/28
Adrienne Howard	5/28
Krystin Sargent	5/28
Patricia Jackewicz	5/28
Steve Jones	5/29
Chrysta Chaya	5/29
Jessica Lurty	5/29
Dee Williams	5/29
Joann Yetter	5/29
Todd Fisher	5/30
Joseph Guerin	5/30
John Piper, Jr.	5/30
Susan Hopkins	5/31
Don Lockwood	5/31
Earlene Gillan-Smith	5/31
Mackenzie Irelan	5/31



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Dee Williams



Stephen Ministry

“I’ve given enough,” U.S. Army Captain David Rozelle told his wife, Kim, from the hospital in Iraq. Overcome by grief and pain, he thought his ability and desire to serve were gone for good. But God still had other plans. It was on June 21, 2003, that David’s life had changed forever. Commander of Troop K in the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, he was riding in a Humvee near Fallujah when a landmine exploded, badly damaging the vehicle and severely injuring his right foot. In spite of extreme pain and shock, David immediately thought of the safety of the 140 soldiers under his command—issuing orders to secure the site and evacuate casualties. Hours later, doctors at the combat support hospital amputated David’s lower right ankle and foot. After the surgery, David was flown to Qatar, then to Germany, and finally, on the eve of Independence Day 2003, to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he joined the amputees on Ward 57. During his recovery, Captain Rozelle decided that he needed to be equipped to reach out to fellow soldiers, so he trained as a **Stephen Minister** at First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His new mission: ministering to other soldiers and wounded warriors. After completing Stephen Ministry training he was returned to his unit in Iraq where Lt. Col. Rozelle frequently found himself using his Stephen Minister caregiving skills. “There are never enough chaplains to cover the needs of our soldiers,” he said. “Lay ministers are essential to our force.”

Now, back from his tour of duty in Iraq, David is working toward achieving those goals. He is ministering to those at Walter Reed and working to establish an amputee center there. God now continues to use David’s personal experiences, caregiving skills, and unwavering commitment to serving his country and his fellow soldiers. “David has dedicated his life to the Lord,” Arlene Bosma, the Stephen Leader in his Colorado Springs church said. “He believes he is doing what the Lord wants him to do. He’s a man of faith, strength, and courage, doing what’s right.” This inspiring experience is more fully detailed in his new book *“Back in Action: The Inspiring True Story of the First Amputee to Return to Active Command in Iraq”*, published by Regnery Publishing.

If you would be interested in participating in the Stephen Ministry program here at Bethel church, please talk with Pastor Fred, our Stephen Leader, Fred Bunch, or any of our Stephen Ministers. Read the inspiring story of Lt. Col. David Rozelle's experiences as a Stephen Minister at : [http://www.stephenministries.org/PDFs/Rozelle Story.pdf](http://www.stephenministries.org/PDFs/Rozelle%20Story.pdf)

or

Watch the NBC news report about the Vail Veterans Program at: <http://www.nbcnews.com/id/40153870/vp/51367091#51367091>

Florence's News Corner

ANTIQUES SHOW



It's not too soon to start thinking about how you can help during the 2013 Antiques Show and Sale. The show is scheduled for July 11th, 12th and 13th. As always, help is needed in the Fellowship Deli. Sign up sheets will pop up when you least expect them. Be ready.

GENERAL MANAGER NEW LIFE THRIFT SHOP

The Lewes and Rehoboth Association of Churches is looking for a full-time General Manager for its New Life Thrift Store at 34686 Jiffy Way, Lewes, DE.

The mission of both LRAC and its New Life Thrift Store is to be a lifesaving station to the needy in the local area. The Store accepts donations of clothing, furniture, appliances, and household Goods for resale to the public at reasonable prices. Net proceeds benefit needy persons through LRAC's Community Resource Center, its Cape Henlopen Food Basket, and through other ministries and local charities.

The store is open six days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (3 p.m. on Saturdays). It is closed on Sundays. The Store is staffed by volunteers. The Store averages about \$2000 in gross receipts per day.

(Interested persons can get a list of the General Managers duties and the primary skills needed for this position from Donna in the Church Office.)

YOUTH FUND RAISERS



Fuel's Big Day Of Service- This year we are trying a new Fundraiser called Fuel's Big Day of Service. On Saturday, May 18th from 8:00-5:00 we will be scheduling all different types of service projects that you might need done around your home or business. We will assign a group of students and adults to your project and will be accepting a donation to our Student mission trip for the value of the work. All donations are tax deductible! We can do anything from yard work, to car detailing, to babysitting and everything in between! Please let Ray or any of the Fuel Adult leaders know what you would like us to do. And we will get you scheduled.

Youth Supporter of the Year Parking Spot

Throughout the month of May we will be taking silent bids for the Youth "Supporter of the Year Parking Spot". 100% of the proceeds from this parking spot auction will go to help with our fundraising efforts for our Student Mission Trip to Nashville, TN. Please place your bids in the offering plate or call Donna in the office and tell her your bid. The winner of this silent auction will be able to park in the coveted parking spot on Sundays from June 1st 2013-May 31st 2014. Let the bidding begin!



Join the Sussex Co Parkinson's Support Group for a delightful spring morning walk on the Rehoboth Beach Boardwalk on May 18th, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Rain or shine, the walk will begin on the boardwalk at the beginning of Rehoboth Ave, then walk North and South to both ends of the Boardwalk and return to the starting point. We're planning on having walks on the hour at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, and 1:00, so you can come as late as 1:00 and still walk as part of a group. You don't have to walk the entire 2 -mile length of the boardwalk, just walk as much as you want to or are able.

Registration for the walk will start at Grove Park at 9:30. Grove Park is immediately left of the traffic circle on Rehoboth Ave. We will have shuttle vans to take you to and from Grove Park to the boardwalk. For your added enjoyment the Spring Sidewalk Sale will be going on that weekend. If you'd like to avoid traffic and parking problems you can park at the Park & Ride Lot located off of Delaware Rte. 1, north of Rehoboth Ave. and take the bus to Grove Park.

You can pre-register for the walk by going to the following website: www.walkontheboardwalk.eventbrite.com, or you can register the morning of the walk. T shirts will be given to all pre-registered walkers and we encourage you to pre-register. (Why? It helps us plan better.) See the website for mail-in registration instructions.

Contact your family, friends, and neighbors and ask them to participate. Form your own teams and walk as a team. If someone can't participate encourage them to make a donation as a way of participating. The walk is free for children under 12.

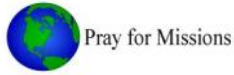
The suggested donation and registration fee for participating in the walk is \$25.00.

The walk is being put on by the local Sussex County Parkinson's Education and Support Group and the Lewes Senior Center and the proceeds will benefit the programs of both organizations. The walk is being sponsored by:

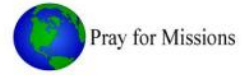


Teva Pharmaceuticals





Missions Minded



A Potpourri of Mission News and Opportunity

Elizabeth Fields, Committee Chair

Mission Minutes:

*As you probably remember the goal we had set for the bottles for the Sussex Pregnancy Center in Georgetown was \$2,000.00. We have great news to share! As of this writing, we have surpassed this amount and now, with 20 bottles still out, we have collected \$2,034.17. We thank each and every one of you who so generously participated in this drive for the Center. Our goal wouldn't have been met had you not be so generous in your giving. By the way, it is not too late to donate. If you have a baby bottle, please turn it in to the office or leave it at one of the services and we'll take it from there. Again, we do appreciate your participation.

*What an incredible time we had with our dear Missionary, Dr. Belinda Forbes who was with us on April 13th and 14th. She participated in many of our activities: The women's brunch on Saturday, an evening with the Missions' Team on Saturday, and all 3 services on Sunday. She shared pictures and videos with us on her work in Nicaragua as well as wonderful messages about her Mission calling in Central America. In addition, Mary Graczyk, Pam Monti and Nancy Stauffer made a total of 14 "pillowcase" dresses which were modeled by 7 of our girls from Bethel. Those dresses (sizes 3-14) and more will be sent to Belinda for the little girls in Nicaragua to enjoy. Can you imagine how excited they will be to receive a beautiful little sundress to wear? We thank our models for helping show Belinda the dresses she will be receiving to pass onto the children.

Speaking of the "Pillowcase" dresses, please remember our "Sew-a-thon" on May 17th from 9:30 to 4:00. Pam Monti has been collecting fabulous fabrics and other sewing materials to make these dresses. It will be a day of fellowship for the anyone in our church who is interested in cutting, sewing and just plain having a good time together. Please join us with your bag lunch. The Missions' Team will provide drinks, and deserts.









As you can see, all of these activities didn't just happen. It took a lot of Bethel people to help set up, serve and put away. We thank all who did just that. It definitely was a joint effort and it couldn't have happened without so many people jumping in. Belinda herself said that she felt so loved and apart of our church. It was truly a happy, wonderful time for all of us!

*The food drive for West Side New Beginnings will be extended into the middle of May. Please look for the large blue tubs at the back of the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. There you will see the list of foods and materials we are collecting for West Side. Please drop off you contribution when you come to church next Sunday... The New Beginnings will be most appreciative.

Our Bishop, Peggy Johnson has recently sent out a communiqué speaking about the importance of our Pecometh Retreat Center in Md. Please check out their website of the 2013 events for all ages. It is a wonderful facility to use for summer camps, retreats and more. The brochure can be found at pecometh.org/summer-fun or you may contact Julie Lutz at 410 5566900.

*Our Love Offering for May 5th will be in honor of the Nanticoke Indians of our area. Many thanks in advance for your support of these wonderful Native Americans.

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>National Garden Month</p>			1	2	3	4
<p>Note: Pastor Fred on vacation May 7-13</p>			9:00 Bible Study 10:30 HHC Commun. 12:00 MM Circle 1:00 LEAP 6:00 King's Kids 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Women's Min	6:00 Miracle Singers 7:00 Healing and Prayer Service 7:00 BSA Troop #1 7:00 Stephen Min.	9:30 Worship Committee Mtg. 4:00 Girl Scouts	8:00 Bethel Band of Brothers  3:00 Madden Wedding
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SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Consider joining one of these groups if you wish to connect in Christian fellowship at times other than (or in addition to!) Sunday.

GARDENING ANGELS

This group meets seasonally or as needed to plant and maintain the church's flowerbeds & landscaping while also enjoying fellowship with other church members. Please contact Todd Mentzer at 424-6616 or tamjam3@gmail.com for more info.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

This group of men — young and young-at-heart — meet on the third Sunday morning of each month for a hearty breakfast, fellowship, and focus. Each month's meeting features a different guest speaker who brings a message on topics that range from discipleship to current events. Meetings begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For information, please contact the Church Office.

BAND OF BROTHERS

Who are the "Band of Brothers"? We are men of Bethel who put our faith into action doing odd jobs for seniors and others. We meet the first Saturday of each month for breakfast followed by a short devotion, then head out into the community to be the hands and feet of Jesus. All men are welcome! Contact Pastor Fred for more information.

LADIES' CIRCLES

Through Christian fellowship, devotional time, and prayer, our women's circles strive to grow closer to each other as they grow closer to God. The Mary-Martha Circle meets for lunch at noon on the first *Wednesday* of each month at various local Restaurants. The Elizabeth Circle now meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on the first *Tuesday* of each month. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This group of dedicated crafters meets the first Monday of each month to knit and crochet prayer shawls to give to the sick, bereaved, broken, and lonely. As they knit, the group members pray for whomever it is that might be receiving the shawls. Once completed, the shawls are consecrated. If you would like to help with this meaningful ministry, contact the church office at 645-9426 or email.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Take a little time out for yourself! Re-group and re-connect through our women's ministry group here at Bethel. Whether through a Bible study, a women's retreat, or social time together, Bethel is sure to have a place for you. Email Pauline Powell or call 302-645-9545 for more information. Meetings are the first *Wednesday* of each month.

"Sewing Saturday"
Save the Date—May 18
9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



The Bethel Missions Team is sponsoring a day of sewing simple "pillowcase" dresses to send to Dr. Belinda Forbes, our missionary in Nicaragua. Patterns and fabric will be provided. These little dresses take about an hour and a half to complete. What we need is you, your sewing machine, thread and scissors! Plan to spend the day sewing, chatting and helping little girls who need clothes. The Missions Team will provide drinks chips and cookies to add to your brown bag lunch'. Please come and have a fun day helping others. (We will be using extension cords, irons and ironing boards; we regret that it will not be safe for small children to accompany you.

Community Quilting Bee, March 2

"Quilts of Love", a local organization making crib-size quilts for at-risk babies, is sponsoring a day of quilt making on Saturday, May 18, at St Edmonds Catholic Church, Rehoboth Beach. Quilts are given to infants and children in Sussex County affected by HIV, poverty, drugs, alcohol, and serious medical problems.

Please join us for a day of fun & creativity. All materials provided. If you don't know how to sew, we'll show you. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it if you can. Please bring a covered dish to share at lunch.

We welcome the following donations for future Bees:

- pure cotton fabrics and flannel
- 100% cotton thread
- low-loft batting
- embroidery floss

Due to hot irons and extension cords, we ask that you do not bring small children. For more information, please call Jan at 302-703-2107.



Mother's Day Dedication for Sunday, May 12, 2013

The Mary Martha Circle is sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Dedication again this year. You may make a dedication to a loved one(s) **In Memory Of...** or **In Honor Of...** This is a fund raising project for the Circle that will be donated to the church. We are asking a \$1.00 donation (but not limited to) for each name listed. Please place your form, with your donation, in the offering plate with checks made payable to Bethel UMC. If you have any questions please call the church office (645-9426).



Requests must be received no later than May 7th.

Your Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

(In case there is a question)

Include on the "IN MEMORY OF" list:

Include on the "IN HONOR OF" list:



Join us for a fabulous excursion to Lancaster, PA to see **NOAH** at the SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE. The trip includes dinner on **Thursday, June 20th, 1:00 show; 4:00 dinner. \$90.00 covers everything:** bus, show, and dinner. Our driver will be Bethel's own, Bob Wotring. Burt Murray will be taking care of the reservations and payment. He will need a decision and payment as soon as possible as seats will not be assigned until the group is paid in full. We need 42 people to make the minimum needed to make the trip. The bus holds 49. Ask your family... Ask your friends... Bring a neighbor(s)...



Lewes Men's Chorus To Preform "Oldies But Goodies"

The Tapsations! and Rich Foti will perform in combination with the Lewes Men's Chorus at the annual Spring Show, "Oldies But Goodies," set for 7:00 p. m. Saturday, May 11, at Bethel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Fourth and Market streets, Lewes.

This evening of song and dance will take the audience on a trip down memory lane featuring a variety of timeless classics and harmonious medleys under the direction of Choral Director Ken Stevens.

The Lewes Men's Chorus, celebrating its 25th anniversary, was founded by music director Bill Earl, and performs concerts in May and December. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. Light refreshments will be served after the show. Shown (l-r) are Joyce Fitch, Rich Foti and Sharon Kreitzer

On Tuesday, April 30 the Lewes Men's Chorus will be appearing at the Gull House in Lewes.

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A WISE SNACK

Believing in the message of the cross makes you wise. This treat is a great reminder to be wise in God's ways.

What you need:

- Slice of whole wheat bread
- Circle cookie cutter (or jar lid)
- Butter knife
- Nut butter (peanut, hazelnut, etc.)
- Toasted oat cereal
- 2 banana slices
- 1 cashew
- 2 chocolate chips

What you do:

1. Cut a circle from the bread to be the owl's head. Then cut out a small semi-circle atop that bread circle to resemble pointy ears.
2. With a knife, spread the nut butter on the bread.
3. Place cereal along the top of head, from ear to ear.
4. Place banana slices for eyes.
5. Dip the chocolate chips in nut butter and place them in the middle of the banana slices.
6. Place a cashew for the nose between the bananas.
7. Enjoy – and be wise to God's message!

ASCENSION CRAFT

Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.



What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14')
- Paper clip

What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.

FUN PAGE



LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

1. strange same odd	2. Lazarus Jesus Martha	3. who then there	4. pear been apple	5. taken cat dog
6. sky from earth	7. you work toil	8. desk chair into	9. house hallway heaven	10. can't will won't
11. breakfast come lunch	12. nose back mouth	13. see the hear	14. oval round same	15. way girl boy
16. his her you	17. white have black	18. one seen two	19. go low high	20. sea heaven ocean

" This _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ has _____ 4 _____
 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____
 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ in _____ 13 _____
 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____
 _____ 18 _____ him _____ 19 _____ into _____ 20 _____."

Acts 1:11, niv

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV



From a text message to a church secretary in Oviedo, Florida:

Communion will be served by instinction this month.

The pastor agrees that Auto Correct needs a worship primer to recognize "intinction"!



"Mom talks to God about us so we'll be prayer conditioned."

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