

## **Bethel UMC Announcements**

**Daytime Bible study and/or Sunday morning study-** We'll continue our new book study of Called by Susan Robb on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the home of Ed Wilson and Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 in the fellowship hall.

**Mighty Ducks-** Will have their next lunch at Tavern On The James on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 11:00 if you wish to carpool.

**Trustee Meeting-** Will take place on August 24<sup>th</sup> after service.

**Nominations Committee-** Will meet in the fellowship hall at 7pm on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**UMM & UWF-** Will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Council-** Will meet after service on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Bethel's 191<sup>st</sup> Birthday Bash-** Join us after service on September 14<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate 191 years of ministry, community, and faith at Bethel. This special "Homecoming" service will honor our past and look forward to our future.

**West End Cluster Youth-** Will be holding a 2025-2026 Kick-off Concert on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Good Shepherd UMC 9155 Hungary Rd. Dinner, music, and more is provided. Cost is \$5 per person.

**Relay For Life-** Relay For Life of Goochland & Louisa will be held at the former Goochland Elementary School Track on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-10pm.

**Goochland Cares-** We continue to collect non-perishables and hygiene products as well.



**Welcome to Worship**  
**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
**A United Methodist Faith Community**  
**August 17, 2025 | 11:00 am**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Mission Statement:**

Proclaiming God's love through Spiritual Growth, Grace, Prayer, Compassion, and Hope to All People.



Rev. Louis Berkeszi – Pastor | Teri Wootton – Admin. Assistant  
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## Order of Worship

(\*Please stand as you are able)

\*Processional Hymn - *I Want to Walk as A Child of Light* (UMH #206)

\*Hymn of Praise – *Have Thine Own Way Lord* (UMH #382)

\*Scripture Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 (New Testament pg.593)

*Read by Pope Reed*

### **Listen for the Word of the Lord**

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

### **The Word of God for the people of God**

Sermon – Song of The Vineyard

\*Affirmation - *The Apostles' Creed, Traditional* (UMH #881)

\*Hymn of Reconciliation - *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (UMH #431)

\*Hymn of Dismissal – *How Firm A Foundation* (UMH #529)

## Prayer List

**Family and Loved Ones of Tia Baehr** (*Wife of GCSO Deputy*)

**Kimber Brown** (*Hospitalized for heart surgery, friend of the Toney family*)

**Family and Loved Ones of Isabelle Duke**

**Ronnie Jordan** (*Health, son-in-law of John and Janet Toney*)

**Diane Lloyd** (*Health*)

**Claude Newton** (*Cancer; Friend of Jo Donovan*)

**Jessica Pugese** (*Health/pregnancy; daughter of Janet & John Toney*)

**Family and Loved Ones of Jay Scott**

**Bonnie Toney** (*Health; sister of Janet Toney*)

**Madison Warner** (*Great grandniece of Janet Toney*)

**Ernie Wootton and Family** (*Cancer; husband of Teri Wootton*)

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**Virginia Cancer Center**

**For those impacted by the wars in Ukraine and Israel.**

**Peace and reconciliation for our Nation**

**Goochland First responders and their families.**

### **Prayer Focus**

Bill & Judi Sheppard

### **Goochland Christian Churches Association**

First Baptist Church

### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For financial institutions, sustainable and just investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

### **We continue to pray for...**

Susan Bass (*Breast cancer; niece of Jo Donovan*)

Jeff Baird (*Health; son-in-law of Diane and Ted Peterson*)

Jean England (*Health*)

Diane Hawk (*Health; sister of Janet Toney*)

Alex & Kyle Hayden (*Montgomery County PD; grandsons of Jo Donovan*)

Betty Martin (*Health; grandmother of Teri Wootton*)

Amanda Parrish (*Health*)

Betsey Pond (*Health*)

Ted & Diane Peterson (*Health*)

Bonnie Swanson (*Health; sister of John Toney*)

John & Janet Toney (*Health*)

Chic Wells (*Parkinson's diagnosis; brother of Jo Donovan*)