

Bethel UMC Announcements

Service of Death & Resurrection for Mary Helen 'Sissy'

Clarke- Service will be held here on January 3rd at 11am with reception to follow in the church fellowship hall.

Administrative Council Meeting & Planning Day- Will take place Saturday, January 10th from 9 - 11am.

Book Study- Our book study group will resume meeting at Ed Wilson's home on Tuesday, January 13th at 10 am. Participants can pick up their copy of The Call by Adam Hamilton on the back table.

Goochland Cares- We're still collecting food to support Goochland Cares. They are especially in need of shelf-stable, high-impact items such as:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and rice
- Canned or dry beans, canned fruits and vegetables
- Shelf-stable milk and baby formula



Welcome to Worship
Bethel United Methodist Church
A United Methodist Faith Community
December 28, 2025 | 11:00 am
First Sunday after Christmas

Mission Statement:

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



Rev. Louis Berkeszi – Pastor

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Order of Worship

(*Please stand as you are able)

*Processional Hymn – *To God Be the Glory* (UMH #98)

Advent Hymn – *We Three Kings* (All verses) (UMH #254)

Hymn of Praise – *Our Parents Whose Name* (UMH #447)

*Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-23 (New Testament pg.2)

Read by Ted Peterson

Listen for the Word of the Lord

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Word of God for the people of God

Sermon – The Great Escape

*Affirmation – *Apostles Creed* (UMH #882)

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

*Hymn of Dedication – *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* (UMH #240)

Prayer List

Don Chambers (*Recovering at home; Nephew of Shirley Bishop*)

Family & Loved Ones of Mary ‘Sissy’ Clarke

David Donovan (*Surgery on Dec. 15*)

Family & Loved Ones of Diane Hawk

Sherry Henley (*Cancer; Friend of Joy Pickels*)

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

Kitti Perry (*Health; Sister of Judi Sheppard*)

Pam Proffit (*Heart Issue; Friend of Karen Sadler*)

Scott Schabach (*Sepsis; Friend of Debbie Durie*)

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

Janet and John Toney (*Health*)

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

• Virginia Cancer Institute

•Peace and reconciliation for our nation.

Prayer Focus

Jeff & Gail Brooks

Goochland Christian Churches Association

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

Metro Richmond at Prayer

We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For families going through divorce; for all in the midst of life transitions. For peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness among family members, whatever the distance and however old the hurt or grievance.

We continue to pray for...

Susan Bass (*Breast cancer*)

Jeff Baird (*Health*)

Jean & Frank England (*Health*)

Alex & Kyle Hayden (*Montgomery PD*)

Claire Hoag (*Spine injury*)

Alex & Kyle Hayden (*Montgomery PD*)

Ronnie Jordan (*Health*)

Betty Martin (*Health*)

Brenda Morris (*Injury*)

Betsy Pond (*Health*)

Ted & Diane Peterson (*Health*)

Bonnie Swanson (*Health*)

Chic Wells (*Health*)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

All: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

Pastor: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

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Pastor: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

All: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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