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TOTAL ECLIPSE

Lots of news coverage, lots of hype, a total eclipse in 2024 with a path for viewing right up the United States! Looking back, I wish I had scheduled a trip to be in one of the cities where totality happened. But, I was able to view it on the news, see a bit of it here locally, and really appreciate the many scientists and NASA engineers that contributed their vast knowledge to



the coverage.

How big is our GOD? Majestic, powerful, awesome, magnificent are just some of the words I can think of after viewing the eclipse photos!

And of course, the song by Bonnie Tyler from 2000 Total Eclipse of the Heart came into mind. I looked it up and watched it on YouTube. As I was listening to the lyrics, some of them really jumped out at me:

Every now and then I get a little bit lonely...
Every now and then I get a little bit nervous...
Every now and then I get a little bit terrified...
Every now and then I get a little bit restless...
Every now and then I get a little bit helpless...
Every now and then I get a little bit angry...
Every now and then I fall apart...

Then I thought WOW – isn't that just like life? And then I thought, what if we had a total eclipse of the heart with GOD?

What if we turned over our loneliness, our nervousness, our terror, our restlessness, our helplessness, our anger, and let GOD eclipse all that, let GOD overshadow all that with his love and power? Let God bring us out of the darkness into his marvelous light! (1 Peter 2:9)

Let's give God a total eclipse of our heart today!

Pastor Sue

Reminder: May worship schedule is 9:00 & 10:30 worship (second service also live-streamed on Facebook). Adult Sunday School at 9:00 and Children's Sunday School at 10:30, the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. Summer schedule begins in June with worship at 9am and 10am. The last day of Adult Sunday School is June 9th.

Worship Notes for March & April 2024 (topics are subject to change)

May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 – *A New Creation!*

May 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter

John 17:6-19 – *Holy in the Truth*

May 19 – **Pentecost**

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 – *The Companion: The Spirit of Truth*

May 26 – **Trinity Sunday** – **ONE SERVICE ONLY** at 10:30 for Memorial Day Weekend

Psalm 29 – *I'm Here; Send Me!*

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS FOR JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST: 9am & 10am

June 2 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion

Mark 2:23-3:6 – *Picking Wheat*

June 9 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, **Graduate Recognition**

Mark 3:20-35 – Possessed

June 16 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 – *Where is Home?*

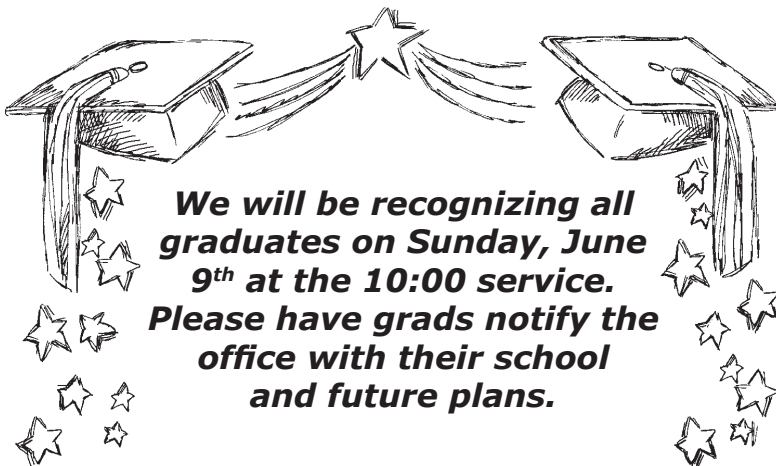
June 23 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost****

All-Church Picnic - 10:00 service at Central Perkiomen Valley Park.

1 Samuel 17:32-49 – Facing a Giant

June 30 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 – *Finish Well*



We will be recognizing all graduates on Sunday, June 9th at the 10:00 service.

Please have grads notify the office with their school and future plans.

VBS PLANNING SESSION –

Monday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the old SS room. Come on out & help out with this one night extravaganza on Tuesday, June 18th! We need all hands on deck!

A MESSAGE FROM THE



Generosity Team
formerly Stewardship Committee

The Finance Committee and Generosity Team continue to do their due diligence on setting up an Endowment Fund for Bethel Hill. Our congregation members and friends have always been great at supporting Bethel Hill and this fund will provide another avenue to go above and beyond honoring loved ones and supporting our community, our ministries, and our younger Christians well into the future. Keep an eye out for a launch announcement later this year.

Best Regards,
Paul Doll
Generosity Team Chair



THANK YOU TO ALL! SPAGHETTI DINNER update. Thank you to head saucier, Gerry Ketterer; kitchen crew: Bob Whiteside, Alan Smith, Ed Wild, Bonnie Jensen-Giangiulio, Andy Wilcox and Claudia Smith; Matre'd Les Brown & his team of teen servers: Claudia Smith, Evan Pellegrino, Owen Pellegrino, Tallie Smink, Maddie Brown, Morgen Brown & Lily Brown. Thank you to those who baked, came out to eat and/or supported in any way! Our total profits for Help Build Hope are \$646.66.

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way for Help Build Hope 2024. Your donations, presence, hammering, and prayers were greatly appreciated and felt! God blessed us with a partly sunny, though windy and cold, build day, cooperative spirits, good food, and friendly banter. Visits and words on Saturday and Sunday morning worship from Berks County Habitat for Humanity Tim Daley made the weekend even more special. Congratulations to our construction manager Joe Wilson and his wife Colleen as he prepares to retire. Glory be to God! House #4 is now in Reading, PA, ready for construction!

Thank you for supporting




We have built another duplex home. This were the 5th and 6th homes that this congregation has started for families. We have not asked them to be Christian, but we have led by example. At the dedication, we presented them with a Bible and marked it with a note to refer to Matthew 13, “if you have the faith of a mustard seed much can be accomplished”. We have done what many believe is a task greater than our congregation can achieve. We’ve proven them incorrect and proved to us in the assurance that our faith is growing. This year has been better than all the previous years with unbelievable involvement from our congregation. Prayers have increased, volunteers increased, contributions increased, and received other creative contributions that were previously unseen. The congregation’s involvement has provided unexpected opportunities through the ministry of others. This year has been the easiest for me because so many have stepped forward. This ministry is not dependent on an individual, it has become a sub ministry of Bethel Hill. We are doing the work the Lord has directed us to do, stay blessed brothers and sisters.

Thank you, Les Brown




**MISSIONS
CORNER**


 Bethel Hill will be helping to prepare and serve breakfast at the **Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen** in Norristown on May 18th, from 7:00 to 10:00 AM – Contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering or donating food items, or look for the link to the sign-up in the weekly emails.



**Vacation Bible School
One-Night Extravaganza**

Tuesday, June 18th

Bible Stories, Music, Games, Crafts & FUN!!!! More info to follow. We will close the night with a treat from the Kona Hawaiian Ice Truck!

For more information on purchasing cemetery plots for urns in the new burial garden, as well as regular burial plots, contact Bob in the church office to discuss your options.

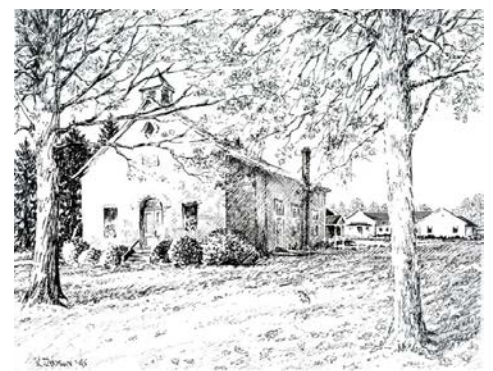


Artist Prints

A few sets of limited edition prints of the **Four Seasons of Bethel Hill**, sketched by our own resident artist, the late Keith Robson, are still available for sale. Framed prints are on display in the narthex, and the images of the prints are pictured here. A set of four unframed prints is available for \$100. Contact Bob in the office if you'd like to purchase a set. The proceeds will support the next SAW mission.



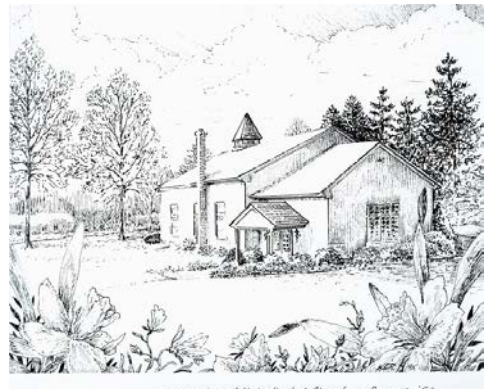
Old Bethel Hill Methodist Church - Summer '95



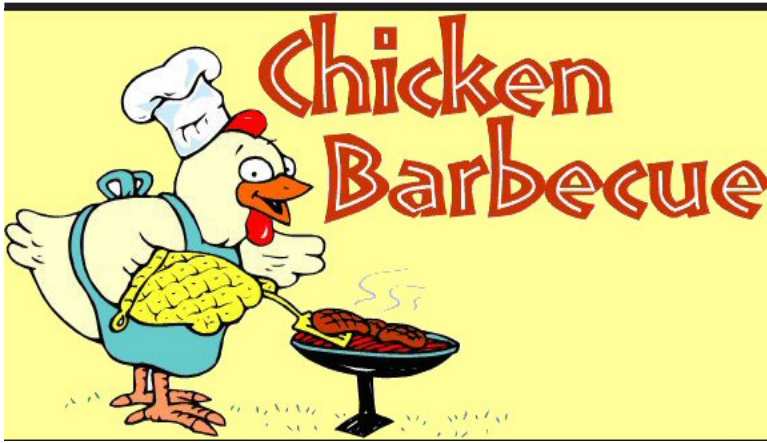
Old Bethel Hill Methodist Church - Autumn '95



Old Bethel Hill Methodist Church - Winter '95



Old Bethel Hill Methodist Church - Spring '95



FLEA MARKET

AND PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 1st

DID YOU KNOW? The Chicken Bar-B-Q has been a yearly tradition at Bethel Hill since 1964. **That's 60 years!** If you want to read more about the whole history check out this article: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQhistory>. For many years the Shaw and Doll families have led a group of volunteers to accomplish this important fundraising event. Sadly, the past couple of years, fewer people have volunteered to help. This places a heavy workload on those who do. Help spread the workload, and as a bonus, you will meet and work with awesome people like yourself! There is a job for everyone even if you're not available on Saturday. You can pick up a bag of potatoes and onions, cook and chop them at home and return on Thursday or Friday, or bake brownies and drop them off Friday or Saturday morning. Sign up to help here: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQ2024-volunteer>

Flea Market and Plant Sale donations and volunteers needed: If you are doing any spring purging in the coming month keep the Chicken Bar-B-Q Flea Market in mind. Donations of household items, games, toys, jewelry and accessories, books, and small working electronics will be accepted starting on Sunday, May 26th. Please no clothing, furniture, encyclopedias, microwaves or TVs. If you are unsure whether an item would be welcome or have any other questions please contact Lisa Hoyer at lsbdhoyer@verizon.net or 610-405-0717. If you have perennial plants that you are dividing, or started too many veggies from seed, please feel free to bring them as well to be sold. Please have them potted individually and don't drop off until the end of the week so no one needs to worry about watering them. Volunteers will be needed the week before to help organize donations, and throughout the day on Saturday, June 1st to help with selling. Sign up to help here: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQ2024-volunteer>.

The Take-out only format has been working well since we pivoted to this format due to the pandemic in 2020. We know people miss the social aspect of dining in, but more volunteers are needed to operate the event with that option, and it is not as profitable. Tables are available in the picnic grove for anyone who would like to eat on-site. Meals can be picked up between 3-6pm, and we highly recommend you pre-order your meal to guarantee that you get one: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQ2024>

Any questions, please contact Brenda Doll at brendoll@verizon.net or 267-421-2590.



Fellowship

‘QUAINTANCE GROUP

Open to ALL adults, members, friends, couples and singles.

Mark your calendar for a summer picnic at the Brown’s home in Hatfield, Saturday, August 17th

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the second Saturday, 9am in Hayes Hall.

May 11th & June 8th

Bring a dish to share.

All women are invited.

UM MEN’S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday, 8am in Hayes Hall,

May 25th & June 29th

All men are invited.

LUNCH BUNCH

March 20th & April 17th

12:30 in Hayes Hall


Bring a bag lunch for fun and fellowship;

beverages and dessert provided.

All Church Picnic



Sunday, June 23
10:00 am—2:00 pm

(Worship in the Park!) 

Join us for a little PEP! (prayin’, eatin’, playin’!)

Start the summer off right with a relaxing picnic!

Join us at 10:00 am at the

Central Perkiomen Valley Park (8.5 miles west at Plank Rd off of Rt. 73)

for a short, informal worship service followed by a tummy-satisfying picnic lunch.

Hot dogs, drinks, and tableware provided. Bring a side dish and lawn chairs!

MARK your calendars! Watch for a SIGN-UP in the church narthex!

Horseshoes

Cornhole

Playground

Hiking

Biking

**Fresh
Air
Worship!**



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

Did you know you can give blood every 56 days?

We have made it super easy for you to do so right at Bethel Hill, with our calendar of blood drives for 2024 already set, each one 56+ days from the previous one. So mark your calendar and schedule your appointments now at www.redcrossblood.org, or by calling 800-REDCROSS, or contacting Brenda Doll.

2024 DATES

June 13, August 8, October 10, December 12

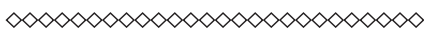
Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

May - Soup

June - Juice

Please leave in the basket in the narthex. Thank you to Ken & Joy Black for continuing to deliver the collections.



*Women's
Ministry*



Communion Offering

The communion offerings collected on the first Sunday of each month provide all members a chance to direct contributions to a group or mission that they may feel called to help. These offerings are intended to be donations above any amount pledged. Thank you for your support. Upcoming communion offerings are as follows:

May – SAW (Servants at Work)

June – UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Our missions include,

- Crocheted or knitted hats, scarves and/or mittens for Tree of Life Ministry/Rosebud Reservation
- Prayer shawls, lap robes and tray favors for Methodist Hospital
- Pillowcases for "Cases for Smiles"; which delivers pillowcases to children in the hospitals
- Little Girl Dresses for Operation Mobilization to help protect young girls from human trafficking.
- Collection of Campbell's soup labels



CHURCH NEWS
AROUND
the
CONGREGATION

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Tom and Tina Gaylets
196 Golden Gate Circle
Archibald, PA 18403

Liz Kilcullen
1096 Bentwater Dr.
Acworth, GA 30101

Keith and Sandy Kreitz
184 Cardinal Crest Dr.
Wallace, NC 28466

Richard and Deborah Stamm
3905 Lewis Run Rd
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Joyce Tomlinson
18909 Lanuvio Rd.
Venice, FL 34293



Joyce Givens
passed away on
December 1, 2023

We've Lost a Friend

COMMUNICATIONS REMINDER:
Please check with the church office and the church calendar BEFORE scheduling any events. This is very important so that all will be able to participate in the ministries Bethel Hill is providing.

Thank you!



COUPON UPDATE:

Thank you for your unused coupons! You can leave them on the parsonage porch or in the white mailbox on the inside of the railing at the old Sunday School room entrance.



The BUGLE LITE is published on the even months! Committee & team chairpeople – don't forget: You should get a *short* report on what your committee/team is working on from your last meeting. Please email this to Brenda Doll at brendoll@verizon.net.

If anyone would like to put a fresh flower arrangement on the altar, please email the church office at bethel-hill@verizon.net or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

The arrangements are now \$35.



Altar Flowers

THE BUGLE is a bi-monthly publication of Bethel Hill United Methodist Church. Drop off articles in the Bugle mailbox at the church or send to Brenda Doll: brendoll@verizon.net.

Collating Crew:	Nancy Powell
Linda Dennison	Janet Vasey
Elaine Hegh	Ray Vasey
Alan Powell	Bob Whiteside

Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
July 1	June 10
September 1	August 10
November 1	October 10

EVERY SUNDAY




Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30*
 Adult Sunday School: 9:00
 Children's Sunday School: 10:30
 1st and 3rd Sundays

*10:30 service also available on
 Facebook Live



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Offering: May 5th SAW (Servants at Work)		Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Soup	7:00pm Worship Meeting	6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		
5 3:30 Jr. Youth Group 5:30 Youth Group	6 6:30pm VBS Planning	7	8 7:00pm Missions Mtg	9 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 9:00am Women's Breakfast	11
12  Mother's Day	13 11:00am Mission Link Meeting 7:00pm Trustees Mtg	14	15	16 7:00pm Chimes Practice	17 7:00am Bean Soup Kitchen Mission	18
19 3:30 Jr. Youth Group 5:30 Youth Group	20	21	22 12:30pm Lunch Bunch	23 6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	24 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast	25
26	27  MEMORIAL DAY+	28	29	30	31 12:00pm Chicken BBQ Set-up	


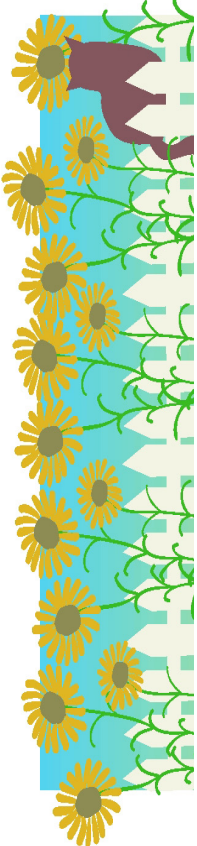
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Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:00**
 Adult Sunday School: 9:00 (thru 6/9)

*One service 6/23 - Church Picnic
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<p>Communion Offering: June 2nd Hospitality</p>	<p>7:00pm Evangelism Comm Mtg</p>	<p>Can You Spare A Drop?</p> <p>Red Cross Blood Drive ~ June 13th Schedule your appointment TODAY!</p>				<p>9:00am Flea Market 3:00pm Chicken BBQ</p>
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<p>11:00am Graduate Recognition</p>	<p>BUGLE DEADLINE</p>		<p>6:30pm Generosity Team 7:15pm Finance Committee</p>	<p>7:00pm Chimes Practice</p>		<p>9:00am Women's Breakfast</p>
<p>FATHERS DAY 16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
	<p>7:00pm SPRC Mtg</p>	<p>7:00pm Vacation Bible Schoold-</p>	<p>12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Church Council</p>			
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>10:00am Church Picnic</p>		<p>1:30pm Bugle Mailing</p>				<p>8:00am UM Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>30</p>						
<p>Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Juice</p>						



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bryan Smith, Kimberly Pollock
- 3 Pam Culp, Trevor Keaton
- 4 Erin Beagle, Claire Hawkins
- 5 Hailee Closs
- 8 Brandon Frederick, Kaitlin Tomlinson
- 10 Donna Dickson
- 11 Melissa Puchalski
- 12 Douglas Hoyer, Peyton Taylor
- 13 Janet Kopistansky, Jacob Lister, Matt Pellegrino
- 14 Andrew Strohl
- 15 Laura Curran, Bobby Kleckner, Janet Salvina, Alex Kreitz
- 17 Albert Closs, Kelly Dickson, McKenzie Nash, Ray Vasey
- 19 Misti Conway
- 21 Jake Schwanholt
- 22 Michael Puchalski, Jr.
- 23 Jeff Werkiser
- 24 Tina Gaylets, Bill Minor
- 25 John Edgard, Roseann Stadler
- 29 Keith Fischer
- 30 Audrey Delaney, Peter Yu
- 31 Dave Woodson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Linda & Larry Gold ('92)
- 7 Dan & Karen Delaney ('83)
- 8 Dick & Dessa Clauser ('54)
- 14 Alan & Karen Messics ('88)
- 15 Glenn & Jennifer Moore, Jr. ('98)
- 17 Shawn & Michele O'Kane ('97)
- 16 Holly & Brian Frederick ('98)
- 26 Rich & Kelli Durling ('90)
- 28 Daniel & Lauren Perrone ('17)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chris Pollock, Debbie Zimmerman
- 5 Emma Beagle
- 6 Daryl Burkett, Lauren Perrone
- 7 Bob Whiteside, Ethan Zimmerman
- 8 Brenna Haley
- 11 Stephanie Nash
- 13 Karen Matus
- 14 Matthew Henderson
- 16 Mike Beagle, Laramie Martinez
- 17 Alan Silfies, Alan Powell
- 21 Kristina Flatley
- 23 Mark Shellenberger
- 24 Jim Bosler
- 25 Megan Bealer
- 26 Kyle Doll
- 28 Lindsey Jackson, Gerry Ketterer, Connor Perkins, Hayden Delaney, Grayson Delaney
- 30 Debra Hall



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Alan & Prudence Silfies ('68)
- 5 Nancy & Alan Powell ('71)
Sarah-Krista & Nicholas Curry ('04)
- 19 Hugh & Aileen Thomas ('52)
- 26 David & Sarah Ingram ('04)
- 29 Andrea & Andy Pellegrino ('91)
- 30 Mark & Jean Parisi ('84)
Robert & Susan Millenhausen ('84)

Check out Bethel Hill's new webpage at www.BethelHill.org



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