

## Preparing for Christmas

It's time to prepare.

Preparation is the name of the game from now through December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Prepare for the Holidays. There is certainly a lot to do to get ready: decorations, cooking, cleaning, cards, gifts, parties. So much to do.

Prepare for Crowds too. The stores will be full, and the roads will be too. We're preparing for crowds at church too. Crowds will be everywhere.

Prepare for the Stress. Stressed by too much to do and not enough time. Stressed by crowds, traffic, and finances. Stressed for your inability to savor the moment. And just when you think you've found a way to balance it all, you should...

Prepare for the Unexpected. You can be sure that between now and Christmas your course will have some detours and surprises along the way. So like a good scout, be prepared. And yet it is often in the interruptions of life, we see God's hand at work.

Prepare for Worship. That's the heart of Christmas, isn't it? Make time to ponder the meaning of Christ, the Eternal Son of God, becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Time to praise and worship the Savior. Time to contemplate the mystery of God putting on humanity. Keep worship a priority through these weeks so you keep the true meaning of Christmas in perspective.

Prepare for Wonder. The mystery of Christmas ought to make us pause in wonder. Not only the wonder of how 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' But the wonder of why Jesus came to live among us at all. What does that tell us about our Heavenly Father? How should we respond to God's great gift to the world in Jesus Christ?

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## Christmas Eve Services



Make your final preparations for Christmas at one of three Christmas Eve Services at Bethel.

**5:00 p.m.** Children/Family Service in Fellowship Hall with a Christmas Pageant, the Bethel Wind Ensemble, and Candlelight.

**7:00 p.m.** Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary, with Holy Communion and Candlelight.

**11:00 p.m.** Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion and Candlelight.

The Love Offering at all three services will be for the restoration of the "Good Shepherd" stained glass window in the Sanctuary.

All three services will be Candlelight Services.

## Communion to our Shut-Ins:



During December Pastor Baker will be taking Holy Communion to our members in long term care facilities, and our home-bound members. If you would like to schedule a time for

Communion please call the Church Office.

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## Holiday Closings

The Church office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



## Mary Martha Circle

*The Mary Martha Circle will meet at Noon on Wednesday, December 4, at Victoria's Restaurant on the boardwalk in Rehoboth. It's always so beautifully decorated for Christmas there. If you've been thinking about joining us some month, why not make it this special outing when we'll celebrate the once and future coming of our Savior? Simply let Debbie (827-2152) or Gayle (645-6335) know.*

*Because New Year's Day occurs on our normally scheduled meeting day, we'll be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month (January 8th) instead. The location has yet to be decided so keep an eye out in the bulletin!*

*Have a blessed Christmas!*



## The Elizabeth Circle

*The Elizabeth Circle will meet at Bethany Blues in Lewes at 12:30 p.m. for our Annual Christmas Luncheon. We would like to invite all ladies in the Church to join us for good food and good Christian fellowship. Please RSVP to Ginny Mitchell at 236-7864 or if you need transportation.*

*Our January Luncheon Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 6, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.. Location will be announced at a later date. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday.*

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**Prepare to Receive.** At its heart, Christmas remembers a time when God gave the world a gift. How much you benefit from the gift depends on how you receive it, and how often you enjoy it.

**Prepare for a new Beginning.** When the Christmas celebration is over and the ornaments are back in storage, the new life of Christmas still goes on. God's love for the world continues. New life has begun.

With all the preparations you'll make for Christmas, above all, **Prepare for Jesus** to be part of your life, your home and your family.

Wishing you Heaven's Best and peace on earth, I am, Yours in Christ,

Earle Baker, Pastor

## **Carol Service at Barratt's Chapel**



The Music Department of Wesley College will present a service of Lessons and Carols at Barratt's Chapel at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy a musical festival at the oldest Methodist church in America. Barratt's Chapel is on US Rt. 113/Delaware Rt. 1, 8 miles north of Milford. Christmas has been celebrated there since 1780.

## **Common questions and answers regarding our new e-giving services:**

**What do I put in the offering plate when it comes around during worship?**

You will receive a printed receipt of your donation that can be used to place inside your envelope to put in the offering envelope.

**What if I try it and I don't like it?**

You can cancel your automatic deduction schedule on the website at any time.

**Can I use my credit/debit cards?**

Yes, but we advise everyone to use their credit cards wisely.

**Can I look up my donations online?**

You can view all donations completed online,

print out a statement, and even use it for tax purposes. Please note that the online statement will not show any offerings you gave at the church (e.g., checks & envelope giving). You may obtain your complete donation statement from the church treasurer.

**How much does E-Giving cost?**

It will not cost you anything. The benefits outweigh the nominal transactions the church incurs.

**Is E-Giving Secure?**

Absolutely! Our provider has the highest security standards and is PCI Level 1 Compliant.

**An easy and secure way to contribute your offerings to God**

Make one-time donations or schedule recurring gifts.

100% confidence that your financial data is secure.

Unable to attend church? You can now donate anytime, anywhere.

Access your E-Giving history whenever you choose and print year-end statements

## **Bethel Band Of Brothers**

The Band of Brothers is a group of men that perform maintenance and minor repair projects for those in the church community that need assistance. The group meets the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread for breakfast and a short devotion. Upon completion of breakfast we perform whatever "jobs" we have.



If you have a need contact the church office as it is the collection center for requests. If you would like assistance leave your name, your preferred method of contact and what assistance is needed. Someone from the BBB will be in contact with you.

Anyone interested in being a [art of this group is welcome. Special talents not required but you should have a desire to help others.



## FLORENCE'S NEWS

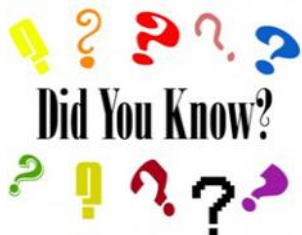


The Thrift Shop, a vital part of the ministry of the Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches, is in need of men, women and teenagers to volunteer at the shop. High School students will earn community service credits. The Thrift Shop is a principle source of funding for the Community Resource Center and the Cape Henlopen Food Basket. To a lesser extent funds are provided to Casa San Francisco, Lewes After-School Program, Tulane's Place Men's Shelter, Westside New Beginnings, Young Life and many more organizations in our area that fill a definite purpose for those in our community who are in need of help. I'm proud to say that I have volunteered at the Thrift Shop for over 8 years and have found it a rewarding experience. Won't you come and join me? Call any weekday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and speak to our new manager, Maura Jenkins or a volunteer coordinator. The number to contact is 644-0171.



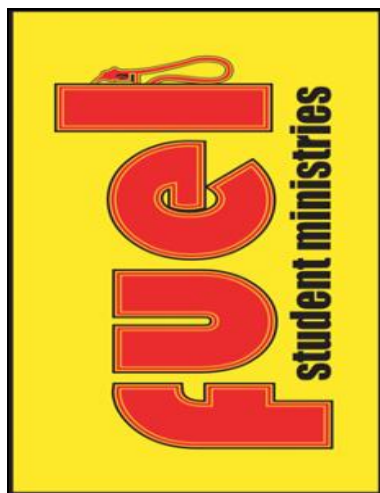
## PRISON MINISTRY COOKIE DRIVE

The collection date for the L.R.A.C. Prison Ministry Cookie Drive is Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, we are asking for home-baked cookies for the prisoners and the prison workers at the Sussex County Correctional Institution in Georgetown. If you wish to participate, please bring your cookies in bulk to the kitchen on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This year, under the guidance of the new warden, there are several restrictions on the kinds of cookies that will be accepted. **As always, no Brownies. In addition, the cookies are not to contain nuts or peanut butter!** I realize that this cookie drive is coming right on the heels of the Cookie Walk but I pray that when you do your baking, you will bake a few extra dozen for the Prison Ministry. As always, thank you for being a part of this outreach that, hopefully, will lead to the rehabilitation of the prisoners through the work of those who preach God's word in our prisons.



In a large congregation like Bethel, many people help to make things run smoothly. We wish to thank these people for their recent service to Christ and Church.

1. Did you know that in addition to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts Bethel hosts a Girl Scout Troop every other Friday?
2. Did you know--Because of your generosity the Missions Team was recently able to donate \$1,000 to Emmanuel Shelter, the homeless shelter of the Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches. (LRAC)
3. Did you know that people who read about it in the Cape Gazette, or saw the sign in front of the church have attended each of the Prayer and Healing Services held since they returned in September?
4. Did you know that the number of Lay Servants at Bethel has grown from 4 to 9. In addition to **Fred Bunch, Debbie Dawson, Charlie Joseph, and Florence Sulitzky; Doris Clark, Phil Fields, Gayle Gibbons, Suzy Kremer, and Jim Vandegrift** have completed the basis Lay Servant course.



# December 2013

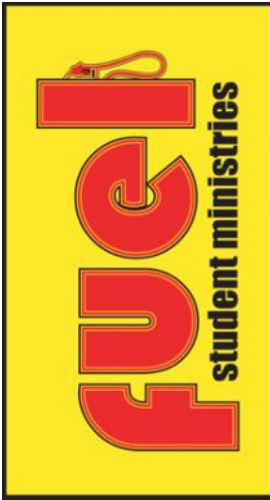


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Fuel	2	3 	4	5	6	7 Shop for family In need! 
8 	9 	10	11	12 	13	14
15 	16 	17	18	19 	20 	21 National Fruitcake Day!
22 	Fuel's Ugly Christmas Sweater party 6:30-8:00		24 Christmas Eve Services - 5, 7 And 11!	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	27	28 
29 	30 	31 New Year's Eve!				

On the 22nd we will be having our 5th annual "Ugly Christmas Sweater Christmas Party"

Go to your grand-mothers house and borrow the craziest Christmas sweater she has! If she doesn't have one, go to Goodwill or Salvation Army and pick one up. Prizes will be awarded to the best (worst) sweater! We will also have a **White Elephant Christmas** gift exchange! (\$5 Gift)





January 2014

umyoungpeople.org  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRIES OF THE PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE PRESENTS:  
**RANSOMED**  
Youth Rally 2014 Ocean City Maryland  
January 10-12  
1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Rally!	6 	7 National French Fries Day!	8	 16 National Silly putty Day!	10 2013 RANSOMED Youth	11
12 	13	14	15	16 National Silly putty Day!	17 Adult Leaders Christmas party!	18
19 	20 National Peanut Butter Day!		22	23 National Roller Skating Day!	24	25
26 Confirmation @ 5:00 	27	28	29	30 	31	
80's Workout Gear Night!						

2014  
RANSOMED Youth Rally!  
January 10-12th  
  
Ocean City Maryland!  
Ocean City Convention Center!  
  
Great Bands, Great Speakers, Great Friends, Great Times!  
\$140.00 per person



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## Ray's Ramblings

### Up Coming Events



**Confirmation Class will be on  
Sunday, December 15th and  
January 26th from 5:00-6:00**



**Fuel's 5th Annual Ugly Christmas  
Sweater Christmas Party!**

**Sunday, December 22nd from**

**6:30 - 8:00**



## And Family News

Hello Bethel!

Well the winter weather has arrived and it's Christmas and New years time. I love this time of year for so many reasons. I actually like the cold weather, hunting season is in full swing, and we get to celebrate the Birth of our savior Jesus Christ! I am fresh off a great and well needed two week hunting vacation and ready to tackle this season which is extremely busy for us in the church world.

December is a great month for charity and service. This year Fuel students will be adopting a family in need again and will do a ton of Christmas shopping for them. Last year was the fourth year we did this and it touched all of our hearts in a big way as usual. It was really special to deliver all those wrapped presents and see the huge smiles on the faces of that family. On Saturday, December 7th, our Secret Service group will meet and divide up a list of wants and needs and hit the stores. If you would like to donate funds to offset the cost of this "adopt a family" effort, please let me know.

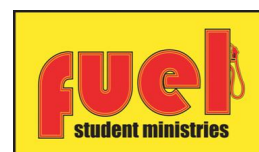
Also, our month peaks with the celebration of the Birth of Jesus at our three Christmas Eve services. The younger kids will be in charge of the 5:00 service which will be in the fellowship Hall this year, the Fuel Students will be serving in the 7:00 service, and our night of rejoicing wraps up with our 11:00 candle light service with the Choir.

In January, the students and Adult leaders will be headed down to Ocean City for the Conference wide Youth Rally with 4,000 of our closest friends! Please be praying for the 40 adults and students that will be attending from Bethel.

This Season is full of 'exciting' events and busy times, but its very important not to miss Jesus in all of the craziness. Please take time this season to slow down and reflect on all the blessings in your life. Also make time to be with the special people who brighten up your life and share the story of Jesus, the REAL reason for the season, with the people you come in contact with.

Ray Davis

Director of Youth and Family Ministries





*Of Fifty Years or More  
Congratulations!*

December

Tom & Phyllis Byrne	12/12/1953
Herschel & Bev Porter	12/17/1960
David & Helen Truitt	12/02/1961

January

Harlow & Jean Carson	1/19/1952
Paul & Nancy Stauffer	1/07/1956
Norm & Lela Weston	1/31/1959
Timothy & Shirley Price	1/24/1964

*To Those Celebrating 25 to 49 Years  
Congratulations!*

December

Judy & Barney Schulze	12/09/1967
Tom & Kathy Engel	12/13/1969
William & Julie O'Brien	12/30/1978
Allen & Diana Riley	12/30/1984
Jim & Patty Marvel	12/07/1985
Lou & Ellie Colon	12/05/1988
Harry & Ginny Marker	12/17/1988

January

Bill & Gayle Gibbons	1/18/1969
Joe & Fran Baker	1/04/1987

*And Celebrating 1 to 24  
Years  
Congratulations!*

December

William & Brenda Kyle	12/30/1989
Mark & Jill Menendez	12/30/1989
David & Theresa McCloy	12/11/1992
Jerry & Laurie Anderson	12/03/1994
Mark & Loretta Ostroski	12/31/1994
Michael & Cynthia Dickerson	12/30/1995
Dean & April Betts	12/05/1998
Richard & Cynthia	12/06/2003
Mark & Amber Deptula	12/17/2011

January

Steven & Susan Kremer	1/17/1992
George & Gini Sherman	1/28/1998
Geoffrey & Lynette Klopp	1/17/1998



December

Frederick Sposato	12/01
Josh Hoffpauir	12/01
Jake Hoffpauir	12/01
Taylor Thornberg	12/01
Jane Boylen	12/02
Harrison Gale	12/02
Hunter Gale	12/02
Shelia Clary	12/02
Brent Daniel	12/03
Olga Fitch	12/03



Rachel Coats	12/03	Richard Parsons	12/15
Jayne Leitzel	12/04	Jackson Wiggins	12/15
Kelly Pinsky	12/04	Roy Murabito	12/16
Phyllis Schultz	12/04	Meredith Lockwood	12/16
Romaine FitzGerald	12/04	Christopher Piper	12/16
Nathan Morris	12/05	Verna Byre	12/17
Julie O'Brien	12/05	Ryan Johnson	12/17
Joshua Reinhold	12/05	Daisy Hughes	12/17
Laura Murabito	12/06	Joyce Mentzer	12/18
Sarah Ruggiero	12/06	David Lurty	12/18
Lex Johnson	12/06	Brian Pepper	12/18
Tommy Engel	12/06	Andrew Han	12/18
Cynthia Daniel	12/07	Ross Gillan	12/19
Jean Allen	12/07	Riley Klopp	12/19
Cheryl Baldwin	12/07	Chelsea McCoy	12/19
Olivia Nehrbas	12/07	Dixie Fritz	12/19
Joan Lester	12/08	Christopher Emmett	12/19
Mark Marrin	12/08	Cassandra Short	12/20
Wayne Meluney	12/08	Lucas Stevenson	12/20
Hilda Williams	12/08	June Rose Futcher	12/21
Thelma Brown	12/09	Edith Cross	12/21
Michael Lee	12/09	Lily Ashby	12/21
Frank FitzGerald	12/09	Madeline Wilber	12/22
Ellie Colon	12/10	Elaina Best	12/22
Karen Hunsicker	12/11	Connor Wiggins	12/22
Donald Vanderslice	12/11	Beau Krick	12/22
Trey Mitchell	12/11	Katie Metzger	12/24
Ralph Lazzaro	12/12	Cary Williams	12/25
Mauro Sgromo	12/12	Joseph Mocci	12/25
Briley Strine	12/12	Richard Scott	12/25
Steve Coats	12/13	Daniel Beebe	12/25
Ed Jones	12/13	John Turansky	12/25
Sawyer Carter	12/13	Cyrus Conner	12/26
Sam Bowers	12/13	Erik-Stephane Stancofski	12/26
Eric Meding	12/14	Master Trey Mitchell	12/26
Christopher Wiggins	12/14	Maggie Mitchell	12/26
Lily Noonan	12/14	Leigh Menendez	12/26
Elaine (Bunny) Palmer	12/15	Jennifer Montag	12/27
Abigail Thornberg	12/15		
Lauren Thornberg	12/15		
Susanne Truitt	12/15		



December (cont.)

Adrienne De Prisco	12/27
Cayden Steel	12/27
Nick Faircloth	12/27
Joann Brittingham	12/28
Susan Stone	12/29
Doug Miller	12/29
Meri Chiartas	12/29
Joseph O'Neill	12/29
Sean Meluney	12/29
Stewart Futcher	12/30
Scott Futcher	12/30
Erin Thompson	12/30
Nancy Crim	12/30
Jennifer Sgromo	12/31
Cary Daniel	12/31
Brooke Jones	12/31
Christine Bristowe	12/31

January

*Over 90*  
*Luella Derrickson - 1/24/1915*  
*and*  
*Kit Riniker - 1/3/1920*  
*and*  
*Anna B. Moore - 1/20/1920*

Elizabeth Anderson	01/01
Charlotte Bastian	01/01
Jeffery Futcher	01/01
Robert Dickey	01/01
Carolyn Hughes	01/01
Brenda Kyle	01/01
Maren Edwards	01/02

John Nehrbas	01/02
Louis Colon	01/02
Elizabeth Fannin	01/03
Travers Johnson	01/03
Kenny Terhune	01/03
Sam Han	01/03
Mary Conn	01/03
Brooke Ford	01/03
James Williams	01/05
Leah Wilson	01/05
Richard Bolin	01/05
Ruth Ruggiero	01/06
Tiffany Marker	01/06
Lauren Price	01/06
Carole Woodyard	01/07
Helena Helou	01/07
Susan Pratzner-Sparks	01/07
Brenner Short	01/08
Bob Wright	01/09
Margaret Davison	01/09
Juliet Kenton	01/09
Elle Anderson	01/09
Thelma Gwin	01/09
Herky Billings	01/10
Kieran Morrissey	01/10
Logan Shuttleworth	01/11
Mark Wolf	01/11
Grant Gillan	01/12
Col Thomas Byrne	01/12
Bill Harper	01/12
Bill Boylen	01/12
Hannah Derrickson	01/12
Burt Murray	01/13
Bridget Knutsen	01/13
Matthew Parsons	01/14
Diana Riley	01/14
Suzanne Steele	01/14
Richard Cecil	01/14
Deborah Dickey	01/14
Brian Koyanagi	01/14
Jack Coleman	01/14
Laura Schneider	01/14
Marjorie Zayatz	01/15
Teagan Gale	01/15
Robert Best, Jr.	01/15
Lesley Bowers	01/15
Lynde Pepper	01/15
Julie Beebe	01/16
Christopher Shea, Jr.	01/16



## Lewes Men's Chorus & Tapsations Dancers Present ***Christmas in Lewes***

**Saturday, December 21, 2013**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

Mark your calendars to come and enjoy the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Lewes Men's Chorus and the Tapsation Dancers as they present "Christmas in Lewes" in our Bethel United Methodist Church - Fellowship Hall. A time of fellowship will follow the concert with homemade cookies and pastries. The "Chairman of the Board", Bill Earl, will be at the piano and will be joined by the band, including Bethel's own drummer, Justin Fisher.

*(January Birthdays Continued from page 10)*

Ethan Thomas-Hartnett	01/16	Ella Reynolds	01/24
Mark Moore, Jr.	01/16	Abigail Cleaver	01/25
Jennifer Bennett	01/16	Erin Noonan	01/25
Dick Powell	01/17	Amber Deptula	01/25
Erich Burkentine	01/17	Kristine Hollinger	01/26
Jeanne Maxwell	01/17	Janet Koch	01/26
Steve Thompson	01/18	Nancy Smith	01/27
Mary Koyanagi	01/18	Michael Sposato	01/27
Brenda Staggs	01/18	Sarah Reinhold	01/27
Anna Moshier	01/19	Enzo Zechiel	01/27
Dixie Wolf	01/19	Barbara Drake	01/28
Ginny Mitchell	01/20	Stanley Mosiej	01/28
Brandon Mears	01/20	Pat Duncan	01/28
Kendra Hudiburg	01/20	Lelia Hughes	01/28
Cathy Berl	01/21	Sean Lanan	01/28
Dr. Jack Dawson, Jr.	01/21	Robert Brennan	01/29
Shirley Price	01/21	Don Mitchell	01/29
Kathy Engel	01/22	Keena Ross	01/29
John Schulze, III	01/22	Lisa Beauchamp-Lingo	01/29
James Ashby	01/22	Rebecca Sponaugle	01/30
Ray Davis	01/22	Linda Griffin	01/31
Ron Baker, Sr.	01/23		
Margaret Hoyt	01/24		



CHRISTMAS COOKIES!!!



LOTS & LOTS OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
NEEDED



## Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Opens at 10:00

The Mary Martha Circle is once again organizing a **CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK**, with the proceeds this year going to the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & MODERNIZATION PROJECT**.

Though the Circle is organizing this event, obviously we need the help of our whole church family to make it a SUCCESS! So we are asking all cookie bakers to donate homemade cookies to be sold at the Walk. We need as many as you can provide...last year we sold out quickly!! Here's how a COOKIE WALK works – Customers come, are given a to-go box & disposable glove then WALK around the tables selecting the cookies they wish to buy. Cookies are sold by the pound.

Please label and deliver all those yummy cookies to the church kitchen on

**Friday, Dec. 6, between 9 & 4 or Saturday morning prior to the sale.**

Questions? Call Inez Brengle at 644-4818 or the church office at 645-9426.

Please let us know what you can contribute by filling out the form below ([or click the link to fill it out online](https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/XcB9c1AxEga6Nyo1lbcUH)) and place it in the offering plate, the cookie box on display in the rear of Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary, or return the form to the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cookie: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dozen: \_\_\_\_\_

Contains Nuts? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind? \_\_\_\_\_

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/XcB9c1AxEga6Nyo1lbcUH>



**Thank You So Much!**








**and God Bless!**





# DECEMBER 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 C.A.T. 9:15 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Worship 2:00 Grief Share	<b>2</b> 1:00 SK Prayer Cir & Prayer Shawl Ministry 6, 7 & 8:00 Pack 1C.S. 6:30 Lewes Men's Chorus	<b>3</b> 12:30 Eliz. Cir. Lunch 6:00 "J" Crew Reh 6, 7 & 8:00 Pack 1 C.S. <b>6:30 SPRC Mtg.</b> 7:00 YM2 Rehearsal 8:00 1st Towne Ringers	<b>4</b> 10:30 HHC Comm. 12:00 MM Circle Lunch 1:00 L.E.A.P Tutoring 6:00 King's Kids Reh 6, 7 & 8:00 Pack 1 C.S. 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Women's Ministry	<b>5</b> 6:00 Miracle Singers 7:00 Healing Service 7:00 Stephen Min. Mtg 7:00 B. S. Troop #1 	<b>6</b> 9:30 Worship Comm. Mtg.	<b>7</b> 8:00 Bethel Band of Brothers  10:00 Mary Martha Circle Cookie Walk 
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# January 2014



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## change of address

**Please** if you are going to move across the street, across town, across the state or across the country, it would be appreciated to have your new address and phone number before you move. Return postage cost the Church money that we do not budget for and it does add up. More importantly, it would be nice if you received what is sent to you from your Church.

Also, please keep in mind that the Church office needs all updates to your family circumstances, new family members, deaths, weddings, divorces, new email addresses, cell phone numbers as well as the above mentioned address and telephone number changes. We appreciate you keeping us updated so that we can keep our records current and you informed on all the important happenings here at Bethel UMC.

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424 Ocean Court  
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44 Solitude Way  
Wilmington, DE 19808-2029

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113 Cornwall Road  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971-1423

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Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Mr. & Mrs. Josh Stevenson  
33738 Reservoir Drive  
Lewes, DE

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sponaule  
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Miss Kathy Hostetter  
2210 S. Forge Road  
Palmyra, PA 17078-8342

## The Legend of the Candy Cane



According to legend, a long time ago, a candymaker in Indiana made the Christmas candy cane to tell the real Christmas story. He chose pure white candy for the virgin birth and to remind us that Jesus is sinless. He made the candy hard so it would remind us that Jesus is the solid rock and that all God's promises are solid. The candymaker made the candy in the shape of a "J" to remind us of Jesus who came to Earth as a baby and became our Savior. Then the candymaker added stripes. Real candy canes have three small stripes for the blood Jesus shed for us before he went to the cross and a big stripe for the blood Jesus shed on the cross so we could have eternal life.



# MUSIC NEWS

## Bethel Wind Ensemble To Return

December '13/January '14

Do you play a band instrument? Or perhaps you USED to play but haven't in years? Well, it's time to brush the dust off of your instrument case and join the Bethel Wind Ensemble. The group will play for the 5:00 Christmas Eve Service. Woodwind, brass and percussion players of all ages are welcome to participate, though we do ask that you be in at least 6th grade. We usually have two rehearsals prior to the service (TBA) but you'll get the music ahead of time so that you can practice on your own. Please contact Joyce Mentzer by phone at 424-6616 or via email at [jkmentzer@bethellewes.org](mailto:jkmentzer@bethellewes.org) if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Christmas Cantata

Don't miss the Chancel Choir's Christmas cantata, "The Prince of Peace Is Come," which will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 8th at the 11:00 service. A string quartet will accompany the choir which will make the service extra special. Please plan to attend.

## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

*Bethel's Children's Choirs present...*

# A King Is Coming to Town!

*A Christmas Musical*

**Sunday, December 15 at 6:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**





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**Bethel Christian School: (302) 645-5132**

**Church Telephone Directory:**

<i>Rev. Earle Baker</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Ext. 102</i>
<i>Ray Davis</i>	<i>Youth &amp; Family Ministry Director</i>	<i>Ext. 103</i>
<i>Joyce K. Mentzer</i>	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Ext. 105</i>
<i>Cindi Cleaver</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Ext. 104</i>
<i>Donna L.A. Dickey</i>	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Ext. 100</i>
<i>Kathy Pepper</i>	<i>Bethel Christian School Super.</i>	<i>645-5132</i>
<i>Keri Faircloth &amp; Laura Knutsen</i>	<i>Sunday School Super. Team</i>	<i>Ext. 113</i>
<i>Laura Petranto</i>	<i>Financial Secretary</i>	<i>Ext. 104</i>
<i>Suzy Kremer</i>	<i>PR Coordinator</i>	<i>542-3854</i>
<i>Tamara Taylor</i>	<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	

**Emergency Telephone Numbers:**

<i>Donna L.A. Dickey</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>(302) 947-0850</i>
	<i>Cell</i>	<i>(302) 858-1031</i>

**Sunday Worship Schedule:**

<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>Traditional Service</i>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
<i>9:15 AM</i>	<i>Contemporary Service</i>	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>Traditional Service</i>	<i>Sanctuary</i>

**Prayer & Healing Service:**

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

**Sunday School:**

<i>9:15 AM</i>	<i>In various classrooms</i>	<i>year round</i>
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**Monthly Newsletter Information:**

<i><u>Deadline</u></i>	<i><u>The third Friday of every month; except January</u></i>
<i>Editor</i>	<i>Donna L. A. Dickey</i>
<i>Assemblers</i>	<i>Office Angels</i>
<i>E-Mailer</i>	<i>Todd Mentzer</i>

**Web Page:**

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**Bulletin Deadline Information:**

*Every Thursday by 12 noon*

**Prayer List Deadline**

*Every Thursday by 12 noon*

**Office hours: \***

**\*from Tuesday after Labor Day to Friday before Memorial Day 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

from Tuesday after Memorial Day to Friday before Labor Day      8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Other Important Email Addresses**

<i>Pastor Earle—<a href="mailto:pastorbaker@bethellewes.org">pastorbaker@bethellewes.org</a></i>	<i>Ray Davis—<a href="mailto:ray@bethellewes.org">ray@bethellewes.org</a></i>
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*The Southern Delaware Choral Society* announces its winter concert “Bach’s

*Christmas Oratorio*,” accompanied by a chamber orchestra under the direction of Simeone Tartaglione, conductor of the Newark Symphony Orchestra. The concerts will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m. at Georgetown Middle School in Georgetown; and on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 for students with valid ID. They are available by calling Bethel member Phyllis Thomas at 302-645-6759, or online at [www.southerndelawarechoralsociety.org](http://www.southerndelawarechoralsociety.org), as well as at Puzzles in Lewes and Browseabout Books in Rehoboth Beach.

In addition, The Southern Delaware Choral Society will be hosting a *Messiah* sing-along on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Bethel UMC. Joyce Mentzer will provide accompaniment. All are welcome to come and sing or just to listen. Scores will be provided to those who do not have them. The suggested donation per person \$10 per person (\$5 for students with ID).

# “Aging in Place”

- A Community Forum-

5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

January 23, 2014

(Snow date - January 30)

Cape Henlopen High School

Free

Learn about programs that exist or are planned  
to help keep you in your homes longer.

Co-sponsored by:

The Parkinson’s Education and Support Group of Sussex County

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

Beebe Healthcare

St. Francis Hospital LIFE Program

The greater Lewes Community Village

Griswold Home Care

Christiana Care Visiting Nurses Association

The Sussex County Advisory Council on Aging and Adults with Physical Disability

**Come early. We’re expecting a large turn-out. Registration not required.**

# Highlights from Bethel Christian School for the Month of November

## Two Year Olds

We have been learning about times and what you do during these different times by incorporating Hickory Dickory Dock. During the month we discussed owls and squirrels and have done crafts and read stories about them. We ended the month by exploring primary & secondary colors and talking about Thanksgiving – sharing love and telling what we are thankful for.

## Three Year Olds

This age group learned the four basic shapes and also focused on one-to-one correspondence and recognizing the number 1 through 6. Now that we know those numbers, we can use dice and play games. When playing games, we are also learning how to be patient and to use our “yes, please” and “no, thank you”. In addition, we spell first names throughout the day.

## Enrichment

This month we continued to learn about France. Several guests who had lived in France visited the class. The children learned about and “built” the Eiffel Tower, painted Monet’s famous bridge, discovered Paris’s Notre Dame and the Louvre. They also drew their own Mona Lisa. A great time was had as the children acted out Bastille Day and made a book about it.

The month ended with a big Thanksgiving feast that we all ate together.

## Bible Class

This month, the two-year-olds focused on all things that God gave us and we talked about our need to thank Him. They learned the story of God leading the Israelites through the desert.

The three-year-olds learning the stories of Daniel and Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego. We talked about how God can do anything (even impossible things) and we can count on Him to take care of us.

The four-year-olds learned about what the Bible tells us about heaven and they also learned the story of the good Samaritan. They all raised money to purchase clothes for children in the Dominican Republic. One of our children’s father is a missionary there. The children also made cookies and cards for patients at the Tunnel Cancer Center to remind them of God’s great gift – the promise to stay with us no matter what!

The kindergarten class learned the stories of Daniel and Timothy. I stressed the importance of having integrity at a young age so that they can grow into adults with integrity.

All of the children learned the story of the 10 lepers. I stressed that at times we are all like the 9 who forgot to say “Thank You”. Everyone wrote Thanksgiving prayers to be read at Thanksgiving.



A **Service of Prayer and Healing** will be held on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The ministry of healing is very important in the New Testament and was central to the ministry of Jesus. Each service will include prayers, scripture, a reflection on scripture, and prayers for healing.



## Sacrament of Baptism

To schedule a baptism, please contact Pastor Earle at 645-9426 or [pastorbaker@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorbaker@bethellewes.org).

## The Women's Ministry



collaborated with the American Legion, Post 28, to collect items to send to our soldiers overseas. There were goodies as well as necessities: razors, shaving cream, deodorant & much more. In October, we collected socks for our vets that are in rehab for their war injuries or in veteran homes. Cookies were baked & packed by the Women's Ministry to send to soldiers in November. Our deep appreciation



to our Bethel family for all you did to make these endeavors possible!

### For The pictures:

Post 28, American Legion. Women's Ministry of BUMC help pack boxes of goodies & supplies for soldiers. Present are the American Legion Women's auxiliary, Lois Clark, Mary Conn, Patti Jackewicz, & Susie Collins. Not pictured but also participated: Edith Cross, Linda Corcoran, Bev Porter, & Pauline Powell.



## Honoring our 50+ year Members

- 50 Years:** Esther Ingram, \**Avice Rickards*  
**51 Years:** Rush Ellis, Verna Owenn Byre, Ruth Ann Watkins Baker, \**Charlotte Adkins Bastian*, \**Edilu Moore Nehrbas*  
**52 Years:** William Vessels, John Walsh & \**Ray Quillen*  
**53 Years:** Anna Jane Mercer  
**54 Years:** Dickie Brittingham, Billie Buckaloo, Charles Melson, III, Ethel Murabito & \**Ann Lodge Walls*  
**56 Years:** Richard Buckaloo & Phil Fitch  
**57 Years:** Donald Anderson, Robert Kennedy, III, Edith Tomlin, Alberta Veazey & Rhodes Vessels  
**58 Years:** Chip Brittingham, Caddie Joseph, Donald Mitchell & \**Dave Robinson*  
**60 Years:** Betty Creadick, Eddie Creadick, Patricia Ingram, Marvin Ingram & Betty Lee  
**63 Years:** Ned Maull & Dale Parsons, II  
**64 Years:** Chubby Joseph & Joan Dorman Moore  
**65 Years:** Walter S. Howard & David Truitt  
**68 Years:** Betty Gibson Anderson  
**73 Years:** Louella Derrickson  
**79 Years:** Anna Beebe Moore  
**80 Years:** Kit Riniker

*\*Bolded and italicized names are recently discovered 50+ year members.*

Every effort was made to get a complete and accurate list. If you were omitted, we are deeply sorry. If you know of anyone who was omitted, please contact the church office. Thank you.

## Building Committee

Charge Conference gave permission for a Building Committee to be formed to proceed with the recommendations of the Capital Improvement Committee, which has now disbanded.

Working with our architect, Bob Clendaniel, the proposal will now get tweaked, fine-tuned, and polished. Your input is still needed. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any member of the Building Committee: **Todd Mentzer**, Chair, **Charlotte Bastian**, **Chip Brittingham**, **Dale Buckwalter**, **Ray Davis**, **Rich Dreason**, **Cecily Fisher**, **Phil Fitch**, **Jack Hendrickson**, **Mike Lee**, **Norm Macturk**, **Dave Truitt** and **Katie Wright** as well as Lay Leader **Phil Fields**, Church Council Chair **Clay Monroe** (until December 31) or **Debbie Dawson** (beginning January 1), Trustee President, **Charlie Thompson**, Finance Chair **Tom Engel**, or **Earle Baker**, Pastor.



## Stephen Ministry

Are You Experiencing an "Autumn" in Your Life? Our Stephen Ministers Can Help! If you are

apprehensive about autumn and the approach of winter weather it may be symbolic of what may sometimes happen in life. A crisis hits, and we feel like we're going to be buried beneath a drift of snow - even before it happens. We worry because we know relationships can become icy, or we can feel frozen by life circumstances. Little difficulties build up like slush, making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. Life begins to feel dreary, and we begin to doubt that spring is so far away or will never come. We can wonder, "Is God even there?"

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through the autumn and winter in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact Bethel's Stephen Ministry Coordinator/Leader, Fred Bunch, at (302) 645-4546; or talk with Pastor Earle Baker. Our Stephen Ministers are available for you.

## Year End Giving for Building Improvements

Many people have expressed interest in giving to support the recommendations of the Capital Improvement Committee. Once the Capital Fund Raising Committee meets we will let you know specific details. Until then, in all likelihood, we will be asking people to make either one time gifts, or a three year commitment to be spread out over 36 months.

The Finance Committee has already created a Capital Improvement fund to receive these gifts. Please direct any contributions for Building Improvements to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Several people have indicated a desire to make

contributions during the 2013 tax year. We thought you would like to know there is a **Special Opportunity for people 70½ to make tax free distributions up to \$100,000 from traditional and Roth IRA's before the end of this year.** This is part of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA). For more information we encourage you to consult your financial advisor.



## Conference Youth Rally

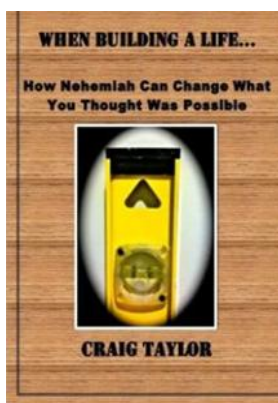
Many students from Fuel, Bethel's Youth Ministry will be attending the Conference Youth Rally from January 10-12 in Ocean City. Please pray that God would speak through the Speakers and Musicians, and for our youth that they might experience new life in Christ.

## Gift Idea! New book by Craig

Taylor, husband of Bethel's Nursery

Director, Tamara Taylor

Where are you headed? With all that comes your



way in daily living, it is easy to get distracted from life goals. That's where the Old Testament hero Nehemiah comes in. That's also why Craig Taylor wrote, When Building a Life -an eBook which explains exactly what Nehemiah did that led to his success and how his example can change what you thought was possible.

In this eBook you'll find nine

profound strategies for constructing a life of significance in today's busy world.

When Building a Life is now available for \$2.99 at Amazon.com, iBookstore, Barnes & Noble, and "Sony eBook stores.

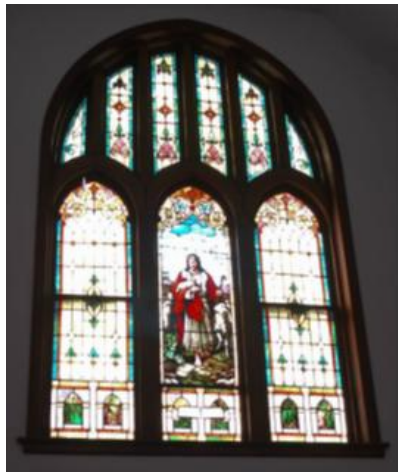
Craig is Pastor of New Hope Church of the Nazarene in Lewes, and is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry at Asbury Theological Seminary.



## Stained Glass Update

The large 'Good Shepherd Window' that faces W. Fourth Street has been removed by Shenandoah Glass for cleaning, repairs, and restoration. We expect it will be back before Christmas.

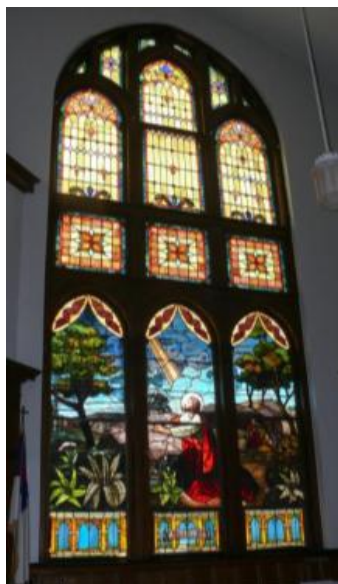
Approximate cost for this window and the five smaller windows beneath it is \$65,600.



The Trustees hope that the larger 'Gethsemane Window' facing Chestnut Street can be removed after Christmas to be back before Easter. Cost for cleaning, repairs, restoration, installation, and protective covering is \$99,600. Once funds are available work will proceed.

Total cost for all windows is estimated at \$269,000. These two windows alone account for 61% of the total cost of restoring all the windows in the sanctuary. Our contract with Shenandoah Glass allows us to proceed as funds are available.

Stained Glass window Restoration and Repair Represent a major portion of the cost of the capital improvements we plan to make. Please be on the lookout for information about how you can help after the first of the year.



## Charge Conference

Dover District Superintendent Vicki Gordy-Stith led Charge Conference at Bethel on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Many items of business were reported including:

In the last year there were:  
16 Baptisms

20 Professing members received  
7 deaths

**Membership** now stands at:

862 Professing Members

277 Baptized members

8 Affiliate Members

16 Associate Members

1163 Total Members

**Lay Servants:** Bethel's Certified Lay Servants: Fred Bunch, Debbie Dawson, Charlie Joseph, and Florence Sulitzky were reelected. In addition Lois Clark, Phil Fields, Gayle Gibbons, Suzy Kremer, and Jim Vandegrift were elected as Local Lay Servants

**The Capital Improvement and Modernization Committee** was supported by a vote of 73 to 3 to proceed with plans for major improvements to our church building.

**Building Committee:** The following persons were elected to the **Building Committee:** Charlotte Bastian, Chip Brittingham, Dale Buckwalter, Ray Davis, Rich Dreason, Cecily Fisher, Phil Fitch, Jack Hendrickson, Mike Lee, Norm Mac-turk, Todd Mentzer, Dave Truitt and Katie Wright.

**Capital Campaign:** These people were elected to the **Capital Fund Raising Committee:** Joann Brittingham, Gayle Gibbons, Allen Riley, Barb Shelton, Gary Stabley and Kenny Vincent.

## Bethel Q & A

**Q** **uestion:** Advent begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. What is the purpose and meaning of Advent?

**A** **nswer:** Advent is a season of four weeks beginning four Sundays before Christmas. The

name Advent comes from the Latin, 'adventus' with means 'coming.'

The season proclaims the coming of

Christ---whose birth we prepare to celebrate once

more. We hear the words of Isaiah the prophet,

fulfilled in John the Baptist, "Prepare the way for the

Lord." At Bethel Advent is observed with special

music, decorations, lighting the Advent Wreath and

mission opportunities focused on the poor. Advent

ends with three Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve.





## Missions Minutes

A Potpourri of Mission News and Opportunity

written by Elizabeth Fields, Missions Chair



\*We are welcoming Kathryn (Kathy) Dreasen to our Missions' Team. Kathy recently came on "board" with our Team and we are excited she is joining us. Kathy and her husband are now in the Lewes area on a permanent basis and we know she will broaden and add much to our Team. At one point Kathy was the Chair person for the Hispanic Ministry at Bethel. We are looking forward to Kathy's input and experience with Missions. By the way, if you too have an interest in Missions at Bethel, please come and join us. It is a wonderful experience in getting to know about the missions taking place locally, regionally, nationally and world wide while at the same time working within our Bethel fellowship.

\*Nan Ruhl from Epworth U.M.C. recently sent out a plea for the Immanuel Shelter on Route 9. Nan is the overseer of this particular Shelter. She was pleading for financial support as they were \$5,000.00+ short and with winter weather right around the corner it was of vital importance that this financial gap be filled. You see the Shelter needs items particular to its success; i.e., new sleeping bags, etc. The Missions' Team decided that this was indeed an emergency request and decided that a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 would be most helpful. Helpful it was. Nan was thrilled with our response. God is so good. We are so privileged to be his hands and feet.

You may be interested in helping out at that shelter and the one at Epworth U.M.C. If so, please let me know. Nan conducts training sessions and would be happy to contact you about volunteering. Last year many people from Bethel volunteered food, over night duty, and evening duty to help those who are down on their luck and need a warm meal and a safe place to stay the night. It is a most rewarding experience.

\*We are now collecting coats for people in need. This Mission is spearheaded by Hope Ellsworth of Bethel. The campaign is running from the end of November into December. A box for collection is in back of Fellowship Hall. Last year 161 coats were collected. The closet now at Sussex County Social Services is almost empty. Let's get jackets (children's sizes are needed the most), and fill their closets with warmth and love.

\*Our drive for school supplies that will be donated to UMCOR went very well. With the recent hurricane that affected the Philippine islands these items will come in very handy for the children and adults in that affected area. We appreciate your donations and support of this mission. Thank you!

\*The following donations were made by the Mission Team from our Missions' budget: Sunday Breakfast Missions in Wilmington for Thanksgiving Dinner - \$100.00, Delaware Healthy & Social Services Adopt a Family for Christmas - \$300.00, USO - Wounded Warriors - \$500.00, Pen-Del Conference Global Missions toward Malaria in the Congo - \$600.00, Thanksgiving appeal from the Food Bank of De. -\$500.00. Thank you for your financial support of Bethel. Without your support, we would not be able to lend a financial hand.

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 4, 2013.

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