

Join us today at 3:00 pm for Blessing of the Animals. We will meet downtown on the corner of Spring and Broad (near the Love Where You Live mural). All animals are welcome.

Trunk or Treat is October 29th from 2 pm – 4 pm. If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church by October 28th. To sign up to host a trunk, go to bethelmethodist.org

Rice + Beans Ministries - Change a child's life for the better with the *Go Live Love Gifts* campaign. This is the perfect chance to give the gift of joy and hope to a child. Just pick up a backpack and instruction sheet in the Children's Wing, outside the gym, outside the parlor or the narthex. There are 4 categories for backpacks: *Younger Girls 4-10, Older Girls 11-13, Younger Boys 4-10, Older Boys 11-13*. Please include \$10/backpack for shipping and customs fees - make your check out to Bethel. Return your filled backpack by October 30th. We will have baskets throughout the church for collection.



Prayer REQUESTS

Martha Barnett	Rick Gray
Ott Sizemore	David Holder
Cathy Hanks	Don O'Dell
Eric Robertson	Carolyn O'Dell
Charlie Martin	Arthur Cummings
Art Hartzog	Mary Cummings
Rita Petoskey	Jake Sawyer
Nancy White	Ron Clay
Jerry Reitzel	HJ Fleming
Dale Fischer	



Invite. Grow. Send.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Megan Gray <i>Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging</i>	Chad Deetz <i>Youth Minister</i>	Adam Rollins <i>Youth Ministry Assistant</i>
Dale Fischer <i>Director of Music</i>	Jana Mathis <i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>	Jennifer Bartless <i>Children's Ministries Assistant</i>	Kristine Lee <i>Organist</i>

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

“Introductory Voluntary”

Francis Linley

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Here we are again.

Brought together in this wondrous community to find true life within it.

Here, we will sing again.

Sing of joy and sorrow, praise and imperfection all held together in Divine Love.

Here, we will listen again.

Listen to stories and discover truths written deep in our hearts.

Here, we will live again.

Live as people of God’s peace, persistent in love, compassion, and justice.

May it be so this day and every day.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

UMH 160

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4: 4-9

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rowan Mark Langford

Son of Forrest Langford & Allison Sanders

Song of Response

“God Claims You”

Refrain: Rowan, Rowan, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

Offering

Offertory

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

C. Winfred Douglas

Kristine Lee, organ

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Time of Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem

“Every Valley”

John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 11: 28-30

Sermon

The Closer You Get, The Slower I Drive

Rev. Megan Gray

*Hymn

“Near to the Heart of God”

UMH 472

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Ayre”

Georg Philip Telemann

**Please stand if able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children’s Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** and 1st through 5th grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

Ushers: Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Art Hartzog

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of our ushers by Don & Maureen King.