

The Lenten Sermon series continues this Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rev. Michelle Cockcroft from Trinity UMC will be preaching at St. James UMC. Lunch will follow the service.

On Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Special Education Class invites you to a special presentation during the Sunday school hour in the Fellowship Hall. Come see a Living Last Supper as we begin Holy Week together.

**UWF Easter Fundraiser** – Items for sale are frozen broccoli and pineapple casseroles and 1/2 pound cake. Please go to [bethelmethodist.org](http://bethelmethodist.org) to place your order. Pick up is on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall between 10 am – 12:15 pm. Deadline to order is March 26<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go to UWF missions.

## Prayer REQUESTS

Martha Barnett  
Arthur Cummings  
Mary Cummings  
Libby Davenport  
HJ Fleming  
Rick Gray  
Vickie Gray  
Cathy Hanks

Art Hartzog  
David Holder  
Toni Holder  
W. Ashley Long  
Carolyn O'Dell  
Jerry Reitzel  
Linda Seifert  
Sheila Worley  
Natasha Richardson  
& baby Farris  
Elizabeth



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### 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 &amp; 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>

## Bethel United Methodist Church



“Insight Print” (Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind) | Inspired by John 9: 8-41  
By Lisle Gwynn Garrity

*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!”*

**March 19, 2023**

11:00 AM Worship Service

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Hymn of Preparation

*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

UMH 454

*During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.*

Prelude

*“Why Should I Then Grieve”*

Johann Gottfried Walther

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Scripture is full of questions...

**Where are you?**

Am I my brother’s keeper?

**Whom shall I send?**

Who do you say that I am?

**Who sinned?**

How many times shall I forgive?

**If God is for us, who can be against us?**

Scripture is full of questions,

so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

**Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.**

Anthem

*“Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary”*

arr. Camp Kirkland

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

John 9: 8-41

Sermon

*“Who sinned?”*

Rev. Megan Gray

\*Hymn

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

UMH 451

Benediction

Postlude

*“Voluntary on G Major”*

François Couperin

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

*“God of Love and God of Power”*

UMH 578

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles’ Creed*

UMH 881

\*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Scripture Reading

John 9: 1-7

Offering

Offertory

*“Verset”*

Léon Boëlmann

Kristine Lee, organ

\*Doxology

*“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

UMH 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

*\*Please stand as able*

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

**Ushers:** Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Kevin Bobo

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Vickie Gray’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by Evelyn Bell’s family.