Join us at Bethel on October 1st at 2 pm for Blessing of the Pets. All animals are welcome.

On October 7th, from 9 am – 12 pm, we will be hosting a BED BUILDING EVENT that aims to give children without beds a good night's sleep by providing them with new beds and bedding. We hope that you will join us.

The next Bethel Golf Tournament is Friday, October 13th at Links O'Tryon. The cost is $45. If you would like to participate, please contact Bill Dobbins or Scott Fleming.

Prayer Requests

Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
Libby Davenport
HJ Fleming
Mary Hall
Cathy Hanks
Art Hartzog
David Holder
Toni Holder
Jerry Holland
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Jake Sawyer
Terry Trnavsky

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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray
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Jana Mathis
Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Kristine Lee
Organist

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Jennifer Bartless
Children's Ministry Assistant

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Invite. Grow. Send.

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!"

September 24, 2023 **17th Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Let There Be Glory, Honor, and Praises"* arr. Marty Parks

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship God who provides!

When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God provided manna and quail.

God provides in unexpected ways.

Jesus tells a story of vineyard workers, some who work all day and some who work mere hours, yet the generous landowner paid all of them equally.

God provides in unexpected ways.

God does provide in unexpected ways, yet manna, quail, and grapes need gathering and harvesting.

We respond to God's provision by gathering and harvesting all that God provides.

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship and partner with God who provides for the long haul!

*Passing of 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 Exodus 16: 2-15

Offering

Offertory *"I Am His and He Is Mine"* arr. Kenon Renfrow

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"God Will Take Care of You"* UMH 130

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

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"One Step He Leads"* Pepper Choplin

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 20: 1-16

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *God Provides* Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* UMH 133

*Benediction

*Postlude *"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"* arr. Marty Parks

**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, Mike Woodrum, Andy Cannon & Kevin Bobo

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phillip Seifert by his mother, Linda Ivey Seifert.