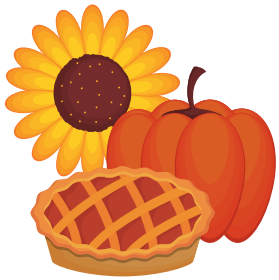
BETHANY IN BERLIN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Christ's Love Grows Here

Our vision is to be a faithful community of disciples growing in Christ, sharing God's grace, and serving our neighbors near and far.

**Our mission is to grow in Christ's love,
share Christ's love, and serve in Christ's love.**

Bethany UMC Newsletter





November 2026 Edition

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

Dear Bethany Family,
Earlier this year, I preached a sermon series focused on discipleship, and now I find myself in the middle of another series focused on practicing our faith. As I have been preparing these messages, Carole Schauer had the opportunity to attend our Bishop's Day on the District, where she heard about the importance of churches creating clear pathways for discipleship. I suppose the messages that have been on my heart lately line up pretty well with what has been on our Bishop's mind!

With that in mind, I wanted to use this month's letter to encourage you to consider where God might be calling you to grow in your faith. Maybe you feel called to dive deeper into God's Word. Maybe you want to develop a more intentional prayer life. Maybe you're searching for a greater sense of community or purpose. Maybe God is calling you to serve others, lead children, or step into something you have never tried before.

Discipleship looks different for each of us, and it certainly isn't a one-size-fits-all journey. At Bethany, we have many wonderful opportunities to grow, serve, and become more involved in the life of the church. However, many of these opportunities are sustained by the same faithful individuals who wear multiple hats and juggle several plates to keep our ministries going.

My hope is that we can continue building a church where everyone has an opportunity to discover their gifts, find a sense of belonging, and take the next step in their faith journey. Not simply because there is work to be done, but because serving, learning, and growing together are important parts of what it means to follow Christ.

So, if you feel God calling you to try on a new hat or pick up a plate, come talk to me! I'd love to help you explore what that next step might look like. And if you aren't quite sure what God is calling you toward, that's a wonderful conversation to have, too.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Jacob T. Jackson



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WORSHIP SERVICES

PRACTICING OUR FAITH: BELONG

11/1

Revelation 7:9-17
"In Christ Alone"; #711 "For All The Saints"

11/8

PRACTICING OUR FAITH: STAY CLOSE TO GOD

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Matthew 25:1-13
"In Christ Alone"; #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PRACTICING OUR FAITH: GROW TOGETHER

11/15

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
#2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love";
#548 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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WORSHIP SERVICES

PRACTICING OUR FAITH: DO GOOD

11/22

Guest Speaker: Rev. Karen Sadvari
#399 “Take My Life, and Let it Be”; #467 “Trust and Obey”

11/29

RESTORE US, O GOD

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
#221 “In the Bleak Midwinter”; #211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

GUIDELINES FOR SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

01.

Respect privacy

If you are sharing a concern about someone else, please avoid specific personal details. It is appropriate to say, “Please pray for John, who was recently diagnosed with cancer,” but not to share details about hospital visits, medical information, or family circumstances.

02.

Remember who is listening

Our children can hear from the Sunday School room, and our worship services are livestreamed on Facebook. Please share only concerns that are appropriate for a public worship service.

03.

Keep your sharing brief

To allow everyone an opportunity to participate, please keep your joy or concern to 30 seconds or less.

04.

Prayer requests, not announcements.

This is a time to share joys and concerns that invite the congregation into prayer, rather than community announcements, lengthy updates, or other information better shared after the service.

05.

Keep political opinion out of prayer.

We welcome prayers for our nation, leaders, and those affected by current events, but please avoid political commentary, debate, or partisan statements.

Can't be with us in person?

WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Every Sunday at 10 am



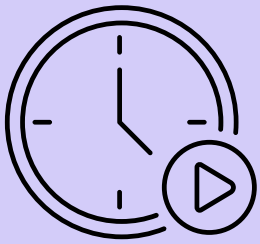
Watch Live

Watch Bethany's services live on Sunday:
Youtube: youtube.com/@bethanychurchinberlinmd4242
Facebook: facebook.com/BethanyUMCBerlin

Listen Live

Dial-in and listen to Bethany's services:
Dial-in Number: 1-(605) 313-9642
Access Code: 1350592





Watch or Listen Later

Find our sermon and full service at a later time:
Youtube: youtube.com/@bethanychurchinberlinmd4242
Podcast: "Bethany in Berlin UMC" on your desired podcast provider

Salvation Army Angel Trees

Each Christmas, The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program helps bring the joy of the season to children and families in need by providing new clothing, toys, and other gifts. Each year, the program serves more than one million children nationwide, helping families celebrate Christmas with dignity and joy. In 2025 alone, more than $3.5 million in donated gifts and supplies were reported through in-kind donations and online gift registries.

Each year, Bethany's Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT) group coordinates a Salvation Army Angel Tree in our Fellowship Hall, giving our congregation an opportunity to be part of this wonderful ministry. Each angel represents a child whose family could use a little extra support during the Christmas season.

This winter, we invite you to visit the Angel Tree in our Fellowship Hall and consider how you might help provide for children and families in need. By selecting an angel and purchasing gifts from their wish list, you can help make Christmas morning a little brighter while reminding families in our community that they are loved and supported.

United in Mission:

Shared Ministry & Hub Meetings

*Join **Bethany, St. Paul's, Atlantic, Stevenson, Community Church at Ocean Pines, Curtis, New Bethel, Calvary, St. John's, and Showell** as we continue to strengthen our connectional ministry across congregations.*



- Combine Resources and Talents
- Build Relationships Across Congregations
- Live Out Our Shared Call to Discipleship

HUB/SHARED MINISTRY MEETING
NOV 11th at 2:30 PM at Bethany UMC

Focus on service projects for our community and shared worship opportunities for our churches

Join us for BUMC's annual

Christmas Cookie Walk

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Homemade Cookies
$11 per lb

Homemade Candies
$13 per lb

Pay with cash, check, card!

Apple Pay Google Pay

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Berlin/Ocean City Area
UMC Churches Present Our
3rd Annual

Christmas Concert

"REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY"

December 13, 2026

3:00 pm

Join us for a collection of carols, hymns, and traditions to celebrate the Christmas Season.
All are welcome!

Hosted at:

Bethany United Methodist Church

8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy
Berlin, MD 21811

For More Details, Call 410-641-2186

FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

Dinner • Worship • Breakout Activities

Bring the whole family for a night of food, fun, and worship! Each evening begins with a shared dinner, followed by a brief worship service featuring contemporary Christian music and a short message. Afterward, kids and youth will go to age-appropriate breakout groups with games, crafts, activities, and meaningful conversation.





Friday, Nov. 13th - 6:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 11th - 6:00 pm

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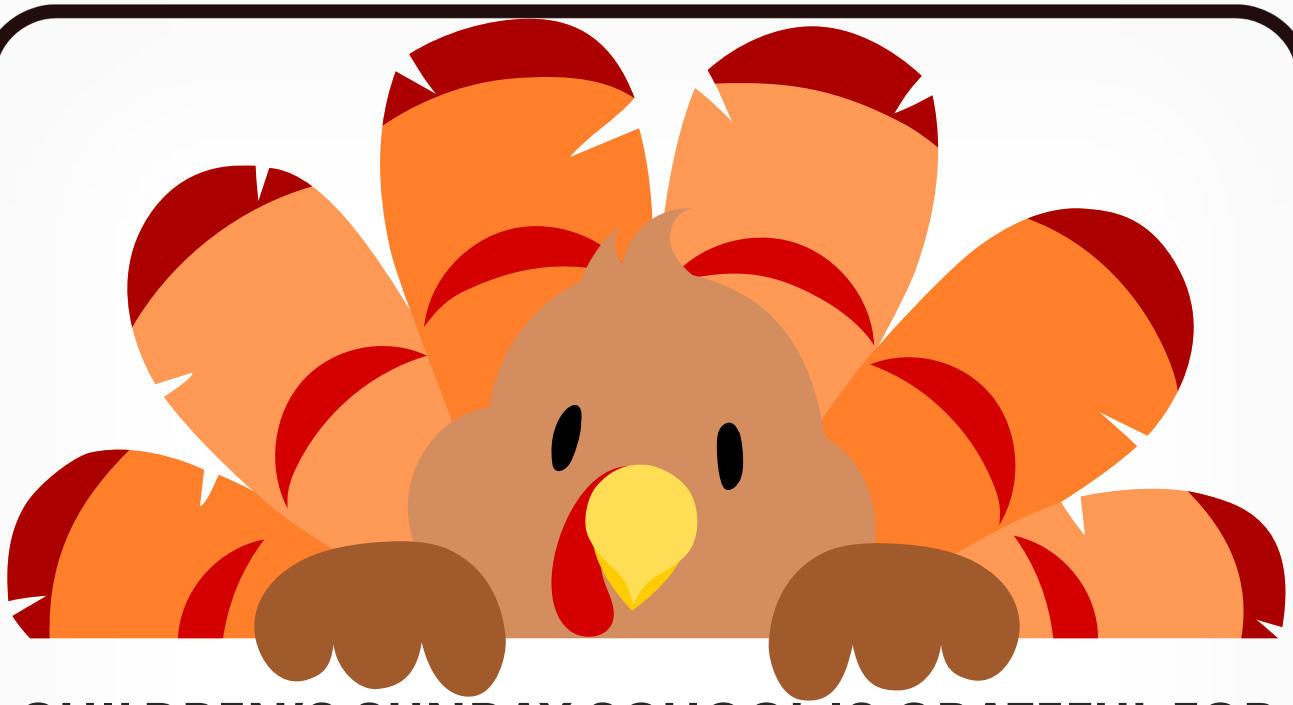
All ages welcome!

FINANCE UPDATE

	Jan-Sept 2026 Actual	Jan-Sept 2026 Budget	Difference
Income	$105,733.23	$115,199.55	-$9,426.32
Expense	$137,482.60	$112,573.17	$24,909.43
Difference	-$31,709.37	$2,626.38	

Having earned $9,426.32 less than budgeted and spending $24,909.43 more than budgeted so far in 2026, we are running a $31,709.37 deficit this calendar year.

SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GRATEFUL FOR

FAMILY, FRIENDS, TEACHERS
MOMMY & DADDY KEEPING ME SAFE
SISTERS, BROTHERS, PETS

GOD, PRAYER
TO FEEL LOVED BY MY PARENTS,
TO BE ALIVE

CHURCH, SCHOOL,
VACATIONS, SPORTS

CANDY, BIRTHDAY CAKE,
MUFFINS, TOYS,
CLOTHES, VIDEO GAMES

THE BEACH, SHARKS, THE PARK,
MY BIKE, EVERYTHING

NOV. CALENDAR

NOV 1

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

NOV 4

WEDNESDAY

10 AM BIBLE STUDY

11 AM NOW MEETING

6:30 PM L.I.F.T.

NOV 8

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUM FRUIT DONATIONS

NOV 11

WEDNESDAY

10 AM PRAYER GROUP
12 PM SPRC MEETING
2:30 PM HUB MEETING
6:30 PM L.I.F.T.

NOV 13

FRIDAY

6 PM TO 7:30 PM FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

NOV 15

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

NOV 18

WEDNESDAY

10 AM PRAYER AND CARE TEAM

6:30 PM L.I.F.T.

NOV 22

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

GUEST SPEAKER: KAREN SADVARI

NOV 29

SUNDAY

10 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CHURCH COUNCIL

EXTENDED PRAYERS

1. Brad Bennett
2. Charlotte
3. Dee
4. Gloria
5. Joan
6. Madison
7. Miguel
8. Wilma
9. Kevin and Linda Anderson
10. Russel Bagnall, Jr.
11. Callie Bitner
12. Melody Bennett
13. Patricia Brodsky
14. Kevin Clemence
15. Scott and Mary Collins
16. Evan Craig
17. Brantley Cropper
18. Francis Daigre
19. Dee Drescher
20. Jen Elliott
21. Shirley Findlay
22. Sharon Goetz
23. Keith Goshen
24. CJ Hebert
25. Joel & Nell Houston
26. Rebekah Jackson
27. Cathy L.
28. Dee Lebo
29. Helen Maloney
30. PJ Maloney
31. Jenna Martin
32. Fox Martinez6
33. Nathan Mitchell
34. Jacob Mongelli
35. Colin Murphy
36. Lily & Joe Nicosa
37. Suzanne Nimmo
38. Jeff Pan
39. Pat Parks
40. Lori Pittek
41. Liberty Porch
42. Mason Prather
43. Mike Rogers
44. Leneve Savag
45. Ron Scherch
46. Carol Snair
47. Ryan and Chrissie Spencer
48. Carson Taylor
49. Bob & Gloria Taylor
50. Cathy Tenorio
51. Norma Timmons
52. Jeffrey Townsend
53. Frank & Nancy Tribuno
54. Charles W.
55. Joyce Wagner
56. Jane Wharton
57. Ken & Judy Williams
58. Mary & Calvin Williams
59. Kelly Wood
60. John & Linda Wyatt

LOCAL, REGIONAL & GLOBAL

1. Active duty military and veterans
2. Desire to find common ground and peace in our world
3. First Responders and Caregivers
4. Friends & members of Bethany UMC
5. God's direction for ways to help the homeless
6. Human Trafficking
7. Immigrant Crisis
8. Issues surrounding abortion
9. People who don't know Christ
10. People struggling with violence, racism, unemployment, injustice, mental health & drug issues
11. The United Methodist Church & all denominations, Lower Shore District, Pen-Del Conference
12. Troubled relationships & marriages
13. Vulnerable youth in our community
14. World Conflicts
15. World Hunger, Water Availability

BETHANY BIRTHDAYS

8 – Donna Behe
10 – Emma Clark
13 – Linda Krumpholz
14 – Leesa Banks
17 – Carole Schauer
18 – Sharon Fisher
20 - Becky Hagner
21 - Chris Butler
21 - Jude Jackson
23 – Joyce Stambaugh
25 – Rosemarie Bagnall
25 – Bobbi Jo Fields
25 – Greg Cooke
27 – Phil Jackson
28 – Dr. Troy Banks
28 – Avery Lorah
30 – Jane Dell