

**Bethel United Methodist Church**

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# Bethel Tidings

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## The Land of Beginning Again

*Louise Fletcher*

I wish that there were some wonderful place  
Called the Land of Beginning Again  
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches  
And all of our selfish grief  
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat  
by the door and never be put on again.  
I wish we could come on it all unaware  
Like the hunter who finds a lost trail  
And I wish that the one whom our blindness has done  
The greatest injustice of all  
Could be at the gates like an old friend  
that waits for the comrade he's gladdest to hail.  
We would find all the things we intended to do  
But forgot, and remembered too late;  
Little praises unspoken, little promises broken  
And all of the thousand and one  
Little duties neglected that might have perfected  
The day for one less fortunate.  
It wouldn't be possible not to be kind  
In the Land of Beginning Again  
And the ones we misjudged  
and the ones whom we grudged  
Their moments of victory then  
Would find in the grasp of our loving handclasp  
More than penitent lips could explain.  
For what had been hardest we'd know had been best  
And what had seemed loss would be gain  
For there isn't a sting that will not take a wing  
When we've faced it and laughed it away,  
And I think that the laughter is most  
what we're after In the Land of Beginning Again.

### Bethel United Methodist Church

(Physical & delivery address)	(Mailing address)
21006 Twin Springs Dr.	P.O. Box 37
Smithsburg, MD	Chewsville, MD
21783	21721

#### Sunday Service Times

8:45 a.m.-Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m.-Sunday School

Rev. Bill Warehime, Pastor  
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#### Church office

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#### For Prayer Chain:

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Please contact the church office:  
 If your address or phone number has changed.  
 If there has been a birth or death in your family.  
 If you are ill or hospitalized.

Newsletter articles due by the 15th of each month.

### Our Stewardship last month...

	8:45 a.m. Worship	11:00 a.m. Worship	Sunday Offering School	
Dec 4	154	69	104	6,525.38
Dec 11	143	70	101	5,056.10
Dec 18	151	94	102	4,483.44
Dec 25	182	-	-	8,757.38
Children's Program		110		
Christmas Cantata		302		
Christmas Joy		120		
Christmas Eve Trad		124	Barn	110

### Serving in this month

**Ushers:** Chris Bolton Gary Johnson  
 Blair Rishell Mike Young

**Greeters:**  
**Traditional:** Cindy Ritchick/Shirley Shanholtz  
 Marty/Pam Brubaker

**Contemporary:** Blair/Kim Rishell

### Altar Flowers for 2012

The altar flower chart is posted in the Sanctuary hallway. Is there a special event or holiday you would like to honor with flowers? Sign up... contact the Church Office or

Beverly Miller: 301.739.6270  
 email:  
*shanda@myactv.net*



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

## News of the Flock

### **Amy Poffenberger & Christopher Mitchell...**

were married on Friday evening, *December 16* before family and a few close friends. We extend our congratulations and wishes for a bright future together.

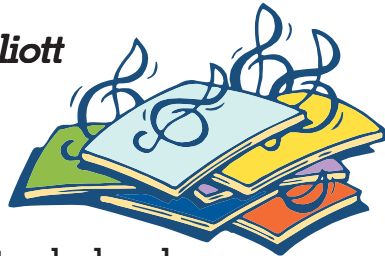
### **Bill Kershner & Isabella Kershner...**

were baptized on *Sunday, December 18* with family and friends attending. After Bill was baptized, him and Amanda shared in Isabella's baptism as a family.

## Hymnstory

### ***Just As I Am* by Charlotte Elliott**

The author had been an invalid for most of her life. She said, "If God loved me, He would not have treated me this way." A Swiss minister helped her see that she was being resentful of her situation. And shared with her to give herself to God *just as you are now*. Her heart was changed that day and she wrote this poem later. First it was published as a poem to raise money for her brother's school for the children of poor clergymen.



*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come!                      Then Sings My Soul*



## January Anniversaries

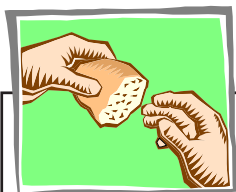
- 8- Jason & Melissa Broadwater
- 23- Harold & Ann Taylor
- 25- Mike & Lisa Morgan

## January Birthdays

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 - Steve Shifflett       | 19 - Ron Poffenberger   |
| 4 - Graci Johnson         | 20 - Velma Filsinger    |
| 5 - Lisa Morgan           | 21 - Barb Tolley        |
| Jason Kaufmann            | 22 - Brandon Morgan     |
| 7 - Vivian Michael        | Boden Green             |
| Bill Warehime             | Jake Kemmerer           |
| Donna Johnson             | 23 - Alexis Spickler    |
| Kellar Smith              | 24 - Mitch Belella      |
| 8 - Cally Brandt          | 25 - Rose Bowser        |
| Payton Belella            | Priscilla Miller        |
| 9 - George Brandt         | 26 - Sylvia Rider       |
| 10 - Katie Gantz          | Todd Roberts            |
| Carlee Harbaugh           | 28 - Ryan Bolton        |
| 11 - Martha Lynch         | 29 - Stephanie Rossiter |
| 12 - Mary Warrenfeltz     | 30 - Jean Recher        |
| 14 - John Staley          | 31 - Joe Boward         |
| 15 - Genevieve Tracy      | Kathy Rice              |
| Ken Wiles                 | Logan Bachtell          |
| 18 - Gretchen Buddenhagen |                         |
| Julie Beard               |                         |
| Tric Harshman             |                         |
| Ron Mertz, Jr.            |                         |



# January



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary <i>Communion</i>		Lions Club 6:15 p.m.	10:00 Women @ Well 7:00 Bangs 7:00 Discipleship	6:30 Men Chorus 7:00 Adult Choir		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary	 Ad Council 7:00p.m.		10:00 Women @ Well 7:00 Discipleship 7:00 Missions	6:30 Men Chorus 7:00 Adult Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary	 6:30 BOB	Lions Club 6:15 p.m.	11:00 Fellowship Brunch 7:00 Discipleship	6:30 Men Chorus 7:00 Adult Choir		 DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary			10:00 Women @ Well 7:00 Discipleship	6:30 Men Chorus 7:00 Adult Choir	 7:00 Gathering	 9-12 Food Bank
29	30	31	<p><b>"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."</b> MARK 8:34, NIV</p>			

## Leadership Day

**Saturday, January 28 9:00 - 12:15 p.m.**

**Otterbein UMC, Hagerstown Cost \$25**

Leadership Day is a training event for clergy, church leaders, laity and others who want to make an impact in their local congregations and communities. Participants will receive training in several areas that will help each leader gain vital information and deeper insights into their own life, the life of their congregations and the communities in which they serve.

For more info contact the church office

*Registration due, January 20*

## Lay Speaking Ministry Classes

### Study 101 - Basic Lay Speaking

**St Andrews UMC**

1020 Maryland Ave, Hag.

**Date:** Monday, April 16, 23, 30, May 7 & 14

**Time:** 7 — 9:30 p.m.

**Instructor:** Pastor Mike Henning

*Registration deadline: April 1*

### Study 203 - Certified Lay Speaking

**Emmanuel UMC**

802 Summit Ave., Hag.

**Date:** Mondays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7 & 14

**Time:** 7 — 9:30 p.m.

**Instructor:** Pastor Sharon Gibson

*Registration deadline: April 1*



### Study 316 - Advanced Certified Lay Speaking Midland UMC

19915 Church St, Midland, MD 21542

**Date:** Mondays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14

**Time:** 7 — 9:30 p.m.

**Instructor:** Pastor Harry Burchell

*Registration deadline: April 1*

### Study 504 - Refresher Course Local Lay Speaking

**Brook Hill UMC**

8946 Indian Springs Road, Frederick, MD

**Date:** Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24

**Time:** 10 AM — 12:30 p.m.

**Instructors:** Kathy Long and David Parrish

*Registration deadline: February 1*

### Study 506 - Advanced Certified Lay Speaking Calvary UMC

220 W. Burke Street, Martinsburg, WV

**Date:** Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24

**Time:** 9 — 11:30 a.m.

**Instructor:** Rev. Al Clipp

*Registration deadline: February 1*

**November Treasurer's Report**



**Income**

*Noah's Ark Learning Center*

Child Care Fees	784.42
Employee Compensation	-590.63
Supplies & Materials	<u>-241.72</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>-47.93</b>

*Church*

Memorials	630.00
Interest Income	1.31
Offerings	19,904.36
Rental Expenses	-19.71
Mission Gifts received	315.00
Restricted Contributions	367.00
Restricted Contr. disbursed	-757.00
Use of Church Fees	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>20,493.03</b>

**Expenses**

*Capital Outlay*

Interest Expense-Mortgage	753.57
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*Christian Education*

Church Literature & Material	390.52
Church Music	76.60
Sunday School Material	507.37

*Operating Expenses*

Advertising	76.75
Electric	963.04

Custodians	1,169.84
Secretary	997.00
Employment Taxes	570.14
Flowers/Memorials	-40.00
Gas & Oil	127.88
Office Supplies	178.87
Repairs & Maintenance	272.70
Telephone	169.32
Transportation	896.84
Water	465.68

*Other Giving*

Church World Service	100.00
UM Advance	300.00
Various Other Contributions	650.00

*The Ministry*

MPP, CPP Medical	1,716.59
Pastor's Salary	3,962.58
Utilities & Maintenance	49.14

*World Service*

Conference	<u>2,268.58</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>16,623.01</b>

Mortgage Payable	172,403.71
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Detailed treasurer report may be obtained from the church office.