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# *Bethel Prayer Concerns*

*Sunday, May 18, 2025*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Jim Schall; Nancy Landers; Linda Gerth;  
Anne Horner; Anneke Oonk; Mariana Oonk;  
Jill McMaster; Jeanette McElhinney;  
Earl Price (*Becky Price's husband*);  
Rickey Gallaher (*Adam Gallaher's father*);  
Gerald & Sandra Augustus (*BIL & sister of Brenda Bunch*).

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Delivering God, each day we awaken to your goodness  
and our hearts cry out in praise  
as you set us to tasks for the life of the world.

Do not let us hinder your love, but strengthen our will,  
as we offer thanks in every simple gesture of this day. Amen.

## **REFLECTIONS**

In Acts 11:1–18, Peter, led by the Spirit, discloses God's new directions to heal creation, and the church reconfigures its social boundaries. The Gentiles, who were excluded from the church in Jerusalem because their eating habits were judged to be vile and unclean, are now included by the reconciling work of the Spirit. Where is God's Spirit opening us to new directions in mission this day?



SCAN TO DONATE

## Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

Childcare for infants and preschool age children is offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the nursery.

The Quiet Room is available during worship.

### **HANDS OF MERCY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

During today's worship service, we will be gathering food donations to support the Hands of Mercy (HOME) food pantry. This month, our focus is on canned meats—tuna, chicken, and Spam—but all non-perishable food items are gratefully accepted.



If you would like to give financially, cash and check donations can be placed in the offering plate. Please mark **HOME** on the envelope or note **HOME** in the check memo area. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to feed hungry families in our community!

### **May Fellowship Lunch – Today After Worship**



Join us in the Fellowship Hall after today's worship service for a time of great food and even better fellowship!

Clean-up help is requested following today's lunch for tables, chairs, dishes, and leftovers. With the Session Meeting scheduled for 1:00 PM, some of our regular helpers won't be available, so any extra assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping make this gathering a wonderful experience for everyone!



**Rev. McCrary will be on vacation from Monday, May 19, through Monday, May 26.**

## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Pentecost envelopes are available in the pews as we prepare to celebrate **Pentecost Sunday on June 8**. This offering is a united, church-wide effort to nurture young people in their faith, encouraging them to share their gifts, ideas, and love for Christ with the world.

Psalm 71 reminds us that a foundation of faith established in childhood shapes a lifetime of service and devotion. By participating in the **Pentecost Special Offering**, you are investing in the spiritual growth of children, youth, and young adults—helping them build a strong, lasting faith that will bear fruit throughout their lives.

## EXCITING VBS OPPORTUNITY – JOIN THE TEAM!

Plans for this year's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL are in full swing, and we need YOU! Our theme, "The Amazing Race: Calling Out the Fruits of the Spirit," promises a fun and meaningful experience for all.

**Date: Saturday, June 28**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Who's Invited? All children and youth**

**– including friends, grandchildren, and visitors!**

There are many ways to serve. Whether by donating food/water, giving your time, or covering VBS in your prayers, your support is invaluable.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

We are looking for helping hands to serve as team chaperones. You can commit to a short (one-hour) time slot or join us for the entire VBS (5-6 hours).

**SIGN-UP TODAY!** A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, reach out to Cyndi Fowler at [cajfowler@gmail.com](mailto:cajfowler@gmail.com)

Thank you for being part of this exciting journey – we already have an amazing team working hard on the details, and we'd love for you to be a part of it!



# Bethel Presbyterian Church Calendar

## May 18 - May 25



Sun. 18	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship / HOME Collection
	12:15	Fellowship Lunch (FH)
	1:00	Session Mtg. (L)
Mon. 19	<u>10:00-Noon</u>	<u>BAM Art Club (2<sup>nd</sup> fl)</u>
	<u>7:00</u>	<u>Boy Scouts (FH)</u>
Tues. 20	11:00	Fiber Arts Club
	5:00	Girl Scouts (FH)
Wed. 21	Noon	Parkinson's Support Grp (FH)
	5:45-7:00	Choir Practice (C)
	7:00-8:00	Bell Practice (C)
Thurs. 22		
Fri. 23		
Sat. 24	8:00-11:00	Kingston Lakeside Farmer's Market (located behind the church)
	10:30-Noon	Tai Chi (FH)
Sun. 25		No Children's Sunday School 5/25 & 6/1
	11:00	Worship (Cathy Goodman)

*S =Sanctuary, L=Library, FH=Fellowship Hall,  
RR=Reading Room, C=Choir Room,  
GA=Gathering Area*

