

BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

August 2, 2026 10:45 am

*Here in Bethany, where paths cross and journeys begin,
we rejoice in God's love and grace and
our belief in Jesus Christ.*

BMC Vision Statement

PRELUDE

Michael Mihalyo

WELCOME

Colleen McFarland Rademaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 145)*

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The LORD is good to all, and God's compassion is over
all that they have made.**

L: You open your hand wide; you lavish your favor on all
creatures.

All: The LORD is just in all ways, and kind in all doings.

L: God is there, listening for all who pray.

All: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #5**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***INVOCATION**

Colleen McFarland Rademaker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive
our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Colleen McFarland Rademaker

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

All exchange words and signs of God's peace.

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

SCRIPTURE

Colleen McFarland Rademaker

Matthew 14:13-21

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Joel Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

Michael Mihalyo

SERMON

Dr. Joel Brown

"Enough"

HYMN OF DEDICATION #321

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Colleen McFarland Rademaker

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION #413

"Take Our Bread"

COMMUNION INVITATION

Connie McVicar

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Joel Brown

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Joel Brown

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN #517 (vs. 1&4)

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

BENEDICTION

Joel Brown

POSTLUDE

Michael Mihalyo

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister	Dr. Joel Brown
Liturgist	Colleen McFarland Rademaker
Elder	Connie McVicar
Greeter	Penny Tittle/Karen McFadden
Music	Michael Mihalyo
Special Music	Michael Mihalyo
Videographer	Connie McVicar/Jan Forsty

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Online Giving. If you'd like to give online, you can use the QR code in your bulletin or visit PayPal.com. Thanks for your generous spirit to make worship to our God possible!



Summer Learning Series: Mary Magdalene Revealed. Read and discuss the popular book *Mary Magdalene Revealed* by Meggan Watterson. The final session starts Zoom on **August 3 at 7 PM**. Find the link in the weekly newsletter.

End of Summer Bash. We partner with the town of Bethany to host the End of Summer Bash. This is a celebration of all good things about living in our town. There will be live music, a food truck (with free food!), and some local vendors selling local goods. Join us at Bethany Park, scheduled for **Sunday, August 30** from **5-7 PM**. Got goods to sell or trade? We will have a small farmers' market-like area for people to buy/sell/trade art, creative items, and produce from your garden.

Handbell Choir and Choral Rehearsals. BMC starts a handbell choir and choral music. Join Michael Mihalyo for rehearsals on Wednesdays at the church. Handbell choir rehearsal **Wednesdays** at **6-7 PM** and choral rehearsal **Wednesdays** from **7-8 PM** starting in **August**. Contact Michael at MMihalyo@bethanywv.edu to participate.

Festival of Faiths. New students will be introduced to different faith communities from all over, including us! Help us host a table on the Richardson lawn on **Monday, September 14** from **5-7 PM**. Answer questions about why our community is a great place to worship and learn about God.

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Outreach Initiative. We are beginning a new outreach initiative with Legal Aid WV, working with our own Kaylee Allen. Here are the kinds of donations most needed:

- gently used clothing and belts suitable for court appearances
- new dress socks and hosiery
- new personal hygiene and self-care items
- storage containers, hangers, and laundry detergent

As always, if you want to make a financial contribution, we will be happy to shop for you. Drop all donations off at the church or call Debra Hull for pickup.

Pastoral Relations Committee. The pastoral relations committee acts as a mediator between the congregation and the pastor. If you have a concern or an idea, please speak to one of our lovely committee members who will maintain your confidence and relay your questions to Erin. Committee members and contacts include Deb Hull (dhull51@gmail.com).

PRAYER LIST

The men, women, and children of the Middle East
The men, women, and children of Ukraine
Flood victims of Ohio Valley & Southern WV

David (friend of Bob and Colleen)
Sam Hubbard
The family of Jackie Andrews
Makengo Nzeza & Family (Friends of Vicki & Gerard)
Yie (friend of Bob Brosh)
John Cole
Penny Tittle
Kerry Shaulis
Natalie Brosh Trahan (daughter of Bob & Kathy)
Teddy Hatzopoulos (brother of Sydma Hatzopoulos)
Boston Miller (grandson of Laura Cramblet)
Tiana, Tyler, and baby Heaven
Raymond and Sally (in-laws of Paul James)
Cathy Chambers
Jean Schwertzfeger
Karol Purkarich (sister of Helen Moren & Karen Bracey)
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)
Frank (friend of Paul James)
Kelly (friend of Brenda Hart)
Shaymaa Kullab and Family
John Burns
Becky Ayers and Family
Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)
Jeanne Cobb
Eldon Beery (father of Debra Hull)
Darlene Eddy (mother of Wes Eddy)
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)
Nancy and John Pietrangelo (family of Penny Tittle)
Tom (brother of Gerard NeCastro)
Hilary Miller
Vonnie Larson
Mary Wilson