

BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
April 12, 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

Bob Gale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

L: Come along with me as a pilgrim in faith.
Bring with you a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes,
a glimpse of future possibilities, and a vivid imagination.

All: God's creation is not done!

L: We are called into an unknown future. We leave behind our
desires for security, worldly treasures, and certainty.

**All: Let us travel with a spirit of faith and expectation
toward the God of our hopes and dreams.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #221**

"The Strife Is O'er"

***INVOCATION**

Bob Gale

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**

Bob Gale

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

Bob Gale

John 20:19-31

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Erin James-Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

Michael Mihalyo

SERMON

Rev. Erin James-Brown

"Life in His Name"

HYMN OF DEDICATION #220

(vs. 1, 4, 5 & 6)

"O Sons and Daughters, Sing Your Praise"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Bob Gale

***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 #429 (vs. 1-3)

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

COMMUNION INVITATION Jan Forsty

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Erin James-Brown

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Erin James-Brown

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN #2** (vs. 1 & 3)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

BENEDICTION Rev. Erin Brown-James

POSTLUDE Michael Mihalyo

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister Rev. Erin James-Brown

Liturgist Bob Gale

Elder Jan Forsty

Greeter Penny Tittle & Karen McFadden

Music Michael Mihalyo

Special Music Michael Mihalyo

Videographer Blake Cummings / Connie McVicar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Giving Moves to PayPal. We are discontinuing our database system, which means our online giving will move to a new/old platform. 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!



Online Membership Service. We have several people who regularly join us for online worship and some of them want to join us in formal membership. Stick around after worship or jump on our collective Zoom call to welcome and affirm them to our community at **12:30 PM today**. Zoom link found in the weekly newsletter.

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.

Fiber Arts Meditation. Want to learn to crochet, knit, sew felt ornaments or tie fleece blankets? What to teach others about fiber arts? Meet in the back of the cafeteria and be mentored by expert fiber artists. Supplies will be provided. The event will take place on **Thursday, April 16** from **5-7 PM** in the back of the College cafeteria.

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New Small Groups Starting. Looking to learn more about prayer and the Bible? Looking to build relationships with others? Join a small group! Groups meet on Zoom once a week for one hour of conversation and relationship building. Two groups are scheduled for **Thursdays at 6:30 PM** or **Sundays at 2 PM**.

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

Makengo Nzeza & Family (Friends of Vicki & Gerard)

Garrett (Nephew of Bob Gale)

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

Tina, who works in the College cafeteria

Debbie Rockhold

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