Bethlehem United Methodist Church

The BUZZ

News and Current Events for
October 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Service
Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. - The Bridge
Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service
Sanctuary

Sermon:
“A Fragrant Offering”
Philippians 4:10-20

Worship Online

Watch The Bridge LIVE on Facebook,
Facebook page is The Bridge at Bethlehem UMC

Watch 11:00 Worship LIVE on YouTube
Click the LIVE tab on Bethlehem Moneta Channel

Sunday, October 25

Join us on **Sunday, October 25** for an exciting Stewardship Sunday indoor picnic in the Fellowship Hall. We will have only two services on Stewardship Sunday. We invite you to start your day with our dynamic Bridge service at

9:45 a.m. and/or our uplifting combined Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m. And the excitement doesn't stop there — stick around after the 11:00 a.m. service for a delicious picnic lunch. Don't miss out on this special day!

Sunday, November 1

Click Here to Sign Up

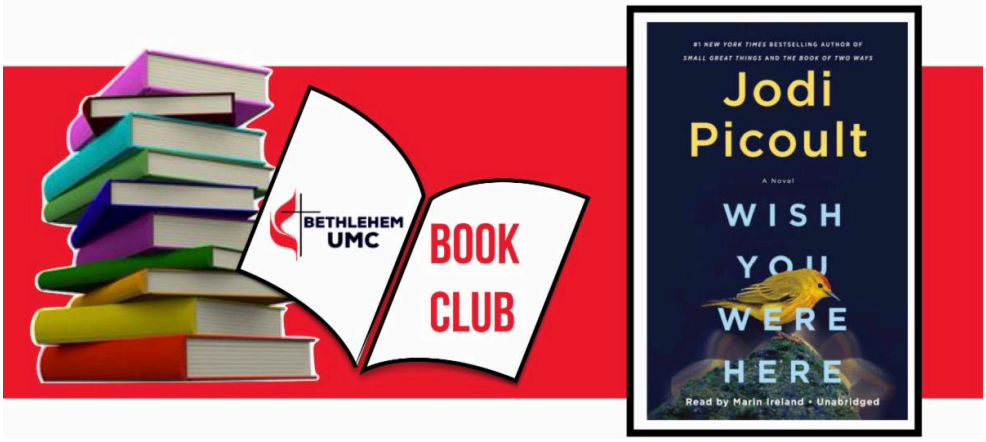
Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

Candy Donations for Fall Festival

You're welcome to drop off candy donations in the box at the Welcome Center through **Friday, October 30th**. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Monday, November 2



The Bethlehem Book Club will meet **Monday, November 2** at 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, to discuss Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult. This book deals with the Covid Pandemic and the effects that it had of a young woman in New York City, as well as the whole world. The discussion will be led by Debbie Boisvert. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you have read the book or not. See you there.

Sunday, November 8 - Tuesday, November 10

The Women's Retreat at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center will be It will be **Sunday, November 8 - Tuesday, November 10**. Please email Susan Hughes at susieqhughes@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Friday, November 13

The United Methodist Men are sponsoring a trip on **Friday, November 13** to see the Rail Yard Dawgs play hockey at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. We will take the church van so can accept up to 14 in addition to the driver. Please contact John Wohlgemuth (301-639-7319) by Friday, October 30 to reserve a spot and pay $25 to purchase your ticket. Hopefully this will be enough to cover the tickets, parking and gas for the van.

Sunday, November 22

Thursday, November 26

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith raised $2,228 at the recent Boomer Band Concert at the church. The proceeds will support Food For Kids and Bethlehem Preschool. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed and helped make this fundraiser a success.

Thank you Bethlehem family and friends for your support for Food for Kids! You are amazing! This was the first year we participated in the SML Charity Home Tour. It seemed like a huge task, but you certainly lightened our load and made it a very successful weekend. We could not do what we do without your volunteer service. And everything just fell into place! The Pecoraro

home was beautiful and we so enjoyed getting to know the gracious home owners, and sharing our Food for Kids story. Thank you!

We are looking for volunteers to provide fresh flowers for our sanctuary altar during Sunday worship. If you would like to order an arrangement, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can coordinate the style of the arrangement and your preferred budget with the church secretary.

Blessed prayer shawls, blankets, and bears are located in a cabinet next to the stairwell to the right of room 106. Each one has a caring tag attached. If you know someone who is facing a health challenge, suffered a loss, or in the midst of a stressful situation, feel free to select an appropriate item to give them. If you need assistance, ask at the church office or ask a host on Sunday.

BUMC Church Library

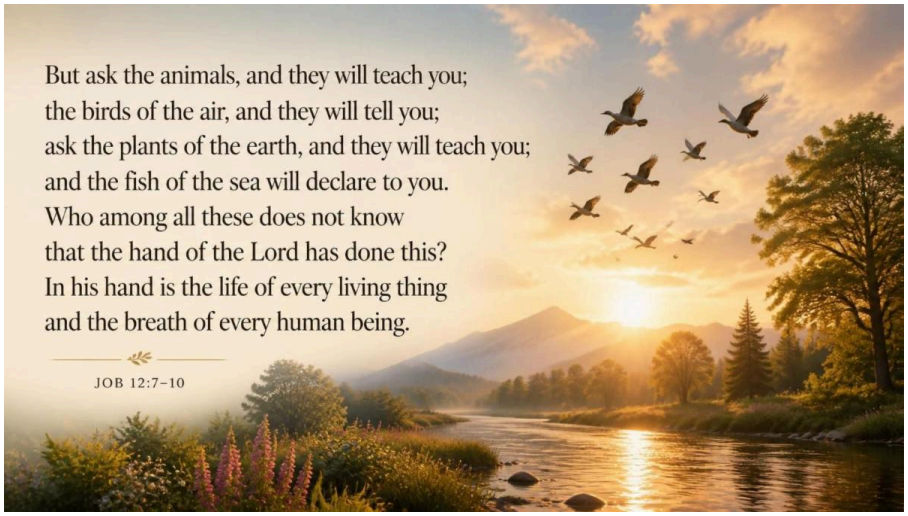
The Faithful Bookworms

Did you know that there is a cookbook in our church library? It is in the Bethlehem Church section of the Reference area. The title is Fruit of the Spirit. It was compiled by the United Methodist Women and published in 2010, and is filled with recipes for wonderful dishes submitted by members of the church. There is an index of contributors, so you can look up members and see what they contributed. There is also an index sorted by categories. So if you are interested in looking for some delicious dishes to make, check it out.

Thank you,
Sandra Richardson

Listen to the Birds

Every day, I try to get outside to listen for the sounds of Nature. During the previous week did you have an opportunity to take a walk in the woods, or just go outside and listen to the birds? The creation often sparks joy and thanksgiving. Nature renews, stirs a sense of awe, and reveals God's continual self-giving love.



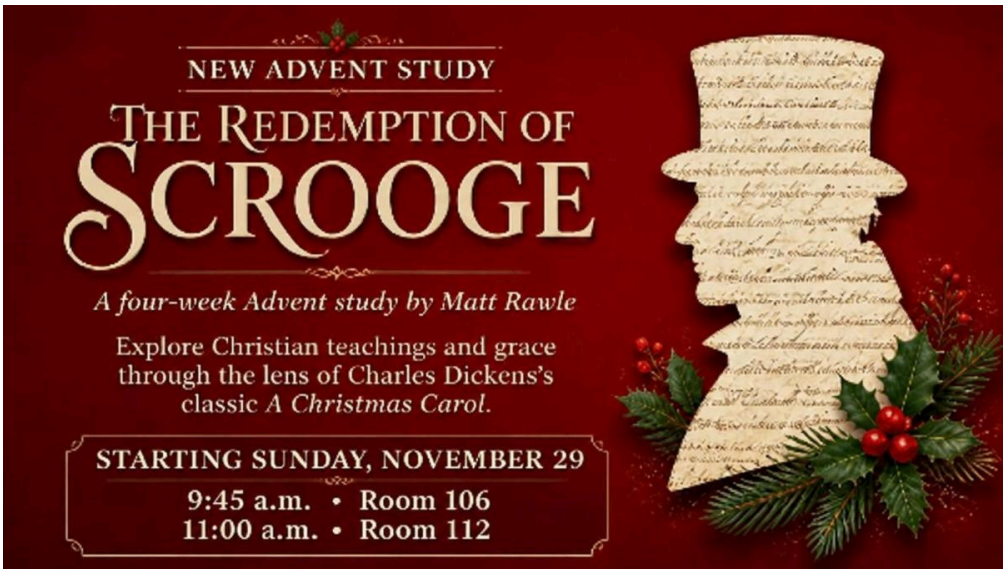
In the Biblical understanding, all species praise God in their own way. This affirms that humans are not the only creatures who deserve the right to live and relate with their Creator. God's embrace extends to the whole household of life. In a time when the human impact on the natural world has reached levels unimaginable in the history of our planet, it is crucial for the Church to step up boldly to rally society to honor and value all creatures and

ecosystems. Creation is waiting for us to be bold, to be faithful to our calling from God to protect all life and all of creation.

Ed Gorski

Christian Education

- Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - **The Journey** *(Room 106)* “The Creed”
- Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - **The Bridge** *(Room 112)* “Jeremiah”
- Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - **Family Small Group** *(Small Group for Families with children)*
- Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - **Pastor’s Bible Study Class**
- Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - **Upper Room** - Wake Cafe



Wonderful Wednesdays

4:30 p.m.
Gentle Chair Yoga

5:00 p.m.
Getting Ahead

5:50 p.m. - Meal

6:30 p.m.
A Life Worth Living

Disciple 2
All Things Great and Small
Living Prayer
Financial Empowerment

Youth : Grades 6 - 12
Pre-K: Elementary
Nursery: 0 - 3 Years

Kaleidoscope

October Calendar of Community Events

Kaleidoscope - The Gathering Place

2500 Hardy Road, Hardy VA

- Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - **Spirit Yoga with Chairs**
- Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. - **Spirit Yoga with Mats**
- October 25, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **SMAC Art Show Viewing**
- October 27, 6:00 p.m. - **Line Dancing**
- October 28, 10:00 a.m. - **MOSAIC - Drop In Gathering**
- October 28, 6:30 p.m. - **Lake Players: From Audition to Applause! Acting Workshop**

Click to View: October Kaleidoscope Newsletter

Email Susan to be Added to Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 20, 4:00 p.m. - **PSPRC Meeting**, Room 106
Thursday, October 22, 2:30 p.m. - **Council on Ministries Meeting**, Room 106
Sunday, October 25 - **Stewardship Indoor Picnic,** Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 26, 4:00 p.m. - **Missions Meeting**

Recurring Events

- Sundays, 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. - In-Person Worship
- Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - Livestream The Bridge Worship on Facebook (The Bridge at Bethlehem UMC Facebook page)
- Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - Livestream Sanctuary Worship on YouTube
- Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Time - Zoom - Email for Link
- Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. - Praise Band Practice
- Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. - Bell Choir Practice
- Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Cantata Practice

Happy Birthday!

October Birthday List

Prayer Requests / Prayer List

If you have a prayer request or would like to be added to the prayer email distribution list, please email bumcprayerrequest@gmail.com.

Prayer List October 20, 2026

List of Military/Police/First Responders

Thank you for your ministry of prayer!

Thank You For Giving Online!

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Encouragement and other occasion cards available for your use!

Send an e-card

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"Outward Bound together, with Christ renewing our spirit, we seek to make a difference in the world around us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the kingdom."

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