

TOP THREE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 27, 2025

SPRING HANDBELL CONCERT



MAY THE FOURTH

BRING MEAL HELPERS OR JUICE BOXES TO TRADE WITH THE JAWAS

6 PM IN WORSHIP CENTER



Graduate Sunday
May 18th 9:30 & 11am

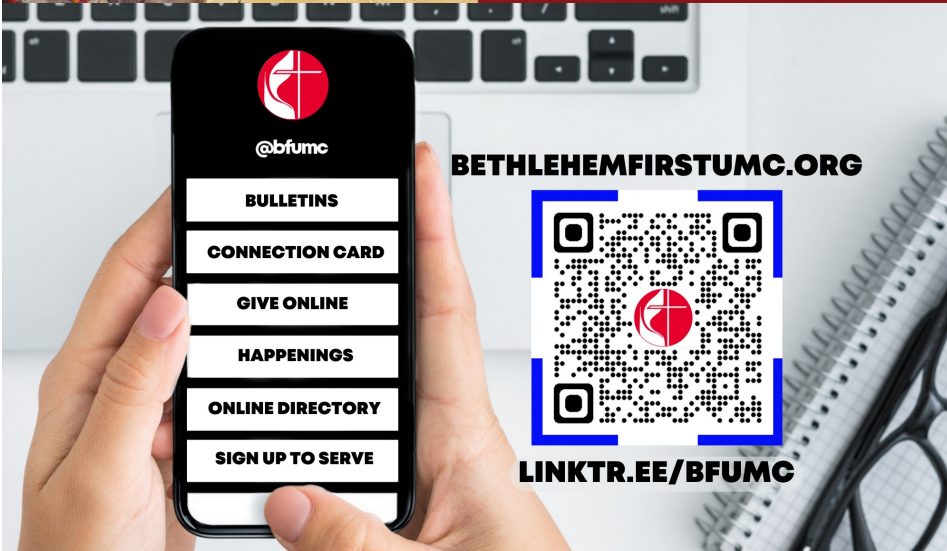
Submit info through linktr.ee/bfumc or email matt.brown@bethlehemfirstumc.com

VBS June 9th to 12th
6pm - 8pm



We need volunteers!

EGYPT
Joseph's Journey from prison to palace



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APRIL 27, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

ENCOUNTERS

- EMMAUS ROAD DISCIPLES -

WITH JESUS

The road of life is filled with potholes and pitfalls, majestic views and mountain top experiences. Primarily, we live ordinary lives – we get up in the morning and go to work or school. We eat breakfast, lunch and dinner. We pay bills and go grocery shopping. Sometimes each day resembles the day before it with little distinction. But occasionally, we find the extraordinary among the ordinary and we never know when this is going to happen. Some moments of our lives take our breath away because of the beauty we discover. Maybe we find a hidden vista or waterfall on an ordinary hike, or maybe we just see a sunrise or sunset. Maybe a friend calls us at just the right time or a meal is shared with loved ones. These ordinary moments become extraordinary in retrospect. We look back at our lives we find that we were in the presence of the Lord and we didn't even know it. Prayerfully, we find people who reveal the truth of God's presence to us and we rejoice. This week we walk with Jesus and two of his followers in an unexpected encounter on the road to Emmaus.

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11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY

**please stand as you are able*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Haley Mitchell

PRELUDE Katie Wilson

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT John Jacobs and Elizabeth Pryor

CALL TO WORSHIP Elaine Robbins

How glorious is it to hear of Jesus' resurrection.

At his death, our hearts cried out and we felt lost.

But he comes to us and walks with us, even now.

In the holy word, in the music, in the prayers, he is present with us.

Open your hearts to the Lord.

Lord, help us really be ready to receive you into our lives. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER Elaine Robbins

***OPENING HYMN** UMH 322

Up From the Grave He Arose (verses 1, 2, 3)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH 880

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH 70

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

MINISTRY MOMENT Kryss Ellis and Sean Johnsen

PASTORAL PRAYER /THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Megan Gomez

***OFFERTORY HYMN** UMH 314

In the Garden (verses 1, 2, 3)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Gomez

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Because He Lives

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

At this time, children and youth are dismissed for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Beth Dickinson

Luke 24:13-35 (NLT)

MESSAGE Rev. Dickinson

"Jesus and Emmaus Road Disciples"

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH 454

Open My Eyes That I May See (verses 1 & 2)

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dickinson

***POSTLUDE** Katie Wilson