

Navigating the seas of life together with Christ at the helm



Sunday, December 18, 2022
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Coming to Our Senses at Christmas: Breathe in the Love
Pastor Becky Collison
Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

### Family Service - 9:00 AM

Praise and Worship, Inspiration for All Generations, Optional Armor Activity for Ages 4-11

### **Traditional Service - 11:00 AM**

Hymns, Scripture, Prayer, and Encouragement for All

View our live-streamed services
10 minutes before the start of the service
by logging on to our website.

Phone-In to Hear the Services
Call 302.500.5391 at 8:50 am and 10:50 am

If you would like to have a copy of the sermon notes, please contact the church office.



# January 2023 Sermon Schedule

JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 8

"It's Time"

Scripture: Ecc. 3:1-13

"Unshakeable: Defying Normal"

Communion Served

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-8

JANUARY 15

"Unshakeable: Trial by Fire"

> Scripture: Daniel 3:13027

JANUARY 22

"Unshakeable: Writing on the Wall"

> Scripture: Daniel 5:1-9

JANUARY 29

"Unshakeable: Dare to be Different"

> Scripture: Daniel 6:14-28





# SUNDAY PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC For Sunday, December 18

We are so thankful for the privilege and opportunity to lead and join you in the praise and worship part of our service.

May our humble offerings bless our amazing

King & Savior as we sing together.

So that you may have the opportunity to prepare for this week's praise & worship music, we are offering clickable links to the songs below:

Angels We Have Heard On High <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-5sYvj2jLg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-5sYvj2jLg</a>

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We 3 Kings Medley https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTbuyiuCFVc

Here I Am to Worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaUTv1pXRyU

Christmas in Snowflake County (Kids Song)
<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhZ8ipyLO8U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhZ8ipyLO8U</a>

Lift Up Your Eyes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxAQNHe6G4Y

**Hymns for 11:00 Traditional Service** 

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Np9z2dF56c

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG9okA9r-iY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG9okA9r-iY</a>

Enjoy time singing God's praises and worshiping His holy name! Peace & blessings in Christ! Love you all to life!

Mariners Music Ministry



# Ask Mariners...

Question: Why is Mariners reviewing their membership roles?

Answer: It has been many years since an audit of our membership roles was completed. Since then, members have moved from the area, passed on to be with the Saints, or have transferred their membership to other churches. Having accurate membership roles helps the church leadership to understand the needs of the congregation and plan for the year to come. It will also be helpful to have updated roles in preparation for the vote to take place on March 11, 2023 to determine Mariner's status with the United Methodist Church. Only active members of the Church will be able to vote.

Do you have a question to Ask Mariners? Email your question to:

Communication@MarinersBethel.org





### **Notes of Encouragement and Prayers**

To our church family ~

Denise Beam has recently come through transplant surgery and is in the ICU at Duke University Hospital. Prayers of healing and strength are welcomed, but also anyone wishing to send notes of encouragement can do so by sending them to Denise and Eric at 3134 Hillandale Rd, Apt. 115 Durham, NC 27705.

This information has been shared with the permission of the family.





# Order your Poinsettias now!

### Orders due by Friday, December 16th

If you wish to purchase a 6" poinsettia 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one, please complete an order form.

Choice of:



MULTI -"Jingle Bell"



WHITE



**RED** 







### 2022 Contributions

IN ORDER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE COUNTED IN 2022, THEY MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31.

DONATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL
BE COUNTED IN 2023

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Mariners Finance Team



### YOU'RE INVITED TO THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT



A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 4-6 PM

Enjoy this special movie with hot chocolate & popcorn! And... you can decorate a gingerbread man or house.

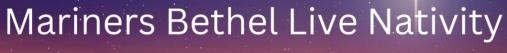
Followed by the Live Nativity at the church from 6-8 PM.

The story is re-told every half hour.

Register to attend or volunteer on Church Center!

Register to attend this Family Event

Volunteer to help



Friday, December 16 from 6-8:00 PM



The Christmas story will be told, and re-told every half hour outside of the church -- inside if inclement weather.



### **2022 ARMOR Christmas Production**

Remaining Practice Schedule:

- Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 17 -10 AM - 2 PM (Sanctuary). All kids - lunch provided.
- Sunday, December 18 Show Night Please arrive at 2 PM for hair, makeup, wardrobe, etc. We will have snacks for the kids before and after the show and will have food/refreshments. We ask all parents to bring something for after the show.

Contact Michelle - kidschurch@marinersbethel.org

# Sign up to bring snacks for the ARMOR Kids "After Party"

Looking for trays of cookies, cheese/crackers, fruit, veggies, etc - anything that is good for refreshments following our ARMOR Christmas Show on **Sunday, December 18th!** 

Please email Michelle at **<u>kidschurch@marinersbethel.org</u>** if you're able to provide snacks.

We could also use a couple of people to help set up, make punch and clean up the refreshments area.

Thanks!

Click Here to Email Michelle









# CRASH January Schedule Sunday, Jan. 1st - No CRASH (Happy New Year) Wednesday, Jan 4th - No Bible Study Sunday, Jan. 8th - No CRASH Wednesday, Jan. 11th - Bible Study 6-7:30 PM Sunday, Jan. 15th - CRASH 4-6 PM Wednesday, Jan. 18th - Bible Study 6-7:30 PM Sunday, Jan. 22nd - CRASH 4-6 PM Wednesday, Jan. 25th - Bible Study 6-7:30 PM Friday, Jan. 27th through Sunday, Jan 29th Youth Rally Weekend! Sunday, Jan. 29th - No CRASH

### Mariners Bethel Schedule December 18-24, 2022

### Sunday, December 18

8:00am - 8:45am	Open Doors Adult Sunday School (Hope Center #3)
9:00am -10:00am	Praise & Worship Service (Sanctuary/Online)
9:00am -10:00am	Kids Church (Sanctuary/ARMOR #221)
10:00am -10:50am	Joy Adult Sunday School (Martha #209/211)
10:15am -11:15am	Young Adult Bible Study (Library #201)
11:00am -12:00pm	Traditional Service (Sanctuary/Online)
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Drama Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Kids Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 19

7:30am -12:00pm	FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen)
10:00am - 11:00am	Zumba with Women Central (Social Hall)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Grief Share (Hope Center Meeting Room)
10:30am - 1:30pm	Building Maintenance (Hope Center Gym)
12:00pm - 1:30pm	AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Milio Small Group (Hope Center #3/4)
7:00pm - 8:15pm	Girls Indoor Soccer Practice (Hope Center Gym)
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Rooted Bible Study (Conference Room #205)

### Tuesday, December 20

7:30am - 5:00pm	FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen/Garage)
8:30am - 10:00am	Worship Planning Meeting (Via Zoom)
9:00am - 10:30am	Men's Bible Study (Hope Center #5)
9:45am - 11:45am	Women's AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)
11:30am - 1:00pm	Prayer Room Open (Hope Center)
11:30am - 1:00pm	Deaf Ministry ASL Class (Hope Center #3/4)
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Better Together Small Group (Jonah #220)
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Enrichment of Hope (Hope Center Gym, Garage)
5:25pm - 6:45pm	Taylor Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Rooted Small Group (Conference Room #205)

### **Mariners Bethel Schedule December 18-24, 2022**

Wednesday, December 21 7:30am - 12:00pm FM FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen/Garage)

11:00am - 1:00pm Pickleball (Hope Center Gym)

2:30pm - 5:30pm **Enrichment of Hope (Hope Center Gym, Garage)** 

5:00pm - 6:30pm YOGA (ARMOR Room)

6:30pm - 8:30 pm **Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)** 

7:30pm - 9:30pm **Volleyball Ministry** 

### Thursday, December 22 **BLUE CHRISTMAS**

6:30pm - 7:30pm 6:45pm - 8:30pm **Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary)** 

**Boy Scouts (Hope Center)** 

### **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED** Friday, December 23

Pickleball (Hope Center Gym)

11:00am - 1:00 pm 7:00pm - 8:00pm **Traditional Christmas Service (Sanctuary)** 7:00pm - 9:00pm Young Adults Small Group (Hope Center Garage)

### Saturday, December 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**

8:00am - 12:00pm **Building Maintenance (Hope Center)** 4:00pm - 10:00pm **Christmas Eve Services (Sanctuary)** 

4:00pm Traditional Service 7:00pm Contemporary

7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting (ARMOR #221) 7:00pm - 9:00pm AL-ANON Meeting (Jonah #220)

# Year-End Gift of Hope

STANDin the GAP - \$282,000 to Go!



# YOU can complete the picture! ...BECAUSE ALL PEOPLE DESERVE HOPE

Make a year-end contribution to help pay off our Hope Center loan.
ALL 2023 funding should support our mission and community, NOT THE BANK!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please consider a year-end contribution to help pay off our remaining \$282,000 Hope Center debt. Our covenant with our Lord, as Methodists and as Christians, calls us to worship Him with our presence, our prayers, our service and our gifts – we can do no less to honor Him. Thank you for your continuing Generosity!

### Path to the Vote ONGOING - Discernment, Faith Formation, and Prayer

Nov. & Dec. 2022 - The 4-week "Living Faithfully" study required by Conference.

**Monday, Nov. 28, 2022** - Listening Post #4 at 6:30 p.m. – Disaffiliation and the Independent Church, Rev. Bruce Rogers.

**Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022** - Viewing of "Stay or Go" video at 10 am and 6:30 pm – required by Conference.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023** - Listening Post #5 at 6:30 pm – Summary and discussion of all previous Listening Post sessions led by SPRC Chair, Dennis Rader.

**Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023** - Information Session with DS Rev. Joseph Archie at 10 am – required by the Conference.

Jan. & Feb. 2023 Mondays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, and 2/20/2023 – Second offering of 4-week "Living Faithfully" study - in case anyone missed the first offering.

**Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023** Forum on Human Sexuality and the Church at 10 am – This is a conference requirement in order for a conference representative to unpack and debrief the 4-week study for participants.

**Saturday, March 11, 2023** - Special Charge Conference at 10 am to vote on whether or not to disaffiliate from the UMC; **members must be present to vote**. Following the vote, if the disaffiliation motion is passed, the session with the DS will conclude and a separate vote will be held among the members present to determine if Mariners will be going with the Global Methodist Church upon completion of all requirements.

**June 8-10, 2023** - Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference at location TBD/ online viewing of proceeding will be offered. At the Conference, delegates will vote on the disaffiliation resolutions from churches in the conference. If passed by a simple majority vote, then churches will be considered no longer part of the UMC once all paperwork and payments have been made (by Dec. 31, 2023 deadline).

### **The 5th Listening Post Session**

Sessions are held from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Sanctuary Everyone is welcome to attend in person or online.

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Seeking Input from the Congregation and highlights from the 4 previous Listening Posts (A YouTube link will be provided soon!)

Following this presentation, questions will be asked in an interview format with the moderator.

Questions may be emailed to the church in advance or submitted on index cards the night of the session.

For more information, contact Pastor Becky Collison at





### **Mariners Covered Dish Dinner**

Friday, January 13th at 6 PM in the Social Hall Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Contact Dianne Archut (darchut@aol.com) or

Jennifer Cornell (jennretired@gmail.com)







MARINERS IS OFFERING THIS 4-WEEK STUDY (IN JANUARY)

# LIVING FAITHFULLY

Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church

Mondays at 10:00 AM on 1/23, 1/30, 2/6 & 2/13 Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on 1/25, 2/1, 2/8 & 2/15

Register on Church Center or at the All Hands on Deck table.

Registration is available online at Church Center now Books are available from the office at no charge

Register for the January Study



**Sunday, December 18** 

Happy Birthday: Lisa Welling, Tristan Strange, Stewart McGinnes, Bentley Brockson, Drew Szlasa, and Benjamin Rosier

### **Monday, December 19**

Happy Birthday: Norma Huffman, Thomas St. Clair, Amber Gordon, Bethany Brasure, Connor Hall, and Robert Shaeffer Happy Anniversary: Wally & Norma Huffman and Fred & Joyce Sheap

### **Tuesday, December 20**

Happy Birthday: Ella Greenleaf, Tyler Grady, Bob Murray, Matthew Martin, and Patrick McCowan

### **Wednesday, December 21**

Happy Birthday: Lindsey Thompson, Scott Burd, and Braelyn Trager

### **Thursday, December 22**

Happy Birthday: Robert Murray and Aiden Reason

### Friday, December 23

Happy Birthday: Anastacia Weilenmann, Dawson Dopp, Alan Torbit, Michael Palmer, Carol Calhoun, Evellyn Ullig Happy Anniversary: John & Juliana Gross

### Saturday, December 24

Happy Birthday: Bret Shue, Brent Pfister, Debbie Grose. and Michael Barnes

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to administrator@marinersbethel.org

### **Opportunities**



### Dine & Donate\*

11:00 am -10:00pm

Wednesday, December 21

@ Ocean View Brewery
Atlantic Ave, Ocean View DE

\*10% of the day's take donated to **SE Sussex Ministerium Emergency Fund**providing "last chance" assistance for
those confronting power shut-off, empty
heating fuel tanks, eviction, unpaid medical
expenses, *etc*.

# PRICES NOW REDUCED ON TREES AND WREATHS

Stop by this weekend before we sell out...

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Boy Scout Troop 281 Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 281 will be selling Christmas Trees starting on **Friday, November 25th** in the parking lot of Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church.

Friday, November 25th, 9am~7:30pm Hours after 11/25 until sold out:
Monday~Thursday, 4:30~6pm
Fridays, 4:30~8pm
Saturdays & Sundays, 9am~7:30pm

Come Early! Limited trees available!



Local tree delivery available upon request.

Mariner's Bethel UMC is located at 81 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE. For more information, please contact us at 302-381-4635 or scoutmastertroop281@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

### "Angels on the Go"

We are pleased that Gail Lewis has restarted the Angels on the Go ministry. If you have some time to spare, won't you please consider helping? Even if you're only able to drive occasionally, that would help greatly.



Contact Gail Lewis if you can help or if you need a ride. Please give as much notice as possible for ride requests. 443.614.1493



### We could use a few more team members for evening lock-up...

Our church lock-up team is looking for a few more folks to secure the church buildings in the evening after events have ended (usually by 9PM).

If you're willing to help with this task for a week several times a year, contact Elliott Workman at: ceworkman@verizon.net

**Email to Volunteer** 

# We need some help with Mariners littlest kids during Sunday services! Sign up sheets are posted outside of the nursery.

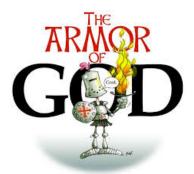
Team up with a friend to work together or sign up to help as a substitute when you can.

Contact: Jessica King jking121307@yahoo.com

You'll have so much fun!





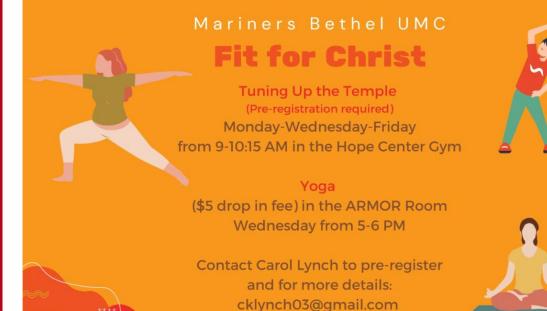


### Kids Church Volunteers are Needed on Sundays during the 9:00 Service

You can sign up for one week or for as many as you are able. Volunteers guide the kids upstairs to the ARMOR Room once they are dismissed from the service. They assist with the crafts and games upstairs. Sign-ups are created through the end of this year for now.

Click the link below to register.

Volunteer to Help with Kids



### **Mission Outreach**





# Holiday Foodraiser

### **Feed My Sheep**

### needs your help filling our pantry

We distribute 30 pantry boxes weekly.

Many neighbors lose their seasonal jobs and the ability to meet family needs.

Won't you please help us by donating?

**Protein:** peanut butter, nuts, tuna, meat ravioli, beef stew, meat soups, Velveeta cheese

Carbohydrates: cereals, pasta, rice, barley, noodles, grits, pancake mix

**Vegetables:** any canned vegetable or fresh long shelf life like onions, potatoes, fall squash

Fruits: any canned fruit or fresh long shelf life such as apples and oranges

**Sweets:** cake or brownie mixes, muffin mixes, cookies, canned icing, boxed puddings, pancake syrup

Food is collected in the FMS bin in the church lobby, the Social Hall on Tuesday mornings, or the Hope Center on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursdays from 9-11am

### **THANK YOU!**

### Join us for coffee & fellowship

Stop in the Social Hall after services on Sundays to share conversation and coffee with others! It's an opportunity to meet new folks and greet old friends.



# Clean My Sheep



Please consider donating any unused/unopened hotel toiletries or personal care items, which will be distributed to The Pyle Center and other groups that help the homeless and those in need, on a monthly basis. Collection area in Fellowship Hall.



### Miscellaneous

### **Hearing Difficulties?**

We have devices available that can assist.

Please ask one of the Red Vests for a "Personal PA Receiver" to use during services in the Sanctuary.





### **Altar Flowers**

Altar Flower Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the mail room.

The cost is \$15 per arrangement and you may designate in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may keep the arrangement after Sunday's service, or we will deliver them to someone who is homebound.

### Finance Information

### 2022 Financial Status:

Annual Budget: \$1,329,448 YTD Contributions: \$965,261 YTD Expenses: \$1,097,227

### There are several ways you can give to Mariners

**Banking Online** – Have a check mailed to Mariners through your bank.

Online with Church Center - Online giving provides you with a quick and effortless way to donate to Mariners on a one-time or recurring basis. Set up is simple: download the Church Center App on your phone or access the Church Center on your personal computer. There is a small fee for processing your donations through this method, but you will be given the opportunity to donate funds to cover the fee. Below is the QR code or link to set up your giving account.



### Register for Church Center Giving Here

By Text - Send a text to 84321. Placing a dollar amount in the text area with no words will apply the donation to the current expenses of the Church, the dollar amount followed by the word "gap" will go to the Stand in the Gap – Hope Center Fund to pay down the debt of the building.

**Cash or Check** - Checks made out to Mariners Bethel United Methodist Church can be mailed directly to 81 Central Ave., Ocean View, DE 19970. Cash or checks may be dropped off at the church and placed into the locked collection box located outside of the front office or placed into the church collections during services.

Throughout the year you can monitor and track your donations by visiting the Church Center located at <a href="https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/giving">https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/giving</a>.

Have a question on your donations on Church Center? Marty Quillen, our Financial Secretary, will be glad to help you and can be reached by calling the church or at the following email address <a href="mailto:financialsec@marinersbethel.org">financialsec@marinersbethel.org</a>.

Thank you for your generosity. It enables us to keep the church operating, supports the Ministries of the church, and allows us to continue to grow and spread the word of God.

### **Adult Sunday School**

# Open Doors Sunday School Class Meets at 8am Sunday Morning in the Hope Center @Mariners Bethel UMC Contact Jack O'Day or the Church Office for more information Mariners Bethel Mariners Bethel Mariners Bethel



### The Joy Adult Sunday School is back!

Join us in #209/11 on Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 10:45!

Contact Elliott Workman ceworkman@verizon.net or call the office for more details.

### Young Adult Bible Study

Share, encourage and grow in faith in a small group setting

This Bible study is geared to 20-somethings up to pre-retirement adults
Contact Bret Shue 717.676.8713
bretshue@carolina.rr.com

### Join us on Sundays

from 10:15-11:15 AM in the Library Bible Study formerly called Basic 2:42

Need Prayer?

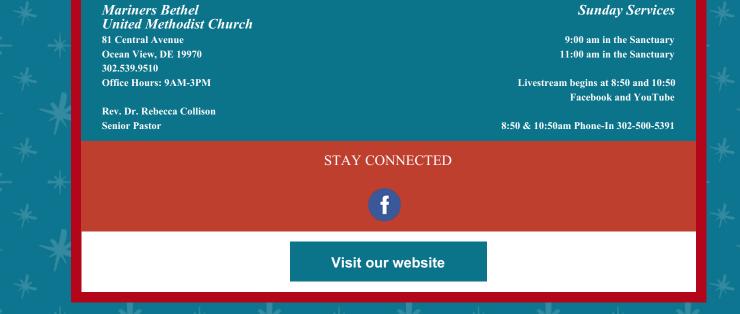
# How Can We Pray for You?



Prayer Cards are located on the back of the pew.

The FRONT is Confidential. The back is NOT Confidential.

OR Call (302) 381-0850



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