

Navigating the seas of life together with Christ at the helm



Sunday, December 4, 2022 The First Sunday of Advent "Coming to Our Senses at Christmas: The Wonder of Peace" Pastor Becky Collison *Scripture: Matt 1:18-25*

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.

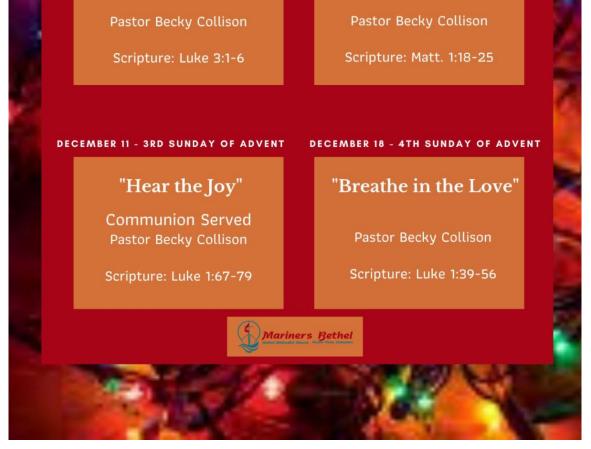
Advent 2022 Sermon Schedule "Coming to Bur Senses at Christmas"

DECEMBER 4 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"The Wonder of Peace"

NOVEMBER 27 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"See the Hope"





SUNDAY PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC For Sunday, December 4

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 From the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHuQbv-lkQE

You are Holy - Prince of Peace https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjdaZlIXyEc

Open the Eyes of My Heart https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vP66N7H22pI

He is the Light of the World (Kids Song) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI302Av7vSI

Peace be Still (Hope Darst) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzTHeTvINNg

Hymns for 11:00 Traditional Service

O Come, O Come Emmanuel <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJpXv9RY7oY</u>

What Child is This https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87cOGf6OCKY

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

Mariners Music Ministry



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







From November 17 - December 11

Stop by the Giving Tree in the Narthex, and take an ornament listing a gift request for a child in one of our grammar schools.

Please take one or more and help make a child's Christmas a happy one!

Mariners Ministry Team

In addition to individuals, Small Groups may wish to sponsor a child or children. Contact Jane McLaren for further details: jmclaren@mchsi.com

Follow 2022

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent - Hope Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent - Peace Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent - Love Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Joy

Register for our 3-week Church-Wide Advent Study "The Purpose of Christmas" by Rick Warren

You'll understand why we celebrate Christmas and how it can change our lives forever. At the very first Christmas – the birth of Jesus – an angel announced three things. In those statements of the angel, we find the three purposes of Christmas.

> Wednesdays at 10 AM November 30 - December 7 - December 14









Contact Joyce Fefel 302.236.9856 or Donna Gray 410.903.8557



2022 ARMOR Christmas Production

Sunday, December 18th at 4PM.

Our title this year is "The Secret of Snowflake County!" – the ARMOR Kids will present their Christmas Production where the story is told in Snowflake County-a place where Christmas celebrations have become so extravagant, they threaten to overshadow the simplicity of Christmas' true meaning. It will take a series of crazy mishaps during the community's annual seasonal program before the noise stops and everyone realizes that Christmas isn't about how brightly lights and decorations shine-it's about Jesus, the light of the world.

Make sure you mark your calendar because we want to share this with everyone!

Register your kids to participate on Church Center https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1431586

We will be assigning parts at the second practice. The first practice we will listen to the entire program and hand out CDs for everyone to listen to start learning!

We ask those with parts commit to be at most practices. In November & December, we will practice songs during Kids Church so all children are welcome to be in the choir if they cannot attend practices.

Remaining Practice Schedule:

Sunday, December 4th – 4-6 PM (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 11th - 1-3 PM (ARMOR ROOM)

DRESS REHEARSAL - Saturday, December 17th - 10 AM - 2 PM (Sanctuary) .

All kids - Lunch provided.

Sunday, December 18th - SHOW NIGHT - please arrive at 2PM for hair, makeup,

wardrobe, etc. We will have snacks for the kids before and after show will have

food/refreshments. We ask all parents to sign-up to bring something for after the

show.

Volunteers and Helpers Needed:

There are many ways to be involved for these three months – it takes a team to put on a great production. From being at practices to help "Crowd Control" to being in charge of snack during practice, to helping with props & costumes to choreographing songs and dances – we need YOU if any of these sound like something you can help with. Register to Volunteer on Church Center - https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1431633

You can email kidschurch@marinersbethel.org or call Michelle at 302-236-6759.

FEED MY SHEEP CAFE

from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Menu for Tuesday, December 6:

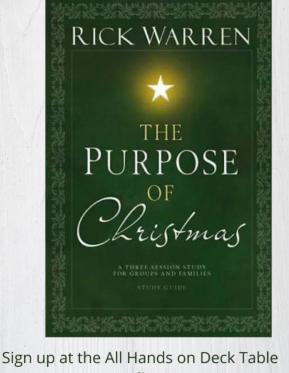
*Spaghetti & Meatballs

*Soups: Winter Vegetable or Chicken Vegetable

Takeout available







Sign up at the All Hands on Deck Table or online at https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/ registrations/events/1506323

Wednesdays at 10AM - November 30 - December 1

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Register here for our Advent Study



MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, December 10 - 7:30 AM

All men are invited to attend this monthly breakfast meeting held in Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of each month. Come and bring a friend or neighbor.

We meet at 7:30, share a meal, and then meet for an hour for fellowship and sharing real-life stuff for men!

Contact Chris Brown 302.381.8999 or clayton.brown1012@gmail.com

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Sunday, December 11 Friday, December 16 Friday, December 16 Sunday, December 18 Thursday, December 22 Friday, December 23 Saturday, December 24

Sunday, December 25 Saturday, December 31 Sunday, January 1

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* Christmas Concert (Praise Band and Choir) - 4:00 PM Wednesday, December 14 Christmas Open House (Social Hall) 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Family Movie "The Star" 4:00 - 6:00 PM Live Nativity - 6:00 PM * Kids Christmas Program - 4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service - 6:30 PM * Christmas Eve Eve Service (Traditional) - 7:00 PM **Christmas Eve Services** * 4:00 PM Traditional; * 7:00 PM - Contemporary **Christmas Day Service 10:00 AM** New Year's Open Sanctuary 4:00-6:00 PM New Year's Day Service - 10:00 AM

* Childcare will be available

81 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE 19970 302.539.9510. www.MarinersBethel.org

Register Your Kids Here to Participate in the Secret of Snowflake County

Register Here to Volunteer for the Kids Christmas Production



MARINERS BETHEL CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4PM

Come out and enjoy "All Is Well," a combined Christmas concert featuring the Choir, Praise & Worship Band, with guest appearance by the Taylor Handbell Choir.

Whether you like to sing along or sit and listen, the truth of Christ's birth will be front and center.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Child care will be available.

MARINERS BETHEL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



Everyone is Invited

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 FROM 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT MARINERS CHURCH 81 CENTRAL AVENUE, OCEAN VIEW

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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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 The Star Family Event

Volunteer to help with The Star

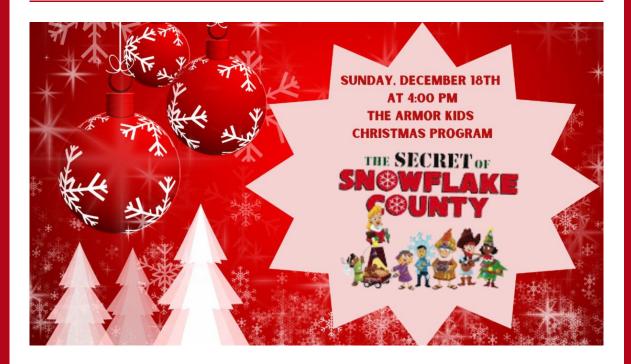
Mariners Bethel Live Nativity

Friday, December 16 from 6-8:00 PM

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





BLUE CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 PM

Mariners Bethel Schedule December 4-10, 2022

Sunday, December 4 8:00am - 8:45am 9:00am -10:00am 9:00am -10:50am	CRASH Youth at Philly Project (group returns today) Open Doors Adult Sunday School (Hope Center #3) Praise & Worship Service (Sanctuary/Online) Kids Church (Sanctuary/ARMOR #221) 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)
4:00pm- 6:00pm	Kids Christmas Practice (Sanctuary/Social Hall)
Monday, December 5	
7:30am -12:00pm	FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen)
8:30am - 10:30am	Tuning up the Temple (Hope Center Gym)
10:00am - 11:00am	Zumba with Women Central (Social Hall)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Page Turners Book Club (Martha #209/211)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Grief Share (Hope Center Meeting Room)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Living Faithfully (Sanctuary)
10:30am - 1:30pm	Building Maintenance (Hope Center Gym/#3-4)
12:00pm - 1:30pm	AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Milio Small Group (Hope Center #3/4)
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Taylor Better Together Small Group (Hope Center #5)
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Community Bible Study (Meeting Room #108)
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Cub Scouts (Hope Center Gym)
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Living Faithfully (Sanctuary)
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Rooted Bible Study (Conference Room #205)
Tuesday, December 6	
4:00am - 1:30pm	FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen)
8:30am - 10:00am	Worship Planning Meeting (Via Zoom)
9:00am - 10:30am	Men's Bible Study (Hope Center #5)

9:00am - 12:00pm FMS Food Box Packing (Social Hall) Women's AA Meeting (ARMOR #221) 9:45am - 11:45am 11:30am - 1:00pm Feed My Sheep Lunch Served (Hope Center Gym) 11:30am - 1:00pm Prayer Room Open (Hope Center) 11:30am - 1:00pm 1:30pm - 3:00pm Deaf Ministry ASL Class (Hope Center Meeting Room) 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) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Communications Team Meeting (Meeting Room #108)

Mariners Bethel Schedule December 4-10, 2022

Wednesday, December	7
8:30am - 10:45am	Tuning up the Temple (Hope Center Gym)
10:00am - 11:30pm	Advent Study (Social Hall)
11:00am - 1:00pm	Pickleball (Hope Center Gym)
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Enrichment of Hope (Hope Center Gym, Garage)
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Community Bible Study Leaders Meeting (Martha #209/211)
5:00pm - 6:30pm	YOGA (ARMOR Room)
5:00pm - 7:30 pm	ABC Bike Ministry Reception (Social Hall)
6:00pm - 7:30pm	CRASH Bible Study (Hope Center #3)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Volleyball Ministry
Thursday, December 8	
4:00am - 3:00pm	FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Gym, Kitchen, Garage)
10:30am - 11:30am	Food Pantry Pick Up (Vestibule/Social Hall)
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Enrichment of Hope (Hope Center Gym, Garage)
6:00pm - 7:00pm	CRASH Drama Practice (Hope Center Garage)
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Advent Study (Hope Center #5)
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Choir Practice (ARMOR #221)
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Community Bible Study (Social Hall; Nursery; Jonah #220; Library #201; Mtg Room #108)
6:45pm- 8:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:45pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Hope Center)
Friday, December 9	
8:30am - 10:45am	Tuning up the Temple (Hope Center Gym)
10:00am - 11:30pm	CO-EDS for Christ (Martha #209/211)
11:00am - 12:30pm	Comfort Group (Jonah #220)
11:00am - 1:00 pm	Pickleball (Hope Center Gym)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Young Adults Small Group (Hope Center Garage)
Saturday, December 10	
6:30am - 9:30am	Men's Second Saturday Breakfast (Social Hall)
8:00am - 12:00pm	Building Maintenance (Hope Center)
9:00am - 3:00pm	Mommy & Me (Hope Center)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	AA (ARMOR #221)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Al Anon Meeting (Jonah #220)

Year-End Gift of Hope

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

\$100 | \$200 | \$300 | \$400 | \$500 | \$600 | \$700 | \$800 | \$950



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

Make a year-end contribution to help pay off our Hope Center Ioan. 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





Sunday, December 4

Happy Birthday: Lene Kuhblank, Bob Haines, Richard Burroughs, Coleen Ingram-Furman, Michaela Furman

Monday, December 5

Happy Birthday: James Harmon, Sarajane Purdy, Kaileigh Rodgers, Amelia Costleigh

Tuesday, December 6

Happy Birthday: Bethany Blaser, Hannah Lydic, Justin Rines, Isaac Hernandez Rios, Robert Myers, Megan Saulsbury, Michael Mease, Anthony Starcevich Happy Anniversary: Sandy & Lori Smyth

Wednesday, December 7

Happy Birthday: Ruth Kay Lanasa, Edward Shoff, Jace McCowan, Donald Lawson, Norman Malmberg, John Thorson

Thursday, December 8

Happy Birthday: Dorothea McNeely, Donna Degidio, Ruth Justice, Alex Gomez, Dylan Tuttle

Friday, December 9

Happy Birthday: Ernie Wichert, Eloise Janssen, Brianna Melendez, Bethany Mills, Sadi Workman, Rowan Loch,

Saturday, December 10

Happy Birthday: Kristian Victor

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

Opportunities

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

Mariners Bethel

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

Mariners Bethel UMC

Fit for Christ

Tuning Up the Temple (Pre-registration required) Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9-10:15 AM in the Hope Center Gym

Yoga (\$5 drop in fee) in the ARMOR Room Wednesday from 5-6 PM

Contact Carol Lynch to pre-register and for more details: cklynch03@gmail.com

Mission Outreach



Mashed potatoes (dry mix) Gravy Stuffing Canned vegetables Canned cranberry sauce Brownie mix Cookie Mix Canned sweet potatoes or yams



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 <u>https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/giving</u>.

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 <u>financialsec@marinersbethel.org</u>.

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





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

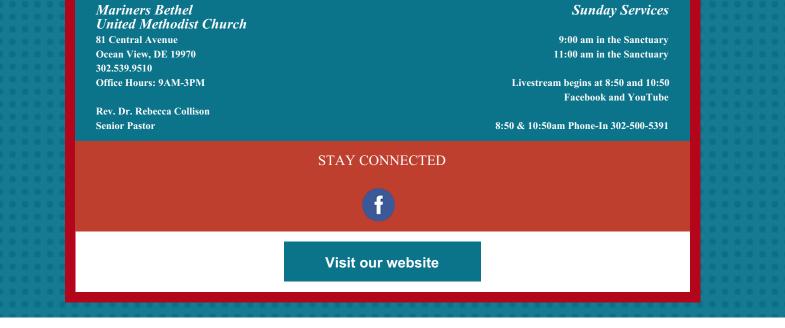
This Bible study is geared to 20-somethings up to pre-retirement adults Contact Bret Shue 717.676.8713 bretshue@carolina.rr.com

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

Need Prayer?



OR Call (302) 381-0850



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