



Mariners Bethel
United Methodist Church Ocean View, Delaware

*Navigating the seas of life together
with Christ at the helm*



Sunday, December 25, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM

"Today"

Pastor Becky Collison

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 10-14

Christmas Services at Mariners Bethel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 6:30 PM - BLUE CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 7:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONAL SERVICE *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
4:00 PM TRADITIONAL *
7:00 PM CONTEMPORARY *

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 AT 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

*CHILDCARE AVAILABLE





Be the love of Christ in Action

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

**No one likes to work during Christmas, but someone has to do it.
And for others, circumstances have left them alone.**

**After Christmas week services pick up a bag of goodies
and take it to someone in the community -- like store clerks,
police, firemen, health care workers ~ you get the picture!**

**By giving someone a sweet treat, we hope to lift spirits,
put a smile on a face, put joy in a heart,
and help others feel the love
of the Christ Child this Christmas.**



January 2023 Sermon Schedule

JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"It's Time"

Scripture: Ecc. 3:1-13

JANUARY 8

"Unshakeable: Defying Normal"

Communion Served

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-8

JANUARY 15

"Unshakeable: Trial by Fire"

Scripture:
Daniel 3:13-27

JANUARY 22

"Unshakeable: Writing on the Wall"

Scripture:
Daniel 5:1-9

JANUARY 29

"Unshakeable: Dare to be Different"

Scripture:
Daniel 6:14-28



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Ask Mariners...

Question: What steps are being taken to adjust the budget to match tithing and expenses?

Answer: The Finance Committee has been meeting monthly since August to review the financial position (actual and forecast) of the church on a monthly basis. Our course of action was to reduce costs in every area feasible without jeopardizing our staff, ministries, and the safety of the Faith and Hope Centers and attendees. The church continues to work on outreach to the community through its ministries, programs/events, and communication.

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

Communication@MarinersBethel.org



MARINERS OFFICE HOURS

Please note our revised holiday office hours:

The offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27.

We will close at noon on Friday, December 30, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Normal office hours are 9 AM-3 PM.

If you need special assistance, call 302-539-9510



DECEMBER 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1/2 day						

2023 January						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				





A Message to Our Mariners Family

Glenn and I want to thank you for your support and prayers this past year. Especially with the sudden loss of my mother this fall, the love and care you have shown means so much.

In this holiday season, you have blessed us with kind words, notes, cards, food, meals, acts of kindness, and thoughtful gifts. Thank you all for everything you do - we appreciate you so much.

We look forward to walking together in faith as we step out into a new year in a few days. May God continue to richly bless each and every one of you.

With love and grace,

Pastor Becky and Glenn Collison



Update on the Ukraine Family Situation from Jim & Barbara Rindfuss

As you know, Barbara and I have been helping our extended family who have now returned to Kyiv in the Ukraine. Natalya, who spoke at our Ukraine prayer service earlier this year, returned to Kyiv in August and has been living there as the bombing has continued. Luckily, her family is safe but is experiencing limited availability of power.

Natalya has sent us a message that she could use some help (i.e. money) for two needs. First, she is helping sponsor a charity for about 500 families with newborn babies who need what she calls "warm packages" (diapers, clothing, medical supplies, etc.) which cost \$60 per package.

The second request is for the collection of warm pajamas for children ages 1-11 which is greatly needed due to the lack of power to warm their homes. The cost of the pajamas is \$14 per pajama.

Blessings to all of you for your consideration and we thank you for your continued support.

Jim and Barbara



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

*Join us in this quiet, contemplative service
in honor of those struggling with grief or loss.*

BLUE CHRISTMAS


Thursday, December 22
at 6:30 PM

Attention Ministry Leaders

Please contact Cindy Hawkins in the Church Office
to reserve your space and times
for meetings and classes planned in 2023.

The 2023 calendar is now being developed and
we need to know if you plan to meet during the coming year.
The current calendar does not carry over to 2023.

Email preferred:
administrator@marinersbethel.org



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 25-31, 2022

Sunday, December 25

10:00am - 11:00am

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 26

12:00pm - 1:30pm

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)

Tuesday, December 27

4:00am - 1:30pm

FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen/Garage)

9:00am - 10:30am

Men's Bible Study (Hope Center #5)

9:45am - 11:45am

Women's AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)

10:30am - 11:30am

Dorcas Circle (Martha #209/211)

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)

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Rooted Small Group (Conference Room #205)

Wednesday, December 28

11:00am - 1:00pm

Pickleball (Hope Center Gym)

5:00pm - 6:30pm

YOGA (ARMOR Room)

5:00pm - 6:30pm

EOH Volunteers Christmas Party (Hope Center Gym/Garage)

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Volleyball Ministry

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

11:00am - 1:00 pm

Pickleball (Hope Center Gym)

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Young Adults Small Group (Hope Center Garage)

Saturday, December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

8:00am - 12:00pm

Building Maintenance (Hope Center)

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Open Sanctuary (Sanctuary)

7:00pm - 9:00pm

AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)

7:00pm - 9:00pm

AL-ANON Meeting (Jonah #22)

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



SAVE THE DATE

Mariners Covered Dish Dinner

Friday, January 13th at 6 PM

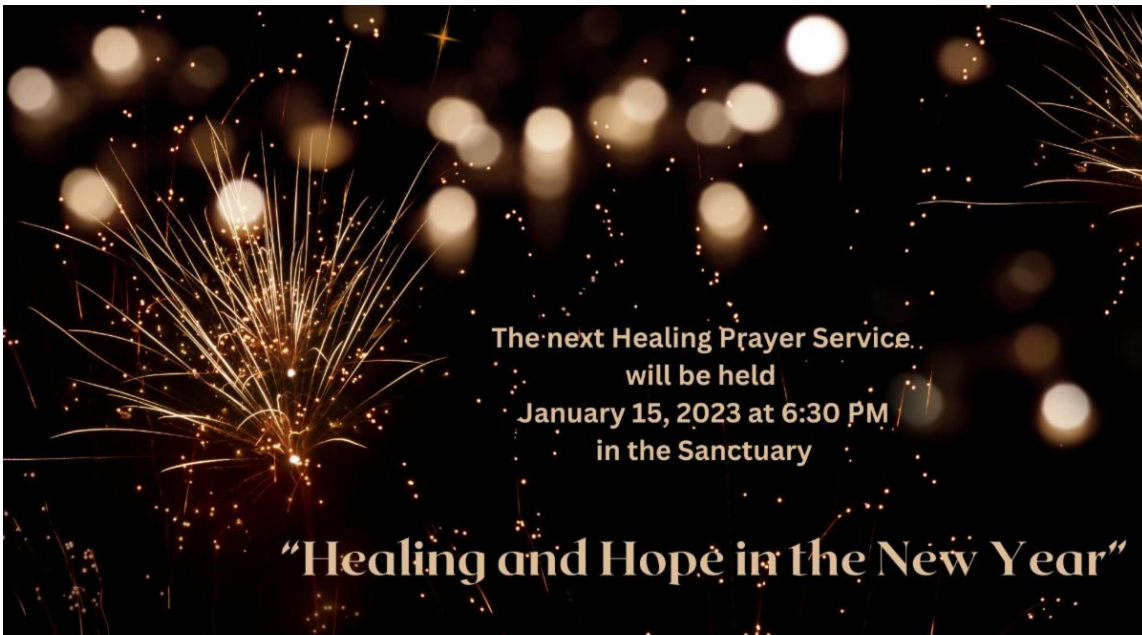
in the Social Hall

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Contact Dianne Archut (darchut@aol.com)

or

Jennifer Cornell (jennretired@gmail.com)



The next Healing Prayer Service
will be held
January 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM
in the Sanctuary

"Healing and Hope in the New Year"

*If you missed
the first time...*



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 Here for the January Study](#)

If you would like to become a **MEMBER**
of Mariners Bethel UMC...

Register for our next

VOYAGE

through our Weekly Update or Church Center App

See our website for details

Saturday, January 28th
9am-3pm

[Register Here for the Jan 28 Voyage](#)



Sunday, December 25

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

Monday, December 26

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 27

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

Wednesday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 29

Happy Birthday: Robert Murray and Aiden Reason

Friday, December 30

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

Saturday, December 31

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*

Year-End Gift of Hope

STAND in 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 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).

Opportunities

"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! ★



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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

Pantry Partners

Preparing for the holidays

Thanksgiving and Christmas should be special for everyone!
Won't you please help the over 100 families in need in our area?

In addition to this list, all contributions
and monetary donations are gratefully accepted

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





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.



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

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 financialsec@marinersbethel.org.

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





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?



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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302.539.9510

Office Hours: 9AM-3PM

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison
Senior Pastor

Sunday Services

9:00 am in the Sanctuary

11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Livestream begins at 8:50 and 10:50

Facebook and YouTube

8:50 & 10:50am Phone-In 302-500-5391

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