

Navigating the seas of life together with Christ at the helm



Sunday, January 1, 2023 10:00 AM Service

"It's Time"
Pastor Becky Collison
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

January 2023 Sermon Schedule

JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"It's Time"

One Service at 10:00 AM

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 3:13027

JANUARY 22

"Unshakeable: Writing on the Wall"

> Scripture: Daniel 5:1-9

JANUARY 29

"Unshakeable: Dare to be Different"

> Scripture: Daniel 6:14-28



The last day to donate in 2022...

Contributions must be in the office no later than 5:00 PM Saturday, Dec 31!

Our counting team will be in the offices on Saturday from 4:00-5:00 PM to wrap up 2022.

You may also register for online giving:

https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/giving

Or you may send a text to "84321" and type a "\$"
with the amount you wish to give.

If you have never given online, the process is simple!
You will be asked to register
with your checking account or a credit card.
You will be given the option to do a one-time gift
or set up a recurring donation.

Thanks for your generosity.



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





Please note our holiday office hours:
We close at noon 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

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FEED MY SHEEP CAFE

from II:30 am - I:00 pm







Menu for Tuesday, January 3:

*Cheese Tortellini with Meatballs

*Soups: Lentil with Kale or Beef and Black Eyed Peas

Takeout available





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 January 1-7, 2023

Sunday, January 1

10:00am -11:00am

New Year's Day Service (Sanctuary) CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen)

Monday, January 2

7:30am - 12:00pm 8:30am - 10:15am 10:00am - 11:00am

10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 1:30pm

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Tuning Up the Temple (Hope Center Gym) Zumba with Women Central (Social Hall) Cheer Center Winter Stroll (Hope Center Gym) **Building Maintenance (Hope Center)**

FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen/Garage)

AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)

Tuesday, January 3

4:00am - 1:30pm 8:30am - 10:00am 9:45am - 11:45am 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 1:00pm

Worship Chat (via Zoom) Women's AA Meeting (ARMOR #221) Raising Cane Bible Study (Hope Center #3/4) Feed My Sheep Cafe Lunch Served (Hope Center Gym) 11:30am - 1:00pm **Prayer Room Open (Hope Center)**

Deaf Ministry ASL Class (Hope Center #3/4) Better Together Small Group (Jonah #220)

Enrichment of Hope (Hope Center Gym and Garage) Rooted Small Group (Conference Room #205)

Wednesday, January 4

11:30am - 1:00pm

1:30pm - 3:00pm

2:30pm - 5:30pm

6:30pm - 8:00pm

8:30am - 10:15am 11:00am - 1:00pm 2:30pm - 5:30pm

4:00pm - 7:00pm 5:00pm - 6:30pm 6:00pm - 7:30pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Tuning Up the Temple (Hope Center Gym) Pickleball (Hope Center Gym) **Enrichment of Hope (Hope Center Gym and Garage)**

Community Bible Study Leaders Meeting (#209/11) YOGA (ARMOR Room)

CRASH Bible Study (Hope Center #3/4) Volleyball Ministry

Thursday, January 5

5:00am - 2:30pm 2:00pm - 5:30pm 2:30pm - 5:30pm

6:00pm - 7:30pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm 6:30pm - 8:30pm 6:45pm - 8:30pm

FMS Food Prep (Hope Center Kitchen/Garage) Ministerium Meeting (Social Hall)

Enrichment of Hope (Hope Center Gym and Garage) Girl Scouts (#209/11)

Choir Practice (ARMOR Room)

Community Bible Study (Various Rooms) **Boy Scouts (Hope Center/Pavilion)**

Friday, January 6

8:30am - 10:15am 10:00am - 11:30 pm 11:00am. - 12:30pm 11:00am - 1:00 pm

Tuning Up the Temple (Hope Center Gym) Co-Eds for Christ (#209/11)

Comfort Group (Jonah Room #220) Pickleball (Hope Center Gym)

Saturday, January 7

8:00am - 12:00pm 7:00pm - 9:00pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Building Maintenance (Hope Center) AA Meeting (ARMOR #221)

Private Use (Hope Center Gym/Garage) 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





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 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, January 1

Happy Birthday: Rachel Bennett, Kaelyn Rogers, Daisy Scott

Monday, January 2

Happy Birthday: Ashlyn Kelley, Sandra Lopez, Robert Wheeler, Judie Boykin, and Trey Koch Happy Anniversary: Ron & Dawn Greene, Larry & Margie Biasotto

Tuesday, January 3

Happy Birthday: Nick Wood, Christina Senseny,
Michael Greenstreet, Jr.
Happy Anniversary: Neil & Betty Leary

Wednesday, January 4

Happy Birthday: Josephine Smith, Brody McCowan, Taylor Welsh, Cullen Miller Happy Anniversary: Alison & Mark Rubendall

Thursday, January 5

Happy Birthday: Andrew Williams, Ken Christenbury, Kathy Old, Holly Wingate

Friday, January 6

Happy Birthday: Caleb Galbreath, Christel Grandell

Saturday, January 7

Happy Birthday: Merrill Smith, Donella Gano, Mark Hodson, Tim Baker, Anthony Boyce

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



Update on the Hope Center loan:

With your generosity,

our loan has been reduced to \$216,000!



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

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.

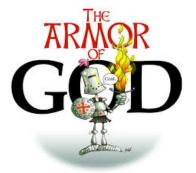
Team up with a friend to work together or sign up to help as a substitute when you can.

Contact: Jessica King jking121307eyahoo.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.



Flowers

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





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?

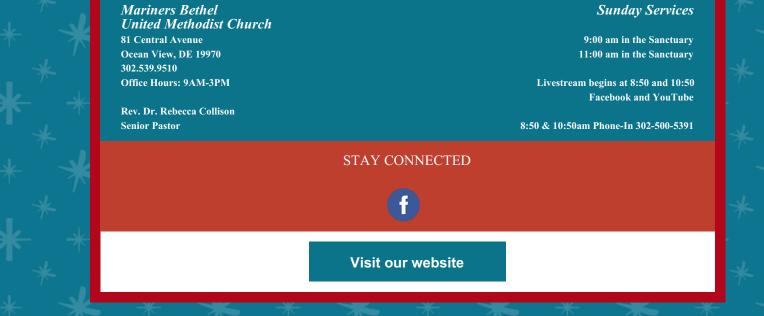
How Can We Pray for You?



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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