

# BETHEL NOTES

## Serving This Sunday

### Accompanist

Mary Seim, Piano

### Lay Assistant

Stephanie Cummings

### Usher

Shannon Marr

### Tech

Gabe Smith

### Projection

TBD

### Children's Church

Addi Carlson

Claire Woods

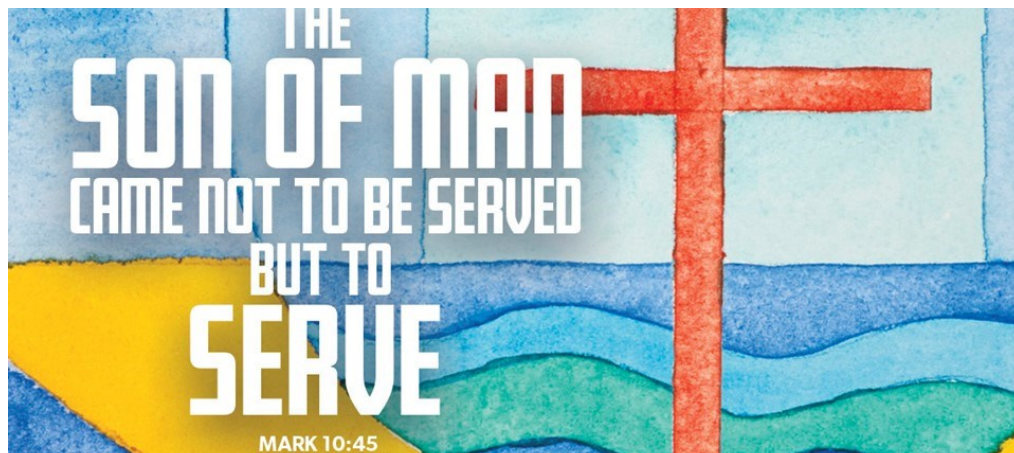
### Hospitality

Sandy Pepos

### Counters

Stephanie Cummings

Shannon Marr



## THIS SUNDAY

### Readings:

*First Reading:*  
Isaiah 53:4-12

*Second Reading:*  
Hebrews 5:1-10

*Psalm:*  
Psalm 91:9-16

*Gospel:*  
Mark 10:35-45

**Join us at 9:30 AM in person  
or livestream at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org)**

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## This Sunday at Bethel...

We celebrate the **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**.

We welcome and thank **Rev. Sara MacGivra-Branom** for leading worship.

Next Sunday is **Reformation Sunday**, wear red!!

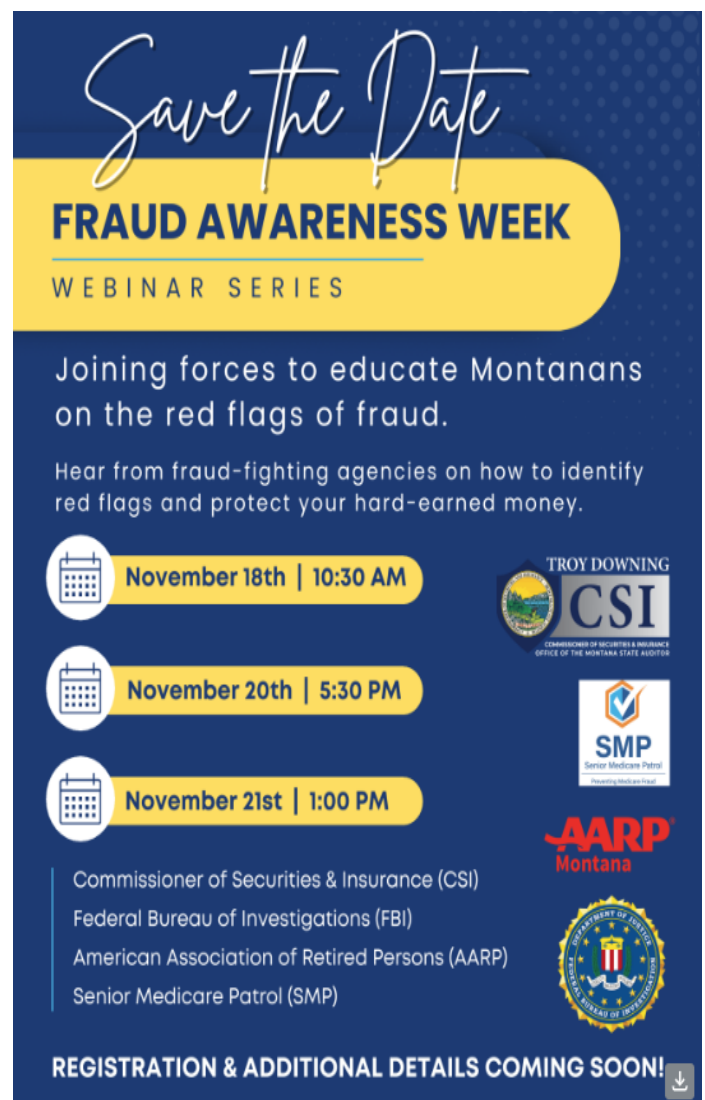
We continue with our **Adult Forum book study** after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

*Lord,  
in your mercy  
hear our prayers.*

- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is in Park Place receiving physical therapy and prepares for surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Carrie O'Brien** as she is in the hospital following complications after surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **the family and friends of Kitty Novis**, friend of *AnneRose Rogers*, as they mourn her passing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Dylan Erickson** as he recovers from hip surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Shelly Murphy** as she continues with cancer treatments and to regain strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Shannon Obrecht**, family friend of *Karen Lord*, as she manages cancer diagnosis with complications.
- ✝ **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America, who is in the hospital.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as

he continues cancer treatment.

- ✝ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Laurie Jungling, and Associate to the Bishop Rev. Brenda Frelsi.**



*Save the Date*  
**FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK**  
WEBINAR SERIES

Joining forces to educate Montanans on the red flags of fraud.  
Hear from fraud-fighting agencies on how to identify red flags and protect your hard-earned money.

- November 18th | 10:30 AM
- November 20th | 5:30 PM
- November 21st | 1:00 PM

Commissioner of Securities & Insurance (CSI)  
Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)  
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)  
Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

TROY DOWNING  
**CSI**  
COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES & INSURANCE  
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**SMP**  
Senior Medicare Patrol

**AARP**  
Montana

REGISTRATION & ADDITIONAL DETAILS COMING SOON!

Fall is officially upon us and we're so excited about our upcoming events! We have a fundraiser with Teriyaki Madness on the 28<sup>th</sup>, then in November we have our awareness event. If you're interested, there are so many ways you can engage with Family Promise Great Falls. We're also excited about the holidays, and our volunteer and donor appreciation party coming up on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll open our Day Room to anyone who wishes to attend. We'll have some light refreshments, and our staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the work that we're doing within the community.

### **Teriyaki Madness**

Join us on October 28<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of great food for a great cause! From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. if you order at Teriyaki Madness and show the event flyer (either printed or on your mobile device) then 20% of your order total will be donated to Family Promise Great Falls. Funds raised will directly support the families we serve within our community. We'd like to thank the staff of Teriyaki Madness for supporting homeless children and their families within our community.

### **Night Without a Bed**

Join us on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-8 p.m. at The University of Providence Student Center as we and 16 partner organizations come together to educate all our visitors about the services that are available in our community for those in need. We are so proud of the local students who are helping us plan this event. We truly appreciate their hard work and help in organizing this event. The event is free for all who are interested, and it will be a fun and educational event. Papo's food truck will be on hand to provide a snack for those who are in attendance. We would like to thank our partners at Horizon Credit Union for their dedication to helping homeless children and their families in their community.

### **An evening of appreciation for our volunteers and donors**

On Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. we'd like to invite you to come to our office at 1019 Central Avenue for an evening of fun conversations and light appetizers. It's our way of saying thank you for supporting our programs and services for those families in need in our community. Our staff will be on hand to answer questions and talk about the work we do within our community and the way we serve the families we work with. We'll have our Day Room open and decorated for the holidays and we hope to see everyone there!

## Reignite in Indianapolis

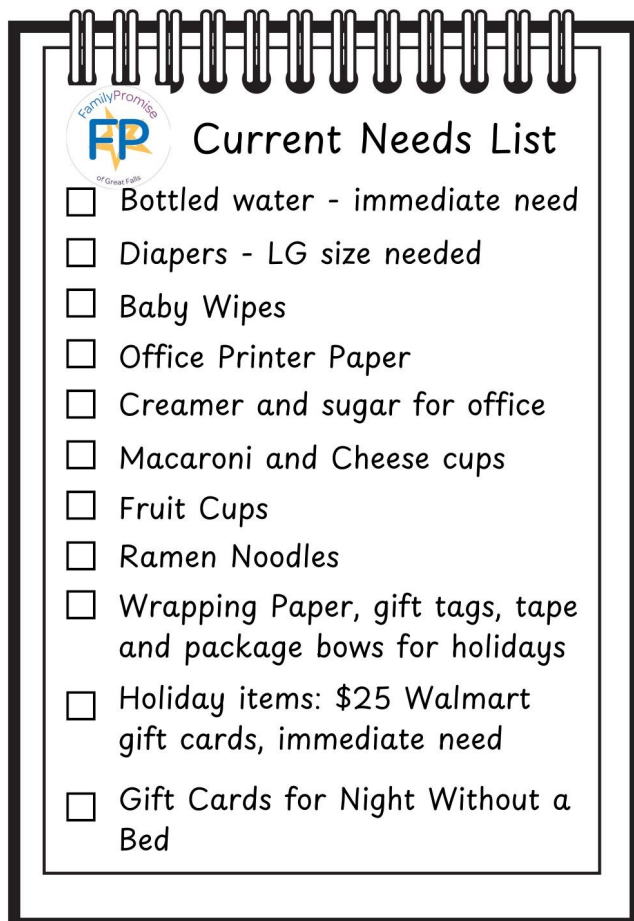
Greg and Tiffany Wilkson recently travelled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Family Promise National Conference. It was an educational and an invigorating experience, and Greg and Tiffany are excited to bring back what they've learned and use it in practice. What a blessing it was for them to be able to attend. They were able to network with other staff members from affiliates across the country.


## Two families in shelter

Currently, we have two families in Promise Place Shelter. Both families are so thankful to be safe and supported by Family Promise and our partners within the community. We have one family with three children, and one family with one child. Both families are working closely with Tiffany Cage our case manager and working hard on their individual goals that will lead to permanent housing. We are excited to see their progress over the next few months and we believe that they will be successful with some determination and support.

## The Journey Program

Our affiliate is part of a stabilization project called the Journey Program. It is a program that we are using to help our families reach their goals and encourages them when they make progress. We're happy to report that our families are meeting regularly with our case manager to identify their goals, and the steps needed to get them to where they want to be.



 **Current Needs List**

- Bottled water - immediate need
- Diapers - LG size needed
- Baby Wipes
- Office Printer Paper
- Creamer and sugar for office
- Macaroni and Cheese cups
- Fruit Cups
- Ramen Noodles
- Wrapping Paper, gift tags, tape and package bows for holidays
- Holiday items: \$25 Walmart gift cards, immediate need
- Gift Cards for Night Without a Bed



**TERIYAKI MADNESS**

**JOIN US FOR A MAD FUNDRAISER**

ORDER ONLINE AT [TERIYAKIMADNESS.COM](http://TERIYAKIMADNESS.COM) AND ENTER COUPON CODE FUNDRAISER OR BRING THIS FLYER TO TERIYAKI MADNESS

**OCT 28th | 11AM - 9PM**

20% OF ALL ORDERS PURCHASED WILL BE DONATED TO



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Help Helping Hands needs gently used Halloween Costumes for those children that cannot afford a costume. If you have one or two that you no longer use, you may drop them off at Bethel before October 25th so they can be handed out on Saturday, October 26th.



You may also take them directly to Helping Hands at 726 2nd Ave N on Saturday between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Thank you for your generosity!



Help Helping Hands raise \$7500 by the end of November and Town Pump will match dollar for dollar. Donations can be made directly to Helping Hands of Great Falls or you may donate to Helping Hands through your Bethel Giving (please note that it is for Helping Hands) and we will make sure the donations get passed along to them.



Your gifts will support disaster-impacted communities. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Or give online at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org).

# JOIN NOW Bethel Handbell Choir

Playing on Sunday, October 27th.

Rehearsal will be Saturday,

October 26th from 10 am to Noon

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir, email Sharon Mueller at

[oboecclar@gmail.com](mailto:oboecclar@gmail.com) by Tuesday, Oct 22nd

# GOSPEL MESSAGE

## Savior from Scratch

Have you ever made something from scratch—a cake, a meal, a table? There is something special about the words “I baked this cake from scratch” or “It’s a family recipe” or “This is a hand-crafted solid-oak table.” You could have bought the cake from the store, ordered the same meal for delivery, or bought a table from a manufacturer, but you chose to give of your time and effort to make it yourself.

God made a savior from scratch. God could have popped into Jerusalem and declared, “Everyone is saved!” Or even had a full-grown man formed out of the dust ride into Jerusalem and get crucified. The gospels would be a lot shorter if this were how God worked. All those chapters and details about God’s Son that come before the Holy Week accounts are there to tell us something important about God and what God wants us to learn from Jesus: relationships.

In today’s gospel reading, you can almost see Jesus rolling his eyes over the disciples’ lack of understanding. James and John are acting like teenagers in a school cafeteria, trying to reserve themselves the best seats next to the coolest kid.

But Jesus says to them, “You do not know what you are asking.” Jesus shares with them the key to being his followers: it’s not about being first, coolest, or at the top of the hierarchy; it’s about serving. Once again, Jesus points us to relationships.

The cake is special because it was crafted carefully with love for someone special. The meal is so delicious because it was cooked with a family recipe passed down from generation to generation through relationships. Jesus is who he is because he built relationships with the disciples and those he met along the way. He sat with the woman at the well, held little children, and went fishing with his friends. Loving relationships that led him to the cross to make salvation from scratch.



### *A Blessing for Pastors*



*Blessed are the wounded healers, those who serve others in the midst of their own fear and pain, doubt and loss.*

*God, may they know that they are not alone, that you are here.*

*May they feel your love poured out for them so profusely, so personally, that love overflows to you in return.*

*Grant them the encouragement they need that will set them on a joyful path of service.*

*Provide rest for their bodies, nourishment for their souls, and a trusted friend for life’s most perplexing questions.*

*Guide them in practical ways as they seek to lead in uncertainty, comfort people in their sickness, console them in their grief, and celebrate life’s greatest joys.*

*Grant them grace to know, somehow, yours is an economy of compounding love, of more-than-enoughness.*

*Amen.*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GUEST PASTORS, RETIRED PASTORS, AND LMAS WHO TAKE THE TIME EACH WEEK TO LEAD OUR CONGREGATION DURING OUR CALL PROCESS. YOU ARE SO VERY SPECIAL AND SO APPRECIATED.

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# JUST 4 YOUTH

## Upside-down faith

Jesus turned the thoughts of the disciples upside down when he told them what greatness really meant. He turned greatness into service. That wasn't what they were expecting at all. "Whoever wants to be great must be a servant. The first of all must be the slave of all."



Turn these upside down words of Jesus the right direction to find Jesus' life plan.



The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.  
(Mark 10:45b)

Welcome to worship.

Many people are servants of God. Even a child who has just been baptized is a servant of God! Servants often have certain clothing to wear while serving.

Match the clothing with the kind of servant who would wear it.



DOCTOR

CHEF

NEWLY-BAPTIZED INFANT

PASTOR

ACOLYTE

FIREFIGHTER

Name people you know who do these kinds of service.

## Great service

Mark 10:35-45

The brothers James and John asked Jesus to choose them to help lead the kingdom of God. In their heads they had a picture of greatness, royal palaces, power, and glory.

Draw a picture of the two disciples as James and John imagined their life would be.

Jesus questioned them, "Can you really lead the way I will lead? You would serve others, even if it means doing what I must do?" Jesus knew that he would give his life for the sins of many. Jesus knew that there would be no greatness and glory, only service and sacrifice.

Draw the picture of service that Jesus saw ahead of himself on the cross.



Listen for hymns and songs about being God's servants and print the names of the songs on your bulletin.

The disciples wanted to *serve* *be served*  
(circle one)

Jesus came to *serve* *be served*  
(circle one)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Tuesday, 10/22**

- Electric City Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday, 10/23**

- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; High School LOGOs 6:30 pm

### **Thursday 10/24**

- Hope Circle 2:00 pm at Leone Nuessle's
- Electric City Chorale rehearsal 7:00 pm

### **Friday, 10/25**

- Office Closed

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 10/27**

- Reformation Sunday Worship led by Dave Scholten, LMA in person and live stream 9:30 am—Wear Red!
- Jubilate Choir will sing
- Bethel Handbell Choir will perform

### **Tuesday, 10/29**

- Electric City Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday, 10/30**

- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; High School LOGOs 6:30 pm. Wear your Halloween costumes.

### **Thursday 10/31**

- Happy Halloween
- Electric City Chorale rehearsal 7:00 pm

### **Friday, 11/1**

- Office Closed
- Aitz Chaim Friday Worship 6:00 pm

## **Fellowship Ministries**

### **Electric City Bible Study—online**

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at [dscholten1118@gmail.com](mailto:dscholten1118@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Hope Circle—in person**

This group meets once a month usually on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests [terry.korpela@gmail.com](mailto:terry.korpela@gmail.com).

Next meeting October 24th at  
Leone Nuessle's

### **Preaching And Presiding at Bethel**

October 20th Pastor Sara MacGilvra-Branom

October 27th Dave Scholten, LMA

November 3rd Jim Carlson, LMA

November 10th Jim Carlson, LMA presiding:  
Guest Speaker Carrie Parker

November 17th Pastor Jessica Crist

November 24th Pastor Sara MacGilvra-Branom

December 1st TBD

December 8th Jim Carlson, LMA

December 15th, Christmas Program and Hymn Sing