

The Lord said, "I will surely return to you in the spring, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself... Genesis 18: 10-12a

Welcome to... Nichols-Bethel

United Methodist Church

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August 21, 2011

8 & 11 AM

In the Season of the Spirit God Appoints Our Time!

**Standing as we are able.*

Medley for Gathering

Welcoming One Another in the Lord Jesus Christ

Songs for the Journey: (Vss. 1 & 2) 'Morning Guilds the Skies No.185

He Is Lord No.177

**Words of Grace and Greeting*

AMAZING GRACE is here for us!

It holds us firm in seasons wet or dry and on shaky days.

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It comforts us in uncertain times and when the shadows fall.

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It surrounds us in anxious times with sacred promises.

Though our days look hard, and our knees may tremble,

God in Christ is our refuge and strength,

from the valleys where we fear to walk alone,

to the mountains we would claim for glory!

**Hymns: O God Our Help in Ages Past No. 117*

Lessons with the Little Ones

Gathering and Growing in the Glory of the Lord

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Morning Prayer (All) Morning and evening, down in the valleys, and up on the high peaks, You are with us, O Lord. 'When we do not see You, and when we fail to look. You are there for us, even when we stand against You in our foolish, faithless ways. You are beside us when we fear what is new, and when we worship falsely what is merely familiar. Your disciplines are for our own good, and your promises, for our eternal hope in Jesus Christ. And you have made his cross to be the offer of a crown for all who cling to him. Open our hearts and our lives to expect Him and receive You, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Prayers for God's Wonders Yet-to-Come

Hymn Response: In Our Prayers, Lord

In our prayers, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our prayers, Lord, be glorified today.

Summer Songs *Our Seasonal Singers*

**Psalter: from Psalm One Hundred Twenty One No. 844*

****Hymn Response: Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing***

(R 1) Come, thou Font of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

(R 2) O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Offering Ourselves, Our Gifts and Tithes

Offering words of Invitation, Joy and Concern

Presenting Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

****Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow No. 94***

**Hymn: Through It All, I've Learned (2x) No. 507*

Lesson: *Genesis 29: 16-27*

Eagle's Wings Terri Higgins, soloist

Luke 2: 25-34a

Message: *Learning from the Best... Just Ask Sarah*

"This Is No Laughing Matter"

*Hymn: Stand Up and Bless the Lord No. 662

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction: *May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep You forever; grant You peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

Next Week!!! PROMOTION SUNDAY

Our church family wants to wish well and offer prayers for children, students, parents and teachers returning to school this coming week. Godspeed in the marvelous adventure of learning! Next Sunday, we begin anew at Nichols-Bethel with a new year of Christian Education. Please plan to be with us as we mark ***Promotion Sunday***. A highlight of the day: the presentation of Bibles to young learners in the Word... Don't miss it!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the 70th birthdays of Ann McAbee and Alex Close, parents of Pennie and Glen Close.

Mary Carol Hawthorne, Organist

Art Foster, Liturgist (8 AM), Bill Oley, Liturgist (11AM)

Charlton Henry, Chancel Choir Director

Wayne Yant, Director, Eight O'clock Singers

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CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The featured food collection item for the month of August is Pork & Beans. The September item will be Peanut Butter & Jelly. The food collection bins are located: upstairs under the coat rack and downstairs by the ladies restroom. Please continue to drop off seasonal clothes at the clothes pantry. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates to Remember

Today, 8/21 - 8 AM & 11 AM – Traditional Service
9:30 & 11 AM – Sunday School
9:30 AM – Contemporary Service

UMYF

There will be a UMYF Orientation Meeting for all parents and youth who are current members and for those who would like to participate this year on Sunday, August 28th at 5 p.m.

Fifth Annual Series

“Grill and Chill” Worship
Thursday, June 23rd – August 22nd.

WEEKLY Picnic on the East Lawn
(beginning at 6:30 PM)

Outdoor Worship 7:15 – 7:45 P.M.
Indoors for rain or excessive heat (85+).

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Just get together on a summer evening with church friends and families for a little outdoor supper... 'Could be fresh off the grill...and a brief, informal time to share the Lord's praises!

We'll provide the grill, you can help bring the burgers and 'dogs. We'll cook or you can "grill your own." Please bring a veggie or salad or fruit to share. (Make it easy!).

*We'll provide a cool drink.
You bring a blanket, or chairs,
As you desire.*

*We'll bring the music, a story for faith
And time for words of prayer.*

WE'LL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME!!!

*(It may be a moveable feast as our grounds change and construction concludes.)
Watch for further details.*

29 Days until

September 18th
Save the Day!



SINGERS WANTED!! 11 A.M. SUMMER CHOIR

Adults & teens welcome! Sundays June 26 – September 4 between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. come to the choir room (203) to rehearse the day's music. We sing mostly upbeat contemporary songs. Choir experience not needed. Sing melody or parts as you are able. **No commitment!** Come Sundays you can and want to! Sit in the congregation when not singing! No choir robes for summer choir! Christian joy and fellowship guaranteed!!!



The UMW are hosting a Sew-in-day!

The date is Saturday, August 27. Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. – bring a dish for potluck and snacks. These times can be adjusted to your schedule.

The UMW are raising money for the new café kitchen by selling aprons, but we need your help! The aprons will be reversible and available in adult and child size. Lots of novelty fabric is needed, i.e, fabric with kitchen, picnic, fruits, vegetables, barbeque, kids or just plain cute designs. And remember some cooks are men and little boys. We need at least one yard of fabric to make two kids aprons or one adult. Also needed is ½ inch and 7/8 inch width grosgrain ribbon in two yard lengths.

Do you have a stash of ribbon or fabric, now's the time to share not only your stash but your sewing talent and help supply our new café. So bring your sewing machine or just come to cut, pin or iron...it's an old fashioned sewing bee! If you can help, please contact Beverly, Kay – 410-305-8435 or Bonnie. Leave fabric and ribbon in marked bags – **UMW Aprons** in hallway across from office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Help make a difference in our children's lives, at Nichols-Bethel UMC. Our Sunday School teachers would very much appreciate some assistance, on Sunday mornings, in their respective classes. If you enjoy working with children, you are in!! Parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, older sisters and brothers – all are welcome. If you have never taught Sunday School, you can start out as a helper. We can work out a rotation schedule, so that volunteers would not need to serve every Sunday. Youth helpers could receive credit for community service. Our children deserve the very best and that means YOU!!!

Interested persons can contact Rev. Linda for further details. Place your name in the office or in Rev. Linda's mailbox. Thank you for your interest.

I would like to be a teacher/helper for Sunday School:

Name _____
Phone # _____

• I would like to help with teaching:

1 week a month _____

2 weeks a month _____

3 weeks a month _____

4 weeks a month _____

*** Volunteers will receive instruction for teaching**



Chancel choir members, we need **NEW MEMBERS** to join our ensemble. I am challenging everyone to bring one or more persons to our next choir rehearsal on **Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 p.m.** Upper middle school age (8th grade), high school age, college age, and through adult are welcome!! Talk to your friends at church, your family, your co-workers, and people in your community.

Next rehearsal, **Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 p.m.** Bring someone!

Thank you,
Charleton Henry, Music Director

