

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS**

Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Mid-Week Lenten Service - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Choir Night – Thursday – 6:30 PM – Chime Choir & 7:15 PM – Adult Choir

Sunday Morning Worship Service – March 8 - 9:00 AM

Sunday School Session – March 8 - following worship

Board Meeting – March 10 – 7:00 PM

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**2/22/2026**

In Person Attendance –

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 64

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### **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

#### **THIS MORNING:**

***Greeter:*** Tanya Lang & Penny Rhodes

***Acolyte:*** Jameson Kleibscheidel

***Lector:*** Janelle Stump

***Ushers:*** Tanya Lang & Ruthann Lutz

***Cantor:*** Peter Zettlemyer

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*2nd Sunday in Lent*

*March 1, 2026*

*9:00 AM*



*Thank you for worshipping with us. Our songs of praise  
were more meaningful because your voice joined with  
ours!*

*Please, come again!*

### Good Morning.

We would like to welcome you to New Bethel to worship with our church family. Visitors know that it is our privilege to have you with us this morning. Please come back again soon. Upon exiting the church, take a moment to sign our Guest Register at the front doors.

### SILENT MEDITATION PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER NOTES:** In your conversation with GOD this morning, may we seek His help in doing His will.

***"When living under clouds of adversity, remember that the sun is still shining."***



## ✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

### THE PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

(^ = PLEASE STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE)

Worship Reminder: Congregational responses are to be read slowly and expressively. Thank you.

**^OPENING HYMN – No. 213** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

### **^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 121**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)*

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil

and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

### ^PRAISE HYMNS

#### "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found.

He is my light, my strength, my song.

This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,

My Comforter, my all in all,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.

This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died

The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid.

Here in the death of Christ I live.

#### "Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:  
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread:

Your very Word spoken to me.

And I I'm desp'rate for You.

And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:  
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread:

Your very Word spoken to me.

And I I'm desp'rate for You.

And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe,

This is the air I breathe.

### ^THE KYRIE:

**Pastor:** *LORD have mercy upon us*

**All:** *LORD have mercy upon us.*

**Pastor:** *CHRIST have mercy upon us.*

**All:** *CHRIST have mercy upon us.*

**Pastor:** *LORD have mercy upon us*

**All:** *LORD have mercy upon us.*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**PASTOR:** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding

Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**PASTOR:** God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

### **TODAY'S LESSONS:**

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4A**

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

**RESPONSE:** "Give Thanks To the Lord"

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His love is everlasting.

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His love is everlasting.

### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

<sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## ^GLORIA PATRI:

***"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end." Amen.***

## ^GOSPEL: LUKE 11: 1-13

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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## ^THE APOSTLES' CREED:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.***

***He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## PASSING OUR FAITH ON TO OUR CHILDREN

### SERMON

"Teach Us To Pray"

Rev. Robert Peiffer

### ^HYMN – No. 568

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

### PASSING OF PEACE

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### MORNING OFFERING

We share our Tithes and Gifts

### ^PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

### ^THE DOXOLOGY:

***"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."***

### ^PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### ^THE LORD'S PRAYER:

***All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen***

### ^BENEDICTION:

***Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all, find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus, Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### ^CLOSING HYMN – No. 227

"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"

### ^WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

## ^ POSTLUDE



### **DURING THE WEEK PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

#### **THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS:**

Dick Albright, Michael Aulenbach, Carla Bartholomew, Tina Billig, Pastor Dave Blitch, Debbie Bond, Brenda Derr, Darryl Dieter, Jay Drey, Trista Fulmer-Smith, Sharon (Henry) Griffiths, Tim Haring, Felicity Herring, Karen Herring, Tiffany Hoch, Casey Hoffman, Ernie Kanas, Bethany Keck, Emily Keck, Zoie Keck, Cindy Keiser, Deb Kenney, Emma Laigaie, Judy Lenhart, Peggy Light, Mary Beth Mogus, Andy Miller, Diane Miller, Bonnie Moll, Brian Mummolo, Heather Munsey, Lloyd Pettit, Margaret Snyder, Melanie Wessner, Cassie Wolfe, Joanne Zawada-Paskoff, Reuben Zettlemoyer and Ben Ziehmer.

#### **THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS:**

Forrest Graff, Pat Graff, Lillie Henninger, Myrna Kamp, Woodrow Kamp, Michael Kirkhoff, Nancy Kleinsmith, Sandy Long, Lester Lutz, Christie Ryan, Delano and Sandra Schucker.

#### **THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

Cooper Dunn, Amanda Kertsmar and Trista Fulmer-Smith.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LENT SEASON OFFERINGS**

Lent Services continue every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

March 4: Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin – Part 2

March 11: Megerle Interview (an interview with our own George Megerle who was a child in Germany during WWII)

March 18: Selected Readings from "The Cost of Discipleship" Part 1

March 25: Selected Readings from "The Cost of Discipleship" Part 2

### **HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS**

March 29 – Palm/Passion Sunday & Youth Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM

April 2 – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service – 7:00 PM

April 3 – Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM

April 5 – Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service – 9:00 AM

If you aren't able to make any of these services you will be able to view them via our YouTube link as they will be recorded. Make the most of our Lent season offerings to strengthen your faith.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The sign-up sheet for flowers for Easter is now down on the bulletin board. Sign up today if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The deadline to order flowers is February 22 with the following flowers available: Easter Lily - \$11; Red Tulips - \$9; Purple Hyacinth - \$9; White Chrysanthemums - \$9; and Daffodils - \$9. If you have any questions, see Riemke Bond or Luisa Follweiler.

### **HANDYPERSON REFERRAL LIST FOR HOME MAINTENANCE**

**TASKS:** Several of our senior members (and neighbors) have shared how difficult it is to find someone trustworthy (and affordable) to help with small home maintenance tasks – things like replacing light fixtures, installing grab bars, fixing leaky faucets, repairing steps or doing seasonal yard cleanup. The Pastor would like to create a referral list of reputable handypersons willing to assist at a reasonable cost. If you know of someone reliable and fair – or if you offer such services yourself – please pass this information along to [bobpeiffer@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:bobpeiffer@alumni.nd.edu). This list will be shared with those who need help maintaining safe, comfortable homes.

**NEW BETHEL AT THE R-PHILS:** Sunday, May 10 take your mom for a fun time at the R-Phils as a Mother's Day gift. The game is at 5:15PM and our seats are picnic table seating along the third base line. Tickets are \$41 for adults – children 12 and under are free. Included in addition to great seating is a 2 ½ hour all-you-can eat buffet from 4:15 to 6:45. You can sign up at church or contact Janelle Stump at [jstump2122@gmail.com](mailto:jstump2122@gmail.com). Payment is due when you sign up.

**ANNUAL POT PIE DRIVE-THRU:** Frieden's Lutheran Church is holding their annual Pot Pie Drive-Thru on Saturday March 21, 2026 from 10:00 AM to Noon. Items that are available for pick up are Chicken Pot Pie - \$10.00 @ Quart; Pepper Cabbage - \$4.00 @ Pint; and Fresh Fruit Salad - \$12.00 @ Quart. All of the proceeds go to their Community Outreach Ministry. Call 610-756-6284 by Wednesday, March 11 if you would like to order any items.

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS:** The large print Daily Bread devotionals are now here and down at the bulletin board. Pick up your copy today!

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS:** We are continuing our rehearsals for the Chime Choir and also an Adult Vocal Choir. Both rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM for Chimes and 7:15 PM for Adult Choir. Come and join the fun and help us praise the Lord through music! Anyone interested is welcome.

**2026 FLOWER CHART:** The 2026 Flower Chart is now hanging down on the bulletin board with many dates available for you to place flowers on the altar. Pick your dates today!

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY BY & FOR LAY PEOPLE:** Our Bible Study sessions are every Wednesday morning at the same time – 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Coffee and snacks are available. Anyone is welcome to join even if you have not attended any in the past.

**TINY DEVOTIONAL LIBRARY:** Looking for a new devotional? Take a moment and check out our tiny devotional library in the corner of the vestibule by the chair lift. There are many choices for you to use to enhance your devotional time.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** We are always looking for people to serve as worship assistants. So if you are looking for a way to offer your time the Worship Committee is looking for more worship assistants – greeters, ushers, lectors and communion assistants. The time involved is minimal and time is something that anyone can donate! If you are interested, contact Ruthann.

**CRAFT NIGHT:** Join the crafters Wednesday evenings as we gather to craft and enjoy fellowship time in the comfort of the Sunday School area. Craft Nights are held 2 hours, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. It doesn't matter what the craft is, come and enjoy! Even if you do not have a craft that you are working on you are invited to join us for the fellowship.

**WEIS GIFT CARDS:** The sales of the Weis Gift Cards have raised \$500 in 2024 for our local mission Community Outreach. So if you are looking for a gift card for a gift? Why not purchase a Weis gift card Everyone has to shop for food and by purchasing a gift card you can benefit our Community Outreach. That's two pluses in one! Our Weis program benefits New Bethel's Community Outreach, so every card sold is a gift twice over! Please see Vicki or Shirley Wessner after church or contact Vicki at 484-357-6371 or [wessner@verizon.net](mailto:wessner@verizon.net) to purchase a card. The cards may be used in the Kutztown, Hamburg or Fogelsville Weis stores. Thank you to those who purchased one or more of these gift cards.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** If you are a Thrivent member and receive Thrivent Choice Dollars did you know you could designate them to New Bethel Church? It's easy to do but if you need the information on how to designate them there is a flyer down at the bulletin board or talk to your Thrivent representative.

**TITHE.LY:** If you would like to contribute or make your weekly offering to New Bethel and can't make it to church try TITHE.LY! By donating this way you are able to make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Tithe.ly deposits the funds directly to the Church's bank account at the same time tracking your donations on a yearly basis. Their website is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1308566>

**NEW BETHEL ENDOWMENT FUND:** As you plan your financial legacy please consider New Bethel Church in your plan. Our endowment fund will accept monetary gifts including stock that would be deposited into our brokerage account. Having a strong endowment fund will help to keep New Bethel going strong for future generations.

**ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE:** Thank you! We have met our first-year goal to build our Church Endowment Fund. As of January 14 our balance is \$70,658.37 with a 14.43% return in 2025 and a 13.32% return since inception in October 2024. The Endowment Fund Committee has set a new goal of \$10,000 for 2026 to further strengthen our principal investment. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

**ON-LINE SERVICE INFORMATION:** Can't get to church on Sunday morning? If you would like to view the service just go to [nbchurchkempton.org](http://nbchurchkempton.org) and click on the Youtube link on our home page. There you will find videos of our recent services that are available for viewing.

**PASTORAL CARE:** When you are in need of pastoral care, please have a family member contact Pastor Peiffer at 570.778.1245 or call the church at 610.756.6589. If you are in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, please let admissions know your church code is #457.

**2026 NEW BETHEL CHURCH BOARD**

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jon Bond – President         | Linda Foulke – Vice President    |
| Barb Dieter – Secretary      | Lynette Daniels                  |
| Marge Hamm                   | Penny Rhodes                     |
| Janelle Stump                | Sherry Stump                     |
| Luisa Follweiler – Treasurer | Tanya Lang – Financial Secretary |





## **ALBANY TOWNSHIP PANTRY**

**First Tuesday of each month - 2:00 to 4:00 PM**

Kempton Community Center

Food pantry and social services are open to Albany Township residents and families in need. Resources are also available for those who are struggling with financial challenges (ex. Utility bills) or need help applying for food or medical assistance. If you have any questions about your options, contact Friend, Inc. at 610-683-9011.

## **FRIEND, INC. Food Pantry**

During these times let us not forget those less fortunate than we are. If you are able, please consider donating any nonperishable items. During the month of March we will collect food items that we might serve at our Easter dinner.

In addition to food items, please consider donating personal items such as shampoo, soap, etc. and household items (laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc.). These last items are things that we often overlook.

Friend, Inc. also collects pet food to help families in need provide for their pets. These items will be distributed by Friend, Inc.

**Thank You All For Your Generosity!**

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*Many people reject Jesus because of bad experiences with religious people.*

*But here's the thing - Jesus had bad experiences with religious people too.*

*In fact they killed Him - people will let you down.*

