

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Board Meeting – March 10 – 7:00 PM

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 15 - 9:00 AM

Sunday School Session – March 15 - following worship

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**3/1/2026**

In Person Attendance – 36

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 25

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS MORNING:

Greeter: Riemke Bond & Shirley Wessner

Acolyte: Jameson Kleibscheidel

Lector: Ruthann Lutz

Ushers: Laura Miller & Linda Schroeder

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*3rd Sunday in Lent*

*March 8, 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**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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, remember those of our family who are unable to worship with us this morning.

*"We don't change God's message...His message changes us."*



## † **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. 209** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory

### **^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 95**

*Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)*

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup> **"Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.'"

### **^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.

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And I, I'm lost without You.  
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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 disdaining 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:

*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

#### FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

#### 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 5:1-11

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

#### ^ 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: JOHN 4:5-42

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman

said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

**^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** Rev. Robert Peiffer  
"Can I Get A Witness?"

**^HYMN – No. 212** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**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. 484** "The Old Rugged Cross"

**^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, 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 Zettlemyer 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 11: Megerle Interview – Join us for 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.

### **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.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!:** Youth Chamber Music Ensemble to perform at New Bethel on Sunday afternoon, April 19 at 1:00 PM. Proceeds from a freewill offering will help fund furniture upgrades for the Schoolhouse. Beginning in the Fall, the Schoolhouse will host various community support groups, including GriefShare and NAMI Connections.

**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.

**COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year on April 4, 2026 at the Kempton Community Center. As in previous years volunteers are needed that morning at 8:00 AM with participant registration at 9:00 AM. If you cannot volunteer that day you can still participate by donating individually wrapped candy/chocolates to be placed inside plastic eggs. Nut-free candy is preferred, but any kind will be accepted. If you donate candy please have it at the church by Sunday, March 29.

**SOUPERBOWL TOTALS:** Thank you to everyone who contributed either monetarily or by donating soup to this years SouperBowl of Caring campaign. We collected \$84.00 and 73 cans of soup. Again, thank you!

**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.*

