

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 22 - 9:00 AM

Sunday School Session – March 22 - following worship

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**3/8/2026**

In Person Attendance – 33

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 53

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS MORNING:

Greeter: Lynette Daniels & Laura Miller

Acolyte: Jameson Kleibscheidel

Lector: Rick Foulke

Ushers: Lynette Daniels & Madison Warmkessel

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*4th Sunday in Lent*

*March 15, 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**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER NOTES:** In your conversation with GOD this morning, listen to His invitation to serve, and let your eyes see His vision for our lives.

*"Until God opens the next door for you, praise him in the hallway."*



† **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. 224** "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

**^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 23**

*You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort  
me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**^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.  
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Your holy presence living in me.  
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**^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:**

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

### **FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**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: EPHESIANS 5:8-14**

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

### **^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 9:1-41**

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the

blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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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** Rev. Robert Peiffer  
"Who Sinned? A Painful Trip Down Memory Lane"

**^HYMN – No. 200** "Lord, Who Throughout"

**PASSING OF PEACE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **Choir Anthem Chime**  
"Londonderry Air"  
"Holy Is the Lord"

**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. 502** "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound"

**^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, Sandra Bauscher, 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 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 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.

We would like to thank Geroge Megerle for offering insights into his experiences as a child in WWII Germany. It was a very interesting interview and if you missed it and would like to view the interview it was recorded and you are able to view it on our YouTube link.

## **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. This list will be shared with those who need help maintaining safe, comfortable homes.

**ALLEMAENGEL 250 CELEBRATION:** Join us as we celebrate our local heritage and America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, April 11 from 12 noon to 9:00pm at the Kempton Community Center. Meet Betsy Ross and Ben Franklin, learn local history, ride the WK&S Train, listen to the Brandywine Colonials Fife and Drum Corps, view the colonial militia encampment, see student exhibits, see the Liberty Bell replica, enter a special basket raffle, and enjoy an evening hoedown. Food and beverages for sale. FREE admission. Sponsored by area businesses and the historical societies from Albany Township, Lynn-Heidelberg Townships, and Weisenberg-Lowhill Townships.

**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!!!:** The Youth Chamber Music Ensemble - Berks Camerata – will be performing 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.

**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.

**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.

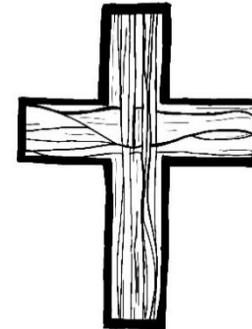
**Thank You All For Your Generosity!**

## **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.*



*Nails didn't hold Jesus on the cross.  
Love did.*