



# NEW BETHEL NEWS



## MAY 2026



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP** 9:00am **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 10:15am



**BETHELFEST 6 WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 5, FROM 5-9PM.**

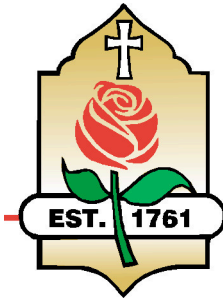
Dave Kline and his musical guests will perform a variety of folk, gospel and bluegrass music. Please consider volunteering to make our annual event a success. Contact Jon Bond or Steve Brendlinger. Sell refreshments, donate baked goods, set up and tear down tables and awnings, sell and collect tickets, place posters and yard signs, grill hot dogs and burgers...you name it-we'll take it! All profits benefit our local mission and those in need. A portion of last year's profit was given to the Walnuttown Fire Company to help the families of the firefighters who were tragically killed this past month.



Vince's Cheesesteaks will be at the Kempton Fire Company on [Tuesday, June 30](#), 2026 from 11:00am to 6:00 pm. For every sandwich sold, \$1.00 will be donated to New Bethel Church's Local Mission Fund. This is a take-out only event. Buy sandwiches and support this worthy cause!



**June 30, 2026**  
**11am - 6pm**  
Kempton Fire Company



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Fellowship and  
Worship Opportunities

## Happy Easter



Creative Baking by New Bethel's Kids!



Dave Kline and Musical Guests  
Folkloric, Gospel, Bluegrass Music  
Food and Beverages  
Admission by Free Will Donation

RAIN OR SHINE!

# Bethelfest 6

June 5, 2026, 5-9pm  
New Bethel Church Kempton, PA

SUPPORTS  
OUR COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



New Bethel Church



Joseph's  
Coat of  
Many Colors

JULY 20, 21, 22



[Jesus] told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." - John 6:12 (NRSV)

Often what I have to offer feels like a collection of scraps: a sermon half-drafted on my laptop, laundry stalled mid-fold on the couch, phone calls interrupted by someone barking "Food! Now!" As a retired pastor and "parent" of four canine rescues, my capacity shifts from day to day; life arrives in fragments no Franklin Planner can hold together.

All the while, suffering and injustice abound. I want to be part of God's work in this moment, to participate in direct action and to show up in daring ways for my neighbors. Yet many days the reality of what I manage is a bit smaller: a call to my representative between feeding rituals, a quiet prayer in a hospital waiting room, a kind word to a friend. Not nothing—but not the fullness I long for.

Which is why I keep circling back to a little line at the end of Jesus' feeding miracle. After the multitude is fed, Jesus doesn't move on quickly. Instead, he turns to his disciples and says, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

What a less-than-miraculous conclusion to a miracle story! If Jesus can multiply bread out of thin air, why bother himself with crumbs? But the twelve baskets of leftovers, one for each disciple, are essential to the work of the Kingdom (or so it would seem). In God's economy, the fragments matter. The pieces we think are too small or too broken are gathered with tenderness and intention; they are cherished as part of the whole story God is telling.

Jesus' miracle isn't only that thousands were fed. The miracle is also that nothing was wasted. Not one crust or crumb. If that is true of bread, perhaps it is true of us.

#### Prayer

Generous God, gather up the leftovers of this day. Let nothing be wasted; allow nothing to be lost. Bless these small fragments and make them bread for your beloved world. Amen



**New Bethel  
CHURCH**

## **BERKS CAMERATA**

**Berks Camerata Chamber Music Ensemble performed at New Bethel on April 19. Proceeds from a freewill offering that was taken will help fund furniture upgrades for the New Bethel Schoolhouse. Beginning in the Fall, the Schoolhouse will host various community support groups. An anonymous donor will match dollar for-dollar the first \$1,000 contributed to the cause. Please give generously, knowing that the impact of your gift will be multiplied!**



## **HANDYPERSON REFERRAL LIST**

**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.**

# REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

**Dick Albright, Michael Aulenbach, Carla Bartholomew, Sandra Bauscher, Tina Billig, Pastor Dave Blich, 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, George Megerle, Mary Beth Mogus, Andy Miller, Diane Miller, Bonnie Moll, Heather Munsey, Lloyd Pettit, Margaret Snyder, Melanie Wessner, Cassie Wolfe, Joanne Zawada-Paskoff, Reuben Zettlemoyer and Ben Ziehmer.**



**Join us for sharing, learning, and laughing Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11:30. Join the group as they continue studying the book "FOLLOW: A Disciple's Journey Through the Gospels" by Gregory Rapp.**

## MILITARY MEMBER UPDATES



**Amanda Kertsmar** - stateside at Ft. Indiantown Gapp

**Trista Fulmer-Smith and husband, Chris** - Trista promoted to E5 (Sgt). Chris promoted to E7 (Staff Sgt)

**Ashleigh Bottazzi** - successfully completed her military service and has been honorably discharged. Recently married!

**Cooper Dunn** - Midshipman First Class, a senior in the Navy ROTC program while completing studies in nuclear engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York



- MAY 1**            **David Schucker**
- MAY 9**            **Leanne Zettlemoyer**
- MAY 10**          **Dustin Hoffman**
- MAY 20**          **Leah Zettlemoyer**
- MAY 23**          **Leonard Christman**
- MAY 25**          **Summer Schuster**
- MAY 28**          **Denise Leibensperger**
- MAY 29**          **Haven Stump**
- MAY 29**          **Tanner Schuster**
- MAY 29**          **Justin Soper**

## CHURCH HUMOR



## NEW BETHEL ENDOWMENT FUND

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



"You can always tell when he's going to preach from the book of Romans!"

### ---- UPDATE ----

Recent financial donations have been earmarked for our church endowment fund.

The fund balance as of mid-April is now \$122,462.00.

Your donations to this ongoing fund help to ensure a financially healthy church for generations to come. Heartfelt thanks to all who support our endowment!

## REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS

**Lillie Henninger**  
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