

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

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

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – May 31 – 9:00 AM

Sunday School Session – May 31 – following worship

BethelFest 6 – June 5 – 5:00 PM - 9:00 pm

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**5/17/26**

In Person Attendance – 29

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 11

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THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Greeter: Irwin & Marge Hamm

Acolyte: Jameson Kleibscheidel

Lector: Barb Dieter

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

*Please, come again!*

# *Day of Pentecost*

## *Confirmation & Holy Communion*

*May 24, 2026*

*9:00 AM*



## 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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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, give thanks for the gift of freedom that so many have won and preserved for us.

**"Don't worry about tomorrow - God is already there."**



## **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. 419**

"God of Our Fathers"

### **^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 104: 24-34, 35B**

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,**

**living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

### **^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.

There in the ground, His body lay, light of the world, by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave, He rose again  
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

#### **"Glorify Thy Name"**

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name,

Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.  
Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.  
Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**PASTOR:** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us,  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**PASTOR:** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **TODAY'S LESSONS (HEARING GOD'S WORD):**

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples,*

*empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

### **FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

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

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

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**^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 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed

on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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**^THE NICENE CREED: *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

**HOMILY (SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN)**

**SERMON (SHARING GOD'S WORD)**

Rev. Robert Peiffer

**HYMN – INSERT**

"I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry"

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION**

This person has been instructed in the Christian Faith and now desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

**Jameson Kleibscheidel**

We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian Community and its mission in the world.

Hear the words of Jesus: **I am the vine, you are the branches. Anyone who abides in me, and I in that person is the one who bears much fruit. If you abide in me, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**

Do you profess, Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**If so, answer: I do.**

Do you promise by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

**If so, answer: I promise, with the help of God.**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's presence by enhancing Christ's mission in all the world?

**If so, answer: I promise, with the help of God.**

#### **CONFIRMAND KNEELS:**

**Strengthen O God, this your servant Jameson with your heavenly grace, that he may continue to be yours forever; and daily increase in him your Holy Spirit until you receive him at last in your eternal home. Amen.**

#### **Let Us Pray:**

Gracious Lord, through water and the spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sin and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with your spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding – the spirit of knowledge – and the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

By your baptism you were made one with us in the Body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your journey of faith, which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

#### **Let Us Pray:**

Almighty and ever living God, may your hand ever be over your servants confirmed today. May your Holy Spirit ever be with them. So lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ. Amen

Let us welcome Jameson as our newest adult member of New Bethel Church.

## **MORNING OFFERING**

We share our Tithes and Gifts

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

#### **^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 INVITATION:**

**LEADER:** Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and on that same day he sat at a table with two disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

**PEOPLE: *This the joyful feast of the people of God.***

**LEADER:** This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

#### **^COMMUNION HYMN:**

"This Is the Feast"

#### **^THE THANKSGIVING:**

**LEADER:** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: *And also with you.***

**LEADER:** Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE: *We lift them to the Lord.***

**LEADER:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

#### **^EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **^THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymn No. 632

#### **^ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS**

**This morning, we receive the Sacrament at our seats.**

**Lord, when we observe the Lord's Supper; help us to avoid the trap of letting our observance grow routine. May we always be moved with gratitude for the wonderful gift of this timeless ritual. Amen**

**We welcome all baptized Christians who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion at New Bethel or another Christian church to the Lord's Table this morning. We confess that the gifts of the sacrament are forgiveness of sin and eternal life.**

#### **^PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

***God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.***

*Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**^BENEDICTION:**

*May the strength of God pilot us; May the wisdom of God instruct us; May the hand of God protect us; May the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.*

**^CLOSING HYMN – No. 418**

“America the Beautiful”

**^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, Amy Bottazzi, Brenda Derr, Darryl Dieter, Jay Drey, Trista Fulmer-Smith, Donna Greenawalt, Sharon (Henry) Griffiths, Tim Haring, Felicity Herring, Tiffany Hoch, Casey Hoffman, Ernie Kanas, Bethany Keck, Emily Keck, Zoie Keck, Blair Keim, Cindy Keiser, Deb Kenney, Davis Knauer, Emma Laigaie, Judy Lenhart, Peggy Light, George Megerle, Mary Beth Mogus, Andy Miller, Diane Miller, Bonnie Moll, Heather Munsey, Lloyd Pettit, Steve Schwoyer, Kevin Smith, Margaret Snyder, Melanie Wessner, Cassie Wolfe, Joanne Zawada-Paskoff, Reuben Zettlemoyer, Susan Zettlemoyer, and Ben Ziehmer.

**THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS:**

Forrest Graff, Pat Graff, Lillie Henninger, Myrna 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**

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Peter and LeAnne Zettlemoyer in honor of their wedding anniversary and in celebration of their daughter Leah's 21st birthday. Congratulations Peter and LeAnne and Happy Birthday Leah!

Following worship this morning we are all invited to partake of a Donut Social to celebrate Jameson's confirmation. Come one, come all and have a donut!!!

**HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR:** We have a chance to help one of our neighbors and also a member of our extended church family. The Virginville Grange is running their Annual Benefit Chicken BBQ Dinner on June 7 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This year the funds raised are going to the Mummolo Family, who are going through an incredibly tough time since Brian's passing. The cost for the Chicken BBQ is \$13.00 and to order call 484-866-5304. You can also order tickets with Ruthann or at Dietrich Meats. Please purchase your tickets by June 1. Also available the day of the dinner – PA Farm Show milkshakes and homemade desserts. Please help ease the financial burden for Emily and her daughters and get a delicious dinner to enjoy at home.

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS:** The new regular print Our Daily Bread Devotionals are now available down at the bulletin board. Pick up your copy today.

**RURAL MINDS:** May is *Mental Health Awareness Month*, a national observance that dates to 1949. Throughout the month, New Bethel will feature the groundbreaking work of *Rural Minds*, an innovative nonprofit that is aiming "to end the suffering, silence, and stigma surrounding mental illness in rural America." On Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m., New Bethel will become a participation site for *Removing Stigma and Building Mental Wellness in Farm Communities*, a national webinar sponsored by *Rural Minds*, *The National Grange*, and *Rural Mental Health Connections*.

**BETHELFEEST 6:** This year 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 your time or donating Baked Goods or drinks to make our annual event a success.** 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 your help! **Sign-up sheets with additional information on the table in the Sunday**

**School area. Please contact Steve Brendlinger (484-225-3366) if you have any questions.** All profits benefit the New Bethel Local Missions Fund for 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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

**JUNE 30** – Vince's Cheesesteaks will be at the Kempton Fire Co. on Tuesday June 30 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. For every sandwich sold, \$1.00 will be donated back to New Bethel to support our Local Mission Fund. This is a take-out only event. Buy sandwiches and support this worthy cause!!

**VBS 2026:** July 20, 21, and 22 are the dates for our summer VBS session. The time each evening is 6:30 to 8:15. This year the theme is "Joseph's Coat of Many Colors. Join in the fun as Joseph and his colorful life is explored with dinner, story time, crafts, songs and of course, games – some of the games may involve water!! Bring your children and grandchildren and have them join in the fun.

**VBS NEED:** For VBS this summer the Sunday School is in need of small weaving looms (pot holder size) to borrow. If you would like to lend one to them please make sure to put your name on the loom. After VBS they will be returned to you. If possible, they would like to have between 12 and 24 looms. See Barb Dieter if you have one to lend.

**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.

Here are dates to remember for some future Bible Study sessions.

June 3 – Bible Study – 9:30 to 10:30 instead of the regular time

June 10 – Irwin Hamm Presentation

July – NO BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS IN JULY

August 5 – Bible Study sessions resume.

**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!

**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:** Since we have been offering Weis Gift Cards we have raised an average of \$500 a year 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 anyone who has purchased one or more of these gift cards over the years.

**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! 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!

**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 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**

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. For the month of May we will be collecting cereal and breakfast items.

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***

**PENTECOST GERANIUMS ARE PRESENTED BY  
THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:**

**In Memory of Loved Ones**

Riemke Bond  
Kelly & Tim Cronrath  
Lynette Daniels  
Rosemary Falk  
Luisa & Bruce Follweiler  
Marge & Irwin Hamm  
Ruthann Lutz  
Jean Rauch  
Shirley & Ronald Wessner

Barb Dieter – In Honor of Beloved Family Members

Susan Zettlemoyer – In Memory of husband - Douglas; parents – Arlin & Marian Lutz; in-laws – Warren & Laila Zettlemoyer  
And in honor of Amy Aulenbach and her family and Peter Zettlemoyer and his family.

The Flower Committee asks that you please remember to pick up your flowers following worship this morning. Thank you.



***My Personal Creed***  
***- Jameson Kleibscheidel***

***The following is what I believe The Holy Trinity to be.***

***These three things of The Holy Trinity will help to guide me through my life.***

***God - I believe God as the father who created us and guides us.***

***Jesus - I believe Jesus as an older brother who guides us away from evil.***

***Holy Spirit - I believe The Holy Spirit as a type of Parent or Guardian that watches over us and guides us.***