

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Bible Study – Wednesday – 9:30 to 10:30 AM ***
Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning Worship Service – June 7 – 9:00 AM
BethelFest 6 – June 5 – 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Board Meeting – June 9 – 7:00 PM
Bible Study – Irwin Hamm Presentation – June 10 – 10:00AM



WORSHIP STATISTICS

5/24/26

In Person Attendance – 44
Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 12



THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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Holy Trinity Sunday

1st Sunday after Pentecost

May 31, 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

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER NOTES: In your conversation with GOD this morning, ask for His protection and care in the coming season of travel.

"Faith is the grit in the soul that puts the dare into dreams."



† **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. 2

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

^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 confess our sin to God.

ALL: *Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

PASTOR: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

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

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1—2:4A

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the

air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

RESPONSE: "Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light"

The Lord is my light,
The Lord is my light,
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of 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: MATTHEW 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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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.

HOMILY (SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN)

SERMON (SHARING GOD'S WORD)

Rev. Robert Peiffer

^HYMN – No. 5

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

PASSING OF PEACE

MORNING OFFERING: (RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD)

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 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:

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. 9

“Sing Praise To the Father”

^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

JUST A REMINDER! Next Sunday we will begin meeting Sunday morning down in the Sunday School area (in the air conditioning). We will continue to meet there until the beginning of September.

PASTOR’S VACATION: Dr. Peiffer will be on vacation from Monday, June 1 through Sunday, June 14 – returning on Monday, June 15. Should you require pastoral care during this time, please contact either Jon Bond or Linda Foulke or call the church at 610-756-6589.

CARD SHOWER: We would like to have a card shower for George and Judy Megerle. As many of you know George is recovering from a stroke and it would be nice to let him know we are thinking of him and Judy. If you would like to send them a card their address is: George & Judy Megerle, Fellowship Community The Villa, Room 323, 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052.

THANKS FROM LINDA! I was overwhelmed and humbled by everyone’s thank you and well wishes on my retirement from Confirmation instruction. It meant a lot to me, and I’d like to thank everyone for their kindness. From Linda Schroeder

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 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 large print copies of Our Daily Bread Devotionals are now available down at the bulletin board. Pick up your copy of either the large print or regular print devotionals today!

BETHELFEST 6: Following worship this morning there will be a brief meeting of any volunteers for BethelFest 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 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

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| Jon Bond – President | Linda Foulke – Vice President |
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| 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 June we will be collecting food items that can easily be prepared for lunch.

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