

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 AM – Irwin Hamm Presentation
Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning Worship Service – June 14 – 9:00 AM
Board Meeting – June 16 – 7:00 PM
Vince's Cheesesteaks – June 30 – 11 AM to 6 PM – Kempton Fire Co.

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**5/31/26**

In Person Attendance – 27  
Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 20

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THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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# *2nd Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 7, 2026*

*9:00 AM*

WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN  
NOR EAR HEARD  
NOR HUMAN HEART  
CONCEIVED... THESE  
THINGS GOD HAS  
REVEALED TO US



THROUGH THE SPIRIT  
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9,10

*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

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER NOTES:** In your conversation with GOD this morning, ask for His watering and continued care of the earth.

*"God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him."*



### † 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. 328** "God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"

**^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 50: 7-15**

*Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)*

<sup>7</sup>"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;

for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

#### ^PRAISE HYMNS

##### "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.

##### "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's something about that name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
but there's something about that name!

#### 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 Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.*

### FIRST READING: HOSEA 5:15—6:6

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

### 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: ROMANS 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

<sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be."

<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### ^ 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 9:9-13, 18-26

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are

well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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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)**

**^HYMN – No. 486** "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

### **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. 619** "God Will Take Care of You"

### **^WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

### **^POSTLUDE**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR:** If you have purchased a ticket for the Chicken BBQ dinner today is the day to pick it up. The Virginville Grange is distributing the dinners from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Pick up dessert too because PA Farm Show milkshakes and homemade desserts are also available. financial burden for Emily and her daughters and get a delicious dinner to enjoy at home.

**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join the Bible Study Group this week and enjoy a special presentation by Irwin Hamm. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM on Wednesday morning.

**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:** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in any way to help make this year's BethelFest 6 a success! From set up to tear down, to anyone who helped with the food made and served and anything in between your help was greatly appreciated!!

### **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

### **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 Zettlemyer, Susan Zettlemyer, 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.



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 10 – Irwin Hamm Presentation
- July – NO BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS IN JULY
- August 5 – Bible Study sessions resume.

**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.



**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**

