

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS**

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Vince's Cheesesteaks – June 30 – 11 AM to 6 PM – Kempton Fire Co.

Sunday Morning Worship Service – July 5 – 9:00 AM

Board Meeting – July 14 – 7:00 PM

Vacation Bible School – July 20, 21 & 22 – 6:30 to 8:15 PM

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**6/21/26**

In Person Attendance – 24

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –

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### **THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

***Greeter:*** Rick & Linda Foulke

***Acolyte:***

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# *5th Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 28, 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**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER NOTES:** In your conversation with GOD this morning, ask for His strength in bringing His good news to all we share life with.

***"Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's your choice?"***



## **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. 364** "Jusus, Jesus, Jesus In the Morning"

**^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18**

*Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;**

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

### **^PRAISE HYMNS**

#### **"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!

#### **"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"**

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the  
cross my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

### **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):**

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

### **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not*

*be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

**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 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.

<sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

<sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

<sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to

sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**^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 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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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 B. Peiffer, Ph.D.

**^HYMN – No. 60**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**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:**

*The way is long, let us go together. The way is difficult, let us help each other. The way is joyful, let us share it. The way is Christ’s, for Christ is the way, let us follow. The way is open before us, let us go: with the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**^ CLOSING HYMN – No. 679**                      "When We All Get To Heaven"

**^ 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, Pastor Dave Blich, Sarah Burns, Brenda Derr, Darryl Dieter, Jay Drey, Donna Greenawalt, Sharon (Henry) Griffiths, Tim Haring, Felicity Herring, Tiffany Hoch, Casey Hoffman, Ernie Kanas, Bethany Keck, Emily 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, 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**

**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!

**VINCE'S CHEESESTEAKS:** Vince's Cheesesteaks will be at the Kempton Fire Co. this week on Tuesday 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 NEEDS:** 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.

There is also a list of food items that are needed for VBS this year on the table in the Sunday School area. If you would like to help with this pick an item, sign the sheet and then just make sure it is here in time for VBS.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY BY & FOR LAY PEOPLE:** Last week was the last Bible Study until August 5. There will be no session during the month of July. When they resume in August every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Come and join in – all are welcome!

**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 July we will again 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**