

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

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – July 12 – 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**

**6/28/26**

In Person Attendance – 24

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –

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

***Greeter:*** Luisa Follweiler & Shirley Wessner

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## *6th 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**

Almighty and ever-living God, who revealed yourself to your servant Jacob in a lonely place, assured him of your unfailing presence, and in your Son Jesus Christ have promised to be with us always: Open the eyes of our hearts, that we may recognize your presence in the ordinary places of *our* lives; strengthen us with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love; and send us forth as faithful disciples to bear witness to your kingdom; through Jesus Christ 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, ask His direction for our ministry together as His church in this place.

***"Pray for great things, expect great things, work for great things, but above all, pray."***



## † **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.

### **^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.

### **^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 121: 1-8**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

it is he who shall keep you safe.

**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

### **^OPENING HYMN – No. 417**

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**PASTOR:** Let us confess our sin to God.

**ALL:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*

*We have failed to recognize your presence among us. Like Jacob, we have wandered from your ways; unlike Jacob, we have too often refused to believe that you remain faithful even when we are not.*

*We have allowed fear to overcome trust, self-interest to replace generosity, and indifference to silence compassion. We have neglected to follow where Christ has sent us, and have forgotten his promise to be with us always.*

*Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, walk in your ways, and joyfully proclaim your love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**PASTOR:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)**

### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 28: 10-22**

*Jacob at Beth-el*

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. <sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup> so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, <sup>22</sup> and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

### **RESPONSE: "Psalm 25: "I Life Up My Soul, My god"**

To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.

To you, O Lord, I life up my soul, my God.

### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 31-39**

*Nothing can separate us from the love of God. v39*

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will

bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God 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 READING: MATTHEW 28: 16-20**

*I am with you always, to the close of the age. v20*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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 <sup>20</sup> 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)**

**^HYMN – No. 358** "Eternal Father Strong to Save"

**SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OUR MORNING SERMON**

Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.  
"Surely the Lord Is In This Place"

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

**PASSING OF PEACE**

**MORNING OFFERING: (RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD)**

**^HYMN – No. 418** "America, The Beautiful"

**^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:**

Go forth in peace, remembering that the God who met Jacob at Bethel goes with you wherever you journey.  
Thanks be to God.  
May you recognize Christ's presence in every place, trust that nothing can separate you from the love of God, and share the good news with all whom you meet.  
Amen.  
The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**^CLOSING HYMN – No. 416** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

**^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, 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.



**ALSO DURING YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

As you pray this week remember to pray for New Bethel Church asking God to lead us in ways He would have us grow and guide our Board members as they make decisions about our church life.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This morning the altar flowers are presented by LeAnne and Peter Zettlemoyer in honor of Mellies Stettler.

On June 26, Margaret Rose Snyder passed away. Please hold her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**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!

**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:** Bible Study is taking a month off and there will be no sessions 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 note that they will be phasing out the church code option.



### **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**