

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Board Meeting – Tuesday – 7:00 PM

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – July 19 – 9:00 AM

Worship Committee Meeting – July 19 – following worship

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



WORSHIP STATISTICS

7/5/26

In Person Attendance – 23

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –



THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Greeter: Rosemay Falk & Ruthann Lutz

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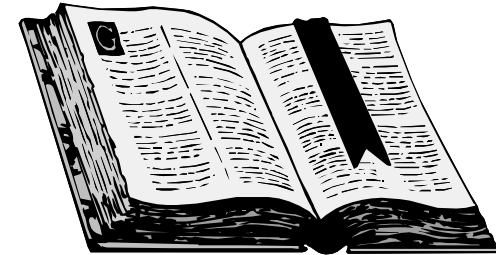
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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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 God, you called Abraham to leave behind all that was familiar and to follow where you would lead. By faith he obeyed, trusting not in what he could see, but in your steadfast promise. Grant us the same courage to answer your call. When fear would hold us back, strengthen us with hope. When uncertainty troubles us, fill us with confidence in your providence. When Christ bids us follow, give us willing hearts to leave behind whatever hinders us, that we may walk faithfully in the path you have prepared for us; 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, pray for the ministry of New Bethel Church this coming week.

"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

"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.

"Come, Now Is the Time To Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God. Come_____

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God; one day ev'ry knee will
bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 25:4-7

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me.

You are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love, for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.**

^OPENING HYMN – No. 739

"Pass It On"

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.*

*You call us to trust you, yet we cling to what is familiar. You invite
us to follow, yet we hesitate in fear. You promise to guide us, yet
we rely upon our own understanding. Too often we seek comfort
rather than courage, certainty rather than faith, and security
rather than obedience.*

*Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us the faith of Abraham, the
readiness of the first disciples, and the confidence that your Spirit
goes before us. Strengthen us to answer your call with joyful
hearts, to serve our neighbors with generous love, and to follow
Christ wherever he leads; 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)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 12: 1-4

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him. v4

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

RESPONSE: "Psalm 25: "To You, O Lord, I Lift Up"

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

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EPISTLE LESSON: HEBREWS 11: 1-3, 8-12

By Faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called. v8

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

^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 4: 18-22

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. v22

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As

he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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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. 580

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OUR MORNING SERMON

Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.

"By Faith We Follow"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

PASSING OF PEACE

MORNING OFFERING: (RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD)

^HYMN – No. 591

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

^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 faith, as Abraham went forth, trusting the God who calls.
We will follow where God leads.
Go with courage, leaving behind whatever keeps you from the life God desires for you.

We will trust God's promises more than our fears.

Go in hope, knowing that Christ goes before you, the Holy Spirit walks beside you, and the Father's love surrounds you.

Thanks be to God!

And 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. 635

“He Leadeth Me”

^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 Blitch, 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.



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.

1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18

¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VINCE'S UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who supported our Vince's Cheesesteak fund raiser. We raised \$400 with the food sales and received a \$50 donation. It was a win-win, New Bethel received funds for our Local Mission Fund and everyone who purchased food received a delicious meal!

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