

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – August 2 – 9:00 AM



WORSHIP STATISTICS

7/19/26

In Person Attendance – 22

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –



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9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

9:00 AM



*Thank you for worshiping 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, whose presence accompanied Joseph into a foreign land, whose love in Christ cannot be overcome by any power, and whose Son came to his fearful disciples upon the stormy sea: Grant us such confidence in your abiding presence, that we may not be overcome by fear, nor discouraged by uncertainty, but may faithfully follow wherever you lead; 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, give thanks for the one joining us through the sacrament of baptism.

"Prayer is one of the best free gifts we have received."



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

"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.

"Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread:
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

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This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe.

^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 46: 1-3,7

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with their tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

^OPENING HYMN – No. 29

"O Worship the King"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

PASTOR: Let us confess our sin to God.

ALL: ***Most merciful God, we confess that we often fear the unknown more than we trust your promises.***

When life changes unexpectedly, we become anxious instead of faithful. When the winds rise around us, we lose sight of Christ and begin to sink beneath our doubts. When we find ourselves in unfamiliar places, we forget that you are already there before us.

Forgive us for our fear, our lack of trust, and our reluctance to follow where you lead. Strengthen our faith, renew our courage,

and teach us to remember that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

PASTOR: The Lord was with Joseph in Egypt. Christ came to his disciples upon the sea. The Apostle proclaims that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Walk in peace, trust in hope, and serve the Lord with gladness. **Amen**

HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)

God is present even amid the unfamiliar.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 39: 1-6

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?" v19

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

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

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

EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 8:31-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? v35

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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 14: 22-33

Take heart, it is I. v27

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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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)

Presentation by the Vacation Bible School Students

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our New Bethel Church family Evelyn Grace Fisher. Evelyn was born January 28, 2026 and is the daughter of Cody and Colby Fisher. Also with her are her sponsors Kyle and Brittany Garland. Welcome Evelyn!

SHARING GOD’S WORD WITH OUR MORNING SERMON

Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.

“Only Heaven Knows”

PASSING OF PEACE

MORNING OFFERING: (RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD)

^HYMN – No. 312

“How Sure the Scriptures Are”

^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

^RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION:

Go into the world with courage.

The Lord is with us wherever we go.

Walk through every unfamiliar place without fear.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

When the winds are strong and the waves are high,

Christ says, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

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. 514

“Blessed Assurance”

^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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARD SHOWER: Willis Henry has a birthday coming up on August 1. If you would like to send him a birthday card his address is 2740 Route 143, Kempton, PA 19529.

VBS 2026: Thank you to Barb Dieter and all her helpers this week as they worked to make our Vacation Bible School a success. Thanks also to everyone who contributed in any way – donating items, bringing your children and passing the word on to others about our VBS. A fun time was had by all!

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 August 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