

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning Worship Service – August 30 – 9:00 AM
First Responders Recognition Sunday – September 13
Sunday School 1st Day – September 13 – 10:15 AM

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**8/16/26**

In Person Attendance – 22  
Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –

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THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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# *13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 23, 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 merciful God, you hear your children when we cry to you from the depths, and through Jesus Christ you set us free from the power of sin and death. Warm our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that, trusting in Christ and Christ alone, we may know the assurance of your forgiving love and serve you in newness of life; 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, may we seek His help in doing His will.

***"Smiles are contagious. Be a carrier!"***



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**



### **THE PRELUDE**

(^ = PLEASE STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE)

Worship Reminder: Congregational responses are to be read slowly and expressively. Thank you.

### **^PRAISE HYMNS**

#### **^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 27: 1, 8, 13-14**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

***The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?***

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

***Your face, LORD, will I seek.***

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

***Tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart.***

Come, let us seek the face of the God who gives sight to the blind and light to those who walk in darkness.

***Let us worship the Lord.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **^OPENING HYMN –**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

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

**ALL:** ***Most merciful God, out of the depths we cry to you. We confess that we have trusted in our own goodness and tried to earn the grace you freely give.***

***We have allowed guilt and fear to rule our hearts. We have forgotten that in Christ there is no condemnation, and we have resisted the leading of your Spirit.***

***If you, O Lord, kept a record of our sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness.***

***For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. Take away our sins, even ours. Set us free from the law of sin and death, and warm our hearts anew, so that we may trust in Christ alone and walk according to your Spirit. Amen.***

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

**PASTOR:** Hear the good news: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. What the law could not do, God has done by sending his own Son to set us free from the law of sin and death. **Amen.**

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

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 130: 1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

**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 lift up my soul, my God.

**EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 5: 1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**^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 LESSON: JOHN WESLEY'S JOURNAL – MAY 24, 1738**

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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)**

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

Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.  
"Hearts Strangely Warmed"

**PASSING OF PEACE**

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

**^HYMN –**

**^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 in peace, for with the Lord there is steadfast love.  
With our God there is abundant redemption.***

***There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free.***

***Trust in Christ, and in Christ alone, for salvation.  
May God warm our hearts and make our lives witnesses to grace.  
May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.  
Amen.***

**^CLOSING HYMN –**

**^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, 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.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS:** The new regular print Our Daily Breads are now available. Pick up your copy today!

**FIRST RESPONDERS SUNDAY:** We are planning to hold a First Responders Recognition on Sunday, September 13. If you would like to help plan this see Linda Schroeder and Pastor Bob to volunteer.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2026/2027:** Mark your calendars for the start of the new Sunday School year on September 13, 2026. Let your children and grandchildren (and their friends) know so that they may join in the fun and learning.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY BY & FOR LAY PEOPLE:** Bible Study sessions will be resuming this week on Wednesday mornings. If you would like to attend they are held from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Come and join in – all are welcome!

**ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE:** Endowment Fund Update: As of July 31 our Church Endowment Fund is valued at \$146,259.00. Thanks to your generosity and substantial gains in the financial market, the fund continues to grow and benefit our church. The committee that oversees the fund will recommend appropriate disbursements to the church board beginning October 2027. By that time, the fund will have established a three-year return and any disbursements that fulfill the fund's mission can be calculated. Guidelines set forth in establishing the fund nearly two years ago will be followed. Thank you again for your continued support.

**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!**