

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Board Meeting – Tuesday – 7:00 PM

Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – September 13 – 9:00 AM

First Responders Recognition Sunday – September 13

Sunday School 1st Day – September 13 – 10:15 AM



WORSHIP STATISTICS

8/30/26

In Person Attendance – 29

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –



THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER NOTES: In your conversation with GOD this morning, listen to His invitation to serve, ask that all our daily labors be a blessing for Him.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."



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 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ ***Know that the LORD is God.***

***It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ ***For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^OPENING HYMN –

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

PASTOR: Let us confess our sin to God.

ALL: *Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always recognized your presence.*

You have met us on the road, and we have hurried past. You have spoken through the stories of others, and we have failed to listen. You have called us to be living stones, and we have preferred to stand alone. You have invited us to come and see, and we have been afraid of what is new.

Forgive us for the ways we have resisted your Spirit, wounded one another, and mistaken what is familiar for what is faithful. Open our eyes to your grace.

Teach us to bear with one another in love, and make us one people in Christ, that our life together may become a dwelling place for you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

PASTOR: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EZEKIEL 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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: ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

^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: MATTHEW 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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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.
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 SING

PASSING OF PEACE

MORNING OFFERING: (RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD)

^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

^BENEDICTION:

May the strength of God pilot us; May the wisdom of God instruct us; May the hand of God protect us; May the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.

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

Go out in joy and be led forth in peace and serve the Lord.

^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, 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, 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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Following worship beginning next week we will again be holding coffee fellowship. If you would like to bring snacks and/or drinks for any given Sunday there is a sign-up sheet at the door to the choir room. You may also sign up to help set up before worship or clean up following coffee fellowship. Paper products and coffee are provided.

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.

WORSHIP SERIES: Sunday, September 20 we will be starting a worship series entitled "What We Believe." This series will run through the month of October ending on Reformation Sunday, October 25.

APPLE DESSERT SALE: Once again Friedens Church in Stony Run is holding their Apple Dessert Sale. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 26 with drive-thru pick up from 10:00 AM to Noon. Items offered are Apple Dumplings \$5.00; 8" Apple Tarts \$10.00; and 8x8" Apple Crisps \$12.00. If you would like to order items call 610-756-6889 by September 20. All items are homemade and delicious!

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!

PET FEST: October 3 is the date of our Pet Fest celebration. It will be held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be a Blessing of the Pets, plans for a Petting Zoo, representatives from Hawk Mountain, pet related vendors and more. Come, even if you don't have a pet, and enjoy the fun. There are posters and yard signs available for you to take.

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 September we will be collecting breakfast food items. 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!