

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

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

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – September 20 – 9:00 AM

Sunday School – September 13 – 10:15 AM

Pet Fest – October 3 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Vince's Cheese Steak Sale – October 13 – 11:30 AM to 6:30 PM



WORSHIP STATISTICS

9/06/26

In Person Attendance – 23

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –



THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Prayer and Remembrance

September 13, 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, whose children dwell beneath many skies and call upon you in many tongues: as we remember the terror and sorrow of September 11, 2001, receive again into your everlasting care all whose lives were taken that day. Comfort those who still carry the wounds of loss. Remember before us those who ran toward danger when others were fleeing from it, those who gave themselves for strangers, and all whose quiet courage revealed the strength of sacrificial love.

Deliver us from hatred, vengeance, and fear. Teach the nations to walk in your ways, until swords are beaten into plowshares, violence gives way to peace, and no one shall make another afraid. Make us, in our own time and place, instruments of your peace and servants of one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER NOTES: In your conversation with GOD this morning, give thanks for all those lost on 9/11/2001 and ask His blessing on all those who answered the call to help.

"When life knocks you to your knees, you're in a good position to pray."



ORDER OF WORSHIP



THE PRELUDE

(^ = PLEASE STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE)

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

^CALL TO WORSHIP: BASED ON PSALM 46

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

Therefore we will not fear.

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea —

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

Though the nations are in an uproar and kingdoms are shaken —
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, who makes wars cease.

God shatters the spear and calls the nations to peace.

Be still and know that the Lord is God.

God shall be exalted in all the earth.

HOMILY (SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN)

"Backpacks As Blessings"

^HYMN — No. 20

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

PASTOR: On this day of remembrance, let us confess before God the sins that divide the human family and ask for grace to become people of peace.

ALL: ***Merciful God, we confess that we have not always walked in the ways of peace. We remember injuries and sometimes nourish resentment. We divide the world into friends and enemies and too easily forget that every person bears your image.***

We have answered anger with anger, fear with suspicion, and hatred with hatred. We have remained silent when others were demeaned, and we have sometimes preferred vengeance to the difficult work of reconciliation.

Forgive us, O God. Where there is hatred, teach us love. Where there is injury, teach us forgiveness. Where there is fear, give us courage. Where there is division, make us instruments of peace. And when evil confronts us, give us grace not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

PASTOR: Hear the good news: God's mercy is greater than our sin, God's love stronger than hatred, and God's life stronger even than death. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled, and called again to walk in the way of peace.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: MICAH 4: 1-4

They shall beat their swords into plowshares.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's temple

shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

²and many nations shall come and say:
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths."
 For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
³He shall judge between many peoples
 and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
 they shall beat their swords into plowshares
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
 neither shall they learn war any more;
⁴but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig
 trees,
 and no one shall make them afraid,
 for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

RESPONSE: "Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, Oh God"

Shepherd me, O God, Beyond my wants,
 Beyond my fears, From death into life.

EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 12: 9-21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

^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 15: 9-17

No one has greater love than this.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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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.

MORNING MESSAGE

Govan Martin

"We Have A Plane Down Into the World Trade Center"

This morning we welcome Govan Martin to give the morning message on this our remembrance day of September 11, 2001. Mr. Martin is the executive director of the Pennsylvania Suicide Prevention Alliance. His is also a retired Pennsylvania State Trooper who served for 12 years as the PSP's Director of Peer Support. On September 11, 2001 he made critical decisions about how to deploy PSP personnel in support of emergency operations in Shanksville, Washington D.C., and New York. Welcome to New Bethel Mr. Martin.

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:

Pastor: Go forth remembering those who were lost.

People: *We will remember.*

Pastor: Go forth honoring those who served and sacrificed.

People: *We will remember.*

Pastor: Go forth refusing to surrender your hearts to hatred or fear.

People: *We will seek the things that make for peace.*

Pastor: When the world tells us that violence must answer violence —

People: *We will beat swords into plowshares.*

Pastor: When evil tempts us to become what we oppose —

People: *We will overcome evil with good.*

Pastor: When our neighbors suffer —

People: *We will weep with those who weep.*

Pastor: When another needs courage, compassion, or hope —

People: *We will answer the call to love.*

Pastor: Now may the God of peace, who gathers all peoples beneath the promise of a world made new, give you courage for today, hope for tomorrow, and love enough for the journey; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

^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

This morning the altar flowers are presented by Peter and LeAnne Zettlemoyer in celebration of son Reuban’s 30th birthday. Happy Birthday Reuban may you have many more!!!

CARD SHOWER: Two card showers for birthdays that are coming up. First is September 14 and Jean Rauch’s birthday. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 2846 Route 737, Kempton, PA 19529. The second birthday is Richard Albright’s on September 20. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 66 Kempton Road, Kempton, PA 19529.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Join us following worship for our coffee fellowship. Enjoy the coffee and snacks and the fellowship that comes with it. 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Mark your calendar for October 13 and Vince's Cheese Steaks. Vince's food truck will be set up at the Kempton Fire Company from 11:30 AM to 6:30 PM. This is to benefit our local mission fund.

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!