

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Community Health Fair – October 10 – 10:00 to 2:00 PM - KCC
Sunday Morning Worship Service – October 11 – 9:00 AM
Sunday School – October 11 – 10:15 AM
Vince's Cheese Steak Sale – October 13 – 11:30 AM to 6:30 PM

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**9/27/26**

In Person Attendance – 37  
Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 2

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THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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# *19th Day of Pentecost*

## *World Communion Sunday*

*October 4, 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 Son Jesus Christ gives himself to us in the breaking of bread: Gather your Church throughout the world into the fellowship of his love. By your Holy Spirit, deepen our communion with Christ and with one another, that, nourished at his table, we may share your gifts generously and serve our neighbors faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER NOTES:** In your conversation with GOD this morning, give thanks for His gift of life.

*"Until God opens the next door for you, praise him in the hallway."*



### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**



### **THE PRELUDE**

(^ = PLEASE STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE)

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **^CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Christ gathers his people from every nation and language.

***We come to give thanks and share in his love.***

With the first believers, we devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

***We come to hear God's Word and receive Christ's gifts.***

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

***Though we are many, we are one body, for we share the one bread.***

Let us worship God with glad and generous hearts.

***Let us rejoice in Christ, who meets us at his table.***

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**PASTOR:** Christ invites us into communion with himself and with one another. Let us confess the sins by which we wound that fellowship.

***Silence may be kept.***

***All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. You gather us into one body, yet we allow our differences to divide us. You feed us with your gifts, yet we overlook our neighbors' hunger. You welcome us in love, yet we fail to make room for others.***

***Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your grace with thanksgiving and share your love with the world. Amen.***

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**PASTOR:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, and strengthen you in all goodness by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **TODAY'S LESSONS (HEARING GOD'S WORD):**

#### **FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

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

#### **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10: 16-17**

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**^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: MARK 14: 22-25**

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."<sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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**^THE NICENE CREED:** *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**HOMILY (SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN)**

**MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Robert Peiffer

"Christ Gives Himself. We Become One Body"

**HYMN –**

"I Come With Joy"

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

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**^THE INVITATION:**

**LEADER:** Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and on that same day he sat at a table with two disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

**PEOPLE:** *This the joyful feast of the people of God.*

**LEADER:** This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

**^COMMUNION HYMN: No. 776**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

## ^EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

1979 Book of Common Prayer • Holy Eucharist Rite II

**LEADER:** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** *And also with you.*

**LEADER:** Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** *We lift them to the Lord.*

**LEADER:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

### **CELEBRANT**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

## ^THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Hymn No. 632**

## ^ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

**This morning, we receive the Sacrament at the altar.**

**Lord, when we observe the Lord's Supper; help us to avoid the trap of letting our observance grow routine. May we always be moved with gratitude for the wonderful gift of this timeless ritual. Amen**

**We welcome all baptized Christians who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion at New Bethel or another Christian church to the Lord's Table this morning. We confess that the gifts of the sacrament are forgiveness of sin and eternal life.**

## ^PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

***God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## ^BENEDICTION:

May the God who gathers us at one table unite our hearts in love.

***May we live as members of one body.***

May Christ, who gives himself to us, nourish us in faith and hope.

***May we share generously what we have received.***

May the Holy Spirit guide us in the ways of peace.

***May we serve our neighbors with compassion.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

***Amen.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

^CLOSING HYMN – No. 689

“The Church’s One Foundation”

^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, 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, 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:**

Donna Greenawalt, Forrest Graff, Pat Graff, Michael Kirkhoff, Nancy Kleinsmith, Sandy Long, Lester Lutz, George and Judy Megerle, Christie Ryan, Delano and Sandra Schucker.

**THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

Cooper Dunn, Amanda Kertsmar and Trista Fulmer-Smith.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This morning, we continue our worship series “What We Believe.” The series will investigate the two questions – What do we believe? And What kind of congregation do our beliefs invite us to become? Today we looked at the ELCA Mission Statement. Next week, as we continue the series we will be looking at the UCC Mission Statement and what our Reformed Heritage calls us out to be and to do.

**PET FEST:** Pet Fest was yesterday and we would like to thank everyone who worked hard and contributed in any way to make it a success.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR:** On Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Friend, Inc. Community Services in collaboration with the Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center will be presenting a Community Health Fair at the Kempton Community Center. By attending this event you are able to have access free or low-cost screenings, connect with local health providers or take a simple first step toward catching health concerns early.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** The new Congregational Directory is available – pick up your copy today! If you notice you or your family are not listed in the directory it could just be that a release was not signed when you sent in your information. We cannot put your information in without the release. See the Pastor to get a release signed. A newer edition of the directory with changes and corrections will be put out in the near future.

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS:** The large print Our Daily Bread Devotionals are here. If you were looking for one, pick up your copy today!

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

First 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.

The next date to mark is Thursday **October 24 for the Shared Abundance Community Meal.** This is a free meal open to all community members. It will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at New Jerusalem Zion UCC,

1456 Krumsville Rd., Krumsville (across from the Greenwich Elementary School). It is hosted by the Local Shared Outreach Group of Mount Zion Lutheran, Friedens Lutheran and New Jerusalem UCC Churches. Information needed – just call 610-756-7892.

Also if anyone is interested in joining in the Local Shared Outreach Group, contact Sharon C. Billger at 610-682-7038. They are always looking to gain new members and thus serve more of God's people in our local area.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** October 17 is the Annual Trunk or Treat at the Kempton Community Center. If you have any children or grandchildren, this is an opportunity for them to participate in a safe trick or treat environment.

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** New Bethel Church and Iron Talon Farm will host a Chili Cook-off and party at the farm on New Bethel Church Road, on Saturday, October 24 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Iron Talon Farm has launched a program to rent cabins on their beautiful property to provide peace and rejuvenation for first responders. Come for food, fun, fellowship and to honor our first responders.

**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!

**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.



*If tomorrow you would wake up with only what you  
were thankful for today,  
What would you wake up with?*

*Just a little something to think about this week.*



### **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 October we will be collecting pasta and items served with a pasta meal.

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!**