

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

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

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 – October 18 – 9:00 AM

Sunday School – October 18 – 10:15 AM



WORSHIP STATISTICS

10/4/26

In Person Attendance – 49

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 30



THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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

Gracious God, you create us in love, redeem us through your Son, and gather us by your Spirit: Plant your Word in our hearts, teach us to pray with trust, and renew in us the promise of our Baptism; that the faith we confess with our lips may shape our homes, our work, and our care for our neighbors; 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, ask His presence in all of life.

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



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:

Hear, O people of God: the Lord our God is one.

We will love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength.

By grace we have been saved through faith; this is the gift of God.

We are created in Christ Jesus for good works.

Jesus teaches us to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Let us worship the God whose love accompanies us every day of our lives.

Let us receive God's grace and offer ourselves in service.

^PRAISE HYMNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

PASTOR: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: *All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have placed our trust in things that cannot save and have failed to love you with our whole heart. We have neglected our neighbors' needs and wounded their dignity by our words and actions. We have asked for daily bread while overlooking those who hunger; we have sought forgiveness while withholding it from others.*

Forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Renew us in the grace of our Baptism, teach us to trust your promises, and free us to serve you gladly in the ordinary duties of our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

PASTOR: Almighty God, whose mercy is greater than our sin, forgive you through Jesus Christ, renew you by the Holy Spirit, and strengthen you in all goodness; that, trusting in God's grace, you may walk in the good works for which you were created. **Amen.**

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-9

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

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

EPISTLE LESSON: EPHESIANS 2: 1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive

together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

^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 6: 9-13

⁹"Pray, then, in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
¹⁰May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us today our daily bread.
¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

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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)

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.
"Faith Is For Monday Morning"

^HYMN – No. 568 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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:

As you leave this place, carry God's Word in your heart.
We will speak of God's love in our homes and along our way.
Remember your Baptism and trust the promise of God's grace.
We will begin each day in the mercy of Christ.
In your work and rest, in your speaking and listening, seek your neighbor's good.
We will offer our hands, our voices, and our lives in service.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

^CLOSING HYMN – No. 540 "Take Time To Be Holy"

^WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

^POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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 Luther’s Shorter Catechism and the Heidelberg Catechism. Next week, as we continue the series we will be looking at the New Bethel Church Mission Statement and who has God called this congregation to be and to do.

BIBLE STUDY SPECIAL: On Wednesday, November 4 the Bible study group will welcome Jon Bond for an area history talk. Tell family and friends to join us from 10:00 to 11:30 AM for an exciting adventure and look back in time.

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: Friday, October 23 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. Trunk or Treat runs from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

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.



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!