

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 AM – Guest Speaker Jon Bond

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – November 8 – 9:00 AM

Sunday School – November 8 – 10:15 AM

Board Meeting – November 10 – 7:00 PM

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**10/25/26**

In Person Attendance – 31

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 9

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THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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## *23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

*All Saints Sunday*

*November 1, 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 everlasting God, you have joined your people in one communion through Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in faith and love, that, encouraged by their witness, we may persevere in the way of Christ. Comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who seek righteousness, and make us instruments of your peace, until you gather us at your heavenly feast, where death shall be no more and every tear shall be wiped away; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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, give thanks for the one joining us through the sacrament of baptism and for those in our family who have passed on to eternal life this past year.

*"Always be kinder than you feel."*



### **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:**

We gather in the presence of God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

***We give thanks for the saints who have shown us the way of faith.***

With those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us, we look to Jesus.

***He is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.***

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

***We bring our sorrow and our thanksgiving to God.***

Blessed are the merciful and the peacemakers.

***By God's grace, we will love our neighbors and seek peace.***

This is our God, for whom we have waited.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in God's salvation.***

**^HYMN – No. 751**

"For All the Saints"

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**PASTOR:** Called to be God's holy people, let us confess our sins, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ.

***Silence may be kept.***

**ALL:** ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and through the good we have left undone. You gather us into one communion, yet we neglect one another. You call us to show mercy, yet we withhold forgiveness. You bless those who seek righteousness and peace, yet we remain silent before injustice and allow resentment to divide us. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that, encouraged by the witness of your saints, we may persevere in faith and serve our neighbors in love. Amen.***

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

**PASTOR:** Hear the good news: Jesus Christ endured the cross and is seated at the right hand of God. Through him, God grants us forgiveness and calls us into new life. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you in faith and lead you in the ways of mercy and peace.

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

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

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25: 6-9**

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,

"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

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

**EPISTLE LESSON: HEBREWS 11:39 – 12:3**

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

**^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 22: 34-40**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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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)**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

This morning, we welcome into our New Bethel Church family Ellie Verna Kamp. Ellie is the daughter of Morgan and Collin Kamp. She was born on May 17, 2026. Welcome to our family Ellie!

**MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.  
"Saints by Grace. Neighbors In Love"

**^HYMN – No. 749**

"Rejoice In God's Saints"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

This Sunday as we observe All Saints Day we remember those of our New Bethel family and friends who have passed away this past year. They are:

Barth C. Dieter, Sr.

Ann Papada

Litty Hado

Woodrow C. Kamp

Brian Mummolo

Lillie E. Henninger

Margaret Rose Snyder

Darryl R. Dieter, Sr.

Myrna E Kamp

Judy K. Lenhart

Roma Loch

Following worship this morning, please feel free to come forward and take the candle we lit for your loved one.

**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:**

May the God who gathers the saints in light sustain you in hope.  
***We will trust God’s promise in life and in death.***

May Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, give you courage to persevere.

***We will follow him in mercy and seek the ways of peace.***

May the Holy Spirit strengthen the bonds of our communion and guide us in service.

***By God’s grace, we will love our neighbors.***

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, encouraged by the saints, to love and serve the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**^CLOSING HYMN –** No. 679                      “When We All Get To Heaven”

**^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, Anita Zawada, 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, 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 the altar flowers are dedicated to Ellie in celebration of her baptism and they are also dedicated to her great-grandparents.

Last week Vernetta Meyers presented the altar flowers in honor of family. This was inadvertently missed in last week's bulletin

**HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS:** This year we will once again be collecting food for Thanksgiving meals. We hope to collect enough food to benefit 8 families. Three of the families are in our community the other five families are located in the Kutztown Area School District. If you are donating food for this project due here at the church November 22. All food donated will be delivered to the chosen families on November 23, 2026. Look for more information in the narthex or contact Barb Dieter if you have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY SPECIAL:** This 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.

**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.

**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 November we will be collecting items to be served at our Thanksgiving 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!**