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Pastor's Pen

Hello Church!

When we think about the ministry of the church, it's easy to picture the organized things we do together—our worship services, outreach events, mission projects, Bible studies, and programs. These are good, faithful, and important. God uses them. Lives are touched, needs are met, and seeds of faith are planted.

But Scripture consistently points us to something even more powerful: *the everyday witness of God's people*.

From the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, we see this clearly. When Jesus called His first disciples, He didn't invite them into a program—He invited them into a way of life. "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people" (Mark 1:17). Their calling wasn't limited to a meeting time or a specific event. Their *lives* became the ministry.

And the same is true for us.

Our organized ministries matter. They create space for connection, learning, and service. They can open doors and create opportunities for people to encounter Christ. But they can only go so far. They are most effective when they are supported and extended by something deeper—the daily witness of each person who calls this church home.

The truth is, the most powerful ministry of our church doesn't happen only within these walls or within scheduled activities. It happens in conversations at work, in acts of kindness in neighborhoods, in invitations extended to friends, and in the quiet ways we live out our faith each day.

Jesus makes this clear again in the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). This wasn't a command given only to a select few or to a formal ministry team—it was given to all who follow Him. Each of us is sent.

Life Under the Clock Tower



Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!



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DIRECTORY
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MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone,
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Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory**  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



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Save the Date

Bethlehem Church Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH AT LION'S PARK

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Church Service starts at 10:00AM

Hamburgers/hot dogs, pasta salad,
potato salad, baked beans, cucumber salad and
homemade strawberry shortcake!

Sponsored by the Altar and
Flower Guild

Fellowship, food
and fun!



BINGO
DOOR PRIZES!



Lunch Bunch will be meeting

Tuesday May 19 @ noon

@ Chili's

Sign up at the network table or contact
Margaret Malehorn at 717-266-0352

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions for the June

Newsletter is May 15th.

Please email submissions to
office@gotobethlehem.org

Prayer Breakfast

Joint Venture led by
Rev. Roger Mentzer

Join us every Thursday morning from
8AM -9:30AM at Two Brothers Family
Restaurant in York for a time of
fellowship, food and scripture.

Join us, all are welcome!

Pastor's Pen

Likewise, we are reminded in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us." Think about that—*through us*. Not just through the church as an institution, but through each individual life.

This means your life is not separate from ministry—it *is* your ministry.

It's in the way you speak.

It's in the way you love.

It's in the way you respond when life is difficult.

It's in the way you invite someone to come and see.

Our organized ministries can introduce people to the church, but it is often a personal invitation that brings them through the door. Our programs can share the message, but it is your life that gives that message credibility.

So this is both an encouragement and a challenge.

Keep supporting and participating in the ministries of our church—they matter, and God is using them. But don't stop there. Begin to see your daily life as your primary place of ministry.

Who in your life needs encouragement?

Who needs to hear about hope in Christ?

Who might come if you simply invited them?

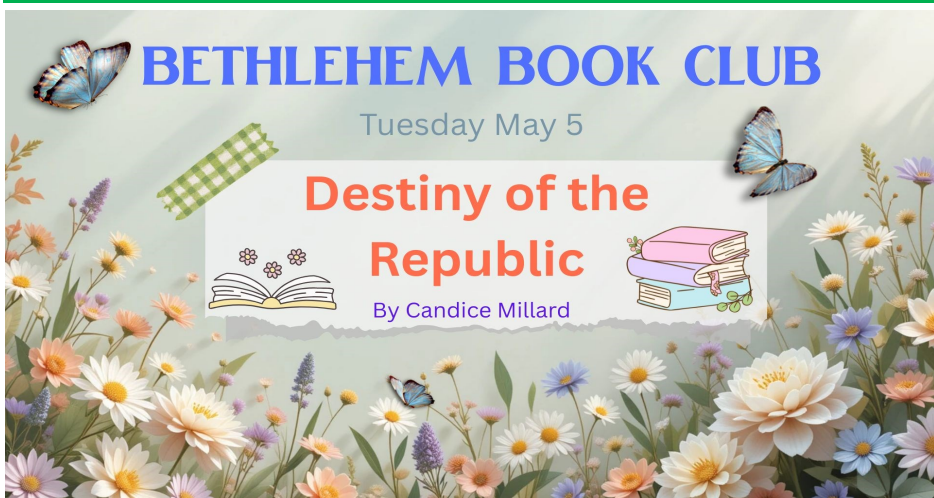
Pray for those people. Look for opportunities. Take a step of faith.

Because when the people of God embrace their personal calling, the reach of the church expands far beyond anything we could organize.

And that is exactly how Jesus designed it.

God bless, Pastor Dave

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BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB
Tuesday May 5
Destiny of the Republic
By Candice Millard



VBS Volunteers Needed
If you have some time to spare, Please sign up to help with our VBS
June 14 - 18
Enjoy the evening with the kids and loads of fun!
Dinners included...



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
Vacation Bible School
June 14 - 18
6:00 - 8:20 PM



Please use the QR Code to register or check out our church website for the registration link


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If you donate any goods to any LIFEPATH Thrift store, give them our church name **(Bethlehem Church Dallastown)** and we will get credit for the items to receive gift cards to **help someone in need.**

"Mission Central"

- Reusable Wipes (microfiber, fleece, or paper towel material)
- Air Freshener (4-9 oz, non-aerosol)
- Hand Sanitizer (2-4 oz)
- Insect Repellent (6-14 oz pump or 10-20 oz wipes)



Emmanuel's Closet
is collecting selected donations of food.
If you can help, we are in need of the following:

*Detergent	*beef stew	*Chicken
*salmon	*spam	*Sloppy Jo
*chili w/meat	*Beverages	*NO tuna

Please mark donations for Emmanuel's Closet and drop them off near the mailboxes. We appreciate your continued support.

If you have any questions, Please contact

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We are looking for persons or couples who would be willing to greet one Sunday before the 10:30AM service. Serving time would begin at 10AM at the front of the church. Contact Palmer Poff at 717-244-4240 if you would be willing to serve in this meaningful ministry of welcoming members and visitors to our wonderful church.

Thank you to Don & Cindy Diehl, Troy & Faye Harrold, Marsha Strine, Lisa Hott, Denny & Debbie Jordan for being greeters for the month of April

SPONSORS NEEDED

Many of our neighbors in York City are struggling to meet basic needs, and face hunger and homelessness daily. More than 60 churches of all faiths across York County, as well as civic groups, participate in the ministry of the **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** by providing breakfast and lunch every weekday to over 250 people.

Again, the Bethlehem Missions Committee is grateful to everyone who has responded to this need by becoming sponsors of the ministry between Bethlehem and **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen**. Donations have made it possible for the Missions Committee to purchase and prepare a hot luncheon that will be served to over 300 children and adults at the soup kitchen in downtown.

We continually give God thanks for the generosity of the Bethlehem Church family!

Name _____

\$50.00 Donation

(Make checks payable to Bethlehem Church
in memo put Our Daily Bread)

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*We are celebrating Mother's Day
'Kentucky Derby style'*

Friday May 1st

6:00 - 8:00

Wesley Hall

*Join us as we honor our wonderful Mother's with a night
all about them!*

*Moms' bring your children for a fun filled evening of
southern fare and some 'horsey' activities*

Feel free to dress in derby attire

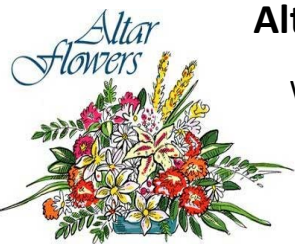
(think big hats and bowties)

All mother figures of all ages are welcome

Please RSVP:

Julie - jbspyker@hotmail.com/

717-600-4075 by April 26th



Altar Flower Sponsors needed

What a great way to honor a loved one and

Glorify God. Reserve your spots now

Cost is \$50.

Please contact Wendy Pichler - 717-578-6747 for more information.



Homebound but Not Forgotten

Members wishing to be included on our Homebound List can request this at any time. Call the church office at 717-244-1486 or email to gotobethlehem.org. Homebound members receive newsletters, bulletins, altar flowers, bud vases and special flowers, sunshine bags, visits (if desired), cards, prayers shawls, and prayers.

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Memorial Day Flag Folding Ceremony, 2026

CALLING ALL VETERANS: On Veterans Sunday 2025, a group of our veterans presented a flag folding ceremony. This included a reading pertaining to each fold on the flag. Sorry, I could not participate, but was able to watch from home, It was well received by the congregation and very much appreciated.

We are going to change it up this year and present the flag folding ceremony on Memorial Day Sunday, May 24th. Based on how much it was appreciated, we are going to try to do it at each of the three Sunday Morning Services.

To accomplish this, we are going to need as many of our veterans to volunteer as possible because not all veterans will be able to attend each service.

Following the completion of the folding of the flag, "A Prayer for Our Veterans" will be read.

Finally, to close the ceremony, I'm thinking about the playing of TAPS. So, do we have a veteran in our congregation who lays the trumpet? Does anyone know a veteran who plays the trumpet and would be willing to volunteer to play for us?

Let me know your thoughts and feelings about this procedure. Please reply because it will take a lot of practice and Memorial Day Sunday will be here before you know it.

Contact Terry Tyson at terger@comcast.net

Sincerely and blessings,

Terry <><

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Saturday Men's Group Meeting



When: Saturdays

Where: Common Grounds Café

Time: 8:00 – 9:00am

Calling **all** men of Bethlehem to a meeting of fellowship, discussions of subjects to enrich our understanding of the Word of God and any personal subjects, as needed, related to individual subjects. Questions?? Contact: Troy Harrold at trharrold@comcast.net Or Keith Metzel at sanctuarysound2015@gmail.com

JOIN US for Youth Group!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

SUNDAYS FROM 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

BETHLEHEM CHURCH
109 E. MAIN STREET,
DALLASTOWN, PA 17313

FOLLOWING JESUS!

ATTENTION ALL 2026

Preschool
High School
Trade School
College

GRADUATES

Please email the following information to
office@gotobethlehem.org

*Photo

*The school you are graduating from

*If you are attending a school for higher education
-Where?

-What is your major?

*Parents or Grandparents names



Sunday Youth Group
Volunteers needed to bring meals
Sign up in Wesley Hall

If you would like provide a meal for our youth group time there is a sign up sheet in Wesley Hall!

You will need to provide a meal for around 20 people.

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The Congregational Care Work Group began early in 2024 with a goal of helping the Bethlehem Church family build meaningful relationships and offer compassion and care to our families during all seasons of life. We may be the organizers, but all in our church family are vital and welcome to join in our efforts. One main goal is connecting with our homebound members in cooperation with our Visitation Ministry. We have homebound partners to keep in touch with regularly. We also help to deliver seasonal flowers like poinsettias and lilies to others. Another rewarding project is the “Operation Thinking of You” gift bags in the springtime and near Thanksgiving for those confined to their homes or who are in nursing care. Many generous non-committee volunteers donate thoughtful items for the Sunshine Bags. Some sign up to deliver the bags and to spend some time visiting. The office sends mailable items to those who now live farther away but still are remembered. Maintaining an updated list of contact information of the homebound—folks who request the service through the office—is a committee goal. During health emergencies and difficult times for members who request help, we initiate Take-Them-A-Meal, an online program that organizes a meal schedule offering food from a growing list of volunteer cooks. All of us stay open for requests to pass on needs and concerns from any of our Bethlehem friends to our pastor. We are a small committee that meets quarterly and always appreciates willing volunteers. Our current chairperson is Teri Stacey. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office. At God’s direction and guidance, the Congregational Care Work Group of Bethlehem Church Dallastown will continue to strive to find ways to be of service to others as we are reminded each day that we have been called to be servants to those in need and good shepherds to the entire congregation.



Geraniums for Pentecost



To honor the birth of the Church, we will be decorating our Sanctuary again this year with red geraniums on Pentecost, May 24th. The geraniums will be planted around the churches as a reminder of this wonderful day! **The cost per geranium is \$4.00 for a 3.5” pot.** Please fill out the form below and include payment with your order, as you will not be billed.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at
717-244-1486.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 17th.

2026 Pentecost Geraniums

I would like _____ Geraniums (Total)

_____ In Honor of Pentecost

_____ In Honor of Loved One(s)

Name(s): _____


_____ In Memory of Loved One(s)

Name(s): _____

Placed by: _____

Please make checks payable to Bethlehem Church.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed 6pm Mother's Day Derby	2 8am Men's Group 10am Paules Funeral 6pm AA
3 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	4 6:30 Trustees Meeting 6:30pm 4H Meeting 7pm Men's Basketball	5 10am Life Group 10am Book Club 6:30pm Mission Team Meeting 7pm AA	6 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Life Group 6:30pm Life Group 7:15pm Choir Practice	7 8am Prayer Breakfast 6:30pm SPRC Meeting	8 Office Closed 6pm Girl Scouts	9 8am Men's Group 6pm AA
10 Mother's Day 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional	11 1pm Sisters in Christ 7pm Men's Basketball	12 Mission Central 9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Lions Club 7pm AA	13 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Life Group 6:30pm Life Group 7:15pm Choir Practice	14 8am Prayer Breakfast	15 Office Closed Reach/Café Last Day	16 8am Men's Group 10am Denominational Affiliation 11am Basketball/Arjay 6pm AA
17 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	18 6:30 Prayer Shawl 7pm Men's Basketball	19 12pm Lunch Bunch 7pm Denominational Affiliation 7pm AA	20 10am Women's Bible Study 12pm Bridal Shower 6pm Life Group 6:30pm Life Group 7:15pm Choir Practice	21 8am Prayer Breakfast	22 Office Closed 6pm Girl Scouts	23 8am Men's Group 3pm Arjay Party 6pm AA
24 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	25 Office Closed 	26 10am Reach Recognition Day 7pm AA	27 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Life Group 6:30pm Life Group 7:15pm Choir Practice	28 8am Prayer Breakfast	29 Office Closed	30 8am Men's Group 10am Piano Concert 6pm AA
31 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	