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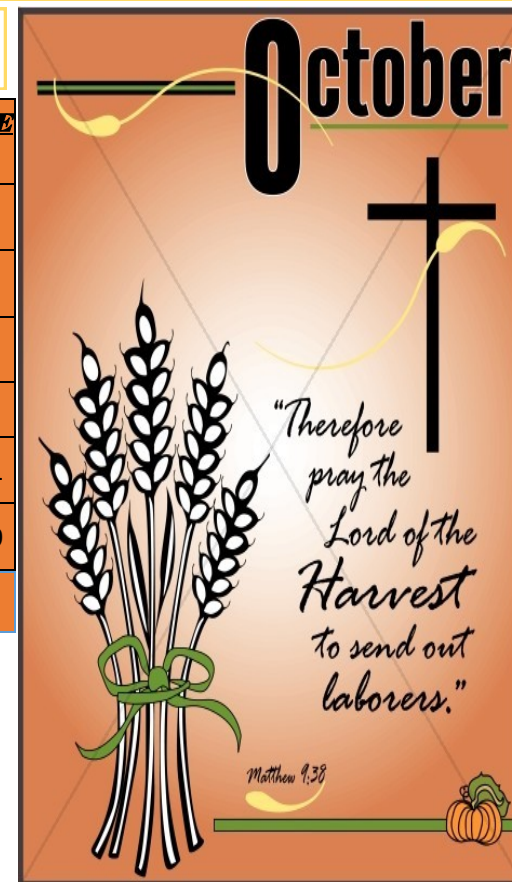
# **The Lamplighter**

## **October 2025**

### **Bethlehem Church Dallastown**

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Hello Church,

Mark Cable, a beloved Christian artist from York, PA, shares the love of Christ through soulful music and engaging storytelling. With heartfelt lyrics, warm humor, and a down-to-earth style, Mark's songs inspire faith, hope, and joy for audiences of all ages. Whether in concert, church events, or family gatherings, his music is a refreshing reminder of God's grace and goodness.

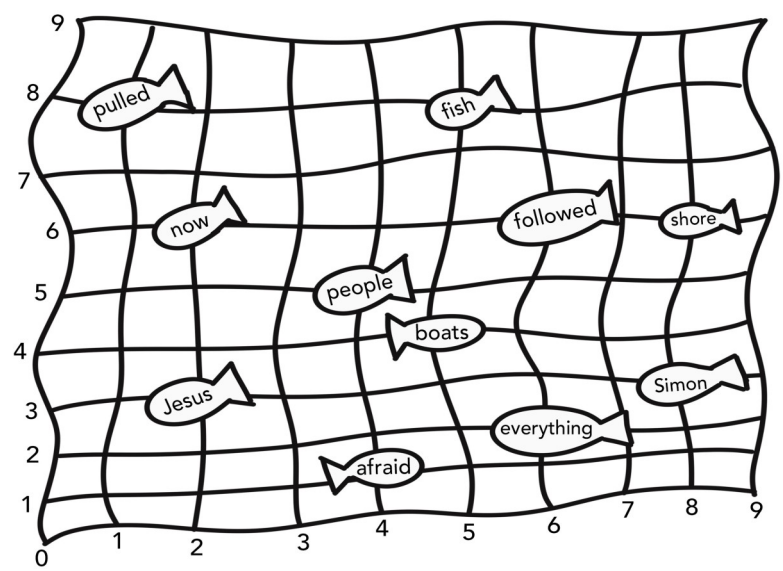
We are excited to announce that he will be coming to Bethlehem Church on Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>! We hope you will invite your friends and neighbor to join us for an evening of good food, music and laughter at "The Great Date Night." We will be selling tickets for a nominal cost which will be available shortly. Please spread the word and get ready for a wonderful evening together as a church family!



FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_; from \_\_\_\_\_  
(2, 3) (8, 3) (4, 1) (2, 6)  
on you will \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. So they \_\_\_\_\_ their  
(5, 8) (4, 5) (1, 8)  
\_\_\_\_\_ up on \_\_\_\_\_, left \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
(5, 4) (8, 6) (6, 2) (6, 6)

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, followed, everything, boats, pulled, fish, people, now, Simon, afraid, followed

## Life Under the Clock Tower



### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

*Each year, on All Saints' Sunday, we take time to remember those in our church family who have "finished their course of faith and now rest from their labors" and pray for those who grieve their loss.*

*As is our tradition, those of our Bethlehem family who have passed will be called by name. Families of those individuals will be invited to take part in this remembrance at all three worship services by placing one memorial rose per family in a special wreath. We hope this can be a meaningful way to remember their lives, and as the morning progresses and more roses are added at each service, we will see the combined witness of those who have gone before us in faith.*

*There are also families and individuals who participate in the life of our church who have also lost loved ones who were not part of our congregation. At all worship services on November 2, 2025, these persons will be invited to stand and share the name(s) of the loved ones that have passed, lifting them as a special prayer focus for the day.*

*As part of this day of remembrance, persons wishing to have their loved ones recognized are encouraged to bring a photograph on November 2, 2025, to be placed on a memorial table at Bethlehem Church in Wesley Hall of Friendship, to serve as a fitting tribute to those who have gone to eternal glory.*

*Each family is requested to retrieve their photograph at the end of the service.*

*Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office or speak with Pastor David Stough. God bless!*

## Life Under the Clock Tower

### In recognition of Scott and Kelli Sellers service as Chair of the Mission Team



For nearly 14 years, Scott and Kelli Sellers have quietly and faithfully served both Bethlehem and the wider community as the chair of our church's mission team. We are grateful for their dedication and service! Their work has touched many lives through practical help, generosity, and love for those in need. Just as seasons change so does leadership within the church. As Scott and Kelli step back from their work overseeing and leading the mission team of our church, there is no doubt that seeking to serve those in need will always be part of their Christian walk.

Scott and Kelli gave countless hours to connect our church with ministries like Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Homeless Veterans, and feeding the homeless, while also leading our Mission Team in service and fund raising. Scott arranged a weekly pickup and delivery of donuts from Maple Donuts to Our Daily Bread and freely offered contracting skills to assist with home repairs and yard work for those unable to afford them.

Kelli has faithfully served alongside him, helping to feed, clothe, counsel, and encourage countless people over the years. Together, they have given their time and resources in ways that have blessed many and strengthened our community. We are grateful for the years of their leadership and pray that God will continue to guide and equip their path to serve others.

## Church Mouse

Greetings my Bethlehem Church family, Charity reporting,

I can definitely feel a chill in the air that was not there two weeks ago. I think most people refer to this season as Fall, but I recently overheard some individuals refer to it as 'Football Season.' I must get my hearing checked out, as why would anyone's foot need a ball. That's just crazy.

One of the things my mice family is really enjoying is Dylan Hoffman's introduction of the Youth of the church. It's great seeing their face and learning a little about each of them. However, I just wish I could keep their names straight. For anyone who wishes to assist the youth program, providing meals for Youth Group on Sunday evenings would be a great way to help. Keep up the great work Dylan!!

The Children's Department is having a Bake Sale on Thursday evening, October 16<sup>th</sup> during the Dallastown Halloween Parade. This Fundraiser will offer cookies, brownies and other delicious treats, as well as hot and cold beverages. Be sure to remember to support the Children's Ministry, while enjoying the parade.

The Children's Department is hosting a 'Kid's Craft Night on Friday evening October 17<sup>th</sup>. Snacks and Drinks will be provided, along with all the supplies you will need. So, let your imagination run wild deciding what crafts you might create. It is the perfect time for me to get some really great ideas for Halloween costumes for my micelings, as every year they want something new and scary.

For all of you who ordered those delicious Apple Dumplings, pickup is Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you forget to pick them up, it would be okay with me and my family, as it may provide several meals for all of our ever-growing family mouse family.

Lunch Bunch is meeting Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> at Conewago Inn at noon. Sign Up at the network table in Wesley Hall or contact Margaret Malehorn at (717) 266-0352. I'd love to attend if someone would give me a ride.

A Chicken Pot Pie Dinner will be taking place Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details.

Please keep in mind that any donations to Lifepath Thrift store (if you mention Bethlehem Church) will result in our church receiving credit for the sale of the items, and the receipt of gift cards that will assist someone in need. It is a great way to participate in outreach to the community.

## Life Under the Church



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a way we can "Give of ourselves so others may know Jesus Christ". Since 1993, OCC has provided gift boxes to more than 232 million children in over 170 countries. The boxes are distributed at Gospel-focused outreach events. With each box, children receive a book called The Greatest Gift which tells the story of the Gospel. They are also invited to attend "The Greatest Journey" discipleship program which includes 12 Bible lessons. The children share what they've learned with friends and family, and more people put their faith in Christ. Every shoebox shares the good news of Jesus Christ! Pick up your box at the network table starting October 19th. Here are some tips for filling a quality box:

Make it fun – include a quality "Wow" gift!

Make it full – if it rattles, it's not full.

Personalize it with a note letting children know that God loves them.

Include the \$10 donation to cover the shipping costs. This can be done online.

All liquids, including toothpaste, and food/candy are strictly prohibited. Please do not include them as they will be discarded.

Please put an OCC label on your box indicating whether it is for a boy or girl, and what age group.

The deadline to have your boxes at Bethlehem Church, Dallastown, so that they can make it to their next destination is Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the worship services.



## Life Under the Church Tower



**Help Needed for AV and Sound Board**

**All Services:**  
8:00, 9:15, and 10:30

Can help weekly or monthly!  
Please contact Keith Metzel.



**Sunday School and Nursery Volunteers Needed!**

Our children's ministry is in need of volunteers for **Sunday School and the Nursery**. If you love working with kids, please consider offering your time. You will make a difference!

**Please Contact Julie Spyker**



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 Karl & Cindy Landis, Bob & Linda Schmuck, Bob & Sharon Schultz, Doug & Sue Rost Brent & Eric Spyker for being greeters during the month of August.

## Church Mouse

### October Serving Opportunities:

#### Our Daily Bread Contributors

#### Altar Flower Sponsors

#### Meals for the Youth Group

### Ongoing Activities:

#### Youth Group – Sundays at 5:30-7:00

#### Prayer Breakfast – Thursdays at 8:00-9:30

#### Saturday Men's Group – Saturdays at 8:00-9:00

#### AV & Sound Board - all three services

#### Men's Basketball League – Mondays – 7:00pm

#### Children's Sunday School & Nursery

#### Setting Up Contemporary Service

#### Coffee Fellowship

#### Greeters

#### Upcoming Activities:

#### All Saints Sunday – 11/2

#### Christmas in Dallastown – 11/8

Keep the Life Groups that have begun here at Bethlehem in your prayers. Throughout the 8-week sessions, these groups will experience growth together, as each group will examine and discuss the materials found in the video series entitled "Life with Max." Max Lucado, a best-selling Christian author, will guide each group through real life situations that most all of us have either experienced or know someone who has. As is his style, Max is certain to focus on God's Love in each of these eight sessions.

I am ever vigilant to keep everyone informed of all the activities that are happening here at Bethlehem Church. Cooler weather is right around the corner, so, as the leaves begin to change color this month, enjoy the beauty all around us. 'Keep praying, my church friends'. Keep praying for all the exciting things that that are, and will be happening in the future within this family of believers that call Bethlehem Church home.

Love,

Charity (the Church Mouse)

### HARVEST HOME – Sunday November 16, 2025



The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

On Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the Altar n Flower Guild together with the Children's Department, will sponsor Harvest Home Sunday. Church members are invited to bring food donations and place them at the altar.

For many years, Harvest Home Sunday donations helped stock the church pantry, supporting those in need in our community. However, due to the challenges brought by COVID in 2020, both Harvest Home Sunday and the pantry were discontinued.

This year, all food donations will be given to 2 organizations: Community Reach in Red Lion, to assist with Thanksgiving meals for those in the community experiencing hardship and Our Daily Bread in York City. This organization provides meals for those in need 5 days a week, including holidays. In 2024, Our Daily Bread served 11,000 more meals than in 2023.

Following church services on November 16th, donations will be taken to Wesley Hall, sorted, and boxed for delivery to both organizations.

Details about needed food items and other specifics will be shared in the coming weeks. We ask everyone to consider donating to support those experiencing hardship.

Altar n Flower Guild / Children's Department

### CRITICAL NEEDS:

- For Activity Kits: Spiral notebooks, composition books, 2-pocket folders with 3-prongs
- For Cleaning Buckets: Scouring pads, air freshener (pump spray, 4–8 oz), insect repellent (pump spray, 6–14 oz)
- For the Medical Equipment Program: Rollators, wheelchairs



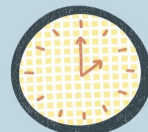
## Life Under the Clock Tower



### PART-TIME CHURCH OFFICE ASSISTANT

We are looking for someone to support the weekly administrative functions of the church office.

General office tasks, organized, friendly, must have computer skills



2 Days a week  
12 hours/week



### Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

Sign up today in Wesley Hall

3 Seating Times  
4PM, 5PM, and 6PM

Adults \$13.00  
Kids 12 & Under \$8.00



**Lunch Bunch** will be meeting  
Tuesday October 21 at 12 noon  
@ Conewago Inn– Manchester

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

## Life Under the Clock Tower

The Connections Committee is going to highlight some “Worker Bees” around our church in the next several Newsletters. This month we’re featuring our fabulous secretary, Jen Gillespie.

Jen grew up attending Bethlehem Church. She is a 1994 Dallastown graduate, Go Wildcats! Jen is married to Shane Gillespie for 27 years and has 2 wonderful children, Tyler and Gretta.

I asked Jen what her main responsibility at Bethlehem is “Keeping Pastor Dave in line?” She emphatically answered YES! plus doing everything else!

Did you know that Jen teaches Children’s Sunday School with Julie Spyker? She teaches grades 3 through 6. Jen also loves helping with the 4-H Club that meets once a month here at Bethlehem.

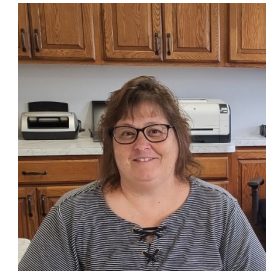
I asked Jen to share a favorite memory of her childhood at Bethlehem and she responded that she had the lead role of Mary and that the drama was televised!!! And - you might be surprised to learn that Jen was a dancer from the age of 3 to 17! She loved Ballet, Jazz, and Tap. She also is a cat lover!

Jen’s favorite hymn is Amazing Grace.

In closing, Jen shared, “We get smarter with age and wisdom” and her message to today’s youth is: “Always do your best!”

Respectfully,

Margo McGuigan





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We are looking for someone for Coffee fellowship on October 5 @ 10:30am. The book club signed up but with some health issues and a vacation they can no longer do it. If you would like to step up and bring some goodies please sign up in fellowship hall.

### Altar Flower Sponsors needed

What a great way to honor a loved one and glorify God.

Reserve your spots now! Cost is now \$50.

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



### 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](mailto:trharrold@comcast.net) Or

Keith Metzel at [sanctuarysound2015@gmail.com](mailto:sanctuarysound2015@gmail.com)

## Life Under the Clock Tower



## Children's Ministry Kids CRAFT NIGHT



October 17th

6:30-8:00pm

Free Snacks and Drinks

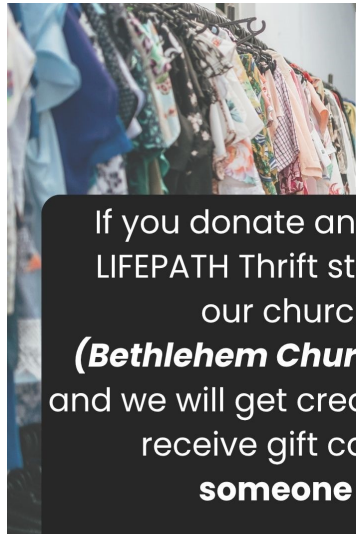
Come and join us for  
a free fun crafting night

\*supplies will be provided to  
make multiple crafts



**Order your  
Apple Dumplings  
Today!**

Orders due by October 12  
Pick Up October 19

**LIFEPATH**  
THRIFT STORES

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.**

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.



**Finance  
Update**

**Year to Date budget for  
Bethlehem Church as of September 14, 2025**

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Current fund         | \$ -187,336.00       |
| Property improvement | \$ 4,449.00          |
| New Vision           | <u>\$ -26,454.00</u> |
| Budget is            | \$ -209,341.00       |

**Bethlehem  
Children's Ministry  
Bake Sale  
Fundraiser**

**Thursday October 16  
during the Halloween Parade**

**COOKIES, BROWNIES AND MORE  
HOT AND COLD BEVERAGES ALSO  
AVAILABLE**




**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!**

# October Calendar

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|                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                               |                                                                       | <b>1-Wednesday</b><br>10am Women's bible<br>6:30pm Safety<br>7:15pm Choir Practice | <b>2-Thursday</b><br>8am Prayer Breakfast                                                        | <b>3-Friday</b><br>12pm Bridal Shower       | <b>4-Saturday</b><br>8am Men's Group<br>6pm AA                                         |
| <b>5-SUNDAY</b><br>8am Our Daily Bread<br>8am Chapel worship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>9:15 am Contemporary<br>10:30am Traditional<br>5:30pm Youth Group<br>Church walking Tours | <b>6-MONDAY</b><br>9am PS Enrichment<br>6:30pm Trustees<br>7pm Men's Basketball                                               | <b>7-TUESDAY</b><br>10am Book Club<br>6:30pm Mission<br>7pm AA        | <b>8-Wednesday</b><br>10am Women's bible<br>7:15pm Choir                           | <b>9-Thursday</b><br>8am– Prayer Breakfast<br>1pm Sisters in Christ<br>5:30pm Bell socialization | <b>10-Friday</b>                            | <b>11-Saturday</b><br>8am Men's Group<br>6pm AA                                        |
| <b>12-SUNDAY</b><br>8am Chapel worship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>9:15 am Contemporary<br>10:30am Traditional<br>4:00pm Girl Scouts<br>5:30pm Youth Group                         | <b>13-MONDAY</b><br>7pm Men's Basketball<br> | <b>14-TUESDAY</b><br>9am Staff meeting<br>6:30pm Lions Club<br>7pm AA | <b>15-Wednesday</b><br>10am Women's Bible<br>3pm Missions<br>7:15pm Choir          | <b>16-Thursday</b><br>8am Prayer Breakfast<br>3pm Missions<br>7pm Dallastown Parade              | <b>17-Friday</b><br>6:30pm Craft Night      | <b>18-Saturday</b><br>8am Men's Group<br>8am Missions making apple dumplings<br>6pm AA |
| <b>19-SUNDAY</b><br>8am Chapel worship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>9:15 am Contemporary<br>10am Apple dumpling pick up<br>10:30am Traditional<br>5:30pm Youth Group                | <b>20-MONDAY</b><br>6:30pm Prayer Shawl<br>7pm Men's Basketball                                                               | <b>21-TUESDAY</b><br>7pm AA                                           | <b>22-Wednesday</b><br>10am Women's Bible<br>7:15pm Choir                          | <b>23-Thursday</b><br>8am– Prayer Breakfast<br>5:30pm Bell Socialization                         | <b>24-Friday</b><br>6:15pm Girl Scouts      | <b>25-Saturday</b><br>8am Men's Group<br>6pm AA<br>Chicken Pot Pie Dinner              |
| <b>26-SUNDAY</b><br>8am Chapel worship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>9:15 am Contemporary<br>10:30am Traditional<br>5:30pm Youth Group                                               | <b>27-MONDAY</b><br>9am PS Enrichment<br>7pm Men's Basketball                                                                 | <b>28-TUESDAY</b><br>6:30pm Lions Club<br>7pm AA                      | <b>29-Wednesday</b><br>10am Women's Bible<br>7:15pm Choir                          | <b>30-Thursday</b><br>8am– Prayer Breakfast<br>9am PS Fall celebration                           | <b>31-Friday</b><br>9am PS Fall celebration |   |