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The Lamplighter

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Pastor's Pen

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning."
— Lamentations 3:22–23 (NLT)

Hello Church!

January has a way of making us pause. The decorations are packed away, the calendar is clean, and we stand at the beginning of a new year—carrying both hope and heaviness with us. Some of us step into January excited and expectant. Others arrive tired, uncertain, or still carrying the weight of the year behind us.

That is why these words from Lamentations are such a gift.

This passage was written in the middle of grief, loss, and devastation. And yet, right there in the pain, the writer proclaims a powerful truth: God's faithful love never ends. His mercies never run out. No matter what yesterday held, God meets us today with mercy that is new.

January often tempts us to believe everything depends on our resolve—our discipline, our plans, our ability to "do better." But Scripture reminds us that the foundation of this new year is not our faithfulness to God, but God's faithfulness to us. Each morning we wake up, we are met not with judgment for yesterday, but with fresh mercy for today.

As we begin this year together as a church, let us lean into that promise. Let us start our days expecting God's mercy, trusting His love, and believing that He is at work—even in places that feel unfinished or uncertain. Whatever this year holds, we do not walk into it alone. We walk into it carried by a God whose faithfulness is great and whose mercy is new every single morning.

May this January be a time of renewed hope, quiet trust, and grateful hearts as we receive the mercies God so freely gives.

In Christ, Pastor Dave

Life Under the Clock Tower

Snowflake SNACK CAKES

Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls

What you do:

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

Lesson tie-in:
Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)

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!

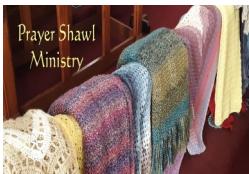
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\$50.00 Donation

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



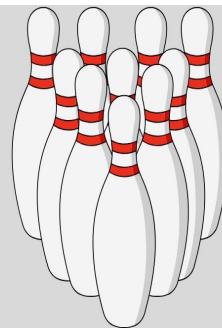
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Prayer Shawl Group

Since June of 2011, a group of dedicated women have been knitting, crocheting, quilting, and making fleece prayer shawls and blankets for those in need. Their mission is to offer comfort to those facing challenges. They donate regularly to several organizations, including White Rose Hospice, Cancer Care, and Rest Haven. This group has crafted over 2,100 pieces, each filled with love and prayers. The group welcomes anyone to reach out to receive one for themselves, a loved one, or a friend. They are a tangible symbol of support. They are placed on the altar a few times a year and prayed over and blessed by Pastor Dave. Meetings are held monthly on the third Monday at the home of Sue and Randy Sharp from 6:30 until 8:30 pm.

Current active members include Pat Walker, Deb Smith, Kathi Orwig, Mary Frances Bull, Kay Bufflap, Gloria Thompson, and Sue Sharp. We welcome new members along with donations of yarn, gift cards, or monetary to continue our ministry.



Bowling & Laser Tag

Sunday January 11th

1:00 – 2:30 pm

We will meet at Laser Alleys (East Market Street) for an afternoon of fun with friends as we bowl and play laser tag.

The cost will be \$5 per person

Please RSVP by Jan. 4th so we can reserve lanes

RSVP – call/text/email Julie

jbspyker@hotmail.com or 717-600-4075

Church Leaders Message

Message From Your Church Leaders

Hello! We are:

David Morton, 2025 coordinator, **Doug Rost**, 2026 coordinator thru June, **Andra Bull**, **Dylan Hoffman**, **Keith McGuigan**, **Walt Reamer** and **Teri Stacey**. Nominated and approved by the church council, we serve for up to three year terms.

Working closely with our pastor, here are some of our present goals:

1. Church Unity and Growth: While we provide three distinct worship services, we are one church family. Can we find new ways for us all to engage together in fellowship and Christian education? We have a great congregation, staff and building. Let's grow!

2. Engaging Our Members in Service. Please read the Lamplighter and our Church Bulletins for opportunities to serve!

3. Denomination Affiliation? Should we remain independent or join a denomination?

We have formed a committee consisting of several church leaders and our Pastor to initially study this. We will provide detailed information to our Church Council for questions, dialogue and authorization to proceed. A more detailed progress report will be provided to you in April.

Please contact any of the church leaders with your questions, comments or suggestions. Together, with Christ as our Guide, we can accomplish much for the glory of God!

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FASNACHT DAY

TUESDAY February 17, 2026

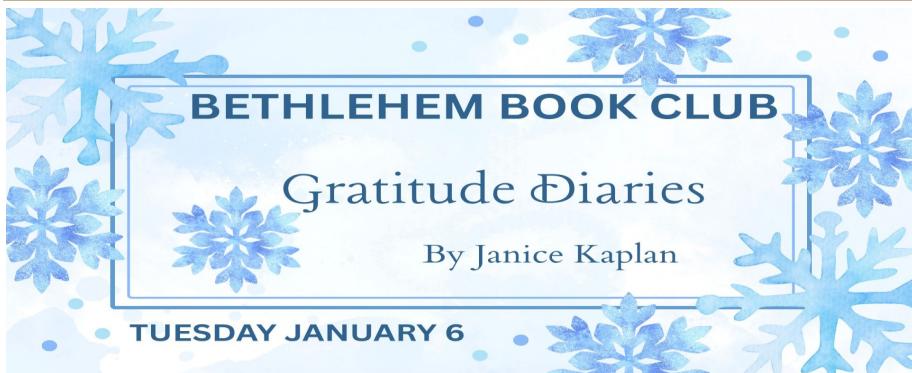
Orders Due by February 7th

Amish made potato fasnachts

\$8.00 / 6 count



**Pick-up will be Tuesday February 17 6AM-5PM
in Fellowship Hall and Cafe 5PM-7PM**



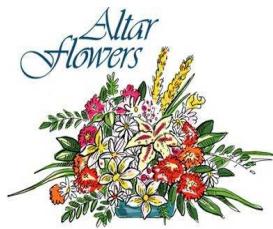
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We are looking for persons or couples who would be willing to greet one Sunday before the 10:30AM service. Serving time would begin at 10AM at the front of the church. Contact Palmer Poff at 717-244-4240 if you would be willing to serve in this meaningful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

Thank you to Peter & Linda Atwood, Dave & Ann Morton, Bill Garman, Bob Schmuck, and Troy Harrold for being greeters during the month of December.



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

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

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With winter now upon us, please remember to check for church closures should there be inclement weather.

Bethlehem Church closures will appear on our Facebook page, website, and the following:

FOX43

ABC27

CBS21



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Lunch Bunch will be meeting

Tuesday Jan. 20 @ noon

@ Marino's Restaurant

Sign up at the network table or contact

Margaret Malehorn at 717-266-0352



If you donate any goods to any LIFE PATH 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.**

Year to Date



Contributions compared to 2025 budget for

Bethlehem Church as of

November 16, 2025

Current fund **\$ -242,445.00**

Property improvement **\$ 4,573.00**

New Vision **\$ -31,349.00**

Budget is **\$ -269,221.00**

January Calendar



4-Sunday	5-Monday	6-Tuesday	7-Wednesday	8-Thursday	9-Friday	10-Saturday
5:30pm Youth Group	5pm Basketball - Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 6:30pm 4H Meeting 6:30pm Trustees Meeting 7pm Men's Basketball	10am Book Club 5pm Basketball -Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 6:30pm Mission Meeting 7pm AA	10am Women's Bible 5:30 Soccer 6:30pm Church Leader Meeting 7pm Basketball -Birkland 7:15pm Choir	8am Prayer Breakfast 6:30pm Volleyball 6:30pm Preschool Meeting	9am Altar&Flower Banner repair 5:30 Soccer-Thompson	8am Men's Group 6pm AA
11-Sunday	12-Monday	13-Tuesday	14-Wednesday	15-Thursday	16-Friday	17-Saturday
5:30pm Youth Group	9 am PS Enrichment 1pm Sisters in Christ 5pm Basketball -Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 7pm Men's Basketball	9am Staff Meeting 5pm Basketball -Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 6:30pm Lions Club 7pm AA	10am Women's Bible 5:30pm Soccer 7pm Basketball -Birkland 7:15pm Choir	8am Prayer Breakfast 9am Preschool Gym 6pm Volleyball	Reach Closed 9am Preschool Gym 9am Altar&Flower Banner repair 5:30pm Soccer-Thompson	8am Men's Group Kenney Funeral Luncheon 6pm AA
18-Sunday	19-Monday	20-Tuesday	21-Wednesday	22-Thursday	23-Friday	24-Saturday
5:30pm Youth Group	Reach Closed 5pm Basketball - Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 6:30pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Men's Basketball	11am Lunch Bunch 6pm Upward Basketball 6:30pm Discipleship Committee Meeting 7pm AA	10am Women's Bible 5:30pm Soccer 7pm Basketball -Birkland 7:15pm Choir	8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Volleyball	9am Altar&Flower Banner repair 5:30 Soccer-Thompson 6pm Girl Scouts	8am Men's Group 9am Upward Basketball 6pm AA
25-Sunday	26-Monday	27-Tuesday	28-Wednesday	29-Thursday	30-Friday	31-Saturday
5:30pm Youth Group	9am PS Enrichment 5pm Basketball -Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 7pm Men's Basketball	6:00pm Upward Basketball 7pm AA	10am Women's Bible 5:30pm Soccer 7pm Basketball -Birkland 7:15pm Choir	8am Prayer Breakfast 9am Preschool Gym 6pm Volleyball	9am Altar&Flower Banner repair 5:30 Soccer-Thompson	8am Men's Group 9am Upward Basketball 6pm AA