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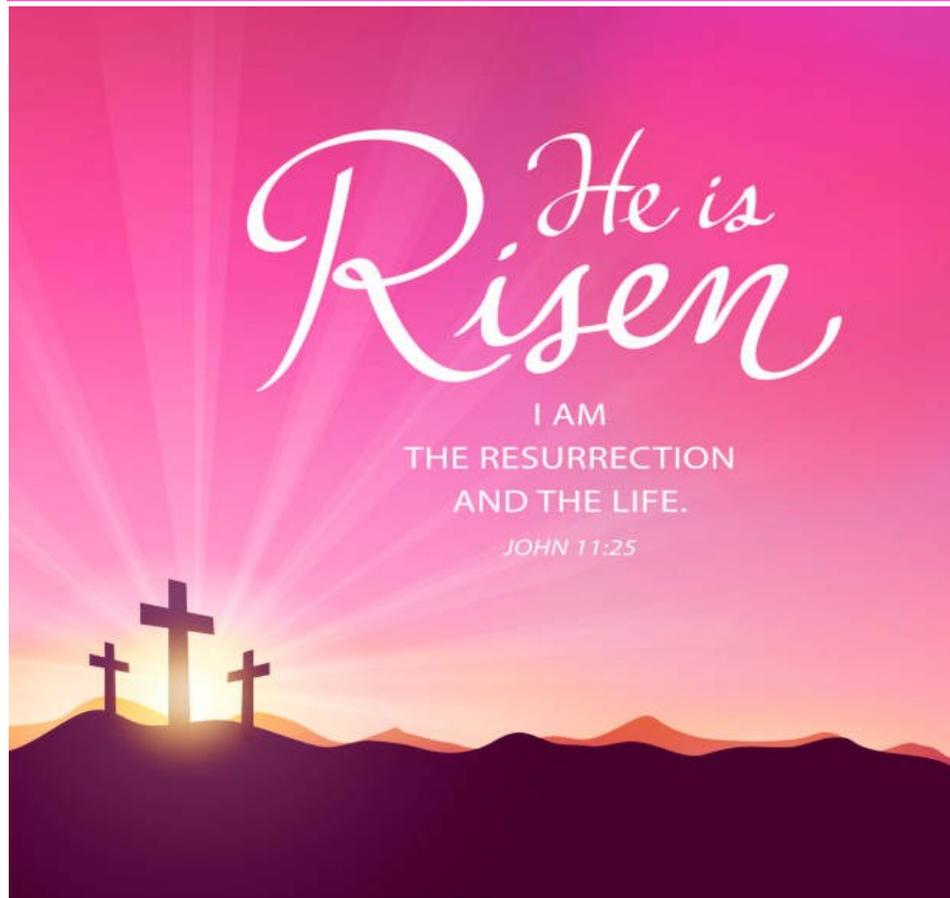
April 2026

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*He is
Risen*

I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.

JOHN 11:25



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Pastor's Pen

The Power and Simplicity of the Gospel

Spring always draws our hearts toward the celebration at the center of our faith—Easter. As the flowers begin to bloom and the days grow longer, we are reminded of the greatest news the world has ever heard: *Christ is risen.*

What is remarkable about the gospel is that its message is both incredibly powerful and wonderfully simple. The power of the gospel is seen in what God accomplished through Jesus Christ. Through His death and resurrection, sin was defeated, death was overcome, and a path was opened for humanity to be reconciled to God. The resurrection is not merely a hopeful symbol; it is the decisive act of God in history that changes everything. Because Jesus lives, forgiveness is real, hope is alive, and new life is possible for anyone who believes.

Yet at the same time, the gospel is beautifully simple. The message is not complicated or reserved for scholars and theologians. At its heart, it is the good news that God loves us, Christ died for us, and through faith in Him we are given new life. The apostle Paul summarized it clearly: *“that Christ died for our sins... that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day”*

(1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

In a world that often feels complex, confusing, and overwhelming, the gospel reminds us that the most important truth is not complicated. We are saved not by our own efforts, achievements, or perfection, but by the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

This Easter season is a wonderful opportunity for us to return to the heart of our faith. It invites us to remember the power of what God has done and to embrace again the simple truth of the good news.

My prayer for our church this month is that we would not only celebrate the resurrection, but that we would live in its power—and share its simple, life-changing message with others.

May you be blessed in the name of the RISEN CHRIST!
Pastor Dave

Life Under the Clock Tower



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5–6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

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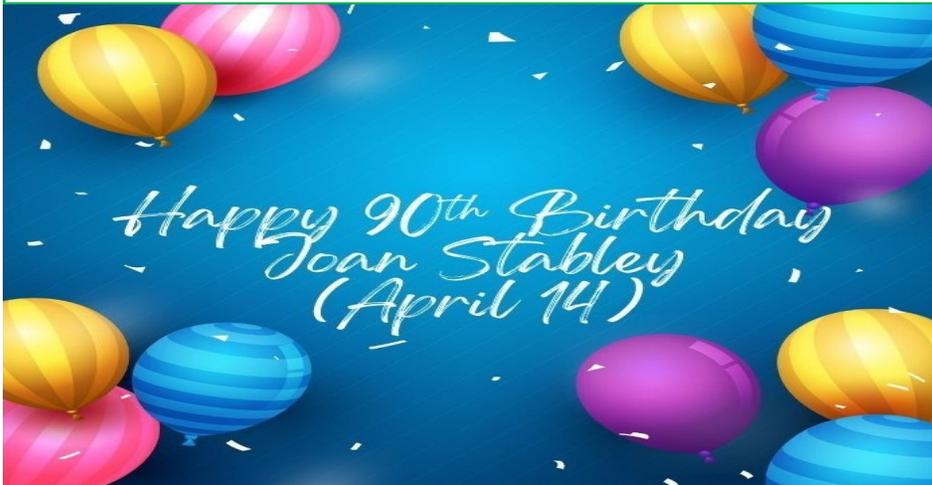
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Lunch Bunch will be meeting
Tuesday April 21 @ noon
@ Olive Garden

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

Newsletter
Deadline

Deadline for submissions for the May
Newsletter is April 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!

Church Mouse

Greetings my Bethlehem Church family, Charity reporting,

As we rapidly approach our glorious Easter Sunday, I have uncovered a whole bunch of news to report to you. Before I begin, let me pass along a personal invitation for you to share a time together with my entire mouse family as we share the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday April 5th. As has been our custom on Easter morning, we mice hide behind the angel's head in the sanctuary, as it provides perhaps the perfect view of the beauty of the sanctuary as well the beauty of the worship service. I get chills every year hearing the greeting "He is Risen" and the response "He is Risen Indeed". Please don't forget to bring flowers to add to the Flowering Cross at the 10:30 Service.

A special thanks to all who participated in the faschnauts sale, where nearly 900 dozen of the tasty treats were sold. That event, along with the Easter Lilys that add so much to the Easter season perfectly demonstrates how busy The Altar and Flower Guild has been in preparation for Easter. They certainly deserve the thanks of the entire congregation for all they do.

I did hear that Joan Stabley is turning 90 on April 14th. Such a sweet lady. Happy Birthday Joan!!!

March 27th – Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt – 6:30 – 8:00

April 7th – Bethlehem Book Club (10:00) "Long Bright River" by Liz Moore.

April 11th - Community Pot Pie Dinner- 4pm – 5pm – 6pm – you must choose your seating time

April 18th – Father Daughter Dance – 6:00- 8:00 in Fellowship Hall

April 19th – Mission Team Pancake Breakfast

Wednesdays – 10:00 Women's Bible Study in Conference Room

Saturdays – Mens Group - 8:00 at Common Grounds

Additional Announcements:

A Confirmation Class will be forming after Easter. Call office for details.

"Following Jesus" is the name for the Sunday Youth Group. It meets 5:30-7:00 pm, and provides a place for youth to come explore Jesus, as well as experience fellowship with other youth. All youth are welcome. Everyone in our church family can help by signing up in Wesley Hall to provide a meal for these fabulous young people.

Flowers for our Homebound Members will be delivered 3/29 and 4/5 - Details: Contact Darlene Kuhn.

Prayer breakfast Thursdays 8:00-9:30 at Two Brothers Family Restaurant - Led by Roger Mentzer

Altar Flower sponsors needed – Contact Wendy Pichler.

Greeters for 10:30 Service are needed – contact Palmer Poff.

Sponsors for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen needed.

Please remember needs for Emmanuel's Closet, Mission Central and Lifepath Thrift Store

I have discovered a truly exciting opportunity in which everyone can and should participate. Five new Life Groups are starting the week of April 13th and will be using the six-lesson study "How Do We Live As Christians" by Kyle Idleman. Sign-up sheets are found at the rear of Wesley Hall.

Tuesdays 10:00am Host: Pat Walker - Facilitator: Deb Raver

Tuesdays 6:30pm Hosts: Teri & John Stacey -Facilitator: Keith McGuigan

Wednesdays 6:00pm Host: Jim Stine - Facilitator: Jim Stine

Thursdays 10:30am Host: Faye Harrold - Facilitator: Nancy Westbury

Thursdays 6:30pm Hosts: Sue & Doug Rost - Facilitator: Lisa King

Well, I'm out of news and out of energy. As always, keep praying my church family. Keep praying for Bethlehem Church.

Love, Charity (the Church Mouse)

Life Under the Church Tower

Flowering Cross Easter Sunday

Join us in this beloved Easter tradition! Donate all types of flowers - store bought or from your own garden - and bring to church on Easter Sunday by 10:15 AM! Please contact Julie Spyker with any questions.

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

Tuesday April 7



Long Bright River

By Liz Moore



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

Life Under the Church Tower



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"

- Hand Towels
- Nail Clippers
- Gallon Ziploc Bags



Emmanuel's Closet

is collecting selected donations of food.

If you can help, we are in need of the following:

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|---------------|------------|------------|
| *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

Teri Stacey 717-309-3716 or Teri.Stacey@metso.com

Life Under the Clock Tower



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 Doug & Alesia Bray, Jim & Sandra Neal, Karl & Cindy Landis, Kim Jones, Jan Myers, and Jeremy & Jennifer Fuhrman for being greeters for the month of March.

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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Father Daughter Dance

Saturday April 18th 6:00PM-8:00PM
Fellowship Hall

*Come spend a fun filled evening of music
and dancing with your special girl.*

Girls of all ages are welcome.

Refreshments and dessert bar provided

\$5 Per family- RSVP by April 13th

Julie Spyker jbspyker@hotmail.com.

All guardians are welcome

MISSION TEAM IS HOSTING A PANCAKE BREAKFAST

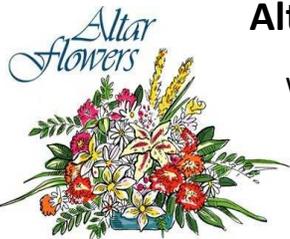


APRIL 19

Seatings will be
After 9:15 service
or After 10:30 service

Our menu includes:
Pancakes, scrambled eggs,
sausage, fruit, donuts, and
drinks

Donations will support New Life for Mothers and Children in Glen Rock



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.

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Confirmation Class



Confirmation Classes will begin after Easter for any child 6th grade or older that would like to become a member of the church.

Please contact the church office if you wish to be added to join this class.



Life Groups April-May

How Do We Live As Christians

- Session 1: What Is Our Mission?
- Session 2: How Do We Love God?
- Session 3: How Do We Love Others?
- Session 4: What Does the Kingdom of God Look Like?
- Session 5: How Can I Represent the Kingdom of God?
- Session 6: How and Where Do We Make Disciples?

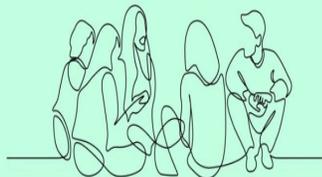
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Saturday Men's Group Meeting



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

FOLLOWING JESUS!

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

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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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



COMMUNITY

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026

BETHLEHEM CHURCH DALLASTOWN

109 E. MAIN ST. DALLASTOWN



You must choose a seating time

4:00pm

5:00pm

6:00pm

\$13.00 - adults

\$8.00- children 6 to 12

FREE - 5 and Under

**Includes generous portion of pot pie,
coleslaw, applesauce, roll & dessert**

Please Email or Call to reserve your spot!

office@gotobethlehem.org or 717-244-1486

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GREETERS

Years ago, before the pandemic of Covid, I was asked to have greeters for the 10:30 worship service. At the time I only asked one woman or one man to be a greeter. However, this time I decided to ask couples. While one is holding the door and saying Hello to the one coming up the steps or the handicap ramp, the other is waiting inside with a smile and a warm handshake!

Most times I ask a husband and wife, however, that would leave out the lady or gentleman who comes to worship by themselves. This June will begin the third year and I see good things happening, not only for those being greeted but for those doing the greeting, especially the ladies.

One woman, who started coming to Bethlehem two years ago, told me that she has been blessed by being paired with women she recognized but didn't know. Since then, she has made friends with four or five other ladies by being a greeter! I'm sure some of the men have had this same experience.

Since last June, twenty-five different couples and seventeen women and me have been greeters. If you and your wife want to be greeters or you wish to be a greeter with a friend or want to make a friend, see me at worship or call me, Palmer Poff at 717-244-4240. Thank You!



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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 before you know it. Terry Tyson at terger@comcast.net.

Sincerely and blessings,
Terry <><

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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.



THANK YOU! for the prayers, kind words, texts, cards and phone calls during the first two weeks of my recuperating from surgery. Your love and support covered me with relief and strength knowing my church family and God were by my side. I have been BLESSED!

Nancy Knisely

To members of Bethlehem Church,

Thank you very much for the many kind expressions of care, concerns, cards, goodies and most meaningful of all, your prayers during my surgery and recuperation.

You'll never know how meaningful those things were in my recovery.

Blessings and good health to each you.....Brad Kline

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When God speaks, do you listen the first time? I didn't.

For several months, God was nudging me to start a greeter's ministry for the 9:15 Contemporary Service. And I had plenty of excuses... *I'm not a morning person. I'm not that organized. Someone else could probably do it better.* Maybe you've made excuses like that too.

I ignored God's call until one day in May of 2024. Sometimes God uses someone special—or something unmistakable—to get our attention. For me, it was someone special.

As I stood outside the entrance to worship, a lovely lady approached me. We began a simple conversation, but there was something different about her. She was warm, kind, and so easy to connect with. We talked as if we had known each other for years. Then she reached out her hand and gently asked if she should greet me.

I hadn't planned to be standing at that door, but in that moment, I knew—without overthinking, without hesitation—that God was calling me again. And this time, my heart simply said “Yes.” I reached out my hand, and God used this sweet woman to lovingly reach me once more and invite me into His work at Bethlehem.

Since then, I've made wonderful friends and meaningful connections. I see God doing good things here.

Maybe He is calling you to something special too.

We began this ministry with 28 faithful volunteers, and with summer approaching, we could use a few more friendly faces!

The greeter schedule rotates every three months. Substitutes are available if something unexpected comes up, and you can always let me know ahead of time if there are dates you're unavailable.

Our vision is simple: *to make every person who walks through our doors feel welcomed, valued, and loved from the moment they arrive.*

Please consider joining the Greeter's Ministry. It's a wonderful way to meet people, make new friends, and share God's love through a warm smile and a kind hello. I've made new friends — I know you will too!

If your heart is nudging you even a little, I'd love to talk with you. Let's serve together and help make Bethlehem a welcoming place for all.

To join or learn more, you can:

Email me at: dkuhn@gotobethlehem.org

Or speak with me, Darlene Kuhn, or a greeter after the 9:15 Contemporary Service.

Card Shower for

Donna Koontz

90TH BIRTHDAY

Let's surprise her with a mailbox full of love!

Mail to: 4048 Woodspring Lane
York, PA 17402



April 2026

He is risen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Reach Closed 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Basketball - Birkland 7:15pm Choir Practice	2 Maundy Thursday Reach Closed 8am Prayer Breakfast 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 Good Friday Office/Reach Closed 8am Lifeline Screening 7pm Good Friday Service	4 8am Men's Group 6pm AA
			5 Easter 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	6 Reach Closed 9am Lily Pick up 6:30 Trustees Meeting 6:30pm 4H Meeting 7pm Men's Basketball	7 10am Book Club 6:30pm Mission Team Meeting 7pm AA	8 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Basketball - Birkland 7:15pm Choir Practice
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