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Pastor's Pen

Hello Church!

Over the past few years, since our separation from the United Methodist Church, we have walked together as an independent congregation. At the time of that transition, we shared openly that the short timeline and limitations of disaffiliation meant we would need to prayerfully revisit our long-term structure once we had stabilized as a church.

As we begin this season of discernment, it is important to be clear about what this process is—and what it is not. **Exploring the possibility of joining a denomination does not mean we have already decided to do so.** It also does not mean we believe being independent is somehow lacking or insufficient. There are real strengths to remaining independent. There are also meaningful benefits that can come through affiliation with a denomination. We want to understand both options clearly so that any decision we make is grounded in wisdom rather than assumption.

Right now, we are still operating under temporary governing documents—a patchwork drawn from our former United Methodist discipline. This was always intended to be short-term, and we have found them to be somewhat cumbersome. Our leadership believes it is time to gain clarity on this issue, so we can move forward to either fully establish ourselves as an independent church or join another connection.

Regardless of the outcome, our day-to-day life as a congregation and our mission as a church will not change. Bethlehem Church will continue to seek to offer meaningful worship, intentional mission, and outreach and transformative spiritual growth. We will either do these things independently or with a connection to other congregations.

Our goal is not to rush toward change, but to seek the Lord's direction with thoughtfulness and care. Your church leadership is asking for your affirmation concerning the level of governance and connection of our church. Do you want to continue as an independent church, or do you want to join a denomination that fits our needs? Both have the potential to serve us well, the question is which one best fits our long-term health, unity, and mission of our church—one that flows from prayer, understanding, and shared conviction.


Each of us has an important role to play—not only in the final outcome, but in the spirit of the process. We can enter these conversations with openness or guardedness, with trust or suspicion, with fear or with faith. This can become a season of deeper unity as we listen well, speak with grace, and ask together: "Where is God leading us next?"

If we walk through this with humility and hope, it will strengthen us—not only in celebrating who God is calling us to be, but in who we are as the body of Christ.

Let's step into this next chapter together, trusting that the same Lord who has guided us this far will continue to lead us faithfully.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Dave

Life Under the Clock Tower




SHOO fly!

Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.


What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.



WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



Life Under the Clock Tower



Lunch Bunch will be meeting

Tuesday June 16 @ noon

@ The Cove

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

Newsletter
Deadline

Deadline for submissions for the June

Newsletter is June 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!

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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We will only have one Newsletter for the months of July and August. If you have anything you would like to add during those months, please send it into the church office by June 15th.

Thank you!

Thank You to All Who Gave
Our Daily Bread
Contributions



Connie Adams

Donna Graybill

Mike & Stacey Huson

Walter & Leslie Reamer

Church Mouse

Greetings my Bethlehem Church family, Charity reporting,

I don't know about you, but I am confused. The calendar says June, but my body fluctuates between being too cold and too hot. I wish the weather would just be consistently what we expect for the beginning of June. One thing we can count on in June is many graduations. Here is a list of what I have found out, those who will be recognized during the June 7th worship services.

Preschool: Sterling Shields, Adelaine Kuhn, Hudson Markle.

High School Graduates: Autumn McGuigan, Kayleigh Westbrook, Coleman Wise, Serena Brandt, Cora Heilman, Egan Torres.

Dallastown Reach Program: Katelyn Martin, Landon Diehl, Josiah Rudacille, Ciara Laughinghouse, Andy Walter, Jayden Steele, Kira Twigg, Jared Dobson.

College Graduates: Riley McElroy, Anna Heilman, Preston Heilman.

Empire Beauty School: Hope McGuigan.

One of the highlights for the congregation isn't a highlight for my mouse family. June 14th is the date of the annual Bethlehem Church Picnic. The reason my micelings are disappointed is that it is once again being held at Lion's Park.; therefore, no food scraps for them. There will only be one worship service that day (at 10:00am) immediately followed by the picnic, including all the activities that the Altar and Flower Guild has planned. I overheard Terry Knisley say there are a bunch of prizes that have been donated by local merchants. I can personally guarantee that there will be great food and exciting, fun activities for all ages. Don't forget to sign up for this event in Wesley Hall by June 1st. I've just learned that there will be shuttles available from the Lion's Park parking lot to the pavilion, for those who may need assistance.

I know everyone has been talking about Vacation Bible School for quite some time. Well, the good news is the waiting is almost over. The theme this year will be 'Rain Forest Falls', where the children will be exploring the Nature of God. VBS will be taking place June 14-18, 6:00 – 8:20pm. You may register using the link on the Bethlehem Church website, or by contacting Julie Spyker. I know my micelings are already getting excited about seeing a rain forest! And, for those of you who are a bit older don't worry, volunteers are still needed.

It isn't really as special a day for me as Mother's Day, but remember to celebrate the special men in your life on Father's Day, June 21st.

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.**

I am currently working on getting an account with CommunityAid Foundation. I hope to have everything completed in the next week.

Jen

"Mission Central"

- *Backpacks*
- *Composition Books*
- *8 x 10.5 Spiral Notebooks*
- *Handheld Pencil Sharpeners*
- *Children's Scissors*



Emmanuel's Closet

is collecting selected donations of food.

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

- *Juice *Desserts *Cans of fruit *Pancake Mix/syrup
- *Cereal *Pasta sides (ex: suddenly salad) *Cans of beets
- *Oatmeal *Poptarts *Paper towels *Tissues
- *Ketchup *Mustard *Pickles *BBQ sauce
- * Salad dressing *CROUTONS

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

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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 Dave & Julie Wohlforth, Linda Rodkey, Deb Raver, Greg & Stephanie Bowers, Mike & Linda Letts, and Mike & Karen Snyder for being greeters for the month of May.

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)

Church Mouse

Additional Announcements:

“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.

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

Men’s Group Meeting – Saturdays at Common Grounds Café – 8:00-9:00am.

Women’s Bible Study and the Book Club – on break June through August. I’ll See you in September.

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.

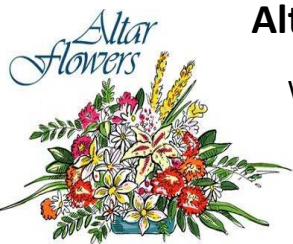
Please remember needs for Emmanuel’s Closet, Mission Central and Lifepath Thrift Store

Maybe you, like me, cannot always hear what is happening in the worship services if the microphones are not utilized. Additionally, I have learned that some parts of the weekly worship service that is being streamed to members not in attendance experiences times when there is a picture but no audio heard if microphones are not being used to pick-up what is being said. This important aspect of providing a professional-style worship service is accomplished by just a few dedicated volunteers. The 8:00 and 10:30 services are both in need of additional volunteers to run the sound board and the camera. If you are willing to provide such a crucial service at either of these times, please speak to Keith Metzler.

Since I know that really hot weather is right around the corner, I will sign off with” stay cool, my church friends”. Keep praying for all the exciting things that are happening and will be happening in the future within this family of believers that call Bethlehem Church home.

Love,

Charity (the Church Mouse)



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.

Life Under the Clock Tower

Mission Team

The Mission Team has been an instrumental part of Bethlehem's mission outreach for many years.

Our primary ministry is reaching out to and supporting missions both locally and internationally. We may be holding a fundraiser to assist church members traveling on a mission trip or supporting one of Bethlehem's chosen ministries such as Asaph (Andy Stump), Servants, York County Food Bank, or Community Reach.

We actively volunteer our time. You will see notices in the bulletin requesting donations for Mission Central and Emmanuel's Closet, our team helps collect, organize, and deliver the donations.

Our team serves throughout the year with various fundraisers and service projects. We help serve meals for the Veterans luncheon, the Servants work crew, and also deliver meals to Our Daily Bread. We are looking forward to participating in our 2nd Community Block Party.

We have a core group who are focused on preparing and serving meals. They make meals monthly for Our Daily Bread to help feed the homeless. They also serve our community by preparing and distributing meals at the Halloween parade as well as on Christmas day.

The Mission Team is continuously looking for new ways to serve through mission ministry. New members with fresh ideas are always welcome.



Life Under the Clock Tower

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 Metzler 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.

Life Under the Clock Tower



Please note we will not be meeting during the months of June, July, and August. We will resume meeting on September 9, 2026.



Enjoy your summer and delight in the SON!
"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."
~Theodore Roosevelt



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Bethlehem Church Picnic
SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH
AT LION'S PARK

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Following 10:00 Church Service)

BINGO
DOOR PRIZES!

SHUTTLES
PROVIDED FOR
THOSE IN NEED

RSVP IN
WESLEY HALL
BY JUNE 1ST



Hello!

I just wanted to give you an update on where we ended up after the final weeks of the café being open. We had anticipated making a profit of \$15,000, but the final total actually came in at \$16,000! In just the last two weeks alone, the café brought in \$2,600.

Cassie and her amazing crew worked incredibly hard this year, and I wanted to recognize them for everything they have done to make this program such a success.

And thank you, Bethlehem, for continuing to provide this opportunity for our students. We are so grateful for this partnership and for your ongoing generosity and support.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer! We are excited to come back refreshed and ready to roll in August!

Tara Gonsalves
Inspiring and Creating Pathways for Student Success

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11am Dallastown Group Meeting 6:30 Trustees Meeting 6:30 4H Meeting	2 6:30pm Missions Team Meeting 7pm AA	3	4 8am Prayer Breakfast	5 Office Closed 6pm Girl Scout Derby	6 7am Girl Scout Derby 8am Men's Group 8am Breakfast/servants 1pm Party/ Jaime 6pm AA
7 8am Breakfast/Servants 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	8 1pm Sisters in Christ	9 9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Church Leader Meeting 7pm AA	10	11 8am Prayer Breakfast	12 Office Closed Church Picnic Prep	13 Church Picnic Prep 8am Men's Group 6pm AA
14 VBS 10am Outdoor Park Service 11am Church Picnic	15 VBS 6:30 Prayer Shawl	16 VBS 12pm Lunch Bunch	17 VBS	18 VBS 8am Prayer Breakfast	19 Office Closed	20 8am Men's Group 6pm AA
21 Father's Day 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	22 7pm Men's Basketball	23 6:30pm Church Council 7pm AA	24	25 8am Prayer Breakfast	26 Office Closed 5pm Baby shower setup 6pm Girl Scouts	27 8am Men's Group 2pm Baby Shower 6pm AA
28 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	29 Office Closed 7pm Men's Basketball	30 Office Closed 7pm AA				