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**The Lamplighter**  
**March 2026**  
**Bethlehem Church Dallastown**



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## Pastor's Pen

Hello Church,

Each year Lent quietly returns. The colors change. The tone becomes more reflective. And if we are not careful, we can walk through it without truly entering it.

Lent has been observed by Christians for over 1,600 years as the forty-day season (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. The forty days reflect the pattern of Scripture—most clearly Jesus' forty days in the wilderness before beginning His ministry. Where Israel failed in the wilderness, Christ remained faithful. Lent reminds us that our hope rests not in our spiritual strength, but in His finished work.

This season is not about earning God's love. We are saved by grace alone. Rather, Lent is about responding to grace. Historically, it was a time of repentance, prayer, fasting, and preparation—especially for those preparing to be baptized at Easter. The whole church would join together in seeking the Lord.

That vision challenges us. Lent is more than giving up chocolate or coffee. It is an invitation to repentance—to turn from complacency, confess sin honestly, and return to our first love. When we look at the cross, we see both the seriousness of our sin and the depth of God's mercy.

So how might we enter Lent more intentionally?

Commit to daily Scripture and prayer. Practice fasting in a way that drives you to depend more fully on Christ. Seek reconciliation where relationships have been strained. And keep your eyes on Easter. We walk through reflection and repentance so that we might experience the joy of the resurrection more deeply.

If we rush through Lent, Easter will feel small. But if we allow God to search and renew our hearts, Resurrection Sunday will be more than a date on the calendar—it will be a fresh reminder that Christ has conquered sin and death for us.

Church, let us not merely pass through another season. Let us be changed by it.

In Christ, Pastor Dave

## Life Under the Clock Tower



VIEW OUR  
**CHURCH  
DIRECTORY**  
ON YOUR  
MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone,  
iPad & Android



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.



## Life Under the Clock Tower



Lunch Bunch will be meeting  
**Tuesday March 17 @ noon**  
**@ Cheddar's**

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

Newsletter  
Deadline

Deadline for submissions for the April  
Newsletter is March 15th.  
Please email submissions to  
[office@gotobethlehem.org](mailto: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

Hi Bethlehem Church Family, Charity reporting,

I'm sorry to be silent for so long. Me and my mouse family took a vacation and visited with my cousin, who lives a good bit south of here. From what I hear, we missed some significant snowfall. It's a good thing, as we mice don't do well in deep snow. Give me a second to decide where to begin with my news.

From what I have been hearing, there is an effort taking place to make the Church Directory as accurate as possible. Take a few minutes to check out the information provided for your family, or if not currently in the directory, be sure to add your family. See the weekly bulletins or network table for information sheet.

The Spring Bazaar is coming up on March 21st. Vendors are here at Bethlehem from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

If you are available to help with making the crosses that are distributed at the three Palm Sunday services, please contact Julie Spyker. March 26th at 9:30am is that date.

A Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt will take place 3/27. Register with Julie Spyker by 3/22.

Needed items for Mission Central and Emmanuel's Closet are listed in this newsletter.

Bethlehem can benefit from any donations to Lifepath Thrift stores. See this newsletter for complete details.

Palmer Poff is always searching for volunteers to be Greeters at the 10:30 Worship Service. Please consider helping for one Sunday.

Please consider supporting Our Daily Bread. This worthwhile endeavor constantly needs our support.

In this newsletter there is information about signing up for the weekly altar flowers as well as Easter Lilies. Deadline for Lilies is 3/29.

Most every Sunday evening the youth of our church meet for a meal, fun and spiritual growth. Please consider providing a meal for these eager teens.

If you might be interested in helping take the altar flowers to our members, please contact Darlene Kuhn.

Prayer Breakfast, at Two Brothers Family Restaurant, takes place Thursdays, 8:00-9:30.

Bethlehem Book Club Meets 3/3.

That's a quick overview of what's happening around Bethlehem Church in March. As always, keep praying for our church family, the activities that bring us together, and the love that we share.

Charity, the church mouse

## Life Under the Church Tower

 **Bethlehem Book Club**  
Tuesday March 3

**Sisters Under the Rising Sun**

By Heather Morris



VBS Informational Meeting  
Thursday March 12  
6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

We are looking for anyone interested in helping with our Vacation Bible School this year. Any children 7th grade and older are welcome to help with VBS also.

VBS will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact Julie.  
jbspyker@hotmail.com/ 717-600-4075

Bethlehem Church

## Spring Bazaar

Saturday March 21st

9AM-2PM

Are you in need of any new spring decor or goodies for Easter baskets? Come out and visit all of our wonderful vendors



## Life Under the Church Tower

 **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.

### "Mission Central"

- Adult Rain Poncho
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent (32-64 oz)
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Liquid Concentrate Household cleaner (16-40oz not spray)
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Liquid Hand Soap



### 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

Teri Stacey 717-309-3716 or [Teri.Stacey@metso.com](mailto: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 Brad & Sue Ayres, Todd & Barb Oberdick, Alan & Vickie Weikert, Karen Adams, and Joan Garman for being greeters for the month of February.

### 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)**

## Life Under the Clock Tower



### BAKED POTATO BAR LUNCHEON SUNDAY MARCH 22nd 10:30AM- 1PM

Join us for a scrumptious baked potato luncheon! We'll be serving up fluffy baked potatoes with a variety of toppings to choose from. Whether you're in the mood for classic sour cream and chives or something more adventurous like chili and cheese, we've got you covered.

Come hungry and leave satisfied!

This is a free will offering luncheon. All proceeds benefit the Bethlehem Children's Ministry.

Please sign up in Wesley Hall or contact Julie

If you are interested in donating a dessert, please contact Julie Spyker - [jbspyker@hotmail.com](mailto:jbspyker@hotmail.com)/717-600-4075



### Help Needed Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am

We are in need of people to help make the crosses for our Palm Sunday Services.

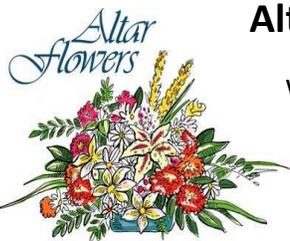
Instructions will be provided!

If you are able to help, please contact Julie Spyker.  
[jbspyker@hotmail.com](mailto:jbspyker@hotmail.com) or  
717-600-4075

### FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH  
6:30PM-8PM OLD FELLOWSHIP HALL  
RSVP TO JULIE SPYKER  
[JBSPYKER@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JBSPYKER@HOTMAIL.COM)  
BY MARCH 22ND  
COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF EGG HUNTING FUN!  
THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE HOPPING OVER FOR A VISIT

**\*\*MAKE SURE TO BRING YOU FLASHLIGHTS\*\***



### 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

THE ALTAR AND FLOWER GUILD IS BEAUTIFYING THE ALTAR WITH SPECIAL FLOWERS AGAIN IN 2026  
THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM IS COORDINATING DELIVERY OF THE FLOWERS TO  
OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

- AFTER PALM SUNDAY - MONDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> - 8:00AM NEW FELLOWSHIP
- AFTER EASTER SUNDAY - MONDAY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8:00AM WESLEY HALL
- AFTER GRANDPARENTS DAY - MONDAY SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup> - 8:00AM NEW FELLOWSHIP

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING ARRANGE AND/OR DELIVER? WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP.

SIGNUP SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN WESLEY HALL ON THE NETWORK TABLE.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

### Kindness Artwork:

Our children are being asked to color a special picture to be given to our homebound members who can no longer attend church. During the children's moment with Pastor Dave, the children may bring their finished pictures as their offering and placed them on a prayer shawl.

Pictures can be offered each Sunday starting Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>



*"A Vase full of flowers helps the visits go well,  
in the most delightful way."*

Have you ever thought about helping to deliver Altar Flowers to members of our church? Flowers are best delivered on Sunday or Monday. Smiles are your reward. Please contact Darlene Kuhn for more information on this wonderful ministry opportunity.

717- 891-3033

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

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

### FLOWERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

The beautiful flowers and the lilies that grace the altar in the sanctuary for *Palm Sunday (March 29<sup>th</sup>)* and *Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>)* will once more be lovingly shared and delivered to those in our congregation who can no longer attend worship.

Volunteers (6-8) are needed to help arrange the Palm Sunday flowers in bud vases on *Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>* followed by delivery that same day.

Additionally, 5 volunteers will be needed to deliver *the Easter Lilies on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*.

***On Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, flower arranging will be from 9 to 11 in New Fellowship Hall. Pick up for delivery will be at 10:30 a.m. from New Fellowship Hall.***

***April 6<sup>th</sup> Lilies will be ready for pick up in Wesley Hall until noon.***

If you are interested in helping please complete this form and return the bottom portion to the “designated basket” on the table right outside of the Contemporary Service or to the “designated basket” in Wesley Hall by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring scissors or pruning shears on March 30th

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help with bud vase flower arranging on March 30<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help with delivery of the bud vases on March 30<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help with the delivery of the of the lilies on April 6<sup>th</sup>

PIES	QTY 6"	\$ \$10.00	QTY 9"	\$15.00	TOTAL \$
SHOOFLY					
PEANUT BUTTER					
VANILLA					
RAISIN					
PECAN					
PEACH					
LEMON SPONGE					
EGG CUSTARD					
CHERRY					
BLUEBERRY					
APPLE					
RASPBERRY					
KEYLIME					
RHUBARB					
STRAWBERRY RHUBARB					
COCONUT CUSTARD					
LEMON MERINGUE					
DOZEN WHITE DINNER ROLLS \$7.00					
DOZEN WHEAT DINNER ROLLS \$7.00					
WHOOPIE PIES ( INDIVIDUAL)	QTY	2.50 EACH			
CHOCOLATE WITH WHITE FILLING					
CHOCOLATE WITH PEANUT BUTTER FILLING					
CHOCOLATE WITH CARAMEL FILLING					
CHOCOLATE WITH MINT FILLING					
OATMEAL WITH WHITE FILLING					
RED VELVET WITH BUTTER CREAM FILLING					
PEANUT BUTTER WITH P/B FILLING					
CHOCOLATE CHIP WITH WHITE FILLING					
CAKES	SINGLE LAYER	\$13.00	DOUBLE LAYER	\$21.00	
CARROT WITH WHITE ICING					
CARROT WITH CREAM CHEESE ICING					
CHOCOLATE WITH PEANUT BUTTER ICING					
CHOCOLATE WITH WHITE ICING					
COCONUT WITH WHITE ICING					
GERMAN CHOCOLATE WITH CARMEL ICING					
MARBLE WITH CHOCOLATE ICING					
RED VELVET WITH CREAM CHEESE ICING					
WHITE WITH CHOCOLATE ICING					
WALNUT WITH WHITE ICING					
YELLOW WITH CHOCOLATE ICING					
ANGELFOOD CAKES	\$17.00				
PLAIN					
CHOCOLATE					
CHOCOLATE CHIP					
COCONUT					
LEMON					
LEMON RASPBERRY SWIRL					
RASPBERRY					
STRAWBERRY					
TOTAL ORDER					

**Questions: please contact Darlene Kuhn**

**- [dkuhn@gotobethlehem.org](mailto:dkuhn@gotobethlehem.org)**

**or 717-891-3033**

## ALTAR AND FLOWER GUILD

Altar and Flower Guild is a group of volunteers and individuals of the church whose ministry is to take care of the altar area, vestments and vessels, altar linens of the church and its sanctuary. The Guild is responsible to handle the funeral poll over the casket which is a tradition at Bethlehem, which goes back to the Middle Ages of church funerals. Also, the Guild oversees the Bell Tolling for high holy days and funerals, as well as decorating tables for funeral luncheons.

Just recently the Guild was in charge in the Restoration of the painting of "Come unto Me" and other paintings by former Bethlehem Pastor Rev. Guy C. Stambach, as well as replacing the velvet draperies after 75 years, and restoring the communion vessels this past year.

The knowledge and importance of the liturgical seasons, use of colors and date is indispensable for the Altar and Flower Guild members as it is highly recommended using the liturgical calendars that stay close to their hands for references.

The responsibility of the Altar and Flower Guild extend beyond the practical listed above and most always supervise in the decoration of the sanctuary with displays using flowers and other installations as with most large churches.

The Altar and Flower Guild provide large amounts of flowers to Congregational Care Ministry to be given to the homebound and nursing home residences.

Often in truth, it is physically challenging and demanding to serve on the guild, but our guild team members generally laugh at the end of the long day, very frequently during high holy Christian calendars, as we remark as to the Glory to God.

The Guild is self-supporting through our own fund raisers, private donations, and assistance with the church.

Today, the Guild has 72 active members from all three services.

Serving on the Guild is a spiritual ministry that acts out our relationship with God, this is quiet and prayerful work, especially during special high holy days.

The Guild oversees the Altar Flowers, Holy Communion, Decorating the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall for the Holiday seasons, as well as the exterior as required. The Guild also oversees the Community Chicken Pot Pie Dinners, Special Altar arrangements and displays, Fasnacht's Donut Concessions, Dallastown Carnival, special group project events, Banner Workshop, Church Picnic and the plantings and caring plants and flowers on the front exterior of the church and café.

**If interested in becoming a member, please see Roger Fuller, Terry Knisely or Wendy Pichler.**

## EASTER BAKE SALE



ALTAR/FLOWER GUILD

ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 22

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Pick Up Date - Fellowship Hall

Thursday April 2, starting @ 9AM

Questions call 717-578-6747

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ORDER FORM**



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>2</b> 10am Noel Funeral 6pm Soccer –Armin 6:30pm 4H Meeting 6:30pm Trustees Meeting 7pm Men’s Basketball	<b>3</b> 10am Book Club 5pm Soccer –Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 6:30pm Mission Meeting 6:30 Discipleship Meeting 7pm AA	<b>4</b> 10am Women’s Bible Study 10am New Member Class 6pm Pastor Lenten Class 7pm Basketball – Birkland 7:15pm Choir	<b>5</b> 8am Prayer Breakfast 6:30pm Volleyball 6:30pm Church Leaders Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>Reach Closed</b> 5:30 Soccer-Thompson	<b>7</b> 8am Men’s Group 9am Upward Basketball 6pm AA
<b>8 Daylight Savings</b> 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>9</b> 9am PS Enrichment 1pm Sisters in Christ 6PM Soccer –Armin 7pm Men’s Basketball	<b>10 Mission Central</b> 9am Staff Meeting 5pm Soccer -Jeff 6pm Upward Basketball 6:30 Congregational Care 7pm AA	<b>11</b> 10am Women’s Bible Study 10am New Member Class 5:30pm Soccer –Eric 6pm Pastor Lenten Study 7pm Basketball-Birkland 7:15pm Choir	<b>12</b> 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Volleyball 6:30pm VBS Meeting	<b>13 Office Closed</b> 5:30 Soccer-Thompson 6pm Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 8am Men’s Group 9am Upward Basketball 6pm AA
<b>15</b> 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>16</b> 6PM Soccer –Armin 6:30 Prayer Shawl 7pm Men’s Basketball	<b>17 St. Patrick’s Day</b> 12pm Lunch Bunch 6pm Upward Basketball 7pm AA 	<b>18</b> 10am Women’s Bible Study 10am New Member Class 5:30pm Upward Banquet 6pm Pastor Lenten Study 7pm Basketball–Birkland 7:15pm Choir	<b>19</b> 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Volleyball	<b>20 Office Closed</b> 5:30 Soccer-Thompson 	<b>21</b> 8am Men’s Group 9am Spring Bazaar 6pm AA
<b>22</b> 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 10:30 Baked Potato Lunch 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>23</b> 9am PS Enrichment 7pm Men’s Basketball	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Church Council 7pm AA	<b>25</b> 10am Women’s Bible Study 6pm Pastor Lenten Study 7pm Basketball - Birkland 7:15pm Choir	<b>26</b> 8am Prayer Breakfast 9:30am Palm Crosses	<b>27 Office Closed</b> 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm Soccer-Thompson 6:30 Flashlight Egg Hunt	<b>28</b> <b>Decorating for Easter</b> 8am Men’s Group 6pm AA
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00am Traditional-Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>30</b> 9am Congregational Care/ Bud Vases 7pm Men’s Basketball	<b>31</b> 7pm AA				