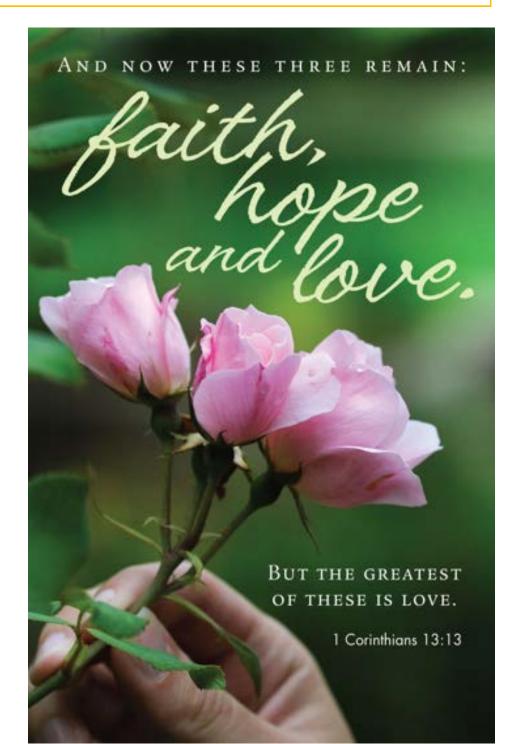
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<u>Mission Statement:</u> To give of ourselves so others may know Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Pen



Hello Church,

We've been on an incredible, year-long journey through God's magnificent Word! I hope this experience has been meaningful for you and that you've been able to see how every part of Scripture ultimately points to salvation through Jesus Christ.

We began in Genesis, exploring our origins and God's first covenant with humanity. From there, we followed God's deliverance of His people, their entrance into the Promised Land, and the heartbreaking cycle of sin and repentance that followed. We witnessed the rise and fall of a kingdom, the exile into foreign lands, and the hopeful anticipation of the long-awaited Savior.

As we entered the New Testament, we saw that Jesus was far more than a captivating teacher of eternal truths—He was the miracle worker, the Son of God, the promised Messiah.

Currently, we find ourselves in the beginning of "*The Spirit Poured Out*"—a powerful season where we're learning how to live with the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Our final chapter in this journey through "*God's Magnificent Word*" will be a look at the book of Revelation and the return of Jesus. By the end of July, we will have traveled through the full arc of God's redemptive plan revealed in Scripture—from creation to new creation.

Our hope is that this series has opened your eyes to the richness of the Bible and deepened your faith. It may also have raised new questions. During the first two Sundays in August, we'll be taking time to answer questions from any part of the series. We invite you to write down your questions and place them in the blue box in Wesley Hall. The pastoral teams from Bethlehem Church, Chapel Church, and Spry Church will work together to address them and bring clarity to the things weighing on your heart.

In Christ, Pastor Dave Stough

Life Under the Church Tower



Margaret "Peggy" Dunlap Fravel 245 Country Meadows Trolley Road York PA 17408

Visiting Peggy Fravel at the Trolley Road campus of Country Meadows finds this busy woman taking advantage of every opportunity. Peggy has many friends from all the congregations she and her late husband Rev. Dr. Ray Fravel served as a United Methodist minister in Pennsylvania, including Yorkshire and Bethlehem in later years. They met as high school juniors when Ray moved to live with his grandparents in Niagara Falls, NY and became sweethearts for the rest of their lives.

Living in Pittsburgh, Canton, Carlisle, Shippensburg, Clearfield, Gardners, and Patton, being a pastor's wife, Peggy was always busy and moving. Peggy graduated from Loch Haven and taught first grade in several schools over 13 years. Her first school was in a housing project in Pittsburgh where her classroom was in a postwar 4-room quonset hut near the airport, and she loved it. She recalls one year that a duck made its home with the class.

Peggy remarked, "Never did Ray and I expect throughout 65 years of marriage that our final 2 years would be so limiting for us, but at the same time drawing us closer to God and also to one another. We were blessed with 2 children and 4 grandsons. Their assistance in our time of need and to this day continues to comfort and strengthen me, showing me love and joy as my adjustment to living away from my beloved neighbors and church friends. I admit this has been difficult." Son Bob lives in Boiling Springs and daughter Betsy lives in New Jersey. Portraits of the 4 handsome and supportive grandsons smile down from Peggy's living area wall, along with photos of 2 great-granddaughters who live in Tennessee.

Peggy spends time in Country Meadows activities. There are Sunday worship services, sing-a-longs with a guitarist, professional musicians every Thursday, and all kinds of programs. A trip through the halls with Peggy finds everyone—residents and staff—greeting her. She knows so many people because she volunteers in the Trolley Gift Shoppe, a bright and well-stocked store at the entrance. "I feel this is a ministry to serve and help others in a small way."

Recently, the area Life Song Hospice organizer mentioned to Peggy that the hospice needed more prayer shawls than Trolley Road volunteers were able to make to gift to local seriously ill veterans. Peggy thought of Bethlehem's Prayer Shawl Ministry and passed on the message. The result was a delivery in March of 13 additional lap robes, thanks to Sue Sharp and her group.

"My first year at Trolley Road has been much easier than I could ever have hoped for. The staff who is so supportive and pleasant cause me to be quite happy to get up each morning, giving me reason to smile and offer my daily prayer to God, asking for help to check my attitude and be thankful for the blessings of my life—as it has been and is now at my present stage."

Debra Raver (Congregational Care Committee)



If you donate any goods to any LIFEPATH Thrift stores 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.



Currently, the following items are urgently needed:

Hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, body wash, etc.) in travel size and standard size

2 oz bottles of hand sanitizer, air freshener (4-8 oz., pump, no aerosol)

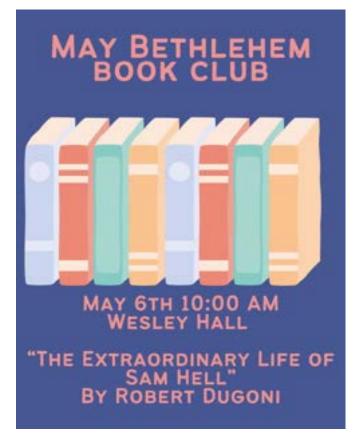
UMCOR <u>Cleaning Buckets Materials</u>-Visit this Amazon Wish List to purchase these materials directly,

Amazon Wish List for Cleaning Buckets

Paper towels and toilet paper Wheelchairs (with leg and arm rests) Rollators Transport chairs Crayons (24 pack) Markers (6-12 pack) Colored pencils (6-12 pack)

Contact missioncentral@missioncentral.org

more information.





Wednesday Women's Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room.

You are welcome to join as we study the Bible. We are changing our lives -- one truth at a time!



It's that time of year again...

Graduation Days are coming so if you have any Graduates that would like to be recognized please contact the office at office@gotobethlehem.org with all of the following information Full Name and name of school graduating from.

If they are going to a college or trade school we need information on that SCHOOL NAME.



Don't we all enjoy this time of fellowship once a month? Can you take one Sunday out of the year to volunteer? Please check out the sign-up sheet

on the network table. You do not have to do it alone! Get together with another friend or family and sign up for a month.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our church.



QCD Information Sheet

Support your Church ~ *and* ~ Reduce your Income Tax

Do a "QCD", a Qualified Charitable Distribution

Why consider this? a QCD changes taxable income into non-taxable income Who should do this? you have a TRADITIONAL IRA account (or SEP or SIMPLE IRA) and you have attained age 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ How does this reduce my tax? Old way - you withdraw money from your Traditional IRA. You pay tax on the withdrawal. **New way -** you direct money to go directly from your IRA to your church. You do NOT pay tax on the withdrawal. The QCD effectively gives you a tax deduction for your contribution, even though you don't "itemize deductions" on your tax return How much QCD can I do? you can do any amount up to \$100,000, every year. When can I start to do Church contributions by OCD? You can do your first QCD in the year you attain age 70 ½ If I do a QCD, do I have to continue doing a QCD every year after that? No – you can decide each year whether to do a QCD, and how much to do I am now age 73 or older, and I am **required** to distributions from my retirement take account, these are called **RMD**, or Required Minimum Distributions.

Youth Group

"FollowingJesus« Sunday Youth Group

5:30-7:00pm

If you know youth who are looking for a place to explore Jesus and have fellowship with other youth let them know they are welcome to come! If you would like provide a meal for our youth group time there is a sign up sheet in Wesley Hall!



The Children had great fun joining in the Peanuts Board Game. They were 80 proud children when they turned in their papers. 31 plus children participated and read 372 books.

With many hours of time completed, Miss Deb discovered our library has 4,225 books for adult enjoyment. Come read with us!

Miss Deb and I are stepping down as library caretakers the end of May. We have had lots of fun and God has stretched us in our ministry. We both love books, so it has never been work.

We are in prayer, asking God to provide new librarians with novel ideas for our church family and outreach beyond our four walls.

Miss Deb & Miss Laura





"TRUE NORTH" VBS 2025

REGISTER TODAY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE:



<u>https://vbspro.events/</u> p_early/292678



JUNE 15-19, 2025 6:00 - 8:15 PM Bethlehem church, Dallastown



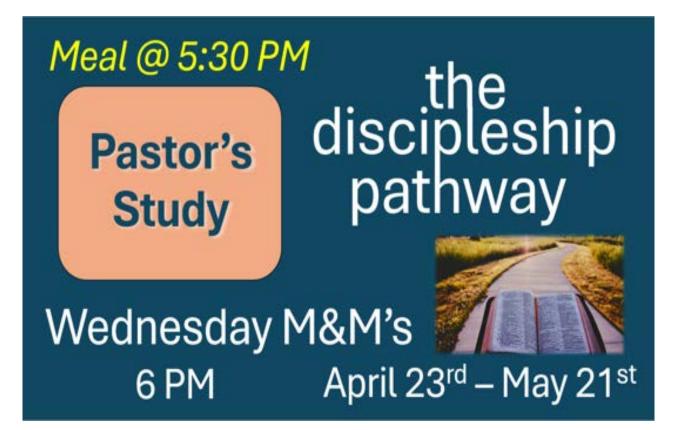
Let's Par-Tea! Fríday May 9th 6:00 - 8:00 PM Wesley Hall

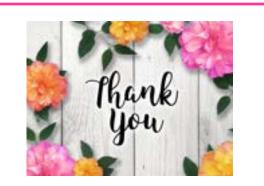
All Mother's bring your children for a special evening celebrating you! Refreshments will be provided



VBS Informational Meeting Tuesday May 6th 6:30 PM

We will be having an informational meeting for this years VBS. If you have already signed up to help or are looking to help in some way, we encourage you to attend. Any children 7th grade and older are welcome to help with VBS also. We will be reviewing what all is needed to make this year another successful one. VBS will be held June 15th – 19th If you have any questions, please let me know. jbspyker@hotmail.com/ 717-600-4075





The Altar and Flower Guild would like to THANK the many Hands of the volunteers for their many hours and talent in preparation of this week of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. As well the Congregation Care Team for delivering small arrangements and Easter Lilies to the Nursing Homes and Home Bound members of Bethlehem Church.



Bethlehem Church Picnic

Sponsored by the Altar and Flower Guild Hamburger/hot dogs, pasta salad, potato salad, baked beans, cucumber salad and homemade strawberry shortcake!

BINGO- CAKE WALK- DOOR PRIZES

June 8th, 11:30AM-2PM @ Lion's Park

Church will start at 10:30AM Shuttle to pavilion from parking area for those in need

RSVP IN WESLEY HALL BY JUNE 1st

Free will donation day to help offset costs, remaining profits go to Altar & Flower Guild

OPERATION THINKING OF YOU

The Bethlehem Congregational Care Committee is again offering the opportunity for everyone to remember our homebound members. By Involving all the church family over all age groups in an ongoing Sunshine Gift Bag activity, we hope to assure our members who cannot attend that we think of them often and want to bring blessings to their lives. The Sunshine Collection begins **Sunday, May 4, 2025**, and ends the morning of **Sunday, June 1**. Labeled bags will be easily accessible in Wesley Hall, along with lists of gift ideas. You can add your personal "sunshine" to any or all of the bags. Cards Only bags will be mailed to our distant homebound. Our goal is delivery to our friends Monday, June 9.

IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO ADD TO SUNSHINE BAGS: Please No Candy

Cards "Thinking of You" or "Cheer" of "Encouragement Small books of humor, nostalgic stories, memories Magazines with nature or travel photos, uplifting or funny stories Stress relief balls Jokes or Riddles printed on index cards Handmade or Seasonal Craft Items Large print crosswords, word search puzzles, with pencil Stained glass window hangings Pens or Pencils, Easy grip Flavored tea bags, wrapped Small coloring book with crayons or colored pencils Photographs of the church or church friend Handmade Cards with Short Devotional Story or Inspirational Quote Small toiletry items, lip balm, lotions, toothbrushes, tissues Scripture Cards or Bookmarks Handwritten notes **Devotional guides** Artwork, Crafts, Drawings, or Cards from Children Stationery set with pre-stamped envelopes and pen Some bags are marked for Cards only, for delivery to our distant homebound.

Just a tip: For our friends with visual issues, messages written large and in dark marker are appreciated. Also consider appropriate items for those struggling with cognitive decline.

Online are many free resources and pages that could be printed for including in Sunshine bags. Here is one example that includes printable scripture cards for every season, puzzles, coloring pages, etc. <u>https://www.hometouchministry.com/covid19-resources-for-elderly-homebound</u>





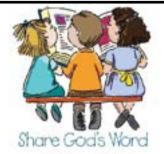


Altar Flower Sponsors needed

What a great way to honor a loved one and glorify God. Reserve your summer spots now! Cost is \$40. Please contact Wendy Pichler for more information. 717-578-6747



Join us every Thursday morning from 8AM-9:30AM at Two Brothers Family Restaurant in York for a time of fellowship, food and scripture. All are welcome!



The children of Bethlehem need you!

We are looking for children's Sunday School teachers. Whether it's a week or a month at a time, we would love to have your help. If you would like to join us any Sunday to see what it's all about, please do so.

Lessons are easy to follow, and are fun for the children. Please pray and consider serving in this ministry.

If you are interested, please let Julie know.

jbspyker@hotmail.com/ 717-600-4075

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 Eric Zimmerman, Austin Eberly, David & Lisa King, Kim Diffenhafer, Deb Raver, Mike & Karen Snyder for being greeters during the month of April.









Common Grounds Café

Is now open at 9:30AM! Come by and get their new breakfast sandwich and a coffee to get your day going! Café is open 9:30AM-2:00PM when Dallastown Schools are in session.

Have an idea for an event or outreach?

Pick up an "Office Proposal" form by the office or from an information table in Wesley Hall! This will give you the chance to share your ideas and let our team know your requests for marketing. Please contact the Office with any questions!



Our church is growing, and we are in need of a childcare giver for our littlest members.

Interested person needs to be available on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Julie Spyker for more details

jbspyker@hotmail.com/717-600-4075



Deadline for submissions for April Newsletter is May 15th. Please email submissions to office@gotobethlehem.org

Office information: Jen's email is now office@gotobethlehem.org

**We are no longer using the announcements@gotobethlehem.org

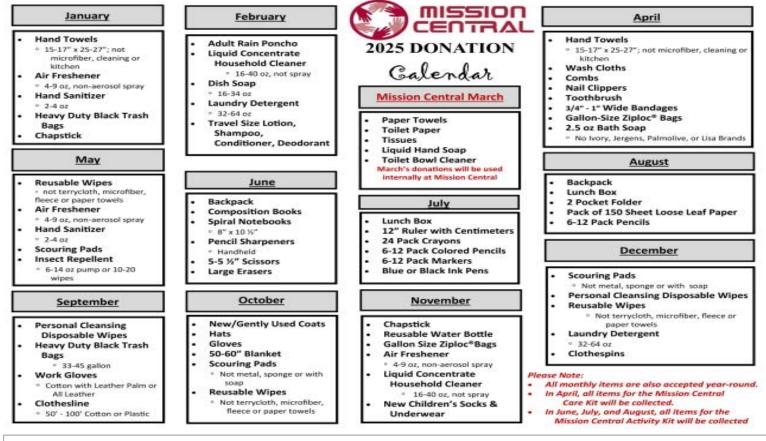


Lunch Bunch will be meeting Tuesday May 20 at 12 noon @ Lions Pride Sign up at the network table or contact Margaret Malehorn at 717-266-0352



The Altar Flower Guild would like to thank everyone that has contributed through our fund raisers to raise the \$20,000.00 needed to clean and restore the painting of Jesus in the sanctuary. We are VERY close to our goal. If anyone would like to contribute any amount towards this goal in memory or in honor of someone we will be accepting donations during the month of May. Please complete the information below and give to a member of the guild or turn in at network table. *The restoration will begin on June 2nd and the painting will be unveiled on June 15th*

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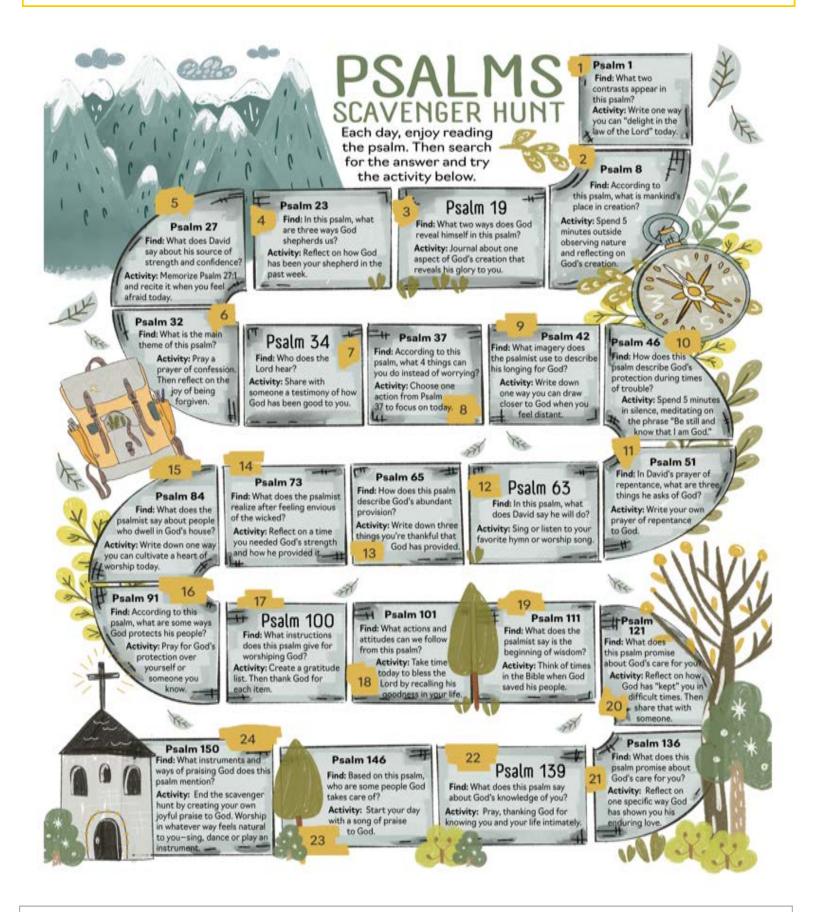
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To honor the birth of the Church, we will be decorating our Sanctuary again this year with red geraniums on Pentecost, June 1st. The geraniums will be planted around the churches as a reminder of this wonderful day! The cost per geranium is \$5.00 for a 3.5" pot. Please fill out the form below and include payment with your order, as you will not be billed.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 717-244-1486.

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| P.Lot Egyptian festival Heritage Sunday 8am Our Daily Bread 8am Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group | 6:30pm 1 rustees meeting 6:30pm 4H meeting 7pm Men's Basketball | 10am Book Discussion group 6:30pm VBS meeting 6:30pm Mission team meeting 7pm AA | 10am Women Bible Study 5:15pm -M&Ms 7:15pm Choir practice | 8am Prayer breakfast 1pm lady small group | 6-8pm Mother's Day par-tea 6pm Girl Scouts | 8am Men's Group 6pm AA |
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Sunday Worship Schedule 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:15 AM Contemporary Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service

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