

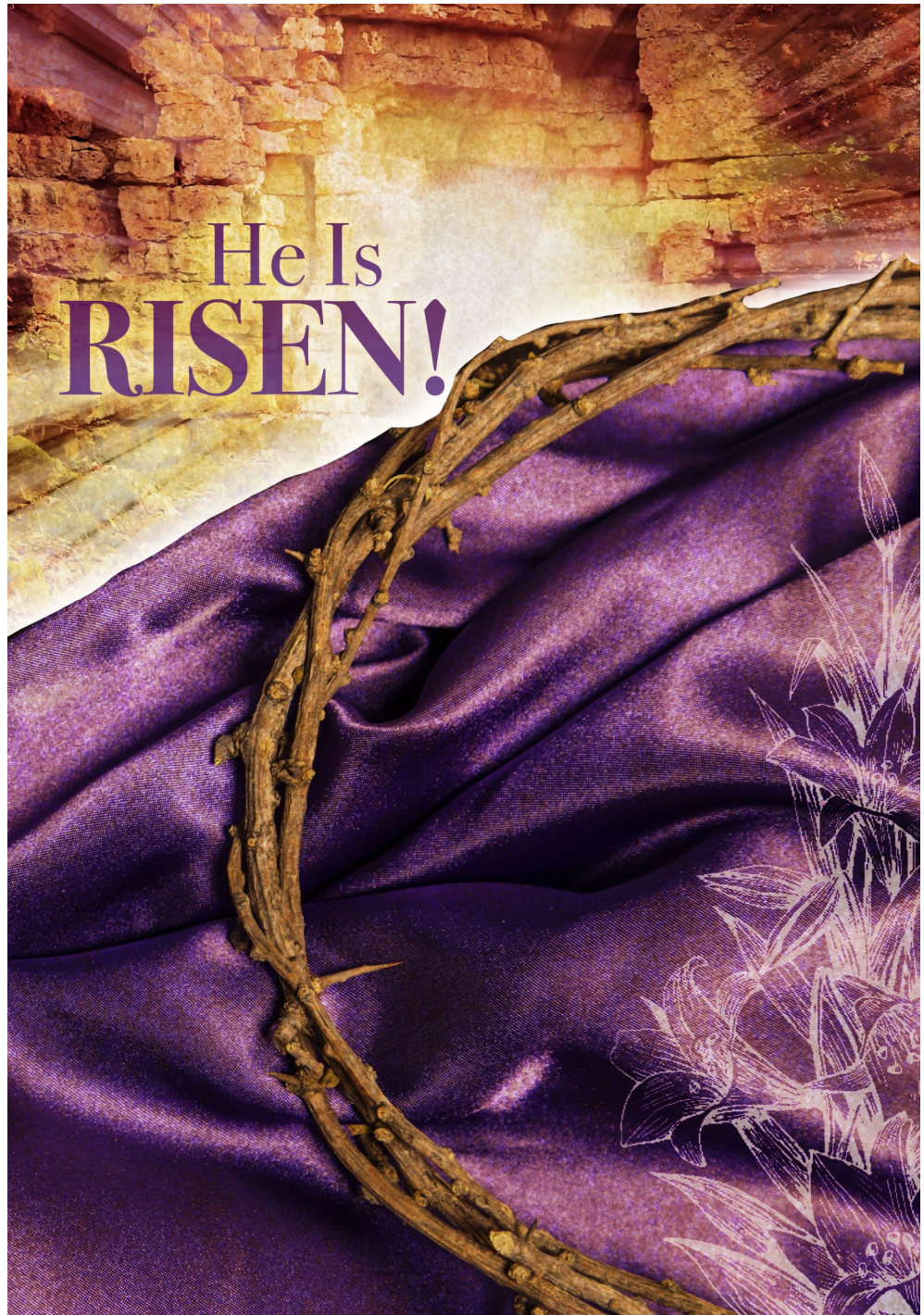
The Lamplighter

March 2024

Bethlehem Life Church

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Mission Statement:

*To give of ourselves so others may know
Jesus Christ.*



Hello Church!

It has been several decades since Robert and Gloria Waltemeyer moved out of state and therefore no longer attended here at Bethlehem, nonetheless their connection to our church continued to remain strong. Like many of us who have been blessed by our relationship with God and each other through our church they wanted to give back to Bethlehem. God had blessed them financially and they choose to pass some of that along to continue to bless the ministry of God through Bethlehem Church. Robert V Waltemeyer went on to be with the Lord on 4/12/2002 and most recently his wife Gloria J (Hoover) Waltemeyer went to be with the Lord on 9/14/2023.

We were informed by their attorneys that Bethlehem will be receiving approximately \$2 million from their estate! We want to express our gratitude for this wonderful gift and look forward to seeing how God will use these funds to continue to make His Gospel known and shared through our community for generations to come. Our leadership will be in discussions regarding how to best utilize this gift for the most benefit to the mission and ministry of our church. If you have any questions regarding this gift, please feel free to reach out to me!

God bless, Pastor Dave Stough

Greetings Bethlehem Life Church, Charity reporting,

I don't know about all of you, but I'm cold, chilled to the bone. I know the Trustees attempt to keep the church campus nice and toasty when the various activities throughout the week are taking place, but I think they forget about me and my mouse family. I hate all those blasted thermostats that turn down the heat when the rooms are not in use. And what's with that crazy groundhog that claims Spring is right around the corner. What does he know? But even though I'm chilled to the bone, I'm true to my calling. I'm here to fill you in on March activities.

I just heard Pastor Dave S. make a rather significant announcement in church the other Sunday morning. As the church is looking to the future, and how it can move forward God's Kingdom, some new committees and some committees already in existence will be undergoing a transformation. He seemed rather excited about providing all of you with the opportunity to make the church aware of where your interests and passions lie, where you can best serve the Lord while serving Bethlehem. I sure hope everyone fills out the insert in the bulletin with the title "Ways to Serve God @ Bethlehem" so the church leaders know who might possess the appropriate gifts needed on each committee. I know the church needs more than just our finances, so plug in where you can best serve both God as well as Bethlehem. I would volunteer for the food committee, but Pastor Dave didn't mention that as one of the choices.

I overheard that the annual Spring Bazaar is being held on 3/9, so mark your calendar. Both old and new Fellowship Hall will be filled with crafters, and the best part, there will be delicious food. Come enjoy a day of browsing and eating. I have heard more than one person mention that something called 'daylight savings time' begins on Sunday 3/10. I don't know what that is, but it must be a big deal. Evidently it has something to do with clocks. As is always the case, there is an uptick in activity around the church as we approach my favorite time of the year, Easter. My whole family gets dressed in our finest clothes on 3/31, as all the services are so special. But I'm getting ahead of myself, as there is so much leading up to Easter Sunday. I don't know when it is going to happen, but I know that hundreds of butterflies will be found flying around the sanctuary during the Easter season. Julie Spyker is looking for people to help on 3/21 make the crosses that everyone will wear on Palm Sunday (3/24). On Friday 3/22 a flashlight Easter Egg Hunt for the children will take place in Old Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. Make sure your flashlights have strong batteries. Thursday 3/28 is the date for the always moving Maundy Thursday Service, taking place at 7 PM, and the following evening 3/29 will be the Good Friday Service, also starting at 7 PM. Be sure to bring flowers to add to the Easter Cross that adorns the Sanctuary on Easter morning 3/31, and join me and my micelings by wearing your 'Sunday best' on that most glorious of Sunday's.

I may be going out on a limb here, but I believe Julie Spyker would want me to remind you of the dates for Vacation Bible School. She's going to need help to tell all the children that come every year about Jesus, so let her know well in advance of your willingness to be helping June 16th through the 20th.

Well, that about does it for March. I'm going on a hunt for some blankets for me and my mouse family. As always, keep praying Bethlehem, keep praying. And be sure to look for me on Easter Sunday, I will be by the angel's head with a big smile on my face.

Love,

Charity (the Church Mouse)



Life Under the Clock Tower

Mission Central is always accepting items!

Mission Central needs lots of Activity Kit Bags. Kit Bags need to be made from heavy cloth material. If you are interested, I have placed copies of the Pattern Dimensions and Sewing Instructions at the Wesley Hall Network Table. Many thanks in advance.

Please place your donations in the White Basket or Cardboard Box next to the Church Mailboxes.

Next Mission Central trip will be Tuesday March 12th. Please let us know before March 10th if you would like to go along.

Thank you in advance for any and all donations.
Sincerely,
Terry
Mission Central Coordinator



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.

A special thanks to Dave & Ann Morton, Dave & Julie Wohlforth & Aubree Carroll, Bob & Sharon Shultz, And Mike & Karen Snyder for greeting during the month of February.



M&M Spring Session Continues through March 27th

Meal at 5:30PM

Classes begin at 6:15PM

Class choices include :

A women's study "David: Seeking a Heart Like His"

led by Abby Brenneman,

A verse by verse study of the book of Acts

led by Jim Stine,

A youth group class on prayer led by Pastor Dave B.

A Max Lucado Study, "He Chose the Nails"

led by the McGuigans.

Join us for Meals & More!



MARCH BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

March 27th
10AM

Conference Room

"The Stranger
in the Lifeboat"
By Mitch Albom

Life Under the Clock Tower



Lunch Bunch
will be held on Tuesday
March 19th at noon at the
Stonybrook Diner.
Sign up at the network
table or
contact Faye Harrold at
717-880-9091



Deadline for submissions for
April Newsletter is March 20th.
Please email submissions to
announcements@gotobethlehem.org

Saturday Men's Group Meeting

When: Saturdays

Where: Common Grounds Café

Time: 8:00 – 9:00am

Calling **all** men of Bethlehem Life
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

Come and check us out!



MARCH LIBRARY CORNER



Does ice cream make you happy?

Let's create a "pretend sundae" and enjoy some
good books at the same time!

"Build A Sundae" begins March 24th and runs
through April 28th!

Directions and vouchers can be found at the
church library or the library annex shelf.

You can watch the sundaes being made at the
display in the preschool stair hallway.

11 new novels have arrived & are available for check out.

Remember for personal or group study- Warren Wiersbe's Bible commentaries
from Genesis through I Chronicles are available. We would still like to complete
this series of commentaries, any donation is greatly appreciated.



Life Under the Clock Tower



2024 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

EASTER SUNDAY IS MARCH 31ST

Once again, we will order lilies to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to purchase lilies to decorate the church and to enjoy at your home after Easter service, please fill out below form and return to either the church office or Wesley Hall along with your payment.

The last day to order lilies is Sunday March 17th.

You may take home your lilies following the 10:30 Service on Easter Sunday

Lilies are \$11.00 each (4-7 Blooms)

Quantity: _____

Total: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name of Donor: _____



Please check one: _____ In Memory _____ In Honor _____ To the Glory of God

Of: _____

Make Checks payable to Bethlehem Life Church

Contact the church office with any questions 717-244-1486



Bethlehem Life Church and the American Cancer Society are joining efforts to help combat cancer.

All proceeds will benefit the York Chapter. Since the 1950s, the daffodil has served as a symbol of hope and resilience in the face of cancer.

The Daffodils can be picked up from the front of the church on Sunday March 17th after the church service from the Altar-Flower Guild! We will be offering a Bunch of Daffodils or an alternative gift, if you do not wish to purchase the Daffodils. The cost per bunch of 10 daffodils is \$7.00. Flowers are limited.

Please fill out the form below and mark whether your gift is to purchase one or more Bunches of Daffodils or the alternative gift. Please include payment with your order, as you will not be billed. This form can be dropped off at the Network Table in Wesley Hall. If you have any questions, please call the Altar -Flower Guild or Terry Knisely at 717- 817-5244.

Please make checks payable to Bethlehem Life Church.

Memo line – Daffodil Day

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 10th

2024 Daffodil Sunday

I would like _____ Daffodil Bunches of 10 (# of bunches)

I would like to give a monetary give of \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Placed by: _____



Life Under the Clock Tower

Vacation Bible School registration is now open!

Come join us and dive into God's love for everyone.

June 16th-20th

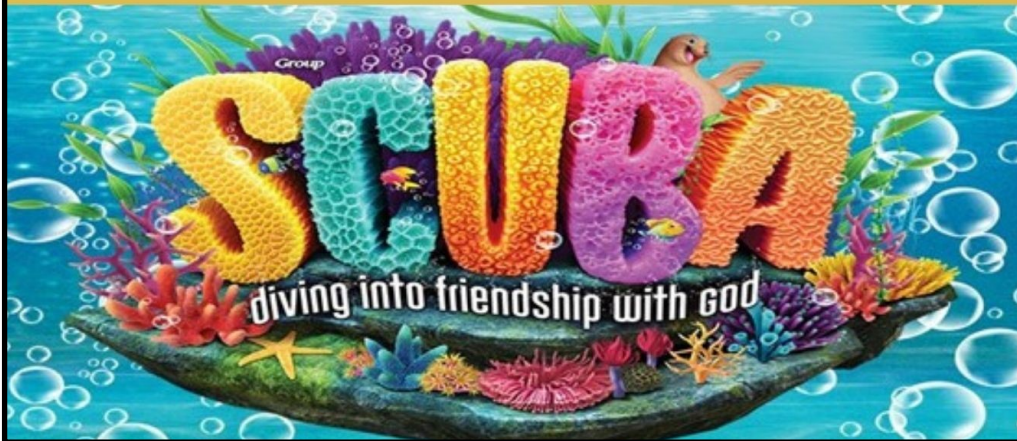
All children from preschool – children going into 6th grade are welcome to join us for a great week learning all about God, making new friends, and doing lots of fun activities.

We are also looking for volunteers. It is so much fun and easy to help out.

Even our young adults that can no longer participate in VBS are welcome to help!

Please use the QR code below to register for participants and volunteers or visit:

<https://vbsspro.events/p/bfc8a1>



OPEN GYM

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6TH

6:30-8:00PM

BETHLEHEM GYM

PRESCHOOL -HIGH SCHOOL FOR
GAMES

BRING A FRIEND!

Contact Julie with Questions
jbspyker@hotmail.com; 717-600-4075



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



We will be collecting flowers to decorate our Flowering Cross on Easter Sunday. All types of flowers are needed and can be bought from the store or cut from your own gardens.

Please deliver your donation to the area outside the prayer room, next to the mailboxes, on Easter Sunday by 10:15AM.

Thank you so very much for making this tradition a yearly success!

Any questions, please ask

Julie Spyker - jbspyker@hotmail.com or 717-600-4075



Help needed

Thursday March 21st

9:30 AM

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

Instructions will be provided

Please let me know if you are able to help

jbspyker@hotmail.com or 717-600-4075



Share God's Word

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



Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

Bethlehem Life Church

Old Fellowship Hall

Friday March 22nd

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Come join us for a night of egg hunting fun!

The Easter Bunny will also be hopping over for a visit.

***Make sure to bring your flashlights**

Please RSVP to Julie Spyker by March 17th

jbspyker@hotmail.com or 717-600-4075



Life Under the Clock Tower

Attention all Vietnam Veterans of Bethlehem Life Church. Friday, March 29th is NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR Veterans Day.

Vietnam Era covers the following Eras. A). Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the period November 1, 1955 and ends on May 7, 1975, inclusive. B). Veterans who did not serve in the Republic of Vietnam during the period August 5, 1964 and ends on May 7, 1975, inclusive, in all other cases. Code of Federal Regulations, 3.2(f).

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed annually on March 29 in the United States. It is a national observance that recognizes veterans who served in the US military during the Vietnam War.

March 29 was chosen as the National Vietnam War Veterans Day because on March 29, 1973, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded and the last U.S. combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. The last unit was elements of MACV's Infantry Security Force (Special Guard), actually special couriers.

On March 29, 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 29, 2012, as Vietnam Veterans Day. The proclamation called "upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the Vietnam War.

On December 26, 2016, the Vietnam Veterans Day Coalition of States Council presented a letter to President Elect Donald Trump and Congressional leadership outlining the history and timeline of cause to establish March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day and requesting that it be one of the first legislations passed and signed into law during the 115th Congress.

On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017. This act officially recognizes March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This Act also includes the day among those days on which the US Flag should especially be displayed.

So, all veterans of Bethlehem Life Church who served during the Vietnam War, please fill out the information insert and return it to Terry Tyson NOT LATER THAN Sunday, March 17th. The Bulletin for Sunday, March 31st, will include an Insert recognizing all of you for your dedication and thanks for your service to our beloved United States of America.



March Calendar

					1-Friday 5PM Boys Soccer 6PM Youth 7:30PM Basketball 	2-SATURDAY 8AM Men's Group 10AM Upward 11AM Upward 6PM AA
3-SUNDAY 8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional	4-MONDAY <u>No Preschool</u> 6PM Upward 6:30PM- 4H 6:30PM Trustees	5-TUESDAY 5PM Soccer 6PM Upward 6PM Cheerleading 6:30PM Mission 7PM AA	6-WEDNESDAY 10AM Women Bible 4:30&5:30PM Soccer 5:30PM M&M 7:15PM Choir	7-THURSDAY 8AM Prayer Break-fast 5PM Volleyball	8-FRIDAY 6PM Soccer 6PM Girl Scouts 7:30PM Basketball	9-SATURDAY Spring Bazaar 8AM Men's Group 9 & 10AM Upward 6PM AA
10-Sunday 8AM Chapel  9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional	11-Monday 9AM Penn Mar 9AM Preschool	12-Tuesday Off site Mission Central 5PM- Soccer 6:30Pm Lion's Club 7PM AA 7:30PM Basketball	13-Wednesday 10AM Women Bible 5:30PM Soccer 5:30PM M&M 7:15PM Adult Choir	14-Thursday 8AM Offsite Prayer 5PM Volleyball	15-Friday 11AM Reach 6PM Soccer 7:30PM Basketball	16-Saturday 8AM Men's Group 6PM AA
17-Sunday 8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional 	18-Monday 9AM Penn Mar 6:30PM Prayer Shawl Decorating in Fellowship hall	19-Tuesday 8AM Preschool 11AM Lunch Bunch 5PM- Soccer 7PM AA 7:30PM Basketball Decorating in Fellowship hall	20-Wednesday 10AM Women Bible 5:30PM M&M 5:30PM Soccer 7:15PM Adult Choir Decorating in Fellowship hall	21-Thursday 8AM Off-site Prayer 5PM Volleyball Decorating in Fellowship hall	22-Friday 6PM Youth 6PM Girl Scouts 6PM Soccer 6:30Pm Easter Egg Flashlight hunt 7:30PM Basketball Decorating in Fellowship hall	23-Saturday 8AM Men's Group 6PM AA Decorating in Fellowship hall
24-Sunday 8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional Decorating in Fellowship Hall	25-Monday 7AM Life Line 9AM Preschool Decorating in Fellowship Hall	26-Tuesday 5PM- Soccer 6:30PM Lion's Club 7PM AA 7:30PM Basketball Decorating in Fellowship hall	27-Wednesday 10AM NO Women Bible study 10AM Book Discussion 5:30PM Soccer 5:30PM M&M 7:15PM Adult Choir Decorating in Fellowship hall	28- Thursday 8AM Off-site prayer 5PM Volleyball 7PM Service Decorating in Fellowship hall	29-Friday <u>Church Office Closed</u> 6PM Soccer 7PM Service 7:30PM Basketball Decorating in Fellowship hall	30-Saturday 8AM Men's Group 6PM AA Decorating in Fellowship hall
31-Sunday 8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional 	<div>  <div> <h2>March</h2> <p>In like a lion, out like a lamb!</p> </div>  </div>					

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8:00 AM Chapel Service
9:15 AM Contemporary Service
10:30 AM Traditional Service