

The Lamplighter

April 2024

Bethlehem Life Church

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Mission Statement:

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



Hello Church,

In Worship on April 7th, we will start what we hope will be a life changing journey through God's word! Over the next 18 months we will walking through 12 individual sermon series that will help us recapture the importance of the Bible and see how it all points to Jesus.

We are calling this journey
- **God's Magnificent Word.**

"Our purpose is to journey into Scripture, God's unified story leading to Jesus, who invites us into a new way of life and continues God's story in us through the transforming work of the Holy Spirit." Each of the 12 series will be accompanied by a purposely thought-out series guide which will help us dive deeper into God's word and its transforming power.

This journey will begin with God's creation in Genesis and end with the culmination of all things in the book of Revelation. Conveniently enough our special times of the year, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost will all fall within the context of our journey into Bible.

May you open yourself up to take a fresh look at God's magnificent Word, the Bible, the Holy Scriptures that you may allow God to transform and renew your heart as we begin this journey together as a church family!

In Christ, Pastor Dave Stough



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April Bethlehem Book Club

APRIL 23RD
10:30AM
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“THE GOOD LEFT
UNDONE”
BY ADRIANA
TRIGIANI



Common Grounds Café

Check out all the goodness the
Reach kids are creating in the
kitchen this year!

Café is open
Monday through Friday 10AM -2PM
when Dallastown School is in session

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.

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



BASKETBALL PICK UP LEAGUE

MONDAY NIGHTS
WOMEN 6-7:30PM
MEN 7:30-9PM
IN GYM

NO CHARGE, NO
COMMITMENT



M&M Spring Session Starts April 3 through May 22

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 David Jeremiah Study, "The Great Disappearance " led by Jim Stine,

A youth group class on Cold Case Christianity led by Pastor Dave B.

A Louis Giglio study, "The Act of Apostles" (RightNow Media)

led by the McGuigans.

Join us for Meals & More!

Sign up for class in Wesley Hall

Life Under the Clock Tower

Who wants to have some fun and laugh while worshipping our Lord? I'm giving you the opportunity to help me organize a drama team here at church. No, you don't have to be a professional actor to sign up!

We will do short dramas that will set up the pastor's sermon. Call Margo McGuigan, 717-793-1801 or email Margomcg@comcast.net if you want to give this a try! You are guaranteed to have fun!



Your service to your church family has great value. You helped at the funeral service and served us lunch. You prayed, you sent cards and made an effort to make in-person contact with us. As you continue the Kingdom work, we are grateful and offer up praises for you.

Thank you,
Joan Stabley and family



The Acts of the Apostles,
an eight-week video series.

If you feel that the world has lost its way, you might wonder "What can I do, and... what can the Church do?". The Book of Acts reveals God's plan for global redemption, His purpose for our lives, and the power He has given us to accomplish His mission. Pastor Louie Giglio has prepared this eight-session walk through the story of the early church.

Keith and Margo McGuigan encourage your participation in this group to experience Louie's clear and engaging teaching style and to enjoy the benefits of Christian fellowship in this small group experience. Join us as we learn from the disciples who were the very first Church.

This opportunity begins 6:15 PM Wednesday April 3rd in the "Parlor".

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 Sue Ayres, Karen Adams, Don & Marsha Strine, Brad & Kathy Kline, Deb Hake, Kim Dittenhafer, and Todd & Barbara Oberdick for being greeters during the month of March.



Life Under the Clock Tower

Women of Bethlehem Soup and Salad Dinner



Saturday April 13th 4-6PM

Wesley Hall

Let's get to know each other better
and share a meal!

Please bring food to share
Last Names beginning with:

A-J: Salad K-O: Soup

P-Z Dessert

Sign up at the Network table
in Wesley Hall

Contact Abby abbywarner1112@gmail.com or Mandy amandastough@gmail.com

Library News

“Build a Sundae” continues thru April 28th. It’s not too late to pick up a reading log, enjoy some books, and collect your prizes! Directions & logs can be found at the church library and the contemporary service lobby.

“April showers bring May flowers”. At our library “It’s raining cats & dogs!” Our special display features books about our much loved furry friends! Check us out!

Mother’s day basket–

Children & Youth– enter to win a basket filled with pretties for you mom or another woman you love just as much. Entry forms are located at the church library or the lobby annex at contemporary service. Sign up April 7– May 5. Drawing is May 7th. Only one entry per person!

We now have the entire Old Testament studies by W. Wiersbe– Perfect for teachers & personal use. Thank you to two friends of the library for your generous gift!

Life Under the Clock Tower



You are surrounded by history at Bethlehem since 1907!

Lent and Easter are the Christian season that traditionally begins with a period of sacrifice and preparation and concludes with the resurrection of Christ in the Christian church.

This year under the direction of the Altar and Flower Guild, the intergenerational parishioners at Bethlehem are pleased to share the beauty of the sanctuary surrounded by an art installation, featuring thousands of beautifully hand-painted impressionistic butterflies, suspended and swarming around the hand-painted ceiling during this Easter season.

Come see the **FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLIES**

The Altar & Flower Guild members will be available for questions regarding the history of the hand crafted sanctuary as well as the art installation of butterflies.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Hours of art installation viewing

Saturday April 6th & Sunday April 7th
Saturday April 13th & Sunday April 14th

12:30pm-4:30pm



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

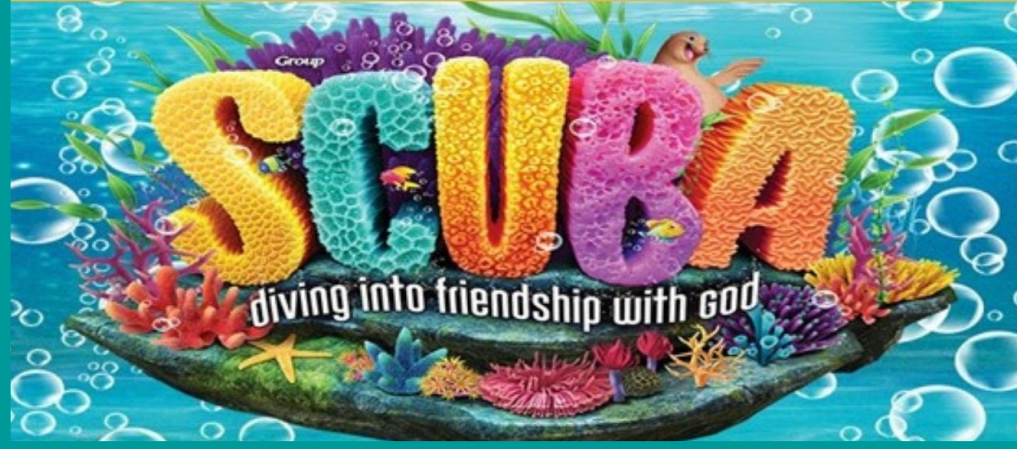
All children from preschool – children going into 6th grade are welcome to join us for a great week learning all about God, making new friends, and doing lots of fun activities.

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://vbspro.events/p/bfc8a1>



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



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

Life Under the Clock Tower



Youth entering 7th grade in the 2024-2025 school year and older are eligible to be confirmed.

Confirmation will be held in May. If you are interested in being confirmed this year, please contact Pastor Dave B at dbrenneman@gotobethlehem.org.

Membership classes are also starting up soon. If you are interested in becoming a member of Bethlehem, please contact Pastor Dave B at dbrenneman@gotobethlehem.org.



Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday April 16 at noon at Lyndon Diner. Sign up at the network table or please temporarily contact Sandi Neal at 717-515-6549



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



Father Daughter Dance

Friday April 19th

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bethlehem Fellowship Hall

Come spend a fun filled evening of music and dancing with your special girl. All girls of all ages are welcome.

Refreshments and dessert bar will be provided.

\$5 per family

Please RSVP by April 14th

to Julie Spyker

jbspyker@hotmail.com or 717-600-4075

**Uncles, Grandpas, and all other guardians are welcome*



Friday April 5th

6:30 - 8:00PM

Bethlehem Church Gym

Join us for a Nerf battle

Bring your favorite Nerf gun and accessories and prepare to have fun

***Don't forget eye protection**

RSVP by April 1st

(Parent/guardian must be present to participate)

Julie Spyker – jbspyker@hotmail.com

717-600-4075

Following the 'Perfect Fool'

Theologian Frederick Buechner, who died at age 96 in 2022, explored how the "foolishness of God" (see 1 Corinthians 1:25) compares to human wisdom. He pondered the safety stickers that warn, "The life you save may be your own."

"That is the wisdom of [humans] in a nutshell," wrote Buechner. "What God says, on the other hand, is 'The life you save is the life you lose.' In other words, the life you clutch, hoard, guard and play safe with is in the end a life worth little to anybody, including yourself, and only a life given away for love's sake is a life worth living."

Buechner continued, "To bring his point home, God shows us a man who gave his life away to the extent of dying a national disgrace without a penny in the bank or a friend to his name. In terms of [human] wisdom, he was a Perfect Fool, and anybody who thinks [they] can follow him without [being] something like the same kind of a fool ... is laboring under not a cross but a delusion."

Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was hanged by the Nazis in April 1945, taught that Christianity and discipleship are intertwined. "Discipleship means adherence to Christ," he wrote in *The Cost of Discipleship*. "An abstract Christology, a doctrinal system, a general religious knowledge ... render discipleship superfluous"

Bonhoeffer continued, "With an abstract idea, it is possible to enter into a relation of formal knowledge, to become enthusiastic about it, and perhaps even to put it into practice; but it can never be followed in personal obedience. Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."



SOMETHING OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

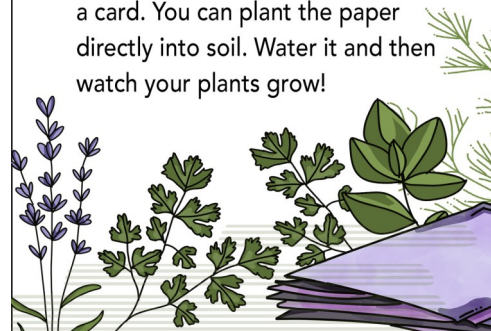
What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help


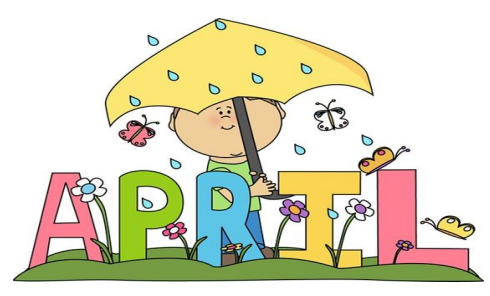


What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



April Calendar

	1-MONDAY	2-TUESDAY	3-WEDNESDAY	4-THURSDAY	5-FRIDAY	6-SATURDAY
	9AM Penn Mar 7PM Trustees Meeting 6PM Women Basketball 7:30PM Men's Basketball	6:30PM- Mission Team 7PM- AA	10AM Women Bible 5:30PM M&M 7:15PM Choir	8AM Offsite Prayer	6PM Nerf Night	8AM Men's Group 6PM AA
7-SUNDAY	8-MONDAY	9-TUESDAY	10-WEDNESDAY	11-THURSDAY	12-FRIDAY	13-SATURDAY
8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional	6PM Women Basketball 7:30PM Men's Basketball	6:30 PM Lion's Club 7PM AA	10AM Women Bible 5:30PM M&M 7:15PM Choir	<u>No Preschool</u> 8AM Off-site Prayer 2PM Reach	<u>No Preschool</u> 6PM Girl Scouts	8AM Men's Group 2PM Women's Dinner 6PM AA
14-Sunday	15-Monday	16-Tuesday	17-Wednesday	18-Thursday	19-Friday	20-Saturday
8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional	9AM Penn Mar 6:30PM Preschool 6:30PM Prayer Shawl 6PM Women Basketball 7:30PM Men's Basketball 	11AM Off-site Lunch Bunch 7PM AA	10AM Women Bible 5:30PM M&M 7:15PM Adult Choir	8AM Offsite Prayer 12:30PM Preschool	8:45AM Preschool-Zoo 6:30PM Father Daughter Dance	8AM Men's Group 9AM Girl Scouts 6PM AA
21-Sunday	22-Monday	23-Tuesday	24-Wednesday	25-Thursday	26-Friday	27-Saturday
8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional	9AM Penn Mar 6:30PM Preschool 6PM Women Basketball 7:30PM Men's Basketball	10:30AM Book Discussion 6:30PM Lion's Club 7PM AA	10AM Women Bible 5:30PM M&M 7:15PM Adult Choir	8AM Off-site Prayer	6PM Girl Scouts	8AM Men's Group 6PM AA
28-Sunday	29-Monday	30-Tuesday				
8AM Chapel 9:15AM Contemporary 9:15AM Wired Word 9:30AM Large group 10:30AM Traditional	9AM Penn Mar 6PM Women Basketball 7:30PM Men's Basketball	7PM AA				

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

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