

The Lamplighter

February 2025

Bethlehem Church Dallastown

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Mission Statement:

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



Hello Church,

Over 10 years ago I called a restaurant near our home for some takeout food and the caller ID apparently displayed "Amanda Stough," my wife's name. I didn't know this at the time but after a few times of ordering food with the same gentleman always on the other end of the line he started to answer the phone saying, "Hello Amanda Stough what can I get you today!" With me feeling slightly socially awkward at times I didn't address it and just ordered. If I had thought ahead, I would have realized how much more socially awkward it would be years later to tell him my real name. So here we are over 10 years later and still when I walk into the restaurant to pick up my food, I am greeted by my friend announcing, "HELLO Amanda!" Whenever I have a real friend or other family members accompanying me to pick up the food, I must now always prepare them that to this man - I am Amanda.

When I say he is my friend I mean that he is a friend in the setting of a "transaction." We may talk or joke about things but if we ever run into each other out in public it would feel very different. The transaction sets the structure for our "friendship." If you frequent the same restaurants or stores, especially ones that have a smaller number of staff and face-to-face interactions, they may have learned your name as well (or spouses).

Sometimes we approach the witness of our faith in these same transactional terms. We may feel within the structure of a church ministry or worship service we can engage in spiritual terms but sometimes that witness and the desire to engage spiritual stays in the "store" the church. What parts of your faith are transactional like this? It could be how we relate to God himself, where we want to hear from him and speak to him in prayer when at church but outside, we may grow silent. Maybe we find it is easier to welcome a new visitor we see coming into the church than it is to approach them on Sunday afternoon when we see them at the grocery store.

Jesus' ministry was not transactional, it was not boxed in to only certain times and spaces. Jesus' calls us to follow him. Which means we follow outside of those boxes, or transactional spaces, where we feel so comfortable and engage in authentic relationship which leads to transformation. Take time today to pray and think about ways you can move to be more relational and less transactional with your walk with Jesus and your witness to the world.

God bless, Pastor Dave

Fasnacht Day

**Fasnacht Day is coming
Order your Fasnachts here**

**The Flower and Altar Guild is selling delicious home made
Pennsylvania Dutch Fasnachts for Fasnacht Day.**

Order by **Sunday February 23rd in Wesley Hall
6 Plain Fasnachts per bag \$7.50**

Pick-up will be on **Tuesday March 4 6AM-5PM in Fellowship Hall
or 5PM-7PM in the Café**

NAME _____

Phone _____

of bags _____ **Total \$** _____

Make checks payable to Bethlehem Church



Life Under the clock Tower

This month we are highlighting Susie Strayer, who lives in her spacious York City apartment. Susie declined to pose for a photo for this newsletter, so her fulltime pals Peanut, 15 yrs old and Abby, 14 yrs old volunteered!

She was quite happy to entertain us from Bethlehem, where she's been a member for more than 65 years! Many of Susie's relatives still attend Bethlehem: Terry Tyson, Kay Ann Seitz, Brian, Brad, and Zachary Seitz, Lynn Strayer, and Torrus Crouse (who now resides at Pleasant Acres). Susie is a 1960 Dallastown High School graduate. She was a good softball player, and we discovered that we have a mutual Dallastown friend, Sue (Corky) Illyes, who was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame in 2023!

Susie worked at Bell Telephone for three years, and then she became employed at Warner's Dairy, which became Rutter's Restaurant (and is now Lion's Pride Restaurant). Susie loved her job, and she didn't retire from Rutter's until she reached age 72!

Susie loves to chat and visit, but because travel is difficult, she encourages you to give her a call or stop by for a visit. Contact the church office for her new telephone number and address.



Baked Potato Luncheon Sunday February 23rd 10:30 – 1:00

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 on the sheet in Wesley Hall so we can plan accordingly
If you are interested in donating a dessert, please contact Julie Spyker
jbspyker@hotmail.com /717-600-4075

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 Eric Zimmerman, Austin Eberly, Alan & Vickie Weikert, Kim Dittenhafer, and Deb Raver for being greeters during the month of January.



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 Metzel at sanctuarysound2015@gmail.com

Come and check us out!



Beginning December 1, 2024, and until further notice, we will ONLY be collecting knitted hats and the following items required for the making of a Mission Central CARE Kit. ALL items must be new and unwashed.

I am hoping to collect enough items to make at least 100 CARE Kits and hopefully more. When enough items are on hand, a specific date will be scheduled to have church members and friends to gather in New Fellowship Hall to help assemble the kits. Our Mission Central Volunteers will be on hand to assist you with putting the kits together.

Two reasons for the project:

- 1) To show people what one of the many projects we work on at Mission Central, and;
- 2) Hopefully sign up those persons who would like to go with us on our bi-monthly work days.

1 Hand Towel - Kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels are acceptable. Towels MUST be dry.

1 Wash Cloth - Adult Size. Wash cloth must be dry.

1 Comb - Any size or shape comb. Picks and pocket combs are acceptable.

1 Metal Nail File OR Clipper - Finger or Toenail Clippers are acceptable.

NO emery boards.

1 Bath Size Soap - Size 2.5 oz Soap Bar or larger. IVORY, JERGENS OR LISA brand soaps are not acceptable.

1 Toothbrush - Adult Size. Single Brushes only. Packaging must be completely sealed.

10 Adhesive Bandages - Variety of sizes are acceptable.

1 Gallon Size Resealable Plastic Bag.

Please place collected items in the White Basket and / or Mission Central Carton located near the Church mail boxes.

Feel free to contact Terry Tyson for questions / info at 717-246-3808 or terger@comcast.net.



Life Under the Clock Tower



With winter now upon us, please remember to check for church closures should there be inclement weather.

Bethlehem Church closures will appear on our Facebook page, website, and the following:

FOX43
ABC27
CBS21



Closures will also be announced on radio FM 103.3



Nursery Caregiver

We are looking for a nursery caregiver for Sunday mornings during our 9:15am and 10:30am services. This position would be 3 hours a Sunday at \$10/hr. Other aides will also be present, but we are looking for a consistent person so the youngest children feel comfortable in our nursery.

Bethlehem Church Library

We want to thank Laura Coe and Deb Hake who have been a critical part of our church library for years and have been a blessing to so many in our church and community! They are feeling that it is time for a change of leadership in the library and so we are looking for one or two people who are interested in this ministry. They will be finishing out the preschool year, but if anyone is interested it would be a wonderful time to walk alongside them to see what the library ministry is all about. If interested contact the church office or Laura and Deb.

Content Manager

*part-time \$15-20/hr. depending on experience -2 days per week
the total of 12 hours*

Responsible for compiling, editing, and distribution of quality content across various digital platforms as well as traditional print. The content manager will work to bring effective lines of communication to a diverse congregation in a way that keeps all messaging consistent with our mission and vision.



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Card Shower for Susie Harkcom

February 8 is Susie's Birthday if you would like to send her a card please mail to:
2618 E Market St room C6
York, Pa 17402-2411



Winter Session
Wednesdays
January 15-April 10
5:30PM Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:15Pm Classes

February Youth Group



"Godly friendships"

February 2nd Grow

February 9th Worship

February 16th Momentum Youth

February 23rd Serving at Community

Reach in Red Lion

(4th, 5th, & 6th graders attend)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Congregational Care Committee would like your help in caring for our homebound members. If you are interested in being a part of a visitation team, please contact the church office. As always, we hope you will find time to pray for these individuals and even send a card or give them a call to let them know we miss them and are thinking about them.

(The homebound list with contact information is located in the church office.)



Game Day

Sunday February 9th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

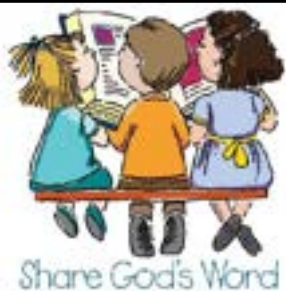
Join us for a fun afternoon of lunch and games.

Bring a favorite game to share if you would like. Feel free to bring a friend

Any questions,

jbspyker@hotmail.com /717-600-4075

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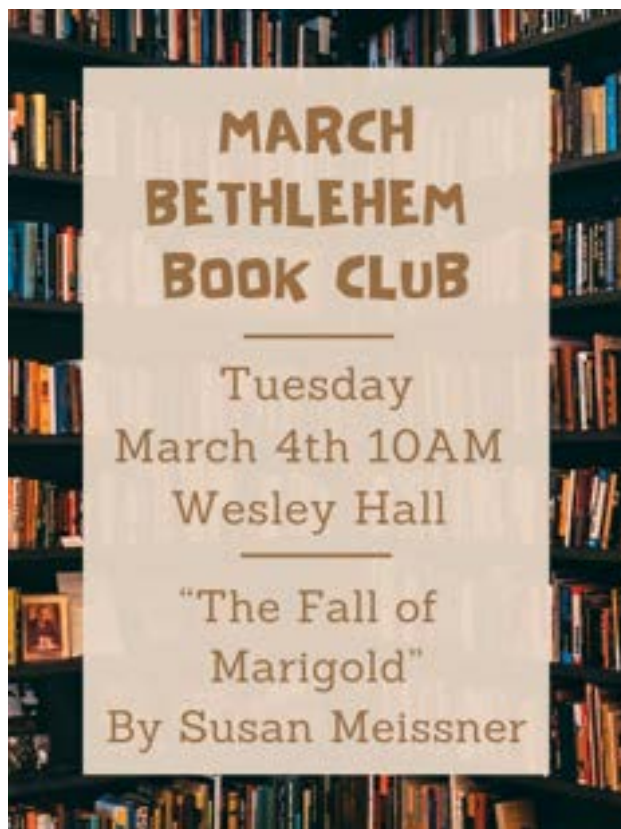
The children of Bethlehem need you!

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



PRAYER Breakfast

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!

nursery ministry

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

Building Use

Our church building is used for many activities during the week. If you would like to use a room in the church, first check to see that the room is available. Our calendar is found on the church website, or you can call into the office at anytime to see if a room is open. Then reserve the room by contacting the church office and it will be added to the calendar.

Please do not set up the area you will be using in advance of the date, unless you have directly contacted the office and received the ok. If your event is canceled, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Please keep all areas in the building the way you found them. If you need to move furniture or tables, please return them to their original positions. Thank you!



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 or jwrh1@comcast.net



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.



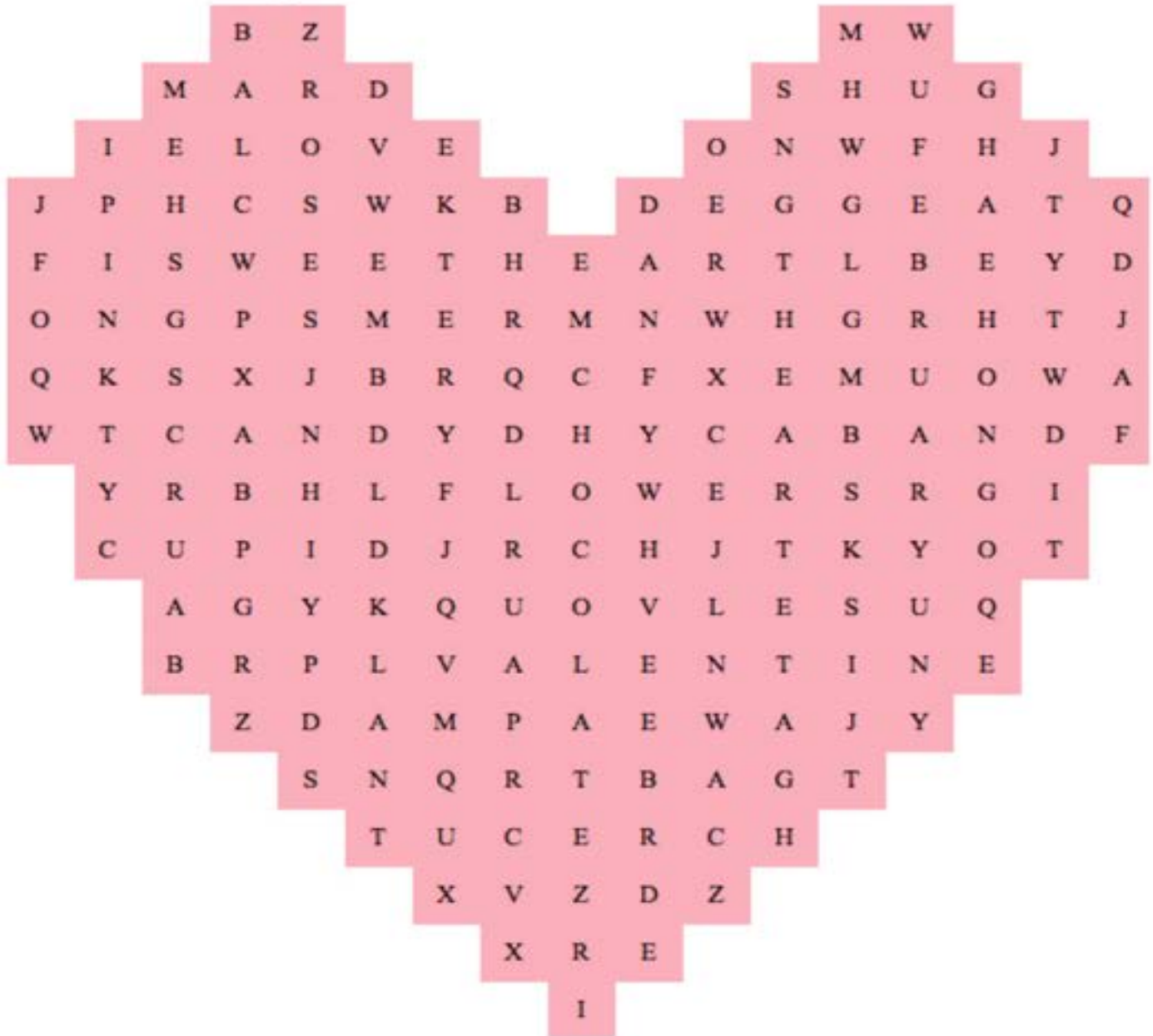
Lunch Bunch will be meeting Tuesday February 18 at 12 noon @ Hinkle's Restaurant Sign up at the network table or contact Margaret Malehorn at 717-266-0352



Deadline for submissions for March Newsletter is February 15th. Please email submissions to office@gotobethlehem.org



Valentine's Day Word Search



LOVE
CHOCOLATE
PINK
VALENTINE
ROSES

CUPID
FEBRUARY
RED
HUG
FLOWERS

CANDY
HEART
SWEETHEART
CARD
SWEET

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						<p>1-SATURDAY</p> <p>8am Men's Group 10am Upward games 6pm AA</p>
<p>2-SUNDAY</p> <p>8am Our Daily Bread 8am Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Large group 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>3-MONDAY</p> <p>6pm Upward 6:30pm Trustees meeting 6:30pm 4H meeting 7pm-Men's Basketball</p>	<p>4-TUESDAY</p> <p>10:30am Book Discussion 6pm- Upward 6:30pm Missions Meeting 7pm AA 7:30pm Basketball</p>	<p>5-Wednesday</p> <p>10am Women Bible Study 5:30pm M&Ms 7:15pm Choir 7:30pm-Basketball</p>	<p>6-THURSDAY</p> <p>8am Prayer breakfast 5pm Volleyball</p>	<p>7-FRIDAY</p> <p>5:30pm Lion's Club 6pm Soccer</p>	<p>8-SATURDAY</p> <p>8am Men's Group 10am Upward 12pm Mystery Dinner 2:30pm Soccer 6pm AA</p>
<p>9-Sunday</p> <p>8am Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Large group 10:30am Traditional 5:30PM- Youth Group</p>	<p>10-Monday</p> <p>9am Enrichment 6pm Upward 7pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p>11-Tuesday</p> <p>9am- Staff Meeting 6pm- Upward 6:30pm Lion's Club 7pm AA 7:30pm Basketball</p>	<p>12-Wednesday</p> <p>10am Women Bible Study 5:30pm M&Ms 7:15pm Choir 7:30pm-Basketball</p>	<p>13-Thursday</p> <p>8am Prayer breakfast 1pm Lady small group 5pm Volleyball</p>	<p>14-Friday</p>  <p>6pm Soccer 6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15-Saturday</p> <p>8am Men's Group 10am Upward 6pm AA</p>
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<p>23-Sunday</p> <p>8am Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Large group 10:30am Traditional 11am Baked Potato Luncheon 5:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>24-Monday</p> <p>9am Enrichment 6pm Upward 7pm Men's basketball</p>	<p>25-Tuesday</p> <p>6pm Upward 6:30pm Lions Club 7pm AA 7:30pm Basketball</p>	<p>26-Wednesday</p> <p>10am Women Bible Study 5:30pm M&Ms 7:15pm Choir 7:30pm Basketball</p>	<p>27-Thursday</p> <p>8am Prayer Breakfast 5pm Volleyball</p>	<p>28-Friday</p> <p>6pm Soccer 6pm Girl Scouts</p>	

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

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CHURCH DALLASTOWN**