



# Bethany Banner

## February 2019

*The Newsletter of  
Dover Bethany UM Church  
4510 Bull Road  
Dover, PA 17315*

## Church: A Function to Attend or a Family to Belong To?

We use several metaphors to describe who we are as a church:

**Church is a fellowship.** *"They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in the fellowship..."* Acts 2:42

**Church is a family.** *"You should be like one big happy family; full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds."* 1 Peter 2:8

**Church is a body.** *"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body."* Romans 12:4

**Church is a flock.** *"...He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left..."* Matthew 25:33

**When we say the church is a family, this is not just a metaphor. This is who we are to be.**

There is a danger for the church in which we view church simply as an event, something we put on our calendars. When we treat church as an event, it is easy for us to put it off, skip it or become unsatisfied with it and go looking somewhere else.

Many of you probably know folks who church shop and hop. It is easier to do that when church is only viewed as an event or worse, as a consumer item in which we are solely looking for our needs to be met.

Church as family is a different level of commitment and connection. Because I have no extended biological family around me, the church is literally my family. You have literally been grandparents and aunts and uncles to our children. That makes it extremely painful when someone chooses to leave our church family. It is like losing a part of yourself.

If we are going to be family, we have to be intentional about connecting and building and nurturing relationships with one another. We need to make sure those who are on the sidelines get hugged and incorporated into the family and are not overlooked or missed.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,  
Pastor Sal



### **HAVE A HEART SUNDAY – February 10, 2019**

We are collecting brown paper bags filled with everything **BUT** food items: paper goods, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, etc. for the Food Pantry. These non-food items are in great need. Thank you for your generosity!



## EMMAUS WEEKENDS 2019

Emmaus and Chrysalis are methods of Christian renewal in the church. Individuals who are recommended for either weekend should have an active desire to deepen their faith and their understanding of God's love, and become closer to Christ in their daily lives and discipleship

- Chrysalis Flight (HS Teens), February 15-17, 2019 @ the Hartman Center, Milroy PA, \$160.00
- Emmaus Men's Walk, April 4-7, 2019 @ the Hartman Center, Milroy PA \$200.00
- Emmaus Women's Walk, April 25-28, 2019 @ the Hartman Center, Milroy PA \$200.00

This is important enough that we want to encourage you to go by the church covering half the cost of the weekend. If you interested, see Pastor Sal or Nancy, Ray or Linda Deneen, Kelly Deneen, Mark Burkhart, or Jeanne Spahr.

## MEDICAL MISSION TRIP REPORT

Pastor Bola will be with us on February 17<sup>th</sup> to share with us about International Mission Opportunities (IMO). We will also hear from Steve Green and Mary Chronister about their trip to Nigeria.

## MISSION CENTRAL TRIP - Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> leaving at 9 AM

### NEW BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

#### Richard Foster's "Celebration of Discipline"

This new study is Thursday mornings, starting February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. The cost for a book and a study guide is going to be approximately \$30.00. If there are enough interested people who can't make Thursday morning, Pastor Sal will consider offering a Sunday night group too.

### UM CHILDREN'S HOME

Watch your calendar. We are looking at a special auction fundraiser in May. Sometime in March or April we would like to do a Saturday visit and tour to the Children's Home.

### DOVER BETHANY RESTAURANT

We still need a host family for Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>; Saturday; February 9<sup>th</sup> @The Saylor; Sunday; February 10<sup>th</sup> @The Groves. If you can host on February 8<sup>th</sup>, please call the office or email: [msarver@dbumc.org](mailto:msarver@dbumc.org) with your menu, time and price ASAP so people can sign up. Menus and sign-up sheets for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> are on the bulletin board.

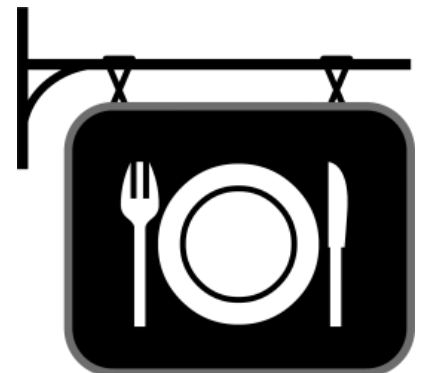
### VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

#### Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up on the bulletin board to donate baked goods for this event. Funds raised go to support our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. For more info, call Carol Hake at (717) 266-5325.

### SPECIAL PRAYER TIME FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

We are going to open our chapel up for prayer during General Conference (Saturday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>). Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details.



February 2019 Volunteer Schedule	3	10	17	24
Sanctuary door Greeters	George & Ruthie Laird	Mike & Ginger Lehr	Glenn & Mary Fetrow	Jerry & Peg Keller
Hospitality Center	Mark Burkhardt Margie Burkhardt	Jeff Stief Lynette Stief	Linda Deneen Ray Deneen	Kathy Aughey Marlin Aughey
Nursery	Tennille Burkhardt Lynette Stief	Elaine Myers Pat Smith	Ray Neiman Jack McLeod	Tracy Henze Jeanne Spahr
Head Usher	Jack McLeod	Rich Crager	George Laird	Jeff Stief
Counters	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Starting February 5th, the ladies will begin studying "Words to the Cross." Come and Join us! We meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9am in the Higher Ground Room. All women as invited to attend.

## WHERE ARE YOU SERVING?

We are currently needing volunteers to help with **nursery**, **greeting** and our **Tech Team** (operates sound and slides during worship). Training is provided for all areas and you will enjoy the eternal benefits of serving the Lord in ministry. Please sign up on your Communication Card.



## COMMUNION AND HEALING PRAYERS

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a Communion Sunday. We are looking for folks to serve Communion and pray for folks at the altar rail. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on your Communication Card.

Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar						February 2019	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship - Communion and Healing Prayers 10:45am Sunday School	4	5 9am Ladies' Bible Study "Words to the Cross"  7pm Trustees & Board of Directors Mtg	6 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip  6pm WWAB	7	8  Dover Bethany Restaurant	9  5pm Dover Bethany Restaurant @The Saylor's	
10 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE HAVE A HEART SUNDAY 5 pm Dover Bethany Restaurant @The Groves	11  7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting	12	13 9am Stitches of Love  6pm WWAB	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15	16	
17 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship - Medical Missions in Africa Report 10:45am Sunday School FOOD BANK Sunday	18	19 9am Ladies' Bible Study	20  6pm WWAB	21	22	23 7am Men's Covenant	
24 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	25	26	27 9am Stitches of Love  6pm WWAB	28			

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## **MIXED BAG FUNDRAISER - March 3rd to March 24th**



Catalogs will be available at the end of February at the Welcome Centers to order a wide variety of bags. Orders can be placed online at [mixedbagdesigns.com](http://mixedbagdesigns.com). We make 50% on catalog orders and 40% on online orders; for those friends and family that live out of town, they can still support us and their orders are shipped directly to the customer. Proceeds

will go to OCC shipping. Our ID# for Dover Bethany is 776469 and needs to be used for online orders. Money is due with orders. No sales tax collected. Please contact Elaine Kroft 717-292-1392 for more info.

## **WORSHIP CONCERT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

We will be hosting the Revelation Worship Collective music team for a concert of worship on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM. Plan to attend this night of joyous praise.



## **URGENT NEED FOR CHILDREN'S HOME**

The United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC) has an urgent need for comforters (twin size, solid color). The comforters may be delivered to: **UMHC**, 5120 Simpson Ferry Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Please call (717) 766-7652 with any questions.