

Bethany Banner

*The Newsletter of
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**Knowing God
Growing in Faith
Serving Others
Sharing the Good News**

Saddle Up or Circle the Wagons

There are 2 current issues that have had my attention (now that VBS is over, it has come back to the forefront of my thoughts).

The first issue is the overturning of Roe vs Wade by the Supreme Court. I am glad the ruling was over turned, because I believe it was a shoddy piece of legal ruling to begin with. But, I also believe the scriptures teach us about the sanctity of human life. My Biblical understanding does not support abortion.

Since the outcome was first leaked, opposition has been ramping up the rhetoric, the anger, the demonstrations and even violence. Friday, July 24th it exploded. Depending on what news feed you follow, just about every article was about the Supreme Court's decision, folk's responses and commentators' criticism.

I'm not a pessimist, but it is now going to get ugly on the state level. I think we are confronted with a choice: saddle up or circle the wagons.

The second issue that has my attention is our denominational situation. Things are starting to get ugly. We had been hoping and praying for an amicable split. Instead, we are starting to see Conferences taking very punitive actions towards churches that wish to disaffiliate. There have been some very troubling stories coming out of the Florida Conference, the Georgia Conference, the New Jersey Conference and others.

What could have been a peaceful discussion is becoming a very heated and messy situation. Again, I think we are confronted with a choice: saddle up or circle the wagons.

I must be watching too many re-runs of "Wagon Train". I'm not really sure I understand my choices: saddle up or circle the wagons. Perhaps there's another option. I guess we will work through this together over the next several months. Keep praying.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,
Pastor Sal

God Loves You Tour with Franklin Graham

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in hosting a special event at the York Fairgrounds, Sunday, September 25th. Franklin Graham will be speaking; musical artists include: Newsboys, Marcos Will and Dennis Agajanian. Everything (including parking) is free and there is no offering. Plan to arrive early – music starts at 3:30 pm, event starts at 4 pm. We could see as many as 10,000 people at this event.

Start praying for this event to reach thousands for Christ. Start inviting others to attend with you - plan to bring a car load! Start praying for specific family and friends to come, hear and respond to God's message of love and salvation.

There are many opportunities to serve: set up and tear down, prayer team and outreach team. Watch bulletin for more information, training events (Christian Life and Witness Course) and publicity materials as they come available.

Night of Worship and Prayer (for God Loves You Tour)

On Tuesday, August 16th, 6:30 PM there will be a night of worship and prayer in preparation for the God Love You Tour. This will be held at Genesis Church, 1405 Seven Valleys Road, York. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special night of worship.

Visit the Biblical Tabernacle

Did you know there is a full size replica of the Old Testament Tabernacle in Lancaster? Saturday, July 30th at 10am we will do a group tour and then you are free to head home or visit around the Lancaster area. Cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up on your Communication Card.



Sight and Sound Theater's Production of DAVID

Good news! You still have the opportunity to buy tickets to see DAVID at Sight and Sound which is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 24th at 3:00 pm.** We are able to add to the existing reservation for \$66/person. We will try to arrange sitting with the group, but it is not guaranteed. Please sign up on your Communication Card if you are interested. *Make check payable to Dover Bethany UMC.*

Tour the Pennsylvania State Capitol

We will meet at the state capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, July 11th at 10 am for a the tour. Our tour guide will be Elana Maynard, who works at the capital and is friend of the Buonocore family. The tour is limited to 30 persons. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to get through security. The tour is free. Parking garages will run \$10 for 2 hours, \$15 for 4 hours. . It is recommended you go on line to see a virtual tour and prepare yourself before you arrive. Please sign up on your Communication Card.

101 Membership Class – Saturday, August 6th from 8 AM to Noon

If you would like info on being a church member or need to brush up on your membership responsibilities, join Pastor Sal on Saturday August 6th from 8 am to noon. Snacks are provided. Bring your own caffeine. This class is face paced and will hopefully excite you for who we are here at Dover Bethany and why we do what we do. Sign up on your Communication Card.

Operation Christmas Child Update

We have discovered that shipping of shoeboxes has gone from \$9 to \$10. This cost covers collection (Saint Davids Church in Dover), processing (processing center in Baltimore), shipping (to over 100 countries), training local churches, ministry partner guides, and purchase of gospel materials (The Greatest Gift gospel booklets).



Our goal this year is 1,501 shoeboxes which will cost \$15,010. As of June 5th we have raised \$8,597. That is awesome! Well done! We have \$6,413 to go in order to reach our goal.

Don't forget we also need shoebox donations. We need enough stuff to fill 15,001 shoeboxes. Watch for "Back to School" sales. **The next evening of sorting and counting donations will be Monday, July 18th beginning at 6:30 PM. All ages can come and help!**

Scholarship Fund Application

For any of our college and graduate students who would like to apply for a scholarship from the church, please contact the church office for more info. This year's deadline is Sunday, July 31st. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday August 7th. For our church family: There will be a special offering on Sunday August 7th for the scholarship fund.

HERO CENTRAL Vacation Bible School

Praise God! We had almost 100 kids participate during Vacation Bible School week. Many were guests and not ELC students or our own church members. Thanks be to God for allowing us to minister to so many children during the week.

A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who gave their week to this ministry. It took a team to make VBS happen. The dedication of our VBS team is greatly appreciated.

Summer Bible Study – Three weeks starting July 19th at 7 PM

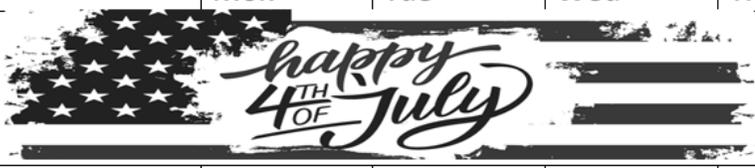
Our next short study will be First John. We will meet on Tuesday nights at 7 PM. July 19th we will try to cover I John 1:1-2:28; July 26th will be I John 2:29-4:6; and Aug 2nd will be I John 4:7-5:21. We meet in the sanctuary and finish around 8:30. Hope to see you there!!



HOSS'S Fundraiser - Tuesday, July 26th, all day, is our fundraiser's night at Hoss' in West York. Make sure you pick up a Cash Cow card at the Welcome Stations. Proceeds go toward the shoebox ministry.

Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship - Communion 10:45am Sunday School	4 Independence Day/Office Closed 1pm Picnic at Church Pavilion Hosted by Helping Hands Class	5 9am Ladies' Bible Study	6 NO Mission Central Trip	7	8	9
10 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	11 PA State Capitol Tour 7pm Men's Group	12	13	14	15	16
17 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School FOOD BANK Sunday	18 6:30PM Sorting/counting for Shoeboxes	19 9am Ladies' Bible Study 7PM Bible Study on I John	20	21	22	23
24/31 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School July 31 – Scholarship Application Deadline	25	26 HOSS'S Fundraisers ALL DAY 7PM Bible Study on I John	27	28	29	30 Biblical Tabernacle Trip in Lancaster

Sunday, July 24th at 6:30 pm, Fourth UMC is inviting everyone to a blessed evening of music and fellowship.



They will be hosting the musical group **Re-Creation** for an evening of music at **Fourth United Methodist Church, 1067 E. Market ST. York, PA 17403**. Re-Creation will share with us songs of faith and freedom as they present their program; "In God We Trust". Don't miss out this evening to enjoy music honoring our awesome God, our beautiful country and of course our veterans.

Volunteer Schedule	3	10	17	24	31
Greeters (<i>Sanctuary doors, child care entrance and the entrance by the office</i>)	Jeff & Lynette Stief Jack McLeod Jim Willour	George & Ruthie Laird Sue McCarty Nancy Snyder	Mark & Margie Burkhardt Carl Krause Rich Cragger	Mike & Ginger Lehr Ray & Linda Deneen	Collin & Lisa Erney Marie Lauer Mary Fetrow
Nursery	Tracy Henze Jeanne Spahr	Steve Green Dorothy Bell	Ray Neiman Carla Green	Carolyn Blymire Mark Burkhardt	Sonja Crisamore Carol Sarver
Head Usher	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod	Jeff Stief	Rich Cragger	Ray Neiman
Hospitality Center	Mark Burkhardt Margie Burkhardt	Jeff Stief Lynette Stief	Ray & Linda Deneen	Marlin & Kathy Aughey	Becky & Kevin Drawbaugh
Counters	Elaine Kroft & Dennis Lehr				

Financial Life of our Church

GENERAL FUND—5/31/2022

	<u>To Date</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
Contributions	
General Fund/Sunday School	133,573
Other Donations	4,040
Memorial Gifts	2,035
Other Income	<u>836</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	140,484
<u>Expenses</u>	
Conference - Shares of Ministry	
Human Resources	8,562
Pastoral Support	40,109
Lay Employees	13,907
General Operations	
Church Administration	2,863
Church/Parsonage Utilities	8,134
Property Maintenance	16,552
Taxes, Insurance, Fees, etc	8,463
Team Expenses - Serving, Growing, Sharing, Knowing	
	<u>12,522</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	111,112
Bottom Line	+ 29,372

Bank Accounts at 5/31/22
 Checking Account: \$264,142
 Money Market Account: \$146,615



**Status of our
Shoebox Ministry
as of June 19:
\$ 8,616**

Regular Donations—\$ 864
 SREC's—\$ 1,488
 Fund Raisers—\$ 6,264

SREC's—are Solar Renewable Energy Credits. They are valuable incentives for any solar project owner and are paid to us by Sol Systems. We earn them as our system produces energy, typically every 1,000 kWh.

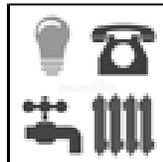
Fund Raisers:
 Pretzel Sandwiches—\$ 561
 Easter Eggs—\$ 3,397
 Hoss's—eating out—to date—\$ 1,019
 Ham Dinner—\$ 1,287

Our Early Learning Center received an Early Educator Award of \$ 4,890 from the State. It paid for bonuses: Paula Presswood, Director—\$ 3,090, 3 staff at \$ 600 each



Utilities paid in May 2022

- Adams Electric—Electricity *- \$ 545
- Columbia Gas—Gas—\$ 998
- Comcast—Communications* - \$ 522
- Republic Services—Trash Removal— \$ 78
- Llewellyn Mobile Home Court— Sewer—\$ 100
- * - for Church and Parsonage



EARLY LEARNING CENTER—5/31/2022

	<u>To Date</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
Tuition, Camp Fees	162,891
ARPA grant , Early Educator Award	133,512
Fund Raisers, Misc.	<u>80</u>
Total Revenue	296,483
<u>Expenses</u>	
Employee Salaries/Benefits	138,268
General Operations	12,835
Program Expenses	<u>18,958</u>
Total Expenses	170,061
Bottom Line	+ 126,422



- One Way Janitorial—thorough kitchen cleaning—\$ 150—sponsored by church members
- John Riley—paint barn top—\$ 995
- Amazon gift cards to 4 graduates—\$ 25 each—\$ 100
- Wonderful Wednesdays—In—\$ 410, Out—\$ 612
- Yard signs for Easter—\$ 757
- Keystone Emmaus—half of Kim Grove registration for retreat—\$ 110

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