



## Bethany Banner March 2019

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

### Lessons from Recent Church History

The following five denominations have liberalized their teaching concerning marriage, ordination and human sexuality. This is what has happened to them.

**The Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA)** from 2006 to 2017 has lost almost 40% of their membership. Child baptisms are down 51%. Adult baptisms are down 54%. 706 congregations were dismissed from the PCUSA to other denominations.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)** in a mere 8 years lost 24% of its membership and 12% of their congregations. Baptisms of children and adults are down 37%. Active participation for African Americans is down 29%, Latino participation is down 36%, and Asian Americans participation is down 30%.

**The Episcopal Church** in 15 years has lost 26% of their membership. Average Sunday worship attendance has dropped 34%. Child baptisms are down 55%. Adult baptisms are down 53%. Confirmations for children are down 53% and adult confirmations are down 51%.

The Episcopal Church's repeated response has been to sue congregations that want to leave with their property and assets. The combined litigation costs between the Episcopal Church and its departing churches are estimated to have easily exceeded \$60 million by the end of 2018.

**United Church of Christ (UCC)**, since 2005, has lost 14% of their congregations through closures and leavings and overall membership has fallen by 33%.

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** made their key liberalizing decision in July 2013. Membership is down 17%. Worship attendance has dropped 21%.

**Conclusion:** Not one mainline Protestant denomination has experienced the renewal and vitality that was promised by those selling liberalizing plans.

The sheer size of the exodus of people from these denominations, within just a few years after they adopted such policies should grab our attention. Liberalizing and watering down our doctrine is disastrous.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,  
Pastor Sal



## Ash Wednesday Service - March 6th, 7PM



## 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

- 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 Burkhardt, or Jeanne Spahr.

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

## Covered Dish Dinner and Auction – Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Please join in a fun night of fellowship and auction. Please bring a covered dish to share - the place setting and beverage will be provided. Following the meal, there will be auction. We have the two best auctioneers in all of York County. For the auction, we ask that you bring one item to be auctioned. It can be anything that you make or buy; any crafts or tasty baked goods. This is not a white elephant sale. The proceeds from this auction will go to the Children's Home. Sign up on your communication card if you plan on coming with a side dish and an item to be auctioned. We ask that you sign up if you plan on coming, since we need to know how many to prepare.



## Shoebox Ministry Donation Sorting



The next counting and sorting of shoe box donations will be held Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Even if you haven't helped before, everyone is welcome and all help is greatly appreciated!

## Peanut Butter & Coconut Eggs Sale

Homemade peanut butter and coconut eggs will be on sale every Sunday, March 17 – April 14<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds benefit our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. Please help the sales by taking outside orders from friends, family, neighbors, co-workers etc. Call Carol Hake (717) 266-5325 with order over 50. All orders will be available to be picked up the following Sunday.


## The United Methodist Home for Children's Tour – Sat, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

We will be touring The Children's Home in Mechanicsburg to learn about the ministry and how we can help.

## Mission Central 'Plarn' Project for the Homeless

To help the homeless, Mission Central would like you to help make bedrolls made out of plastic grocery bags, which is called 'Plarn (plastic + yarn)' mat. On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm–3pm, there is an opportunity for you to join and hear how this has helped Harrisburg's homeless. Bring your size Q crochet hook, a rotary cutter, mat and some grocery bags. Call (717) 766-1533 to register and check the bulletin board for details

**Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar** **March 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30p Revelation Worship Concert	2 8a-2p Revelation Worship Workshop
3 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	4	5 9am Ladies' Bible Study	6 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip  Ash Wednesday NO WWAB	7 10am Thursday Bible Study	8	9 9a-12p Servant Evangelism Project
10 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	11  7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting	12	13 9am Stitches of Love  6pm WWAB	14 10am Thursday Bible Study  7p Stephen Ministry Meeting	15	16
17 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School <b>FOOD BANK Sunday</b> Easter Egg Sale	18	19 9am Ladies' Bible Study	20  6pm WWAB	21 10am Thursday Bible Study	22	23 7am Men's Covenant
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**Servant Evangelism Project – Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to Noon**

We are going door to door to greet our neighbors and give out 9-Volt batteries for smoke alarms (remember to change your batteries when the clock changes). This outreach is just to express our friendship and care for our neighbors. How many we give out, depends on how many people sign up. Please sign up on your Communication Card if you are interested in joining this project



**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.

March 2019 Volunteer Schedule	3	10	17	24	31
Sanctuary door Greeters	Jack McLeod Lucy Angle	Donna Snyder Sue McCarty	Pat Smith Jeanne Spahr	Robert & Brenda Lamparter	Carl Krause Rich Crager
Hospitality Center	Mark Burkhart Margie Burkhart	Jeff Stief Lynette Stief	Linda Deneen Ray Deneen	Kathy Aughey Marlin Aughey	Kevin Drawbaugh Becky Drawbaugh
Nursery	Joan Wilt Ruth Beveridge	Margie Burkhart Denise Brulinski	Pat Keller Bertie Neiman	Carla Green Ellen Krause	Marie Lauer Nancy Snyder
Head Usher	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod	Rich Crager	George Laird	Jeff Stief
Counters	Kroft Family	Kroft Family	Kroft Family	Kroft Family	Kroft Family

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***Serving Others***  
***Sharing the Good News***

## **Easter Celebration HELP!!!**

We're going to have our Easter Celebration again this year between our two worship services on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

There are a number of areas that still need volunteers:

- ☺ Set up the day before the celebration
- ☺ Tear down after the celebration.
- ☺ Food preparation the day before
- ☺ Getting and keeping food at tables on the day of the celebration
- ☺ Help with games, crafts, or animals during the event
- ☺ Face Painting
- ☺ Photographers
- ☺ Helpers getting children and families set up for picture taking
- ☺ And other things we haven't thought of yet.



Please talk to Jeff or Lynette Stief, Mark or Margie Burkhart about helping. This special event takes a number of helping hands – please get involved!

## **Holy Week and Easter Schedule**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday** – Dover Bethany Early Learning Center Easter Program during morning worship

**April 18<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday** – Communion, Foot Washing, 7 PM

**April 19<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday** – Service of Shadows (We strip the church and read the passion narratives), 7 PM

Caution: This service can be intense and scary to young children.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>: Easter Sunday Service** – 8 AM

**Easter Celebration Festival** – 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM

**Easter Sunday Service** – 10:45 AM

