



Bethany Banner

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Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day Washington, D.C. March 30, 1863 By the President of the United States of America

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation.

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and

preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th. day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty seventh.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward, Secretary of State.

Wow! If you change the dates and names, this proclamation from 1863 sounds like what we are facing today. Election Day is coming up and our country is ripe for judgement. Perhaps we are reaping some of that judgement now with our current problems and situations. It is imperative that we humble ourselves and pray. Pray for our country. Pray for our leaders and our current problems. Pray for the church to rise and be the church. Pray for revival and renewal. Pray that Christian brothers and sisters will stand up and be counted.

Consider the following quotes of Abraham Lincoln:

“Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.”

“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the

overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.”

“I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.”

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 King James Version

“Take Risks” and God Bless,
Pastor Sal



Dover Bethany Covid Update

We have successfully restarted our Sunday School program and encourage you to join in, wearing masks, as you feel comfortable. Wonderful Wednesday is still on pause for the time being. When you are in the building moving around, you are required to wear a mask. Pews are spread apart and we ask everyone to practice social distancing for all events. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Each Friday our church lobby is open from 9 till noon for food distribution to ANYONE. If you know of those who could use the assistance, please encourage them to stop by the church on Fridays OR load up a box on Sunday morning and drop it off to them. We want to continue to assist any who could use

Church Conference

This is the annual business meeting of our church. It will be held on Sunday, November 1st at 7 PM in the sanctuary. All church members are invited to attend and participate.

Lifepath Ministries

Just a reminder that our church partners with *Lifepath Ministeries* -- which to our church means receiving gift cards quarterly to be given/used by anyone in need. You can donate 3 ways: by placing items in the collection bin located in our parking lot; by dropping items off at the *Lifepath* store on Eastern Blvd (tell them at drop off to credit DBUMC); or by calling (717) 845-7662 for large-item pickup. Gift cards are on one of the food pantry tables. If you or anyone you know are in need of clothing items or household goods, etc., please help yourself or share with others.

Election Day Prayer Vigil – November 2nd – 3rd



The Helping Hand Sunday School class is hosting a prayer vigil on November 2-3. With this election being a critical one for our nation, we felt it is very important to be in prayer for our nation and the people that are running for various positions: most importantly, the President of the United States. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby at the Welcome Center each Sunday through Nov. 1. If you feel led to join us in prayer, you can sign up for one or more half hour time slots. The times range from 8:00pm, Monday, Nov. 2nd to 8:00pm, Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. For more information, please contact Pat Keller at 717-292-7998.

Operation Christmas Child Baltimore Shoebox Distribution Center

If you would like to experience where the shoeboxes travel after we pack them, please consider signing up to help at the Baltimore Shoebox Distribution Center on Friday, December 4th from 7PM to 10PM. We have secured six slots for volunteers. Please sign up on your Communication Card or call the church office.



Warming Tree

Starting October 4th, we will be collecting socks, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for distribution to children in Dover School District. Your generous donation is appreciated.

October 2020 Volunteer Schedule	4	11	18	25
Sanctuary door Greeters	Don & Elaine Myers	Jeff & Lynette Stief	Donna Snyder Sue McCarty	Jack McLeod Lucy Angle
Nursery	Margie Burkhardt Elaine Myers	Sonja Crisamore Carol Sarver	Denise Brulinski Jeff Stief	Tennille Burkhardt Ray Neiman
Head Usher	Jeff Stief	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod	Rich Crager
Counters	Don & Donna Barshinger			

Solar Project

We would like to put a dent in our electrical use and we think solar will be a good long term stewardship use of resources. Our goal is \$100,000 for 100 solar panels. That will eliminate about 60% of our church electric bill.



Please place your gifts in the offering plates and mark them for the solar project. We will run this through the last Sunday of October. We hope to break ground in November and to have things up and running a few weeks later. We will also need some hands on deck to help offset some of the labor costs by doing some of the work ourselves. Donations received to date are \$ 14,309.00

Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar						October 2020
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Food Distribution 9-noon Church Lobby	3
4 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School Warming Tree Begins	5	6 9am Ladies' Bible Study 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	7 11am Mission Central Trip	8	9 Food Distribution 9-noon Church Lobby	10
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November 1 8am Helping Hands Sunday School 9:15am Worship – All Saint's Day 10:45am Sunday School 7pm Church Conference – all members invited	2 ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL	3	4 11am Mission Central Trip	5	6 Food Distribution 9-noon Church Lobby	7

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***Knowing God
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Sharing the Good News***

**Operation Christmas Shoebox Packing Party
Saturday, November 14th from 8 AM to 6 PM**

We will sign up in groups of 25 for 2 hour slots to pack the boxes.
Goal: 1000 boxes - Watch for details in your bulletin.



We still need the following items, as well as donations for postage (we still need \$4590):

- 138 Washcloth
- 33 Soap bars
- 212 10 or 12 pack pencils
- Toys, school supplies or miscellaneous/personal items.

Celebration & Dedication Service: Sunday, November 15th

Next Sorting/Counting of donations: TUESDAY, October 13th at 6:30 PM

Please wear a mask. Your help is greatly appreciated.