



Bethany Banner

January 2018

Happy New Year!!!

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

2017 – Good

2018 – Gooder (PA Dutch German know what I mean!)

2017 was a good year for Dover Bethany. We have not only survived through Sunday schedule changes, administrative consolidation, musical considerations and facility upgrades and maintenance, but I believe we can say we are thriving. We have strengthened our finances and increased our mission giving. We have seen 4 record setting Sunday attendances this year (the children's Easter program, the children's Christmas program and the shoebox packing party were all around 250 in attendance and Easter Sunday was just shy 300!). And our average worship attendance is around 135.

Now for 2018, God's not done with us yet. And unless Jesus returns beforehand, these are some of the happenings for this New Year:

January is always about stewardship. This year our stewardship emphasis will be about our giving and support of missions. We will have several persons come and share with us on Sunday mornings.

February will be about our love for God as expressed through worship. We will be preaching, teaching, practicing and expanding our understanding of worship – specifically congregational singing!

Easter will be April 1st and it is no April fool's joke - I hope we hit the 300 attendance mark this year!

- ➔ VBS has a goal of 100 children.
- ➔ Shoeboxes has a goal of 1,500.
- ➔ And my personal goal is to see us welcome 20 new members!!!

The challenges are before us. May we rise to the occasion as we lift up the name of Jesus Christ and see folks drawn to Him!

"Take Risks" and God Bless,
Pastor Sal

Tithing

Tithing is giving God the first 10% of our finances. If you have never done that, you are challenged during January's stewardship/mission emphasis to take the challenge and start tithing. **If you do this for 3 months and are not doing as well as before, the church will refund your money! Please give in a marked envelope or through check so we can record and track your giving.**

As we approach the new year, some of you who do tithe are challenged to consider what God would have you give to the church. 10% is only the starting point of our stewardship. May God bless your faithfulness and you trust in Him to meet your financial needs.

The purpose
of tithing is to
teach you
always to put
God first in
your lives.

Deuteronomy 14:23b



Cabin Fever Break in February: Dover Bethany Restaurant

We are looking for hosts to prepare and serve a meal in their homes, in which they open it up to folks from the church and we raise some money for shoeboxes. Perhaps you can team up with someone: one person hosts and another cooks, perhaps someone else does desert. Be creative, have fun and enjoy. It is a great opportunity to get to know our church family.

Let us know your menu, the cost you want to charge, the number of people you can host and the date/time you would like to do it. We would like to have these events for each Friday and Saturday in February. If we can get 8 hosts on 8 different nights, that would be fantastic! The dates are: 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th.

Last Call:

- ✓ Join us for *Thursday morning bible study*: 10 AM to 11:30. We are starting an 8 week study of Isaiah on January 4th. Books are \$20.00



- ✓ Order a copy of "*Sing*" through the church office. It is a very brief book on congregational singing which will be our sermon topic for February. We are getting together for lunch and a book discussion on Saturday, January 27th from 9AM to 1PM. Cost for book and lunch is \$14.00



Warming Tree

From **January 7th - 28th** we are collecting socks, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for children in need in our area. Please hang them on the Christmas tree in the lobby. Thank you!

Wonderful Wednesday is returning on Wednesday, January 3rd

We will be using this first week to remove Christmas decorations through the building. It will be our usual meal with some post-holiday fun.

Mission Central Trip

Sign up on your Communication Card if you are interested in going to Mission Central on **January 3rd**, meeting at church at 9:00 AM.

Offering Envelopes 2018


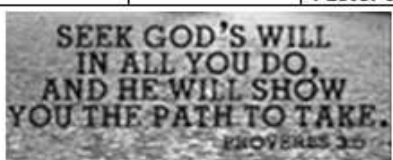
The numbered offering envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up.

If you wish to have a box of envelopes and one has not been assigned to you, please contact Karen Helsel.

January 2018 Volunteer Schedule	7	14	21	28
Sanctuary door Greeters	Ruth Beveridge Lucy Angle	Bob Sarver Carol Sarver	Fran Bolton Sue McCarty	Lynette Stief Linda Deneen
Nursery	Joanna Yingling Barb Mazol	Mark Burkhardt Carolyn Blymire	Joan Wilt Wendy Gibbs	Margie Burkhardt Denise Brulinski
Head Usher	Jack McLeod	Rich Crager	George Laird	Jeff Stief
Counters	Sue Hoover & Barb Mazol	Sue Hoover & Barb Mazol	Sue Hoover & Barb Mazol	Sue Hoover & Barb Mazol

Church Greeters are one of the most important roles in the Church! It is essential to show the importance of being Christ to others through the service of hospitality and welcoming. If you will serve in this area of hospitality, please sign up on your Communication Card.



Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar						January 2018
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2	2 9am Ladies' Bible Study	3 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip 6pm WWAB (taking down Christmas Decoration)	4 10am Bible Study	5	6
7 7:30am Praise & Worship Band Practice 8:00am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School Warming Tree Starting	8 7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting	9	10 9am Stitches of Love 6pm WWAB	11 10am Bible Study 7pm Stephen Ministry Mtg @Nancy Snyders	12	13
14 7:30am Praise & Worship Band Practice 8:00am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	15 7p Weigh down Bible Study at The Saylor's	16 9am Ladies' Bible Study	17 6pm WWAB	18 10am Bible Study	19	20
21 7:30am Praise & Worship Band Practice 8:00am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School FOOD BANK Sunday	22	23	24 9a Stitches of Love 6pm WWAB	25 10am Bible Study	26	27 7am Men's Covenant 9am-1pm Book Discussion with Pastor Sal
28 7:30am Praise & Worship Band Practice 8:00am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School Warming Tree Ending	29	30	31 6pm WWAB			

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Growing in Faith
Serving Others
Sharing the Good News



It is time to start working toward our goal of 1500 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts for 2018!

Get shopping for toys, clothing items, school supplies, grooming items, jewelry and such – **BUT especially remember our core items: washcloths, soap, toothbrush, comb, stuffed animals, 24 pack crayons, color books.**