



## Bethany Banner March 2018

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

### Denominational Update

In addressing our 40 year debate over human sexuality, which has reached its breaking point, the Commission on a Way Forward has submitted 3 sketches to the Council of Bishops.

Sketch #1: Maintain our current position of the church with accountability actions to bring bishops and annual conferences in line with the church's policy or graciously help them to exit from the denomination. (This is the only acceptable option for those of us who identify ourselves as traditional, conservative, evangelical or orthodox.)

Sketch #2: Allow pastors to determine for themselves whether they will perform same-sex marriages and annual conferences to determine whether to ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals. (This is mass chaos and does not solve our current problem, but makes it worse.)

Sketch #3: This envisions multiple branches of the church (traditionalist, centralist and progressives) under a type of global umbrella. It is a much more radical restructuring of the church requiring amendments to our church constitution. (The likely hood of getting these amendments passed is very slim.)

The Council of Bishops will release their proposal this May. It is plausible that the Council of Bishops will submit 2 or 3 or more proposals to the General Conference that will meet in St. Louis Missouri, February 23-26, 2019.

We continue to pray and wait. We continue to be faithful and obedient. We continue to engage in mission, ministry and outreach. We continue to seek and pray for personal, congregational, denominational and national revival and renewal.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,  
Pastor Sal





# Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – ELC Easter Program

7 PM on March 29<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday (communion and foot washing)

7 PM on March 30<sup>th</sup> – Service of Shadows (Good Friday service)

**Easter Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>** - There will be two identical services with our Easter Festival at 9:30 am.

8:00 am Easter Service

9:30 am Celebration Festival in the basement

10:30 am Easter Service

## Church Work Day: March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am– 12:00 pm

We will be working on some painting and other small jobs that need done around the church. Please sign up on your Communication Card. There will be another day on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – mark your calendar and save the date to help out with painting the metal roof.

## DOVER BETHANY RESTAURANT UPDATE

Due to the bad weather, The Krofts had to cancel the meal that was scheduled for February 17th at 5pm.

**The new date now is March 10th, at 5pm.** There are 5 spots opening for the meal, if you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you to everyone who hosted a meal this year!

## Mixed Bag Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Pick up a copy of the catalog of practical items from Mixed Bag Designs and share it with friends and family. The church receives 50% of the profits from catalog orders we receive. You can also encourage family and friends to order

online at [www.mixedbagdesigns.com](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com). Our fundraiser id# is 776469. The church will receive 40% from online orders using our id number. Please contact Elaine Kroft for more information about this event.



## All Saint's Day - Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>



All Saint's Day is a long way off, but to prepare for a special remembrance, we need to start now. To honor those who have gone on ahead of us to their heavenly reward, we will set up a tree in the narthex called the "Remembrance Tree". If you had a loved one who has passed away in the last 50 years, and was a member of Dover Bethany, give us a picture. Put the picture in an envelope with a paper with your name and name of your loved one plus date of birth and death. We will put it

in a frame and hang on the tree. This is not a one-time thing. We will keep these pictures and use them next year for "All Saint's Day". If you have any questions, please contact Terry or Shirley Saylor.

March 2018 Volunteer Schedule	4	11	18	25
Sanctuary door Greeters	Jerry Keller Peg Keller	Glenn Fetrow Mary Fetrow	Donna Snyder June Gise	Robert Lamparter Brenda Lamparter
Nursery	Carol Sarver Sonja Crisamore	Eleanor Eyster Lynette Stief	Tennille Burkhart Michelle Duncker	Elaine Myers Pat Smith
Head Usher	Jeff Stief	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod	TBD
Counters	The Krofts	The Krofts	The Krofts	The Krofts

## Peanut Butter & Coconut Eggs Sale

To benefit the shipping of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Peanut Butter and Coconut Easter Eggs will be **available to purchase every Sunday; Feb. 25 - Mar 18, 2018**. Please help the sales by taking outside orders from friends, family, neighbors, co-workers etc.

Order Forms are available at the welcome center. Fill out and give completed order form to Carol Hake on Sunday, and that order will be available to be picked up the following Sunday.

Call Carol Hake for questions (717) 266-5325.



Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar						March 2018
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am Bible Study	2	3 9am-12pm Work Day
4 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School  <b>Peanut Butter &amp; Coconut Eggs Sale</b>	5	6 9am Ladies' Bible Study	7 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip  6pm WWAB	8 10am Bible Study  7pm Stephen Ministry Mtg @ Nancy Snyder's	9	10 5pm Dover Bethany Restaurant at the Krofts - reservations required
11 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School  <b>Peanut Butter &amp; Coconut Eggs Sale</b>	12  7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting	13	14 9am Stitches of Love  6pm WWAB	15 10a Bible Study	16	17
18 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School <b>FOOD BANK Sunday</b>  <b>Peanut Butter &amp; Coconut Eggs Sale Ending</b>	19  7pm Weigh down Bible Study at The Saylor's	20 9am Ladies' Bible Study	21  6pm WWAB	22 10am Bible Study	23	24 7am Men's Covenant
25 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship (ELC Program) 10:45am Sunday School	26	27	28 9am Stitches of Love  6pm WWAB	29 10am Bible Study  7P Maundy Thursday Service	30  7pm Good Friday Service	31

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## **Easter Celebration – April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

As part of Pastor Sal's stewardship emphasis in January, we were each given a Stewardship paper to fill out. One of the items was to be involved in a Church Ministry. Here's your chance! You can be involved in Church ministry and to connect with some of the unchurched in our community.

The Sharing the Good News team is planning our 2018 Celebration for Easter Sunday morning between the two identical worship services. We need your help.

**Choose an area where you feel you can be most effective:**

1. Greeter
2. Make and/or serve food
3. Help with crafts
4. Help with games
5. Help children with animals; chicks, rabbits, puppies, kittens
6. Help in the butterfly room
7. Help Set up – SATURDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00AM.
8. Help Tear down – MONDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00AM.



**Please contact Margie/Mark Burkhart or Lynette/Jeff Stief to sign up to help OR sign up on your Communication Card and let us know where you want to serve.**

Also, if you have or know of any small (hand holdable) baby animals, please contact Jeff/Lynette Stief.