



Bethany Banner November 2017



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

I Believe In...

A little boy fell out of his bed. When his mama asked him what happened, he said, "I don't know. I guess I stayed too close to where I got in."

We do the same thing with our faith. We stay too close to where we get in. We get into the church, but never move any closer to the Lord.

I spent many a summer around the pool and I would see the same thing. There were always those who would not and could not go beyond the shallow end. There were always daredevils with a death grip on the side of the pool as they scooted around the edge of the deep end. But they would never know the thrill of flying off the diving board or swimming free through the water.

We're working on that. We have been looking at what we believe by studying the Apostle's Creed. Too many of us would not be able to explain what and why we believe. As we grow in understanding, our faith will start to grow and we will be able to soar on wings of faith.

I have enjoyed and been challenged by this series. We are just getting started. I hope you can join us every Sunday during this series and that you will invite and bring family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,
Pastor Sal

Church Directories

The updated church directory is enclosed in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who promptly returned your response sheet.



Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser

We are selling Gift Cards to Texas Roadhouse again this year with proceeds going toward the shipping of the shoeboxes. Sales end Sunday, November 5th and gift cards will be available November 19th. There are order forms on the welcome centers that have all the information you should need. Contact Mark Burkhardt (717-292-4079 or mmburkhardt@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

AWARD WINNING FLOAT

Thank you to everyone who helped in making and running of the Shoebox float in the Dover and Manchester parades. We won best float for each parade! The cash awards are being put into our shoebox ministry. A special thanks to Jeff and Lynette Stief, who envisioned, organized and spearheaded this fun outreach.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

November 12th beginning at 8 AM – Invite family and friends to join in our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party. The goal is 1200+ BOXES!



Volunteers will receive a letter in the mail the week before the party to show where they are assigned to help and the time of their shift. **If you are on the first shift, please be at the church and ready to work NO LATER THAN 7:45 AM.**

Thank you to each one who has generously helped this ministry during 2017. We have received an abundance of support like never before! The Packing Party will be a grand celebration of a year's worth of hard work.

November 2017 Volunteer Schedule	5	12	19	26
Sanctuary door Greeters	Fran Bolton Ruth Beveridge	Deb Kemper Carolyn Blymire	Bob Sarver Carol Sarver	Don Myers Elaine Myers
Nursery	Elaine Myers Pat Smith	Carla Green Ellen Krause	Ray Neiman Kelly Frey	Becky Drawbaugh Jeff Stief
Head Usher	Rich Crager	George Laird	Jeff Stief	Ray Neiman
Counters	Kroft Family	Kroft Family	Kroft Family	Kroft Family



Children's Sunday School - Bible Lessons Based on Candy Bars

Each week our children's lesson will be framed with a different candy bar. There is a parent sheet so you can help your kids remember and apply their lesson. Each week has a memory verse, skit, craft activity, group lesson and discussion. Our teens are helping lead the program and Pastor Sal is leading the singing! All children and youth are encouraged to join in the Sunday morning fun.

Trip to Baltimore Distribution Center

Each one of the millions of shoeboxes that are collected during National Collection Week has to be carefully inspected and made ready for overseas shipment. You can help prepare shoeboxes for delivery by volunteering on one of these dates:

- 🕒 **Friday; December 15** **1:00-5:00 PM (4 hour shift)** **15 people**
- 🕒 **Saturday; December 16** **4:00-10:00 PM (6 hour shift)** **2 people**

Last day to sign up: November 12th. Please sign up on your Communication Card ASAP. This is a wonderful time to take your involvement in the Shoebox ministry to another level – and see the blessings God has done!

NEEDED: Assistant Teacher/Substitute Teacher for Nursery 2-4 Year Old Class

This is a fun group of little ones. Please sign up on your Communication Card.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!!!

Pastor Sal would like to thank the church family for their generous outpouring love during "Pastor Appreciation Month." The cards, gifts and tasty goodies have been such an encouragement and blessing. The Buonocores also appreciate all the support as they are caring for Sal's father.

Amazon Smile - .5% donation from Amazon to Dover Bethany

It's Christmas Shopping time! Donate to the church while making your Amazon purchases!

Dover Bethany will receive .5% of each of your Amazon purchases if you log into WWW.Smile.Amazon.com rather than Amazon.com. You will see no difference in the way you do things in Amazon. It's their way of identifying purchases to be sent to the charitable organization you have chosen.

If you have never set up Smile.Amazon

Step 1 Go to www.smile.amazon.com

Step 2 Log in with your regular Amazon login ID and password.

Step 3 First-time Amazon Smile users will be invited to choose a spotlight charity or choose your own charity as the recipient of Amazon donations based on your purchases. Type "Dover Bethany".

Select "Dover Bethany United Methodist Church"

You'll see a confirmation window letting you know you're supporting Dover Bethany. You'll also see an option to install "Amazon Assistant" on your computer or device. It's not necessary but you can set it up if you see value in it for you.

When you return to www.smile.amazon.com, you'll see the notification at the top of your Amazon page indicating you are supporting Dover Bethany.

If you already have a donor set up, to change to Dover Bethany:



Step 1 Go to www.smile.amazon.com

Step 2 Log into your account

Step 3 Under the "Account & Lists" pull down, Choose "Your AmazonSmile" under the Account column. Click on "Change Charity" box on the right side of the window Type "Dover Bethany"

Click on Search, then click on Select to the right of Dover Bethany United Methodist Church

Now instead of going to Amazon.com, go to WWW.Smile.Amazon.com to make your purchases. Everything will be the same except .5% of your purchase price will come to Dover Bethany as a donation from Amazon. If you have any problems or questions, contact Mark Burkhardt

Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar						November 2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip 6pm WWAB	2 10a Bible Study 7pm Stephen Ministry Mtg @Nancy Snyders	3	4
5 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	6 6:30 PM FINAL Sorting and Counting for Shoebox Ministry	7 9am Ladies' Bible Study 7p Trustees, SPPR, Finance Team Mtg 8p Board of Directors Mtg	8 9a Stitches of Love 6pm WWAB	9 10a Bible Study	10	11 9AM Shoebox Packing Party Setup
12 8AM OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY	13 7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting	14 7p Know-Grow- Serve-Share Mtg	15 6pm WWAB	16 10a Bible Study	17	18 7am Men's Covenant 9am-1pm Book Discussion with Pastor Sal
19 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School FOOD BANK Sunday	20 7p Weigh down Bible Study at The Saylor's	21 9am Ladies' Bible Study	22 9a Stitches of Love NO WWAB	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 Office Closed	25
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Serving Others
Sharing the Good News

Christmas Decorating – December 2nd

All ages are invited to help with decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd beginning at 4PM. There will be a pizza dinner as part of our evening. Please sign up on your Communication Card so we will have enough pizza for everyone. Come join the fun and help prepare the church for Advent.

Christmas Caroling – December 10th

Mark your calendars to go Christmas Caroling the second Sunday of December, the 10th. We will meet at the church at 1:00 PM. We will meet up at a local restaurant at 6 PM to share a meal - all ages are welcome to come to sing or eat or BOTH! The meal location is still to be determined.



Dover Bethany Craft Show and Bake Sale – Saturday, Dec 2nd from 9AM to 1PM

We need craft vendors for our craft show. The cost is \$15 per space and \$5 for a table. This is a craft event and not a yard sale/rummage sale. We also appreciate donations of any tasty treats for the bake sale. We will have two different soups and sandwiches available during the sale.

Please contact Shirley Saylor at (717)244-6524 for further information or vendor registration.