# Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Newsletter March 2024

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# **New Life: Blessed to Be a Blessing**

"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this <u>new life</u>." Acts 5:20 NIV

Spring is around the corner and with it comes all the new growth: flowers, leaves, and the grass greens up.

Spiritually we have been seeing new life! We have new members; DNA groups are growing and having a tremendous time; worship is gathering excitement and momentum; 101, 201, 401 classes have been very well attended; we have a solid group of children on Sunday nights; AND our chapel prayer time is taking root and growing – YEA!!! Praise the Lord!!!

I hope you have had the opportunity to be a part of this excitement AND I hope you are sharing this with others.

For those of you in a DNA group – don't be selfish. Tell others the wonderful things that are happening and invite them to come check it out.

We have some very unique worship opportunities coming up with Easter Sunday at the top of this list. Good Friday with

the Service of Shadows is a powerful worship experience. Share this with others and invite them to church with you.

We are greatly blessed and we must share that blessing with others. "Take Risks" and God Bless.

Pastor Sal



#### **Prayer Services in the Chapel**

Please take some time after the first worship service or before the second worship service to be in prayer. The key to everything we do at Dover Bethany is prayer. Please use the chapel for prayer anytime on Sunday mornings between 8 AM and noon. Stay as long as you can. Our #1 prayer concern is for others to come to know Jesus.

# DNA HOME GROUPS (DISCIPLESHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY) WOW!!! DNA GROUPS

There are some wonderful things happening in DNA groups. It is amazing the stories that are coming out of these home groups. Folks are studying together, praying together, laughing together. Many of the groups have also gathered for other fun activities.

If you need help in joining a DNA group, make a note on your Communication Card and we will help you get connected. We are also looking for a few new group hosts and discussion facilitators. Please contact Pastor Emily if you are interested in hosting or facilitating one of our DNA groups.

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### The Connection: Children's Ministry

The kids are having a wonderful time at The Connection from 5:30 - 7:30 PM each Sunday evening. If you have not attended, it is time to bring the kids to check it out!

A DNA group is meeting next door at the parsonage at the same time as the children's ministry. Drop off the kids and come over for a time of sharing and Bible study.

<u>We are looking for a few more helpers with this ministry program.</u> We are hosting between 6 to 12 kids each week. Please make a note on your Communication Card if you can help or see Pastor Sal for more information.

#### **Emmaus Walk Weekends in 2024**

This is a very powerful and unique spiritual retreat. If you would like to go, SIGN UP ON YOUR COMMUNICATION CARD and we will get you sponsored. Spring weekends are coming soon: Men's Walk: Apr. 18, 2024 – Apr. 21, 2024 and Women's Walks: Apr. 25, 2024 – Apr. 28, 2024

#### It is Chocolate Easter Egg time!!!

Chocolate Easter Eggs will be available for purchase: **Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, **10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds will go toward the shipping cost of the "Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes. Order forms are at the welcome centers. Please help the sales by taking outside orders from family, friends, neighbors, co-workers etc.



Call Carol Hake (717) 818-2149 with questions or orders over 50. All orders will be available to be picked up the following Sunday.

#### **Work Team at the Parsonage**

We need a work team to cut down the front tree at the parsonage. Please sign up on your Communication Card if you can help; **Saturday, March 9, 2024 starting at 8:00 am**. Lunch will be provided.

March 2024 Volunteer Schedule		3	10	17	24	31		
Greeters	9:00 AM	Bob & Carol Sarver Rich Crager Carl Krause	Collin & Lisa Erney Sue McCarty Darlene Lookingbill	Dennis & Joan Wilt Deb Kemper Jack McLeod	Joanna Yingling Barb Mazol Carl Krause Pat Smith	Jim & Holly McKean Rob & Nancy Shunk		
ğ	10:45 AM	Nancy Snyder Mary Fetrow Marie Lauer	Mike & Ginger Lehr Ray & Linda Deneen	Lynn and Brandi Strayer Lou & Nancy Dehoff	Steve & Carla Green John & Melody Workman	Mary Chronister Dana Keefe Mark & Margie Burkhart		
Nursery	9:00 AM	Tracy Henze Jami Weiland	Denise Brulinski Carol Sarver	Tennille Burkhart Lynette Stief	Maria Spence Gail Wolgamuth	Tracy Henze Jami Weiland		
	10:45 AM	Ginger Lehr Carla Green	Margie Burkhart Melody Workman	Steve Green Mark Burkhart	Jeanne Spahr Marie Lauer	Ginger Lehr Carla Green		
tality	9:00 AM	HELP NEEDED	Jeff & Lynette Stief	Vivian Quigley Elaine Myers	HELP NEEDED	Mary Fetrow HELP NEEDED		
Hospitality	10:45 AM	Mark & Margie Burkhart	HELP NEEDED	Darlene Lookingbill Scott Enders	Marlin & Kathy Aughey	HELP NEEDED		
Head Usher	9:00 AM	Jason Spence	Rich Crager	Jeff Stief	Jack McLeod	Allan Crisamore		
	10:45 AM	Mike Lehr	Roy Keefe	Luke Yeager	Darren Weiland	John Workman		
Counters		Elaine Kroft & Dennis Lehr						

### It Takes All of The Body of Christ for the Church to Succeed

It takes team work to cover all of our Sunday ministries. Prayerfully consider helping with the Sunday morning nursery; worship greeters, the hospitality center and our Sunday night children's ministry, The Connection. Those who serve will tell you that it is greater to give than receive. Come and check out the blessing of being in service to our Lord!

Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Calendar MARCH 2024							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	FrI	Sat	
					1	2 4pm Spaghetti Dinner	
3 8am Helping Hand Class Prayer Time in Chapel 9am-Noon 9:00am Worship - Communion 10:45am Worship - Communion 5:30pm - 7:30pm The Connection: Children's Ministry	4	5 9am Ladles Bible Study  7pm Board of Director's Meeting	6	7	8	9 8am Tree Cutting (parsonage)	
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Prayer Time in Chapel 9am - Noon Easter Worship – 9AM Easter Celebration Festival – 10AM Easter Worship – 11AM No Evening Activities							



#### **Holy Week**

Don't let the Easter season be a second thought. This is the celebration of Christ's sacrifice for our sins and His rising from the dead. Enrich your experience and knowledge of this special time in our Christian calendar by participating in these events of Holy Week:

# Palm Sunday Worship Services on March 24<sup>th</sup>

We are planning to incorporate our children as part of this kick off to Holy Week.

#### Biblical Meal on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

We are offering this special meal for two nights only – and seating is limited! The Biblical Meal is based on a meal and teaching Pastor Sal and Nancy experienced in Jerusalem, Israel over 30 years ago. You need to come hungry – there is SO MUCH FOOD. Most of the food has symbolic meaning and much of the teaching draws on the Passover Seder meal. The main entrée is beef stew. This is an experience for both your mouth and your heart as you gain insight on the last supper Jesus shared with the disciples. Seating is limited to 32 each night and the cost is \$25 per person.

#### Maundy Thursday on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

This service remembers the "mandate" of celebrating communion. We will also have a handwashing time (in place of feet washing) to remember Jesus' demonstration of service to others.

### Good Friday on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Service of Shadows – This service "strips" the sanctuary of all decoration and light as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and his death and burial. We need 14 readers to help tell this story during the service. If you are willing to serve as a reader, please sign up on your Communication Card. This service can be a little overwhelming to children. We end in darkness and silence after the dramatic readings about the events of Good Friday.

## Easter Sunday on March 30<sup>th</sup> Worship Services at 9 and 11 AM

NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME FOR THE SERVICES! Between the services at **10 AM**, we are hosting an **Easter Celebration Festival** in the basement of the church. The festival will include food, "petting zoo animals," various games and craft stations for kids and the butterfly room, with real butterflies.

#### Keep Dover, PA in your prayers



- The hearts of the people in Dover, PA.
- Guidance for the launch team.
- Discipleship and Accountability groups to grow and multiply.
- A facility to worship in.
- Launch date of Easter 2025.

#### **New Church Launch - Prayer Support**

We are looking for 100 folks to commit to daily prayer for our upcoming church plant, which will be in 13 months (Easter 2025). You will also receive regular prayer updates. Sign up on your Communication Card and make sure you have an email address (or snail mail) for us to keep you updated.

#### **Global Methodist Update**

Our convening Annual Conference will be April 11-13<sup>th</sup> at Christian Life Assembly Church in Camp Hill, PA. Pastor Emily will be ordained as an Elder at this annual conference on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. All are welcomed to come, worship, witness and celebrate this special event.

On the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, the church, along with Pastor Sal and Nancy, would like to invite you to attend a meal in honor of Pastor Emily's ordination. All of our church family is encouraged to attend this celebration, but reservations are necessary. Please RSVP to nab@dbgmc.org or call the church office at 717-292-2716. We need a count for both seating and to prepare enough food.

#### York Home School Association Junior & Senior Choirs Concert

Nancy and Pastor Sal would like to invite you to the spring concert of the York Home School Association Junior and Senior Choirs on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The concert will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 2740 Roosevelt AVE, York. The concert is a combination of both sacred and secular songs. The choirs combine at the end with all 66 members singing a hymn medley. Nancy and Pastor Sal direct the choirs and Elaine Myers is the accompanist of the Junior Choir. There is an optional love offering and we encourage our Dover Bethany family in attendance to join the directors at a restaurant after the program for ice cream!

#### **Easter Celebration Festival Helpers Needed**

We need volunteers to help "staff" the games, crafts, food service and other activities for the Easter Festival. Please sign up on your Communication Card if you will help with this event. We will also need help with set up earlier during Holy Week. The date and time of set up will be announced through the church bulletin - please sign up to help on your Communication Card. You will be contacted to let you know where you will be assigned to help.

#### S.H.A.P.E. Class

This class will be on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to Noon. This class is geared to helping you discover your ministry by looking at your spiritual gifts, your heart (passion), your abilities, your personality and your experiences. God has created you uniquely and has a plan for how you can share in the ministry of the body of Christ.

Financial Life of our Church							
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#### 2024 Mission Giving

The following are receiving \$ 75 per month: Samaritan's Purse, World Renewal (for missionaries - the Abizars), New Life for Girls, York Habitat for Humanity, New Hope Ministries, Lifepath Christian Ministries, Harvest of Blessing, Good News Global (Prison and Jail Ministry), and Holt International receives \$ 90/month for our 3 sponsored children.

#### Property Maintenance Expenses:

- LABS and Helwig's water testing \$240
- Terminix quarterly visit \$190
- BFPE fire extinguisher service \$85
- Affordable Lawncare snow removal \$750
- . One Way Janitorial Jan cleaning svc \$850

Balances - January 31, 2024 M&T Checking/Money Market Accts - \$ 28,804 Operation Christmas Child - \$ 3,128

Precious treasure and oil are in the dwelling of a wise person, but a foolish man consumes them. Proverbs 21:20

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#### YARD SALE

There will be a Yard Sale to benefit the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 AM. The fee to rent a spot is \$10 or a spot with a table will be \$15. The yard sale will be outdoor (weather permitting). It will move to the church basement if there is rain. **Please sign up on your Communication Card or call the church to reserve your spot.** 



We are selling plants as a fundraiser to benefit the shoebox ministry. Pick up order forms at the



welcome center. You are encouraged to take outside orders. Please return orders and payments no later than Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church. Delivery date will be announced closer to the delivery (estimate of May 13-May 24), with pick up at the church. Original order form will be attached to your order at pick up. Be sure name, email and phone are on the order form, in case there are any questions.