



Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church

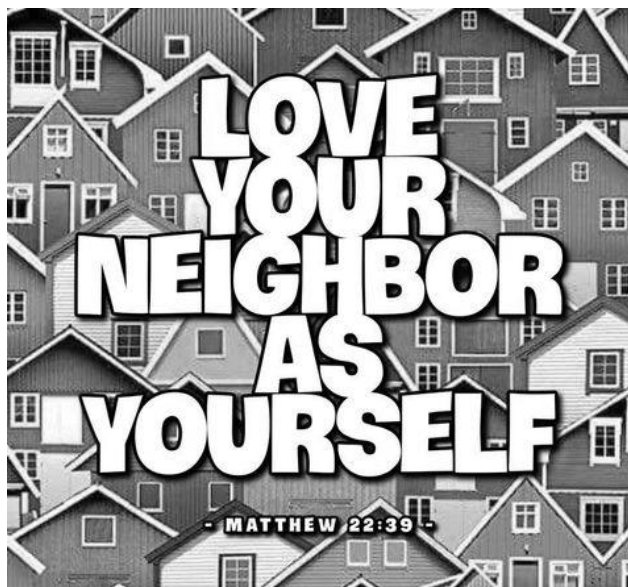
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September 2025 Church Newsletter

Who Is My Neighbor vs Am I Acting Neighborly?



A mom was reading the story of the Good Samaritan to her two-year-old son at bedtime. When she got to the part in the story where the lawyer challenged Jesus with a question, “And who is my neighbor?” Her little one piped up, “I know – Mr. Rogers!”

If you need to refresh your memory of the parable of the Good Samaritan, read Luke 10:25-37. The expert in the law (a lawyer/scribe) had asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Christ did not answer the question. He spoke the parable and asked His own question: “Who acted as a neighbor?” Interesting twist. Jesus isn’t so much

interested in defining who neighbors are, but is interested to know if we are acting like one!

The Danish theologian, Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855), observed, “Christ does not talk about knowing one’s neighbor, but about one’s self being a neighbor, about proving one’s self a neighbor.”

The question isn’t “Who are they?” but “Who am I?” when it comes to those in need. We’re called, Christ says, to be neighbors to those in need.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer observed, “is not a quality in other people (what makes someone a neighbor), it is simply their claim on ourselves (are we acting neighborly?).”

September presents us with multiple opportunities as a church to practice being a neighbor. I know you will do well.

“Take Risks” and God Bless,
Pastor Sal

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Together Living with Cancer (TLC) Meets every 3rd Thursday from 6:00–7:30 PM

TLC is a support group open to anyone affected by cancer; patients, survivors, caregivers, and family members. It's a space to share, listen, and pray together. **Please Note: Conversations are confidential.** Sharing is always optional. We focus on personal stories, not outside topics. Listening matters more than giving advice. Prayer is part of every gathering. This is not a medical or counseling program, but a caring community.

Questions? Contact Holly McKean (717-873-8559) or Mark Burkhart (717-900-7189).



Interested in the 2026 Africa Mission Trip? Let's connect!

Whether you're already excited or just want to learn more, just contact me by cell or email, and I'll be sure to get you the info. Kim Grove (717) 434—0676, pakimmy@gmail.com
Let's start dreaming and praying about what God might do through this trip!

Volunteer Schedule		7	14	21	28
Greeters	9:00 AM	Steve & Carla Green Luke & Britney Yeager	Mary Fetrow Marie Lauer Jeanne Spahr Kathy Rizzuto	Mary Chronister Dana Keefe Mark & Margie Burkhart	Elaine Myers Donna Snyder Lou & Nancy Dehoff
Nursery	9:00 AM	Maria Spence Gail Wolgamuth	Beth Trout Carolyn Blymire	Denise Brulinski Carol Sarver	Trazy Henze Jami Weiland
Hospitality	9:00 AM	Mark & Margie Burkhart	We need you!	Vivian Quigley Elaine Myers	Jared & Abby Runk
Head Usher	9:00 AM	Darren Weiland	Luke Yeager	Will Sydor	Rich Crager
Counters		We need you!			

Hoss's

We are selling gift cards for Hoss's. Each card is \$10 and the church receives \$2 for each card sold. Orders are due by Sept 28th. Cards can be picked up October 12th.



Watch your bulletin for more details.

You can bless the church twice - buy Hoss's gift cards and then use them when you go to our Community Fund Raiser at the Hoss's on White Street. **And just as a reminder, our next Hoss's date is Tuesday, September 30th.**

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Worship & Healing Service

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

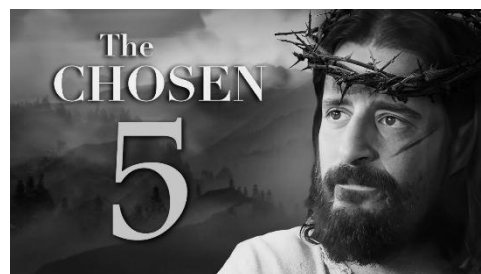
On Sunday night, October 5th, 7pm at Turkey Valley GMC, our praise & worship team will lead a night of worship and give an opportunity for healing prayers for our sister GMC churches in the Juniata and Perry County areas. You are welcome to come support that venue and meet some of our sister churches.

Worship & Evangelistic Preaching

Highmount Community Church is about 30 minutes from Dover Bethany GMC. It is north of Route 30, between Hallam and Wrightsville. They are hosting a special worship/evangelistic service on Saturday, September 6th at 6:00 PM. This is one of our sister Global Methodist Churches.

The Chosen – Season 5

We are taking the month of September off from watching *The Chosen*. It will start back up on Tuesday, October 7th at 7pm



York County Prison Chaplain

The York County Prison Chaplain will be sharing with us in worship on Sunday, Oct 7th.



Trunk or Treat at Dottie's

Dottie's is hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community on Wednesday, October 22nd, from 6PM – 8 PM. Want to see if we can get about a dozen cars/groups representing Dover Bethany there!

Manchester Halloween Parade

On Sunday afternoon, October 19th, we plan to once again have our shoebox float in the Manchester Halloween Parade. We will need walkers to hand out candy and contact cards. We usually have a backup car, just in case someone cannot walk the entire distance.

Rummage Sale

IMO Missions team is hosting a rummage sale on Sat, October 18th. They will need donations from the church family by October 10th. If you have items to donate, please contact Kim Grove at 717-434-0676 and she will arrange for pickup of the items.



Servanthood September

This September, we are doing a servant evangelism blitz! Every week, we will have a time of prayer for our community and each Saturday will have a time to reach out to our community to connect with our neighbors and create opportunities to introduce them to Jesus.

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Here is our list of events:

August 28-September 1st: Giveaway at Dover Firemen's carnival

This is a great time to meet and greet our neighbors!

September 2nd: International Global Week of Prayer - The Northeast Conference of the GMC has joined together with 24-7 Prayer International to join in the Global Week of Prayer. You can find more information about 24-7 Prayer at <https://www.24-7prayer.com>. We are covering the time of Tuesday, September 2nd from 8 to 10 PM. Please come for some or all of this time as we gather together with our Christian family around the world in prayer.

September 6th from 10AM - noon: Hotdog giveaway at Dottie's

It is a chance to meet our neighbors and bless them with a treat.

September 9th: Prayer Walk through the square of Dover

We will gather in the parking lot of the fire hall in Dover and walk/pray for our community as groups. Please gather at 6 PM for this prayer walk.

September 13th from 11AM - noon: Gift baskets for first responders and local businesses

We will meet at the church, then go out as teams to leave gift baskets for our local first responders and business employees.

September 16th: Prayer Walk through Llewellyn's Trailer Park

We will gather at the church at 6 PM to walk up to and through Llewellyn's Trailer Park to pray for our next-door neighbors and their community.

September 20th: Gift bags for Llewellyn's Trailer Park

We meet at the church at 10 AM to take gift bags to share with the Trailer Park Community.

September 23rd: Prayer drive around Dover Township

We will meet at the church at 6 PM to form teams and drive around in our community joined together in prayer.

September 27th at 5 PM: Community spaghetti supper with the world's largest game of Uno

Please watch your bulletin for more details on volunteer and food donation needs. You can start to invite your friends and neighbors to this fun dinner and game night to be held in the church fellowship hall.

September 30th: Prayer Meeting at the church

Our month of service will end with a prayer meeting at 6 PM.

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Financial Life of our Church

School Scholarships in 2025

Balance at Jan 1, 2025	\$5,629
Contributions – as of 8/24	1,353
Awards in 2025	
Lucas Runk – Shippensburg	1,000
Riley Keefe – Virginia Wesleyan	1,000
Gina Helsel – Asbury Theo Seminary	1,000
Kimberly Grove – Nursing Cert	500
Balance at Aug 24, 2025	\$3,482

Church Utility Expenses in July 2025

- Adams Electric – \$201
- Columbia Gas – \$1,209
- Comcast – voice, internet – \$221
- Llewellyn – sewer – \$100
- Republic Services – trash – \$291
- Terminix – \$119
- We also paid our annual phone system maintenance contract to Morefield Communications for \$1,270.

We had two weekends of Vacation Bible Camp for our kids. The expenses for food, supplies, equipment, etc. as of Aug 24, came to \$680.

GENERAL FUND – Thru July 2025

REVENUE


Contributions	
General Fund/Sunday School	197,661
Other Donations	1,825
Memorial Gifts	480
Other Income	1,489
TOTAL REVENUE	\$201,455

EXPENSES

GMC Connectional Funding	9,629
Human Resources	
Pastoral Support	102,475
Lay Employees	19,352
General Operations	
Church Administration	4,747
Church/Parsonage Utilities	18,836
Property Maintenance	11,106
Taxes, Insurance, Fees	21,559
Team Expenses – Serving, Growing, Sharing, Knowing	13,411
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$201,115

BOTTOM LINE **+ \$340**

Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Calendar September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY LABOR DAY! OFFICE CLOSED	2 9am Ladies Bible Study 8-10 PM <i>Global Week of Prayer</i> Prayer Meeting	3	4	5	6 10am-noon Hotdog give away at Dottie's
7 8am Helping Hand Class Prayer Time in Chapel 9am - Noon 9:00am Worship 3:00pm – 4:30pm The Connection: Children's Ministry	8	9 6 PM Prayer Walk through Square in Dover (park at fire hall)	10 9am Stitches of Love	11	12	13 11am-noon Gift basket distribution for first responders and local businesses
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PACKING
PARTY!



Remember to be shopping for shoebox gift items.

The Packing Party will be Sunday, November 16th. As of July 31st, our shoebox fund was \$8,692 - the goal is \$16,010.

Our goal is 1600+ boxes!

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