



Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church

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March 2026 Church Newsletter

It's Just Church...

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42 NIV

A worship pastor led the opening songs on Sunday morning, and then stepped out into the lobby to watch the Men's U.S. Olympic hockey team play Canada for the gold. He then went back into the worship service to lead the closing songs! Some may find that humorous, but I find it unacceptable.

But Pastor Sal, "It's just church. Don't get your shorts in a knot about it." Most folks will not outright say that, but that's the response of many in regards to Sunday morning church. The translation is that church is not that important. **We'll make it to church if it doesn't conflict with other things we want to do.** If something else comes up against our Sunday morning schedule, no big deal. Church isn't going anywhere. I can just go to church next Sunday. Sports, family, friends, exhausted, needing a day off or just about any other reason is considered as a legitimate excuse to take a pass on Sunday morning worship.

If you work a job, you don't tell your boss, "I'll be in as long as it doesn't conflict with other things I want to do." I would imagine you would find yourself unemployed. Although that is exactly what many employees do on the Monday after the Super Bowl. Around 26.2 million U.S. employees were estimated to miss work, arrive late, or leave early on the Monday following the 2026 Super Bowl, known as "Super Sick Monday". If the Super Bowl were on Sunday mornings, many churches would probably just cancel. We already have churches that cancel Sunday services if Christmas falls on a Sunday.

We have forgotten the story of Eric Liddell, the Flying Scotsman. At the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, Liddell refused to run in the heats for his favored 100 meters because they were held on a Sunday. He probably would have won the gold, but he gave that up to honor God and to honor Sunday. Instead, he competed in the 400 meters held on a weekday, a race that he won.

It's not "just" church... *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*
Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

"Take Risks" and God Bless, Pastor Sal

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SERVANT EVANGELISM - A FUN WAY TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE!



Each month of 2026, we are going to have a "servant evangelism" event to reach out to our community.

March Servanthood activities: Gift Bags and candy give away

1. At the end of March, we will be making gift/invitation bags for the Line Dance class to invite them to Easter Sunday services. If you would like to help, we will be taking donation of snack foods, Christian items for 35 bags.

2. On March 28th at 9am, we will be giving away roughly 200 mini chocolate bunnies with contact cards at Dottie's to invite folks to Easter Services. Come out on the 28th to spread God's sweetness to our neighbors.

April's servanthood activity is Easter Service.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO BE PART OF THESE FUN EVENTS OF SHOWING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR COMMUNITY!



Thank You!

There was a large group to help Lorrie and Deny Rodriguez move into their new home last month. It was organized chaos and it was glorious! Lorrie and Deny are so grateful to everyone who came out and lent a hand. It was a tremendous blessing.



Line Dancing - Wednesday nights at 6

This is a lot of fun. We are grateful to David Crays for organizing and teaching this for us. There have been about 30 folks who attend. David is doing this for free and only asks for a donation that goes toward shoeboxes. Bring a friend, or make some new friends on Wednesday night.

Basement Work

We are almost done. We have been sprucing up the basement. Most of the areas have now been painted. We have hung up pictures that we believe you will enjoy. And the last step will be stripping and waxing the floors. Thanks to everyone who has helped. We hope to have our big reveal on Easter Sunday for brunch.

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Dover Bethany Restaurant – Extended

We are looking for folks to host and serve a meal during the month of March. You set the menu, you set the date and the time (could be lunch or dinner or tea!), you decide how many folks you have room for, and you set the price for the meal. Once we have that info, we will post it and advertise for you.

Be creative: Join up with someone else if you need help with the cooking or if want to find a larger place to host your meal. Your meal doesn't have to be a large crowd. It could be a small, intimate setting for us 3 or 4. When we post your meal, it will be first come, first serve basis. Money raised is for shoeboxes.

Prayer Room

We were using the chapel as a prayer room and that has gotten off track because we now host another church in the chapel. So, we are in the process of redecorating the crib room as a prayer room. We hope to have it all together within the next couple of weeks. When it is ready, we'll let you know. We want to encourage you to get back to this opportunity of prayer as part of your worship at church.

Membership Class

Our next membership class will be Saturday, March 21st from 8am to noon. Snacks are provided. Bring your own caffeine. Sign up on your Communication Card so we know how many to prepare for.

Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Calendar March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship 3:00pm – 4:30pm Kid's Connection	2	3 6pm Trail Life	4 6pm Line Dancing	5	6	7
8 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship 3:00pm – 4:30pm Kid's Connection	9	10 7pm Board of Director's Meeting	11 9am Stitches of Love 6pm Line Dancing	12	13	14
15 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship 3:00pm – 4:30pm Kid's Connection	16	17 6pm Trail Life	18 6pm Line Dancing	19 6pm TLC Cancer Support Group	20	21
22 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship 3:00pm – 4:30pm Kid's Connection FOOD BANK Sunday	23	24 HOSS Fundraiser	25 9am Stitches of Love 6pm Line Dancing	26	27	28 Trail Life Hike
29 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship 3:00pm – 4:30pm Kid's Connection	30	31				



Encountering God Church Camp



Our conference is having a church camp, Encountering God, at Penn Grove Retreat Center in Hanover, PA. The camp is from July 19-24 and is for grades 3-12. It will be a week filled with outdoor activities, worship, games, and Bible lessons to help kids dive deeper into their faith and have a personal experience with Jesus.

Cost: registration by March 31, it is \$250 per camper, and after March 31, it is \$299 per camper. We wanted to encourage our children to attend, so upon request, Dover Bethany will pay half of the cost per camper. For more information visit the Northeast

Conference website or talk to Pastor Emily.

Hoss's Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Help us raise funds for shipping shoeboxes by eating at Hoss's at 2175 White Street, York on Tuesday, March 24th (all day). You will need to pick up a Cash Cow card at the welcome center or bring your bulletin page with the announcement. Thanks for supporting our shoebox ministry!



Trail Life - Troop PA 2717

Proverbs 27:17 is our troop's verse:

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

The troop meets the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday nights of the month from 6 to 7:30. This group is growing quickly and we are looking for more adult leaders. The first hike will be on March 28th and the first camp out will be April 17-19. Many of our boys will be receiving their first awards this month!

Walk to Emmaus Retreats Coming Soon!

If you have not been on an Emmaus retreat, we want to encourage you to do so. We have over 20 folks here who have been to Emmaus and would love to sponsor you. If you need help, Emmaus offers a scholarship fund that will pay half your cost and if needed, the church will pay half your expenses. So, you have no financial excuse for not going. Sign up on your communication card and we will get you more info:

Men's Walk: April 23-26 and Women's Walk: April 20-May 3



Invitations

Easter is one of those times during the year that folks are more receptive to coming to church. Many just need a friendly smile and invitation. Watch for invitation cards coming soon that you can give to folks with our Easter service information. Leave them with your tip at a restaurant. Give one to the cashier at the store when you check out. Use up all the cards and we'll make more!

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Maundy Thursday Service 7PM

On Thursday, April 2nd, we gather for worship with a special service of communion and hand washing. It is the night we remember Jesus washing the disciples' feet and His instructions to the disciples during the last supper in the upper room.



Good Friday: Service of Shadows Service 7PM

On Friday, April 3rd, we have a powerful worship experience. We start the service with all the lights up and end the service with the church stripped and covered with black, lights out and silence. We have 15 readings that walk us through the passion narratives. If you would like to do one of the readings, watch for an opportunity to sign up on your Communication Card.

A note to parents of younger children: This service may be a little too intense or scary for small children. Please use your discretion.

Volunteer Schedule	1	8	15	22	29
Greeters	Mike & Ginger Lehr Jim & Holly McKean	Dennis & Joan Wilt Deb Kemper Jack McLeod	Steve & Carla Green Luke & Britney Yeager	Jason & Maria Spence Darren & Jami Weiland	?
Nursery	Denise Brulinski Carol Sarver	Beth Trout Carolyn Blymire	Tracy Henze Jami Weiland	Steve Green Jeanne Spahr	Tennille Burkhart Aleia Brown
Hospitality	Mark & Margie Burkhart	Jeff & Lynette Stief	Vivian Quigley Elaine Myers	The Runks	?
Head Usher	Allan Crisamore	Jason Spence	Jeff Stief	Elaine Kroft	Mike Lehr
Counters	Elaine Kroft & Dennis Lehr				



Do you see anything missing? Yep - we need some volunteers to help with our regular service ministries. If you can help, please contact the church office or make a note on your Communication Card. Thanks!

Youth Group Is a No Go

Sorry to say, we did not get any response to this. For four weeks we have been prepared. One week was bad weather; one week was the Super Bowl. So, we are going to cancel this for now.





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Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 29th
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2nd
Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM

Friday, April 3rd
Good Friday Service at 7PM

EASTER Sunday, April 5th

8AM - Easter Worship
9AM - Brunch and fellowship
10AM - Easter Worship

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