



Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church

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July 2026 Church Newsletter

Patriotic Songs: A Focus on God

I did a google search of top 10 patriotic songs. There were a number of songs that I would consider questionable. But the following traditional patriotic songs made the cut for most top 10 lists and these particular songs address God and the seeking of God's blessing:

"The Star-Spangled Banner": We only sing the first verse which ends with a question. The following 3 verses answer the question. Read these words of verse 4 of which I've added some italics



O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the *heav'n rescued* land
Praise the Pow'r that has made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "*In God is our trust.*"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

"God Bless The U.S.A.": Lee Greenwood's 1984 country ballad has a direct appeal to God to bless our country.

"America The Beautiful": There are 8 verses and every verse makes a reference to God: "God shed His grace on thee" (6 verses), "God mend thine every flaw", "May God thy gold refine."

"God Bless America": I remember Kate Smith belting out this at Flyers hockey games when I was a kid. This is a direct prayer to God to bless our country.

"Battle Hymn of the Republic": Every verse is about seeing God in our midst and the chorus uses the word "Hallelujah" which means "God save us."

"America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)": The 3rd and last verse says "Our Father God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee I sing." It was first sung in public on July 4, 1831, at a children's concert at the Park Street Church, Boston.

I am excited to celebrate this 4th of July, but I by no means think we have a perfect country or a Christian country. We have made plenty of mistakes as a country, but this is a time to celebrate what God has done and not criticize where we have come up short. I will not wrap

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my Christianity in our flag, but it is my prayer that we will wrap our country in Christianity! These patriotic songs remind us of the true source of our freedom, liberty and blessings.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.”

Proverbs 14:34 New International Version

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”

Psalms 33:12 New International Version

“Take Risks” and God Bless,
Pastor Sal



Sunday, July 5th - Outdoor Worship

We will be outside for our morning worship. You can bring a lawn chair to sit in or stay in your car with the air conditioning. Let's celebrate our national birthday weekend with this special time of worship

Church Picnic on July 4th at Noon

Come join the church family for our annual July 4th picnic at noon at the picnic pavilion. Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks plates, napkins and plastic ware will be supplied. Bring a dish or two to share, a comfortable lawn chair and any fun outdoor games. Don't forget a small wrapped prize for our bingo competition! This is a special celebration for the 250th anniversary of our country. Even if you didn't sign up, we will have PLENTY of good stuff to share!

For both of these outdoor events, weather, including extreme temperature, may move us indoors.

Servant Evangelism - A fun way to share God's love!

Each month of 2026, we are having a “servant evangelism” event to reach out to our community.



PRAYER WALK

Tuesday, July 7th and August 4th, join us at 6:30PM at the Tom's parking lot as we walk thru Dover and pray for our community. We will be walking a loop past all three of Dover's schools and the firehouse, praying over the leaders, children, and members of our community. Walk at your own pace as we pray for revival and renewal in Dover, PA.



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

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Dottie's Christmas in July Makers Market

Dottie's is letting Dover Bethany bring the shoebox float to their Christmas in July Makers Market. On July 11th from 10AM to 3 PM, the praise team will be playing on and off throughout the day. Also, Dover Bethany will have a table set up to promote the church and give people the opportunity to receive prayer. Volunteers are needed for the prayer table and to socialize with the crowd to be a light for Jesus in our community.

Help Support Our Nigeria Mission Team



Grant's Famous Burgers, Sunday, July 12th, 4-6 pm, \$20 per person

Join us for a relaxed, come and go hangout with great food (Grant's famous burgers with delicious sides/salad and dessert) and even better company. Drop in anytime and enjoy a delicious bite. If you can help with this event, please see Grant Walters for details.



Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, July 18th from 7:30 to 9 AM.
The cost is \$15 per person.



CHANGE OF DATE!

Saturday, September 19th!

Both the church family and the community had so much fun, we're doing it again! On September 19th from 11 am-3 pm, we will host our 2nd annual Cruse-In and Tractor Show. Come

out for a great time to meet new folks in the community and raise money for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Emily or Will Sydor.

A Great Awakening Movie Night: Help Us Choose the Date!

Our church will be showing the movie, *A Great Awakening*, this August. Help us pick the best day for the viewing so as many as possible can join and invite friends, by giving your suggestion on your Communication Card. Your input helps us plan a night everyone can enjoy.



Mark your calendar for the Dover Fireman's Carnival on Sept 2-7

We will have a table to greet the community at the carnival. Watch for sign-ups.

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Yo! Ho! Away We Go!

Vacation Bible Camp will be August 7-8th. Pick up a brochure at the welcome center for you kids, grandkids, neighbor kids - any kids who might enjoy this weekend of pirate fun.

If you would like to be part of the fun by helping, please contact Nancy Buonocore.

Arr, Mateys!!

Summer Craft Show - August 1st from 10AM to 2PM

We are welcoming craft vendors, direct sale vendors and food trucks. 10 x 10 spots are \$10 and food truck spots are \$30. Email: holly.g31217@gmail.com for an application or see Gina Helsel for more details.



Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Calendar							July 2026
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 6pm Line Dancing	2	3	4 4 th of July Picnic@ noon	
			5 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Outdoor Worship	6	7 6:30 pm Prayer walkthrough Square of Dover	8 6pm Line Dancing	9
12 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship 4 - 6 pm Grant's Famous Burger	13	14 7pm Board of Director's Meeting	15 6pm Line Dancing	16 6pm TLC - Cancer Support Group	17	18 7:30 - 9 am Pancake Breakfast	
19 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship FOOD BANK Sunday	20	21	22 6pm Line Dancing	23	24	25	
26 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship	27	28	29 6pm Line Dancing	30	31	August 1 Craft Show 10 AM to 2 PM	

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Financial Life of our Church

The special offering we collected recently for our north African missionaries came to \$962.00. Thank you to all who donated to this effort.

We received monies from our congregation recently for the Scholarship Fund. Total collected for that purpose is \$610. As of 5/31, the total in that fund is \$4092. Awards will be given later in the summer.

The Trail Life USA program is successfully up and running in our church. As of June 21, we have receipts of \$998.00. Expenses for clothing, patches, supplies, etc. are \$1,572.

Balance in our Checking Acct as of 5/31 was \$103,242. Only \$ 49,279 of that is available for general fund purposes.

GENERAL FUND – Thru May 2026

REVENUE

Contributions	137,339
General Fund/Sunday School	1,227
Other Donations	525
Memorial Gifts	2,745
Other Income	_____
TOTAL REVENUE	\$141,836

EXPENSES

GMC Connectional Funding	4,603
Human Resources	
Pastoral Support	76,379
Lay Employees	14,003
General Operations	
Church Administration	4,191
Church/Parsonage Utilities	16,487
Property Maintenance	17,931
Taxes, Insurance, Fees, etc	10,284
Team Expenses – Serving, Growing, Sharing, Knowing	_____
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$154,117

BOTTOM LINE **(\$12,281)**

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 they 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 Weekend, September 17-20 and Women's Weekend, September 24-27

July Volunteer Schedule	5	12	19	26
Greeters	Elaine Myers Donna Snyder Nancy Dehoff	Mike & Ginger Lehr Jim & Holly McKean	Rich Crager Carl Krause Pat Smith Carolyn Blymire	Dennis & Joan Wilt Deb Kemper Jack McLeod
Nursery	Tracy Henze Jami Weiland	Steve Green Jeanne Spahr	Tennille Burkhart Aleia Brown	Carla Green Ginger Lehr
Hospitality	Mark & Margie Burkhart	Jeff & Lynette Stief	Vivian Quigley Elaine Myers	Jared & Abby Runk
Head Usher	Rich Crager	Jack McLeod	Allan Crisamore	Jason Spence
Counters	Elaine Kroft & Dennis Lehr			





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