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November 2026 Church Newsletter

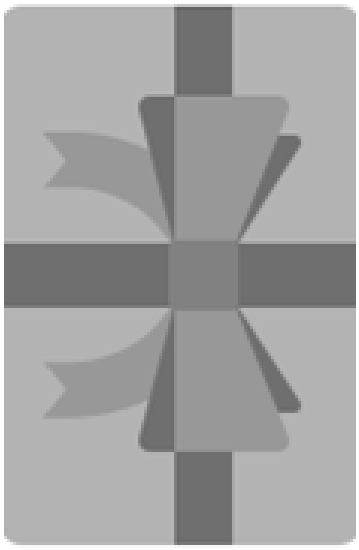
Happy Thanksgiving! A Shoebox Story

It is the month for Thanksgiving and it is the month for shoeboxes. We have much to give God thanks for: salvation, grace, mercy, God 's patience and love, forgiveness, eternal life, joy, the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Spirit… I hope you can continue the list and fill up an entire page!

Let me share with you a shoebox story I just heard: shoeboxes were being distributed in an orphanage. One little boy removed himself from the party and the activities that were going on. A women tried to give him a shoebox and he refused saying there was nothing in there that he wanted. When asked what it was he wanted, he said he wanted parents. The women told the boy that someone had gone to great lengths and love to pack this shoebox. He was finally convinced to take a shoebox.

In the bottom of the shoebox was a picture of the family that packed the box with a note and their contact information. The orphanage encouraged the children to write thank you notes for their gifts. This boy wrote his thank you note, which turned into becoming pen pals with this family.

Long story short: the family eventually adopted that little boy. We cannot pack and deliver parents in a shoebox for orphans, but God can.



I hope your heart will be full of love and excitement as the time of our shoebox packing party draws near – Sunday, November 15th, 8am to noon (but we will probably be done closer to 11:30!!!)

Invite as many as you know to come and celebrate and sweat together as we pack 1,601 shoeboxes. Every shoebox has the potential to reach over 7 folks with the salvation story of Jesus and His love. That is something to get excited about!

"Take Risks" and God Bless,
Pastor Sal

Weekly Exercise

Keep your feet moving! David Crays teaches free line dancing here on Wednesdays nights at 6pm. It is a great opportunity to connect with folks in our community. David asks for donations and those donations go toward shoeboxes.

ENGAGE:

Pursuing Excellence in Global Methodist Missions.
November 6-7th here at Dover Bethany Church!

Dover Bethany is the host church for this seminar which is open to our entire Annual Conference. We will need a boat load of volunteers as we host and serve our guests from across the conference. We will be needing the worship team, greeters, folks to pray, coffee and snacks, meals, and lots of happy, smiling faces!

Engage Training is a 2-day intensive program developed by the Kingdom Advancement (Missions Team) Commission of the Global Methodist Church to Equip, Empower, and Connect local churches and conference leaders for effective Acts 1:8 global missions.
We have no idea how many are coming, but we want to roll out the red carpet and practice some extravagant hospitality while our extended family members of the Global Methodist Church are with us.

Exciting Times

You might have seen the tower the trail men have lashed together down by the picnic pavilion. The boys are having a great time! There is so much they want to do, that they are now meeting weekly. Our troop size has doubled since we started last year!

If you would like to volunteer or have a child, grandson, neighbor that might be interested – send them our way. Contact the church office and they will put you in touch with our troop leaders. We meet ever Tuesday night at 6:30 PM. Trail Life is for boys 5-18.

Thank You for Your Prayers and Financial Support

Our IMO Mission trip to Nigeria went well. Team members will hopefully be sharing some of their experiences Sunday, November 1st. Praise God! At the last minute, they received a large donation that covered the balance of what was needed!!! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!



Trunk or Treat at Dottie's

Thank you for those who helped out at Dottie's. We had plenty of candy and opportunities to pray with some folks in our community.

November Volunteer Schedule	1	8	15	22	29
Greeters	Elaine Myers Nancy DeHoff Scott Enders Darlene Lookingbill	Mary Chronister Dana Keefe Mark & Margie Burkhart	Shoebox Packing Party	Rich Crager Carl Krause Pat Smith Carolyn Blymire	Mike & Ginger Lehr Jim & Holly McKean
Nursery	Tennile Burkhart Aleia Brown	Carla Green Ginger Lehr	Shoebox Packing Party	Maria Spence Gail Wolgamuth	Path Smith Jeanne Spahr
Hospitality	Mark & Margie Burkhart	***We need you!***	Shoebox Packing Party	Jared & Abby Runk	***We need you!***
Head Usher	Darren Weiland	Luke Yeager	Shoebox Packing Party	Jack McLeod	Allan Crisamore
Counters	Elaine Kroft & Dennis Lehr				

Financial Life of our Church

GENERAL FUND – Thru September 2026

REVENUE	
Contributions	
General Fund/Sunday School	$250,160
Other Donations	2,337
Memorial Gifts	525
Other Income	5,145
TOTAL REVENUE	**$258,167**
EXPENSES	
GMC Connectional Funding	$4,603
Human Resources	
Pastoral Support	136,844
Lay Employees	27,001
General Operations	
Church Administration	6,208
Church/Parsonage Utilities	29,167
Property Maintenance	23,874
Taxes, Insurance, Fees, etc	23,347
Team Expenses – Serving, Growing, Sharing, Knowing	16,228
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$267,272**
BOTTOM LINE	**($9,105)**

Real Estate Taxes for 2026

- For the Church:
  County/Twp - $ 1957, School - $5301
- For the Parsonage:
  County/Twp - $361, School - $979

Operation Christmas Child Funds

- As of 9/30/26 – we had received $11,399 to cover shipping costs.
- We purchased 1500 cardboard printed shoeboxes from Samaritans Purse at a cost of $1025.

Featured Expenses

- Rhoads Water Systems - $529
- State Workers' Insurance - $796
- Vacation Bible School - $1,183
- To renew copyright license - $668

Balance in our Checking Account

September 30, 2026 - $104,660
distributed as follows:
Scholarship Fund - $3,035
Cemetery Fund - $42,793
Operation Christmas Child - $11,399
General Fund - $47,433.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party NEEDS

- PRAY!!! Pray that all these things (logistics, donations, finances, volunteers, guests…) will all fall into place.
- **Set up is Tuesday night, November 10th at 7PM.** Our Trail Men will be helping move everything from the basement to the sanctuary. Come help us get this set up and decorated!
- Money! We need about $6,400 to help cover our costs. The next couple Sundays we will try to keep you updated. We want to celebrate God's provision and we want to keep you current incase the Lord lays it on your heart to make a special gift.
- **Donations! Still needed for shoebox gifts:**
  Washcloths (300) **Combs (560)**
  Coloring Books (637) **Pencils (424)**
  Stuffed Animals (1,096) **Tote Bags (1,136)**
  and always, toys!



- **Food! We can't have a party without food. We need some help and probably some donations. Watch the Sunday bulletin.**
- **Volunteers! Watch for opportunities to help us during the packing party. We promise you will get to be part of the fun of packing several shoeboxes! Watch the Sunday bulletin for how to sign up.**
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We Remember

November 1st is All Saints Day. We take time to remember those who have gone before us in the faith. This includes Christians throughout the history of the church, as well as our own personal family members who have passed the faith on to us and have helped us grow in our Christian understanding and practice.

Thank you to Shirley and Terry Saylor for setting up our remembrance tree. The ornaments are pictures of church members who have died that we take time to remember, honor and give God thanks for.

Yearly Church Meeting

Our Charge Conference this year is Sunday evening, November 8th at 6:30. We want to celebrate what God has done over the last year and set our priorities thru the next year. This meeting is for anyone, but voting is only for church members. The main things we vote on are salaries and nominations. Pastor Todd Christine from Grace Church of Hanover will preside over our time together.

Christmas Decorating!

Help us deck the halls here at church on Sunday, November 29th, following our morning worship service. There may or may not be pizza after all the hard work – we'll let you know.

Volunteer at a Shoebox Processing Center!

Volunteer at the Baltimore Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Processing Center

When we send out our shoebox gifts, they go to Baltimore where they are double checked and sorted by age and gender before they are shipped around the world. Our team will travel together down to Baltimore. We have reserved the following date/time (Sign up on your Communication Card):
Saturday, December 12, from 1:00—5:00 pm

York Area Homeschool Choir Christmas Concert

The York Area Homeschool Choir will be having their Christmas Concert on Friday, December 4th, with pre-concert music beginning at 6:30 PM and the formal concert at 7 PM. The concert will be at Northeastern High School, Manchester. The choir is under the direction of Nancy and Pastor Sal Buonocore. Elaine Myers is the Junior Choir accompanist.

Thanks for Asking and Thanks for Your Prayers

Many have asked Pastor Sal about his brother's death. His brother Brian was 60 years old and died of complications from cancer. He died with no spouse or children and no will. Pastor Sal, as next of kin, has taken some responsibilities in handling his brother's affairs but the majority of things are tied up until the lawyers and the state of Ohio.

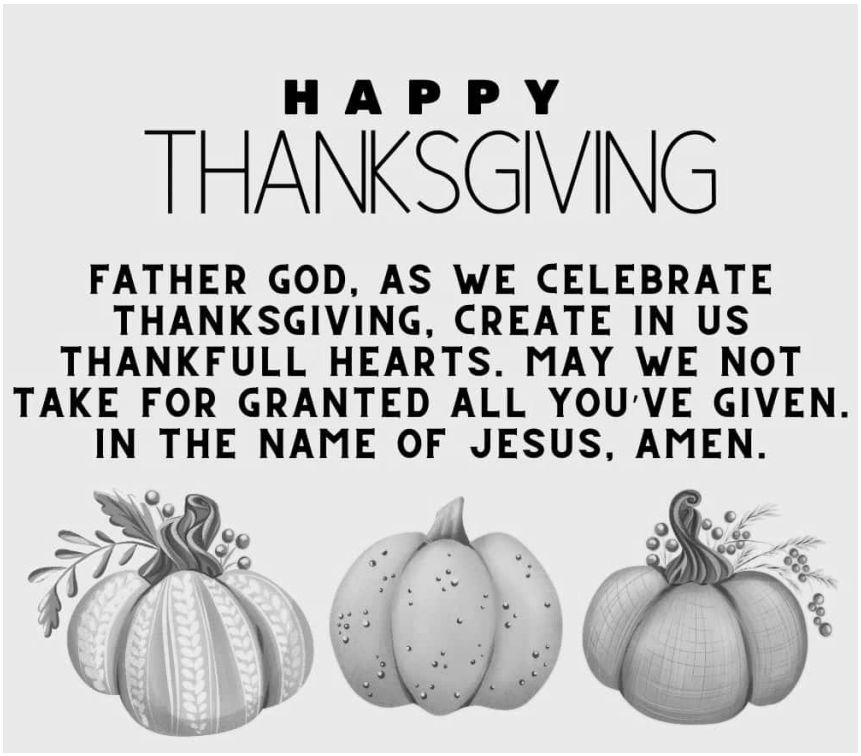
Pastor Sal will be going to Ohio for a brief visitation service for friends and co-workers and will be leading a memorial service back in Delaware County, PA in November. It has been a great comfort, support and strength to have your understanding, love, and prayers during this time.

Christmas Schedule: Plan Ahead

Christmas Eve Schedule, December 24th (falls on a Thursday) - times to be announced

- Potluck Meal
- 1st Service (child friendly glow sticks)
- 2nd Service (traditional candles)
- Christmas Day Worship on Friday, December 25th at 10 am





Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Calendar — November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship After church: Kid's Connect Program	2	3 6:30pm Trail Life 6:30pm Bible Basics	4 6pm Line Dancing	5	6 ENGAGE: GMC Training	7 ENGAGE: GMC Training
8 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship After church: Kid's Connect Program 6:30PM Charge Conference	9	10 6:30pm Trail Life 7pm Packing Party Set Up	11 9am Stitches of Love 6pm Line Dancing	12	13	14
15 8am OCC PACKING PARTY	16	17 6:30pm Trail Life	18 6pm Line Dancing	19 6pm TLC – Cancer Support Group	20	21
22 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship After church: Kid's Connect Program FOOD BANK Sunday	23	24 6:30pm Trail Life	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship After church: Decorating the building for Christmas	30					



KNOWING GOD GROWING IN FAITH SERVING OTHERS SHARING THE GOOD NEWS