



New Beginnings IV. Family Stories

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026
10:00AM

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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

WORSHIP THE LORD

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

**"When Morning Gilds the Skies" Piano Duet: Becky Yanak
and Scott Yanak**

arr. by Joseph Barnby; cpr 1945 by Theodore Presser Co.

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

God meets us in places we least expect.

In ordinary places, God reveals extraordinary grace.

Jacob awoke and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place."

We come to discover that God is with us here as well.

The whole creation waits with eager longing for God's redemption.

We wait in hope, trusting that God's promises are sure.

Come, let us worship the God who journeys with us, who claims us, and who makes all things new.

Let us worship the Lord with glad and expectant hearts.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Larry Ruby

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Gather Us In"

No. 649

1 Here in this place new light is streaming shadows of doubt are vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, our spirits in-flame. Call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face We have been sung throughout all of history Called to be light to the whole human race Gather us in, the rich and the haughty Gather us in, the proud and the strong Give us a heart so meek and so lowly Give us the courage to enter the song

3 Here we receive new life in the waters, here we receive the bread of new birth Here you shall call your sons and your daughters Call us anew to be salt for the earth Give us to drink the wine of compassion Give us to eat the bread that is you Nourish us well and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4 Not just in buildings, small and confining Not in some heaven light years away here in this place the new light is shining Now is God present and now is the day Gather us in and hold us forever Gather us in and make us your own Gather us in, all peoples together Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Larry Ruby

Faithful God, too often we live as though we are alone, forgetting that you are present in every moment of our lives. We cling to our fears instead of your promises. We become discouraged by the brokenness of the world and lose sight of the hope you have prepared for your children.

Forgive us when we trust ourselves more than we trust you. Forgive us when we overlook your presence in the ordinary moments of life or fail to recognize your work in those around us.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit. Teach us to live as your beloved sons and daughters, confident in your grace and eager to share your love with the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Larry Ruby

Hear the good news! The Apostle Paul declares that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We have received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" If we are God's children, then we are heirs with Christ, and nothing can separate us from the love of God revealed in him. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

"Gloria Patri"

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Larry Ruby

Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...**and also with you.**

The kids can come forward for the Children's Sermon as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Larry Ruby

ANTHEM

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Piano Duet: Becky Yanak
and Scott Yanak

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Larry Ruby

FIRST READING

Romans 8:12-25

Pastor Larry Ruby

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of

God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

SECOND READING

Genesis 28:10-19

Pastor Brian Janssen

Jacob left Be'er-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Shall We Gather at the River"

(by Robert Lowry)

"I Surrender All"

(by Judson W. Van DeVenter and Winfield S. Weedon) Medley

Ukulele and Chime Choir

THE RESPONSE *(Please Stand)* **"Doxology"**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray this in the name of our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

HYMN *(Please Stand)* **"Come Thou Almighty King"** **No. 148**

- 1** Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2** Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend: come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
- 3** Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.
- 4** To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence, evermore. His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - A Nursery Room is across the hall from the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with a speaker system from the sanctuary so any parent(s) who wishes to stay with their child(ren) in the nursery can hear the worship service. **A Cry Room** is at the rear of the Sanctuary – entry is through a door in the Narthex near the usher's table. *We encourage you to use these rooms as needed.* **Worship Bags** are available for children to use during the worship service. The bags can be found at the Usher's Desk. **Sound amplification devices** are available to those who might need or want to use them. Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Today's ushers are Laura Dugan, Heather Lucas, and Karen Talerico.

A warm welcome to Scott Yanak and special thanks to Scott and Becky Yanak for sharing their music with us in worship! We are blessed by your gifts!

Creatives in the Chapel invite you to check out the displays in the Chapel if you haven't yet. We have exhibits from Tim Anderson and Sharon Salvini, as well as some of Joe Oyler's literature on display. What an awesome time of fellowship learning about their gifts of creativity! Join us this week, Thursday at 10 am, to hear Joe's mountain dulcimer music and learn a little about his experience!

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

T-SHIRTS! – We have lots of Bethany T-Shirts left! Your choice of white, grey, and black are available in many various sizes for \$7! **They will be on sale today in the Welcome Center!**

MUSIC MINISTRY CELEBRATES BRIDGEVILLE'S 125TH! - Join us in the celebration of Bridgeville's 125th as we make a joyful noise to the Lord at the Main Stage! We will hold a communal prayer at the end of our music time- come sing and pray with us!
July 21 - Main Stage: 5pm: Ukulele and Chime Choir; 6pm: Bloom
July 23- Main Stage: 6pm: Bloom

PART-TIME POSITION - We are looking for a Part-Time Custodian! Interested applicants can email their resume to finance@bethanypresby.org. See our website for more details.

USHERS NEEDED – Ushers are needed for the summer months. If you are available, call or text Dale Anderson at 724-699-5631.

NEW BIBLE STUDY - What if Bible study felt less like a lecture and more like a conversation? Join us for Notes in the Margin, a welcoming, discussion-based Bible study where we explore Scripture, ask questions, and grow in faith together. Whether you're new to faith, returning after time away, or looking to deepen your walk with God, you're invited. **Bi-weekly meetings on Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30PM!** Bring your Bible, your questions, and an open heart. No expertise required!

JOIN THE BETHANY AUDIO & VIDEO TEAM - Have you ever wondered how we operate our soundboard or record our services with video cameras? Volunteers are needed to support each service here at Bethany and we would love to have you join our audio & video tech team! This important ministry is another way to offer your God given talents to support the services and mission here at Bethany. No experience is necessary, we can teach you everything! Talk to any one of us after a service or Call or text Mike Segeleon at 412-389-0985 or email msegeleon@msn.com.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION – Preschool registration for the 2026/2027 school year is now open on our website! Contact Danielle Gioia at Gioia.preschool@gmail.com with any questions! We are so excited for the coming year!

DEBBY HAYES PLAY AND PRAY – Great news! From **June 28th through July 26th** all children can leave after the Children's Sermon and go to the Worship and Wonder room for **Play and Pray!**

HARVEST STREET MISSION COLLECTION - The Mission Team will be collecting donated clothing items **in the Welcome Center** during **July and August** for Harvest Street Mission. Harvest Street Mission is a small non-profit that started organizing and providing for folks who live on the streets, in shelters or in low income housing with a focus on the North Side of Pittsburgh. The Mission is in need of "new" men's underwear, size Large and X-large. They are also needing men's/women's summer shirts (t-shirts/not undershirts) and other summer clothing that one would want to donate. These items can be used. A box for donations will be in the Welcome Center.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - On Thursday, **July 23rd** from 9:30am-noon, we have the opportunity to send a group of volunteers to the Washington City Mission in Washington, PA. Our volunteers will work in the warehouse sorting items (clothes, shoes, houseware, etc.). If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Karen Talerico by phone or send a text to 412-913-3789. Please note that our group cannot exceed 10 volunteers.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOOK CLUB - It's book o'clock! Come join the Women's Ministry Book Club **July 22nd at 7pm** in Sunday School Classroom 224. The book we will be discussing is Max Lucado's *Miracle at the Higher Grounds Cafe*. Hope to see you there!

CHURCH PICNIC – Our annual Church Picnic will be **August 9th for our 10am service** at the picnic area at Fairview Park at the Rotary Pavilion followed by crafts and games! The picnic will be catered; however, we invite all our Bethany Bakers to bring your favorite dessert! Please call Ron Knapp at 412-526-5942 if you plan to bring a dessert!

BRIDGEVILLE BIRTHDAY - This year the BCA will help host a nine-day celebration from Saturday **July 18th to Sunday July 26th**.

- **July 18th** 5k race 8:15 am at Bridgeville Fire Department 5pm Roaring 20s dinner dance (costumes encouraged)

- **July 19th** 12:30pm Parade from Bethany Church to Commercial Street The ecumenical services at Triangle Park 2:00 to 5:00 pm
- **July 20th** Live entertainment - artisan tent - contests- food court - food trucks - Black Smith demonstration - Commercial Street from 5 pm to 10 pm
- **July 21st** Live entertainment - artisan tent - contests- food court - food trucks - Black Smith demonstration Commercial Street from 5 pm to 10 pm
- **July 22nd** Live entertainment - artisan tent - contests - food court - food trucks - Commercial Street- 125 minutes of free ice cream cones at the Dari Delite starting at 4:30 and the carnival from 5 pm to 10 pm
- **July 23rd** Live entertainment - artisan tent - contests - food court - food trucks - Commercial Street - carnival from 5 pm to 10 pm
- **July 24th** Live entertainment - artisan tent - contests - food court - food trucks- Commercial Street - carnival from 5 pm to 10 pm Comedy Show doors open at 6 pm.
- **July 25th** Co-ed Softball tournament starts at 8 am at Chartiers Park - from 5 pm to 10 pm Live entertainment – artisan tent - contests - food court - food trucks - Commercial Street - carnival
- **July 26th** Softball tournament starts at 10 pm at Chartiers Park.

Dear Bethany Church, this week Bridgeville is going to celebrate its 125th year! Bethany Church has been serving the Bridgeville area since 1814. We have been a significant part of Bridgeville's history! **This Sunday, July 19th**, there will be a celebration parade from Bethany Church to the Bridgeville fire station and **it starts at 12:30**. Everyone that is able, is invited to walk with the Bethany vehicles in the parade. We will meet in the Rite Aid parking lot. Wear some comfortable walking shoes, your Bethany shirt, or a red, white or blue shirt and bring a small USA flag to wave! Let's show that Bethany Church continues to be a vital part of the Bridgeville community!

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JULY 12, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 301,368	\$ 290,954	\$10,414
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	206,805	201,241	5,564
Investment Income **	8,395	8,124	270
Total General Fund Income	\$ 516,567	\$ 500,319	\$16,248
Year to Date Budget	500,343		
+/- Budget	\$ 16,224		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

** Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

A friendly reminder from the Stewardship team, please write the amount of your giving on the outside of the envelope when turning in your offering. This helps make the job of those counting much easier.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms". 1 Peter 4:10 calls us to action to share



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with others our God given talents and blessings. Let us receive His grace and strength so that we may glorify Him and serve generously.

July Special Offering – Adult Mission Trip

The special offering envelope for July supports all of the Adult Mission Trips approved by the mission team and Session. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Adult Mission Trip" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Adult Mission Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to these incredible missions trip projects!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 19

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

Monday, July 20

4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, July 21

9:30AM - Choral Courtyard

11:00AM - Sacred Music Sampling – Organ

5:00PM – 125 Bridgeville Birthday -Chimes/Ukulele -Main Stage

6:00PM – 125 Bridgeville Birthday -Bloom -Main Stage

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, July 22

9:00AM - Bell Tree Hour

11:30AM – Knitters

7:00PM – Book Club

Thursday, July 23

9:00AM – Quilters

10:00AM - Creatives in the Chapel

12:00PM – Rotary

3:00PM - Adult Ukulele

6:00PM – Bloom at 125 Bridgeville Birthday -Main Stage

7:30PM – AA

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

DIAPER BANK

Sunday, July 26

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship