



New Beginnings: II. Meeting In Real Life

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 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

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

We gather before the God who comes near to us in unexpected ways.

We come to worship the One whose presence brings life and hope.

When our faith is strong, God is faithful.

When our faith falters, God remains faithful.

The Lord speaks promises that reach beyond what we can imagine.

The Lord's grace is greater than our doubts and fears.

Through Christ, we have peace with God and confidence in God's love.

We rejoice in the hope that God is at work among us.

Come, let us worship the God who keeps every promise.

Let us worship God with trust, gratitude, and joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Larry Ruby

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

No. 548

1 Come, great God of all the ages, make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person, let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment, give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.

2 Come, Christ, Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone, help us form the church eternal, may your vision be our own. Send a message to each follower, lead all people to your way; urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

3 Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call; through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds; challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

4 Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God, in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see, place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Larry Ruby

Gracious God, You call us to trust your promises, yet we often place our confidence in what we can see and control. When the future seems uncertain, we

rely on our own understanding rather than your wisdom. When your promises seem distant, we allow doubt and fear to shape our lives. Forgive us for the ways we limit your power and question your faithfulness. Forgive us when cynicism replaces hope, when anxiety overcomes trust, and when we fail to recognize your presence among us. Renew us by your grace. Strengthen our faith, deepen our hope, and teach us to live as people who trust in your steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Larry Ruby

Hear the good news: God does not wait for our faith to become perfect before offering grace. God's love reaches us in our weakness, meets us in our doubts, and sustains us through every trial. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and welcomed into a life of peace, hope, and joy. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Larry Ruby

FIRST READING

Romans 5:1-8

Pastor Larry Ruby

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

SECOND READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Pastor Brian Janssen

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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 "There Was Jesus" Vocalists: Connie and Mike Segeleon
Guitar: Caleb Auldridge**

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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*)

“Rejoice, The Lord is King!”

No. 342

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven; The keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the judge shall come to gather all his saints
to their eternal home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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 Dale Anderson, Carol Cowser, Sue Nagy, Deb Pyle and Julia Stewart.

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Karen Talerico in memory of Boyd Elder, and in honor of Lorenzo Talerico for his birthday.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dolly McCrea and family, on the passing of Dolly's brother, Thomas McCrea who joined the Church Triumphant on June 10, 2026; and to the family of Marge Jablonski, who joined the Church Triumphant on June 11, 2026. She was a beloved member of our church family; and to the family of Terry Kohlmyer, who joined the Church Triumphant on June 10, 2026. He was a beloved former member of Bethany who loved the Lord.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

BETHANY CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE – Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 8:30am-1:30pm. OUR BLOOD DRIVE GOAL IS 18 DONORS!!!** We currently have 4 scheduled donors. We are hoping for 14 more to call and schedule your appt ASAP. If you can, would you please help this happen? Schedule your appointment ASAP to select a donation time that is best for you. Posters are at each door entrance with details or call 1-877-25VITAL to schedule your appointment and at vitalant.org provides a lot of information about donations and the urgent need. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY - July News! In addition to our Choral Courtyard and Sacred Music Sampling Classes, starting in July, we have two NEW PROGRAMS that we'd love to share with you!

Bell Tree Hour- Check out our new instrument technique! Pick up a few mallets and learn to play! Our hand bells will hang from a tree and during this class, you will learn to strike the bells with your mallets to make a joyful and beautiful noise to the Lord! Meet us in the choir room Wednesday mornings in July, at 9am (with the exclusion of July 15)

Creatives in the Chapel- Join us in the Chapel and Welcome Center on Thursday mornings in July to hear about some of our members' incredible talents and how God has worked through their creativity! July 2- Tim Anderson and Sharon Salvini- Photography; July 9- Joe Oyler- Writing (and a presentation of his book and it's Epilogue, Almost Forgotten, which is written about the men from Bridgeville and South

Fayette that gave their lives while serving in the military); July 23- Joe Oyler- Mountain Dulcimer Music Demo; July 30- Bonnie Hendershot- Song Writing
Look for our fliers and online media for upcoming news on these incredible events!

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.

BLOOM AND CAFÉ BETHANY – Join us for our next Bloom and Café Bethany event on **Thursday, June 25th at 6:00pm!** There will be a catered dinner followed by a **modern worship service for families at 7:00 pm!** We hope to see you there! Please sign up for the event on the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center!

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

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.

CHURCH BBQ - It's a Red, White & Blue Celebration! Join Us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! **TODAY June 14th at 11:00am** in the Inner Courtyard/Fellowship Hall at the Church we will have **Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips and Cookies, Kids Crafts and Cornhole and a BALLOON ARTIST!** Bring your family, and friends for an afternoon of summer fun! We can't wait to see you there!

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!

SECRET SISTERS LUNCHEON – Join us on **June 28th in Fellowship Hall at 11am** for our Summer Secret Sisters Luncheon! Great food and great fun will be had! Don't forget to show love to your Secret Sister with cards, gifts, and treats! This makes it all the more special for the reveal at the end of the year. See you there!

DIAMOND DOTS AND DEVOTIONS – The Women's Ministry will be having a craft night! **Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30pm** we will make a craft and children are welcome to attend and make a craft of their own! Come for a night of fun, crafts, and cookies!



Bethany Presbyterian Annual Golf Outing



Saturday June 27th Calling All Golfers!

You're invited to attend Bethany's annual golf outing on Saturday at Fort Cherry Golf Club. Whether you're a foursome, pair or single player – all are welcome. Please join us for a great day of fellowship and golf. We'll be using a scramble format and traditional tee times beginning at @ 9:44 through 11:30am with lunch beginning at 3:30pm.

- Where: Fort Cherry Golf Course
- When: Sat June 27th tee times @ 9:44-11:30 am
- Why: **Great time with friends!**
- What: \$ 85 gets you Golf & BBQ Lunch afterwards

Don't delay – sign up TODAY!

Registering your team and/or paying is super easy! You can now register online via www.Bethanypresby.org and then make a payment for \$88 or you can write a check to Bethany Presbyterian c/o Golf outing for \$85 and put it in the offering plate on Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact one of the below Golf committee members:

Ron Gastgeb	rcgastgeb@verizon.net	412 953 – 7987
Bill Paviol	paviol@yahoo.com	412 722 – 3102
Bill Just	bjust@chubb.com	412 417 – 0089

Your Registration & Payment are needed by Sunday June 21st

Golfer Names: _____ Team Name: _____
 Name1: _____ Name2: _____
 Name3: _____ Name4: _____
 Team Captain's or your e-mail: _____

A GREAT FATHERS DAY GIFT! ALL GOLFERS WELCOME!

**THIS IS AN ALL CHURCH GOLF OUTING! WOMEN, CHILDREN, MEN,
GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDKIDS ARE ALL WELCOME!!!**

GOLDEN OLDIES TRIP – The Golden Oldies are going to see **JOSHUA** at the Sight and Sound Theater **September 9th and 10th** so mark your calendars! During the trip they will experience Turkey Hill Ice Cream and Lab as well as the Dutch Apple Dinner and Show of “Pretty Woman”. Call Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114 for details and any questions.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WV MISSIONS TRIP - Mark your calendars, the 2026 Summersville, WV trip mission work week (WVMAW) will be from Sunday June 28th through Friday July 3rd. Anyone 12 and older are welcome! This is a great mission for youth who are out of school for the summer. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Doug Bovard at dbovard@verizon.net 412-979-9324, Connie Segeleon at conniesege@gmail.com 412-855-6829, or Mike Segeleon at msegeleon@msn.com 412-389-0985.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JUNE 7, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 234,198	\$ 232,746	\$ 1,452
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	156,100	159,411	(3,311)
Investment Income **	5,860	5,683	176
Total General Fund Income	\$ 396,157	\$ 397,840	\$(1,682)
Year to Date Budget	389,399		
+/- Budget	\$ 6,758		

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

June Special Offering - Vacation Bible School

The special offering envelope for June supports Vacation Bible School. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Vacation Bible School" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for VBS on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to this great program for the youth of Bethany and the community!



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WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 14

11:00AM – Church BBQ

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

Monday, June 15

VBS Week 9-12PM

4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, June 16

VBS Week 9-12PM

7:00PM – Deacons Meeting

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, June 17

VBS Week 9-12PM

11:30AM – Knitters

Thursday, June 18

VBS Week 9-12PM

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM – Rotary

12:00PM – Golden Oldies Luncheon

7:30PM – AA

Friday, June 19

VBS Week 9-12PM

Saturday, June 20

Bridgeville Day on the Avenue

FOOD BANK

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship