



# The Bethany Gazette

## Bethany Presbyterian Church Newsletter

### February-April 2026



*Dear Bethany Family and Friends,*

*At the time you are reading this, we are almost a month into 2026. A month into those New Year's Resolutions (be honest, how are yours going), a month closer to warmer weather, and a month closer to the next major event on our church calendar. In a few short weeks, we will hold our Ash Wednesday Service, which kicks off the journey through Lent.*

*Lent is a time of reflection and sacrifice, in preparation for Easter and all that it represents in our physical and spiritual lives. For many, Lent is symbolized by resolving to give something up during the season. This looks different for everyone but here are some suggestions for Lenten Resolutions, courtesy of [ParticularlyCalled.com](http://ParticularlyCalled.com):*

- **More Prayer:** *This could be fuel for your call to mission, or part of a call to grow draw closer to Him. Your prayer will be different based on your season as well.*
- **Better use of Time:** *Our time is our most precious possession and how we use it shows whom we serve. Do we serve Him with our time? Or is my time mostly spent in service to myself? Or am I trying to serve people? or this world? Is my work more important than God? Or is God the source of my work?*
- **More Silence:** *This will look different for every person. For some it could mean not listening to the radio in the car, or changing the station to something more reflective. For some, it's a conscientious effort to stop complaining and to not speak at the same time as others, or to reiterate what they say, even if excited.*

*If you choose to come up with a resolution, we hope you are successful and we hope the sacrifices and reflections that come out of it shape you in 2026 and beyond.*

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Morning Worship: Sunday Morning @  
10:30 AM  
All Are Welcome!

## February 2026

- 1: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
8: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**

- 15: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**18: Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.**  
22: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

## March 2026

- 1: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
8: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
15: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
22: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
29: **Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.**

## April 2026

- 2: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.  
**Maundy Thursday Held @ Grace Lutheran**  
5: Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
**Light Breakfast Before Service**  
12: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
19: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



### **Redstone Enrichment Day**

The annual Redstone Presbytery Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday February 7th at Westmont Presbyterian Church

See the flyer in the back of this newsletter for more information

### **Pine Springs Camp Visit Day**

Pine Springs will hold a Camp Visit Day on Saturday April 18th from 10am-2pm at the camp near Jennerstown, PA

Camp Visit Day is a perfect opportunity for new or potential campers to tour the camp, meet the staff, enjoy lunch, and have fun!

If you or someone you know are interested in attending, visit [www.pinesprings.org](http://www.pinesprings.org) and click on the events tab.



**Be Sure To Visit Our Website ([www.bethanyjohnstown.com](http://www.bethanyjohnstown.com)) and Like Us On Facebook (Bethany Presbyterian Church— Johnstown, PA)**

## Lenten Services Schedule

**Wednesday February 18th: Ash Wednesday Service**—Kick off the Lenten season as we host a joint Ash Wednesday Service with Grace Lutheran Church. The service will be held here at Bethany and will begin at 7 p.m.

**Sunday March 29th: Palm Sunday Service**—Kick off Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday during our 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

**Thursday April 2nd: Maundy Thursday Service**—Our friends at Grace Lutheran Church will host a joint Maundy Thursday Service beginning at 7 p.m.

**Sunday April 5th: Easter Sunday Service & Light Breakfast**—Join us for Easter Sunday here at Bethany. Kick off the morning with a light breakfast in the back of the sanctuary before our Easter Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m.

**All are invited to attend these services, so invite your friends, neighbors, and family**

## 2026 Per Capita (First Fruits)

The Suggested Per Capita (First Fruits) for 2026 is \$55 per member. Please use the special envelope provided in your box or mark First Fruits on your check/envelope. Per Capita helps to pay for the important programs and staff at the Presbytery, Synod, and PCUSA levels.



## **Support The West End Food Pantry**

The West End Food Pantry continues to need non-perishable food items to keep their shelves stocked. Some of the items they need include:

- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Instant Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Mixes
- Dry Goods (Beans, Rice, Pasta, Etc.)
- Sugar, Flour, Baking Items
- Paper Towels, Tissues, Dish Liquid, Laundry Detergent

Donations can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. Entrance as you enter the church. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Thank you for your contributions to this important community resource.

## **2026 Sign Ups**

Sign ups for 2026 Lay Leaders and 2026 flower/bulletin sponsorships are now being accepted, with forms and sign up sheets available in the back of the sanctuary. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

## **Bulletins and Newsletters Available Online**

Bulletins from Morning Worship are available on the church website ([www.bethanyjohnstown.com](http://www.bethanyjohnstown.com)). We keep each bulletin up for a few weeks following the service so you have plenty of time to check out any you may have missed. Church Newsletters are also posted on the church website.

## **Updating Information**

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or updated your email, be sure to let us know so we can ensure we have your most up to date info.

## **Giving Back To Our Community**

### **Supporting Our Troops**

During the recent holiday season, our congregation collected a variety of personal items for local military members who are currently stationed near the southern border in Texas. Items included hygiene products, comfort items, and some snacks and drink mixes. The items were shipped out just in time for Christmas. Thank you to those who supported this project.



### **Feeding Our Local First Responders**

In early January, we kicked off a new mission project to support our local first responders. We will be providing meals to our friends at West End Ambulance and the Johnstown Fire Department. For the first one, Brenda Molnar and her sister made some delicious pot pie that got the seal of approval from our local heroes. These meals are a labor of love and a great way to thank those who protect and care for us each and every day. If you would like to volunteer to prepare a meal or help prepare one, contact a member of Session.



# Super Bowl Champions

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