

The Living Letter



Bermudian Church

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace and be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15-17

“enabling every person to experience the living Christ in transforming ways”

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact

July 3rd, 2023

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Worship – In the Sanctuary
4yr to 4th grade “Sunday Friends” is now available.
Children will be dismissed prior to the start of Pastor Gary’s sermon.

10:00 am Coffee and social time in Shepherds’ Hall

10:20 am ***Sunday School for children**
***Youth will meet in their Youth room, located downstairs**
***Adult Sunday school class**

- One class in TGP
- One class in the Sanctuary

***About Life Class group will meet in the room off of Shepherd’s Hall**

† The nursery is staffed during our worship service

† Live streaming of our Worship Service is available, and then posted to YouTube. Please remember to “like” and “subscribe” and you will be notified each time we post a new video.



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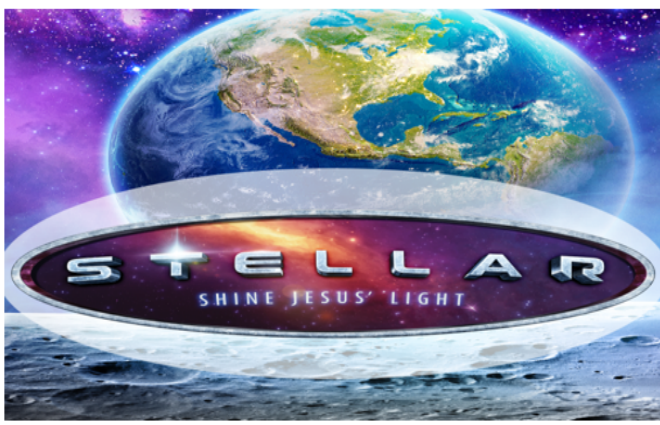
Mission Offering



Pastor Gary - Office Hours

- † Monday 9-12
- † Tuesday 9-12
- † Wednesday 9-12
- † Thursday 9-12
- † Friday 9-12

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at
Bermudian Church
279 Bermudian Church Road
East Berlin, PA 17316

Sunday July 30th – August 3rd

Ages 2 years - 12th grade
plus Adult Bible Study

VBS Program: 6:15pm-8:45pm
Simple Meal: 5:15pm- 6pm (Mon-Thurs)
Adult Bible Study: 6:45pm-8:30pm (Sun-Wed)

For questions, please contact VBS Coordinator, Sue Mayle
(717)-600-5017 or email: JSMayle1198@gmail.com

Pre-registration not required but recommended 7/19/23
. Contact Bermudian Church at (717)-292-1861 to register
Or email bermudiansecretary@gmail.com

Stellar VBS Adult Study – July 30 through August 3

Pastor Gary will lead an adult study on the nights of VBS in the sanctuary. The topics will be the same as those that the children will be studying.

Day 1 - Bible Point: When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Story: - Jesus comes as a baby to be king. (Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18–2:12)

Day 2 - Bible Point: When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Story - Jesus accepts Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-9)

Day 3 - Bible Point: When good things happen, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Story - Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king. (Luke 19:28-40)

Day 4 - Bible Point: When people are sad, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Story - Jesus cares for his mother during his crucifixion. (John 19–20)

Day 5 - Bible Point: When people need help, shine Jesus' light!

Bible Story - Philip helps the Ethiopian. (Acts 8:26-39)



We would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers we received after the passing of Al's mother, LaVonne. She enjoyed coming to church and felt welcome when people would say, "hi" and called her "Mom". Also, thanks to Pastor Gary for his visits to the hospital. It all meant so much to us, and we are so thankful for our church family.

*Love in Christ,
Al & Sue Smeltzer*

Special Offering

Witness Commission will have a special offering on July 9, 2023 for the Keefer family, who lost everything in a fire a few weeks ago.

We will provide blue envelopes on that day for the special offering.

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**NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED August 7th, 2023
Deadline for publishing in Newsletter August 4th, 2023, 10:30 am**

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship met on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Ten (10) ladies were in attendance. Connie Schultz led us in devotions.

Cross Key's Village will be having their chicken BBQ in August, 2023. Please see Barb Stern for details.

We made a donation to the Ladies Group at Red Run Church to support them in their project of "Beyond the Wall".

Discussion was held concerning Fruit Belt Farmers. We discussed visiting with the migrant workers maybe in August or September, 2023. Blankets are needed for the workers. The mission offering for this organization is scheduled for November 2023.

A Church carnival will be held on September 23, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ladies will be serving the food.

Ruth Cook has been sending birthday cards to the congregation of Bermudian Church and will continue to do so. Thanks, Ruth!!

Mary Stover and Doris Myers delivered two mats to New Hope in New Oxford. Thanks, Mary for continuing to crochet these mats and to Doris for delivering them.

Sandy Harlacker has donated frozen meals for shut-ins at Bermudian. Thanks, Sandy!!

We will be serving lunch on October 4, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in East Berlin during food distribution by New Hope.

Ladies Fellowship Christmas party is scheduled for December 2023. More information will follow at a later date.

Ladies Fellowship will not meet in July because of July 4. We will not meet in August because of VBS.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd's Hall. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.



Dear Bermudian,

Thank you so much for your support of the Christopher Eisenhart Scholarship Program. \$1420.00

I know how much it means to your church body and I would like you to know how much it means to us here at Eder. This year we gave away \$2,707.00 in scholarship funds and your support helps to make that possible. Thanks for all you do for Camp Eder!

Sincerely,
Mike Kovacs
Camp Eder



HOST CITY FOOD DRIVE



Pastor Gary, Dave Titzell, and Mark Lipsitz will be attending the CBC Annual Meeting & Worship Conference in Fairmont, WV, July 20th -22nd. We are asking you to donate non-perishable food items to the Union Rescue Mission in Fairmont, WV.

Collections will take place, from July 2nd thru July 16th.

Place your donations on the tables located in both the street-side entrance foyer and the Library area. If any questions see Dave, P. Gary and Mark.

Thank you for your faithful & continued giving!

The CBC Food Drive for the Union Rescue Mission began this past Sunday, July 2nd thru July 16th.

You may donate non-perishable food items. Or you may give monetary funds by check. If you choose to do a check for the food drive, we ask that you make your checks Payable to Bermudian Church. Write CBC Food Drive on the memo line. Place your checks in your regular white offering envelopes. On the "Other Purposes" side of the envelope, please write CBC Food Drive. Otherwise, it will go towards the regular Mission Offering.

If you have questions, please contact Mark Lipsitz.

thank you

Thank you for your gift to Samaritan's Purse. We greatly appreciate your support as we work worldwide to provide physical and spiritual aid to suffering people in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your generosity will enable us to continue sharing the love of Christ and the hope of the Gospel. Thank you again, and may God bless you.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3, ESV).

In June our congregation gave a total of \$277.50 which was distributed as you see below!

Animals (013968) - \$92.50
Agriculture (013969) - \$92.50
Livelihoods (013970) - \$92.50



ANIMALS, AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS

PR/AED/BASIC FIRST AID class will be offered on Saturday, Sept 9th, 9 am-12 noon.

Class will be in The Gathering Place.



Sign up sheet will be available through mid-August. Any questions, please see Kathi Eisenhart.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT MEETING

Saturday

July 15th, 7am

@ Dover Valley Restaurant



I want to thank everyone for all of my birthday cards! I am truly blessed with a wonderful church family!!!

Joyce Wagaman

BAPTISM

On July 9th, 2023 after our regular service, we will have several people getting baptized.

Please join us in this celebration!



September 23, 2023

Faith & Fun Carnival – Hosted by

Bermudian Church

11 am – 2pm

*games

*food

*facepainting

Fun for the whole family and all ages

Carnival

Get your Bermudian Church Mugs & Tote Bags – sign up in the Library!!!

Double Walled Stainless Steel 20 oz

Mugs - \$11

Totes - \$2

Commission Meeting at 6 Pm

Board Meeting at 7 Pm

JULY 11TH

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
July 16th, 2023
At Noon
At Brenda Eisenhour's picnic pavilion

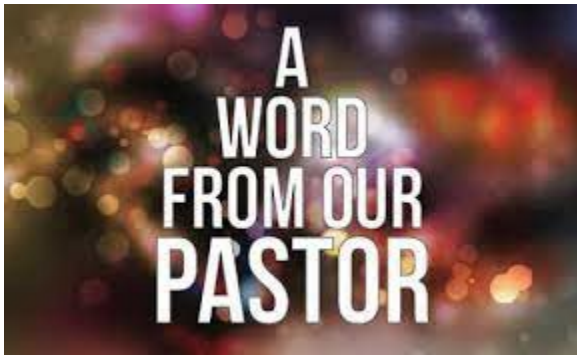
Please See Nancy Smith to RSVP

The CHOSEN

Season 3 of "The Chosen" Thursday evening Group is open and sign up sheet will be on the library table. The group will begin meeting in mid September in The Gathering Place at 6:30. Dave Titzell is the facilitator. Please contact Sue Deardorff with questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

There will NOT be a meeting In July due to Vacation Bible School! See you in August!



July 4th is the day we celebrate the day the Continental Congress declared independence of the 13 original colonies from British rule. There were many reasons for these colonists to seek freedom.

1. There were a variety of forced high taxes on needed commodities (stamps, tea, sugar). The money raised of course was sent back to Great Britain to support the British crown. The colonies existed for the benefit and welfare of Great Britain.
2. King George III sent British troops to quell any protest and resistance. Often this included the intentional death of many American colonists.
3. Colonies did not have the right to govern themselves but were dependent on British rule. They had no representation in the British parliament and were told what to do. The laws were very oppressive.

Many battles led up to the bigger war, the Revolutionary War, which went from April 19, 1775, and ended September 3, 1783. As we think about this period of time, we can be thankful and celebrate that we live here and enjoy the freedoms that we have.

As we think about the national liberty that was fought for us, we are reminded of our spiritual condition. At one time we were oppressed by sin and the devil. We were slaves to sin and did what sin wanted us to do. We were slaves to the devil and did what he wanted us to do. This oppression brought eternal death and not eternal life. But on the cross, Jesus won the victory and became our “Christus Victor.” Because of this, we have been set free. We have liberty from sin, the devil, and death. **Romans 6.22-23 “But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** In this freedom, we no longer have to live the old ways, but we are free to live holy lives, following the teachings and example of Jesus the Christ.

Let us celebrate our freedom in Christ. **2 Corinthians 5.17, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”**

In Christ Alone

PASTOR GARY’S CRAZY, HAZY DAYS OF JULY.

July 4 – off

July 10 – 16 – Vacation - Pastor Trevor Rosenberry will preach on July 16

July 20 – 22 – CBC Meeting and Worship Conference

July 24 – 30 – Vacation – Pastor Larry Dentler will preach on July 30



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Sign up is OPEN!!!
July 30 – Aug 3

STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

BERMUDIANCHURCH.ORG/MINISTRIES/VBS-SIGN-UP

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

— 2023 —

The poster features a dark blue space background with stars. On the left is a yellow star character with arms and legs, waving. On the right is a green planet character with a blue ring and legs, standing. At the bottom left is a blue planet character with a face and legs, appearing to fly. At the bottom right is a smiling sun character with a face and legs, surrounded by flames.