

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen: It's newsletter time again! How fast the time goes! These past few months have been bittersweet for our church. We said good-bye to one of our beloved brothers in Christ...Daniel Summers. It was a shock to us all and we truly do miss him in our midst. I am thankful for the comfort in knowing he is being held in our Fathers mighty hands. There are many in our congregation that need our prayers and our help in so many ways, and it does my heart good to see others stepping into what our Lord has called them to do. We are the body of Christ, and it takes all of us to tend to those who are going through seasons of tests and trials.

There are also many things to be thankful for in these last few months! We received six new members and welcomed our Good News Club families on May 31st! What a wonderful time of worship and fellowship as we shared a meal together!!

Our Vacation Bible School began on June 22, and we were so blessed with all the help we had, the teachers, all the creativity, the music, the provision of snacks, the dedication of all who were a part of those four days! We were especially blessed with all the dear children that came! We had a smaller group this year, but I believe they were bigger and mightier in faith!!

As I ponder on the next three months ahead my prayer is that God will continue to reveal His plan for New Beginnings, that our vision for the future will become more vivid and that He strengthens us for the journey!

Matthew 9:35-38 tells us that Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and affliction. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest!"

Pray dear church that we can be the laborers, pray that the Lord of the harvest equips us to bring in the lost sheep, those being harassed and those who are helpless... those without a shepherd! We must wake up!! Be aware of our purpose and be willing to lay down our lives to follow Him!! We must put Him first and then His Kingdom will come! His WILL BE DONE!! On earth as it is in heaven!!

Grant us wisdom Lord for the facing of this hour, for we ARE the chosen ones for this time and this season!! BE READY, DO NOT SLEEP NOR SLUMBER and PRAY,PRAY,PRAY for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into ALL TRUTH!!

Communications by Cathy Hessong: The Communications & Advertising Team are happy to report that Kenton has been running Pastor Karen's sermons live on Facebook! If you cannot make it to church on Sunday remember to check our Facebook page to be able to follow the message live. We are currently looking into how to possibly run the sermon live on YouTube as well.

If you are not currently receiving our emails normally on Mondays and Wednesdays with Pastor Karen's Monday Prayer and her Wednesday Thoughts and also any announcements or prayer alerts, see Cathy Hessong with your email address to receive them.

Also check out New Beginnings website at <https://www.nb-cbc.org/> for all the latest information of upcoming events and miscellaneous information!

Board of Trustees by Eddie Moser: No new news to report. We continue to wait upon the Lord and do our due diligence reviewing any and all property listings provided by the realtor for possible facility or site locations to no avail. Please continue to let us know if you see or hear of anything listed or becoming available and we will check it out. Above all, continue to pray for God's timing concerning a church building of our own.

Has anyone remembered the New Year challenge to focus on one word for this year and discovering how it can help you your Christian growth this year??

Psalm 96:9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

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Leadership Team report by Jerry Fogle, team chair: In April, the Leadership Team (LT) discussed the open positions that will occur by then end of 2026. Pastor Karen will work with the Gifts and Discernment team to find members willing to serve. The LT compiled a list of names who could access credentials and passwords for the Communications team, FMT and NBCBC website. A discussion on the use of the video monitors in the front of the sanctuary was initiated.

In May, the LT put Carissa Adams on the ballot at the May 3 Congregational meeting (CBM) as Music and Worship leader, and as a member of the LT. The Position Description document was revised, and approved at the May CBM, to allow her to serve on both teams. The LT discussed the length of Sunday school classes and the worship service. Christian Education, and Music and Worship teams were asked to start and stop their sessions on time. The LT completed a signed contract with Ruthie White as Treasurer of NBCBC.

In June, names were discussed to fill open positions on the LT. Pastor Karen continues to work with Gifts and Discernment team. The LT initiated a discussion about the proposed 2027 budget. It was agreed to have separate line items for children's ministries and to eliminate/reduce other line items not being used.

The LT serves the congregation as the lead decision-making team. We welcome your input at any time.



Children and Foot washing: This year our children participated in the Maundy Thursday foot washing service. Never too young to teach them our Brethren practices of humility and brotherly love.



Children Helping with the Service: The "little ministers" were so excited to help with the service on June 14th. Leroy and Wade read scriptures, others passed the offering plates while Loretta joined her mother singing the special music. They all did a wonderful job with their respective duties and the church body was gratified to see the next ministers and servants of God engaged in church functions. The quality of the children's performances speaks volumes about the dedication and commitment of our children's church and Sunday school teachers. "Well done thou good and faithful servants."

Fellowship Team by Judy Abel: The team along with the church members provided a meal at the funeral of Daniel Summers in April. We also provided a fellowship meal honoring our new members as well as the Kids Club families May 31. The food, including a great selection of foods for the partaking and fellowship were great and enjoyed by all.

Joshua 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

“Be Still” by Eddie Moser

What comes to your mind when you hear someone say “be still”? My mind immediately thinks I need to **be quiet, don’t make a sound**. Or it could mean **don’t move**. Or it could mean to **shut up, quit speaking**. In the human sense we sometimes respond rather quickly to this simple directive and at other times we are slow to respond.

However, what does it mean biblically and as a Christian to “be still”? The Hebrew meaning of “to be still” means to **sink down, relax, let go, cease striving, or withdraw**. In the Bible, *to be still* doesn’t mean to be silent—it means we should stop fighting and trust God. **“Be still and know that I am God”** is a famous passage found in Psalm 46:10. Here, the psalmist was declaring that no matter what was happening around him, God was his strength. And that is what God wants us to learn from the Psalm:

That God is our strength,
That we can’t do life without Him,
And that we need to stop doing things in our own strength and let God take care of us.

In order to be still, we must learn to unload our burdens to the One who can carry them. When troubles arise, we often turn to a friend or family member first. But how much better would it be if we would first run to the Lord, who cares more than any human being could?

(Reference: Psalm 68:19 says, *“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens”* (NIV).)

Deuteronomy 31:8 reminds us: *“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”*

He is more than capable. He is the Almighty, the One with more strength than we need to make it through each day.

I hope that our desire concerning this issue is to get to the point of turning to God when we need direction and that we learn to trust God more in all our life situations. Only when we “be still” will we be able to hear His small voice speaking to us in spirit and truth.

Financial Management Team by Kevin Delauter: The finance team would like to thank each of you for your support of our 2026 budget. As of June 30 we remain a bit behind in our giving compared to budget. We pray for God’s blessings to help us carry out the ministries, we have planned for 2026. Hard to believe we are halfway through 2026. It is time for us to start thinking about and praying about the 2027 budget process. We ask that each of the teams start thinking about and preparing for this process. We would ask that each team begin to plan for 2027 and what financial resources they may need. We will begin this process in July and August. We appreciate your thought that goes into this process.

God’s Presence in Our Struggles: In times of hardship, we often wonder where God is. The Bible reassures us that God is present even in our toughest battles. He promises to be with us during our struggles, leading us through the darkest times. When challenges arise, we should remember that His presence brings comfort and strength. Knowing that we are never truly alone helps us face life’s trials with confidence and peace. God is right here, holding us close and guiding us, even when we can’t see the path ahead. A few verses (of many in the bible) of encouragement:

Isaiah 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*—

Psalm 46:1 *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”*

Matthew 11:28 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

2 Corinthians 1:4 *“Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble.”*

Psalm 34:18 *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

Philippians 4:13 *“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”*

Psalm 73:26 *“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

Nehemiah 8:10 *“The joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

Daughters of the King Outreach activity.



Daughters of the King Outreach by Ann Marie:

Our Daughters of The king, visited The Residence of Citizens Nursing Home. They sang to them and gave them a flower and a Decorated Card to hang in their room.

Praise God for the willing workers of New Beginnings. All teams have been very busy this past quarter taking care of their respective activities, assignments, and God given tasks in the church ministries. God has certainly blessed New Beginnings with talented and devoted workers for His kingdom work. May He continue to bless all who answer His call to serve and may each feel His presence in a mighty way performing their duties for the advancement of His kingdom.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

VBS Theme:
"Illumination Station"



A great time was had by all who worked and attended VBS this year. The decorations were superb, the staff were very efficient, the music was outstanding and the activities and crafts were very engaging. The snacks were greatly enjoyed by all and were different each day. The highlight for the kids were the animals that visited and the kids were allowed to decorate. Praise God for such wonderful children!!

More VBS Pictures



The aisle to the Illumination Station (left).

Praising Jesus thru song and dance (right).



Some of the staff learning the songs and participating in worship (left).

Group picture of the children who attended VBS. (right)



Remember the Date

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

6/30/2026

Standing Meetings

Financial Management Team Meeting	1 st Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Kevin Delauter, FMT Chair
Deacon's Meeting	3rd Sunday	6:00 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons
Leadership Team Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Jerry Fogle LT Chair
Christian Education Meeting	3rd Wednesday	11:30am	Each Month	Pastor Karen & Team Chair
Good News Club	Mondays	3:30pm	Each Week	Pastor Karen & Team
Daughters of the King	2nd Thursday	6:00pm	Each Month	Pastor Karen & Team
Worship Team Meeting	Thursdays	12:30pm	Twice Monthly	Bernie Trego, Chair
Kids Club @ NBCBC	1st Tuesday	6:00pm	Once Monthly	Pastor Karen & Team

Classes	Location	Date/Day	Time	Event Organizer
Ladies' Bible Study	Lutheran Church	Wednesdays	9 - 10:30 am	Cathy Hessong
Young Adult Bible Study	SDA	Alt Thursdays	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Kenton, Joseph & Ingrid
Come Alive Prayer	Ann Marie's	Friday	9 - 10 am	Pastor Karen

2026 Events Schedule

Communion (4 times per year)	1/18/2026		During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Communion (4 times per year)	3/1/2026		During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Communion (4 times per year)	7/26/2026		During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Communion (4 times per year)	10/5/2026		During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Maundy Thursday/Love Feast	4/2/2026	6:00pm	SDA Church	Deacons & Pastor
Easter Sunday	4/5/2026	9:30	SDA Church	Pastor Karen
Congregational Business Mtg	5/3/2026	11:15	Church Business	LT & Moderator
New Members Sunday	5/31/2026		During service	Pastor Karen
VBS	6/22—6/25/2026	9-11:30am	Mon thru Thurs	Amanda Farmer
CBC Conference & Worship Meeting	7/16—7/18/2026		Johnstown, PA	CBC Executive Bd
Baptism Service & Picnic	8/1/2026	4:00	Doub's Meadow Pk	Pastor Karen
Regional Conference	10/10/2026	9—2:30pm	Brandts CBC	Eddie & Darlene
Congregational Business Mtg	11/1/2026	11:15	Church Business	LT & Moderator
Church Christmas Dinner	12/5/2026	1-3pm	TBD	Fellowship

Bold Denotes Completed **Denotes Standing Meetings** **Activity missed for cause**

We are on: Facebook, YouTub, & email: look for us as New Beginnings Church
Our website: www.nb-cbc.org

Romans 15:17 Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.



New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Historical Timeline

Updated:
6/6/2026

<u>Event ↓</u>	<u>Date ↓</u>	
Split From Harmony	10/27/2019	12
1 Prospect Never Became a Member	10/27/2019	11
Formed Church	10/27/2019	11
Met At Thurmont CoB	~7/2/2019	24
Met on Dale's Hill	6/5/2020	39
Met at Amvets	9/1/2020	40
Decided to Join CBC	11/20/2020	40
Incorporated as CBC	1/21/2021	40
Became a CBC Congregation	1/21/2021	40
Pastor Ordained and CBC Accepted	1/21/2021	40
NBCBC Constitution Approved	5/2/2021	40
1 New Member Joined NBCBC	5/2/2021	41
8 New Members Joined NBCBC	5/9/2021	49
2 Members Withdrew from NBCBC	8/1/2021	47
1 Member Lost	10/10/2021	46
1 New Member Joined NBCBC	10/17/2021	47
5 New Members Joined NBCBC	5/29/2022	52
2 New Members Joined NBCBC	12/10/2022	54
Began Worshipping at SDA	6/18/2023	54
2 Members Withdrew from NBCBC	12/31/2023	52
3 New Members Joined NBCBC	12/31/2023	55
3 New Members Joined NBCBC	7/7/2024	58
1 Member Lost	9/4/2024	57
5 New Members Joined NBCBC	7/6/2025	62
1 Member Lost	11/11/2025	61
1 Member Lost	12/13/2025	60
6 Members Joined NBCBC	5/31/2026	66

The Master's Plan

How much He did love us
When He set the world in motion
By the creation of all things
We became part of the Master's plan.

God loves us always
He gave His Son to save us
By dying on a rugged cross
To rescue us from sin.

He promises to love us
Where we are as we are
No matter our past
If we confess and repent from sin.

He promises to love us
If we believe in His Word,
He promises eternal life
If we just live for Him.

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