



Heavenly Whispers

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC)

Where everyone is welcome and Jesus is Lord!!

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New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Mission & Vision Statement: (Matthew 28:19) Making, growing, equipping and sending disciples of Jesus Christ to proclaim the kingdom of God.

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**We serve a good, good
God!**

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NBCBC's First Co-ed Tea



Attendees of the first tea organized by Paulella, Sally and Pastor Karen had a great time of fellowship, learning about tea, sampling the teas, cookies, contests and just plain fun. Thanks for representing the men Joseph!!



Acts 4:32 (NIV) All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen: As I think about this last quarter at New Beginnings, there have been many ups and downs for the church. As I pondered on these ups and downs the one constant in them all was Jesus. When He tells us that He will never leave nor forsake us, He means it. Our Lord has been faithful through it all. What a wonderful and merciful Savior we have. Even with all that is going on in the world, He still cares and takes care of each one of us. How amazing that is!! Think about His specialized love for you and me. He knows how many hairs are on our heads!! He sees and knows all about us and He loves us anyway!! So today I am reminded again how great our God is!! How He has seen us through so many things, how He has blessed us whenever we have a need, how He has loved us!! Remember dear church how great the Father's love is for you!! Yes, you!! Keep your eyes on Him and Him alone and He will lead you, me and this precious New Beginnings Church in the way we should go!!
Blessings, Pastor Karen

Music & Worship Team by Carissa Adams: Thanks to all for putting together the wonderful farewell potluck for Bernie and Jack. They will be missed but we look forward to seeing them once a quarter going forward. The new music and worship team met and we are so thankful to have Joyce and Paulella to help with music! Looking forward to finding more musically inclined folks to provide special music through the year!

Daughters of the King by Ann Marie The Daughters of the King met on March 12, 2026 for their monthly meeting. We give thanks and praises for the journey we are taking with the mothers and daughters. Since we started this ministry in September 2025, we have grown and now are able to bring God's word and teachings to 12 mothers and 14 young ladies. We give praises and glory to God for this honor. In the photo below some of the attendees are working on a craft .
The team: Pastor Karen, Patsy McGaha, Joyce Darner, Deb Crowder and Ann Marie



Observation by Eddie: In this photo we witness the fulfilling of the great commission at two levels; first the children learning about Jesus and learning to work together in community and the mothers, who also attend the crafts with their children as well as participation in a ladies bible study. I can hear Jesus saying to the team leading this tremendously important activity "Well done thou good and faithful servants".

[Matthew 25:21 \(NIV\)](#)

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'"

[Galatians 5:13 \(NIV\)](#) You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

Leadership Team report by Jerry Fogle, team chair: In January, the Leadership Team (LT) elected Jerry Fogle as chair and Cathy Hessong as vice-chair. Contracts for our pastor and, Music and Worship leader were finalized. A request to change the start time of the worship service was discussed, it was decided to leave the time as it is and request that Sunday school classes start and leave out on time. Congregational Business meeting (CBM) dates for 2026 were set for May 3 and November 1. The LT discussed the need to fill the vacancy on the team and advertised that need in the bulletin. The LT decided to renew the 11-month general fund CD when it expires in March.

In February, Carissa Adams indicated that she was willing to serve on the LT. The LT decided to tithe the excess amount given in 2025 - \$14,627.68 and to donate \$950 to Saving God's Children and \$512.77 to Care Net – total of \$1,462.77. Bernie Tregoe decided to step down as Music and Worship Leader and the LT approved Carissa Adams in that position starting on March 8th. Joseph and Ingrid Sanders were approved as delegates to the CBC annual meeting. The LT approved a \$150 gift card for Kristi Glass for her help with financial matters for New Beginnings.

In March, the LT voted to recommend a change to the "Position Descriptions" document to allow team chairs to serve on the LT. The LT voted to approve Carissa Adams as fifth member on the LT. The LT approved making the treasurer a paid position and setting the pay at \$50/week, payable monthly. The LT directed the Communications team, Treasurer and NBCBC website admins to have at least two people on their team that keep online account names and passwords.

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

Communications by Cathy Hessong: The Communications and Advertising Team are busy maintaining our Website, Facebook, and YouTube pages. Currently, Kenton is trying to incorporate "Live Streaming" onto our Facebook Page & YouTube page. Please remember to "Like" and share all of NBCBC posts and videos. This allows others to hear the Word of God, and it increases the algorithm for more people to be able to see our content. Also, see Cathy if you are not currently subscribed to the church email, or email her at ckhessong@comcast.net to get on the email list.

Board of Trustees by Eddie Moser: We keep our eyes and ears open for any and all possible church facilities or sites to build but nothing has presented itself. We encourage the congregation to help us in this endeavor by praying and reporting anything for sale in the Middletown Valley area that may meet our needs. SDA has done a wonderful upgrade to the sound system, added speakers and rewired the pulpit microphone so we have great uninterrupted worship services now. Praise God for their diligence.

Fellowship Team by Judy Abel: The team provided food and coordinated fellowship meals for Daughter's of the King recognition Sunday as well as for Jack and Bernie Tregoe departure for a spell. A great time of fellowship and food was enjoyed by all at these pot luck luncheons. Thanks to the team for a wonderful meal for each event.

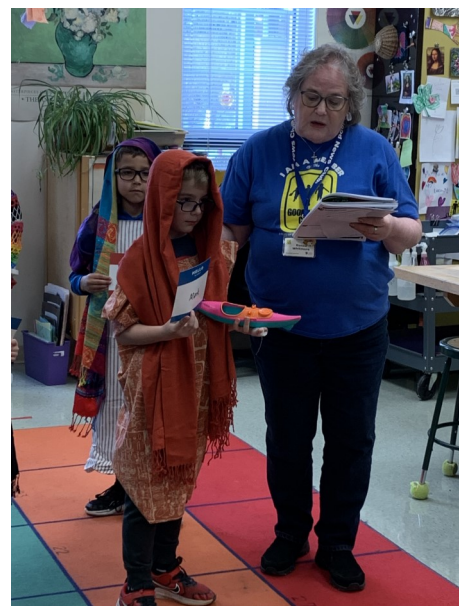
Financial Management Team by Kevin Delauter: The Finance team has just a couple of things for this quarter. The church had a CD that came due in first quarter that the Leadership team has approved to be renewed. We also wanted to share that the first quarter offerings are running slightly behind the budget for 2026. We want to thank the congregation for their support of the church's financial needs.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Children's Church by Pastor Karen: Christian Education has been very busy this last quarter! We have had a Children's Sunday, where the children helped with the Sunday service, which went very well! We will be doing a Children's Sunday once a quarter. We began our Kids Club on March the 3rd and we had eleven kids show up!! We serve an evening meal with a lesson, craft and music after! Our next Kids Club will be April 7th; we are looking forward to another great meeting!! We also are working on Mother's Day and how we can honor our mothers on that day. We are also planning a Good News Club Luncheon after church on May the 31st. Our Bible School will be June 22 through June 25th. We are looking for helpers and teachers to help with this very important ministry of our church.

We offer nursery during church up to three years old and we are very proud of our little ones learning to listen and sit during church!! We are blessed with amazing teachers and helpers, and we are so thankful for our children's ministries! Thank you to all who support these ministries...our Sunday School, our GNC, Our Daughters of the King and our newest addition Kids Club! How God has blessed us!! My heart is full as I write this, because I know the dedication and the perseverance it takes to keep these ministries going; may our Lord richly bless each one of the teachers and helpers as you teach and bless the children God has given us!

Good News Club by Wendy: The Good News Club at Middletown Primary School with 14 children continues to learn as they participate and bring the Word to life. They have recently learned of the Gospel writers. After five lessons about Jesus: God Who Came to Earth, His birth, His childhood, His baptism and Temptation, we transitioned into our current curriculum, God's Plan in Action: The Early Church. As you can see the children are in full character. We are focused with proof points on the Resurrection, Pentecost, Persecution, Saul's Conversion, and Saul Preaches. We will wrap up with celebration of the year at the end of April. These children are simply a gift from God and stretch our teachers with creativity and compassion. Each week we have a WordUP which helps the children recenter. So timely for us to recenter with "Jesus is Alive!" May the Lord continue to guide both the teachers and children to keep our eyes fixed on Him. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4



Outreach Team by Terri Kline & Stacy Shafer: We continue to provide all occasion greeting cards each week for the convenience of our congregation. We take care of the postage and make sure the cards are distributed and/or mailed accordingly. We participated in an Afternoon Tea on March 14th enjoying fellowship with Paulella Burchill. We represented NBCBC at Care Net's Annual fundraising banquet. We plan to participate in Care Net's "Change For Life" Baby Bottle Campaign, as well as a Baby Supply Drive

The Magnificence of God by Unknown sources:

Omnipotence

Scripture affirms God's omnipotence by saying that God does whatever he is pleased to do ([Psa 115:3](#); cf. [Isa 55:11](#) and [Jer 32:17](#)). Nothing is too hard for him ([Gen 18:14](#)). His word is never void of power, so when he speaks, everything in creation obeys him ([Isa 55:11](#)). Of course, creatures do disobey him in one sense; that is the essence of sin. But God has control even over sinful actions ([Psa 105:24-25](#), [Gen 45:5-8](#), [Exod 4:21](#), [Psa 105:24-25](#), [Rom 9:18](#), [Acts 2:23, 4:28](#)). He ordains sinful, disobedient actions for his good purposes. So his word always prevails, and we can trust that His prophecies always come to pass ([Deut 18:21-22](#)).

Omniscience

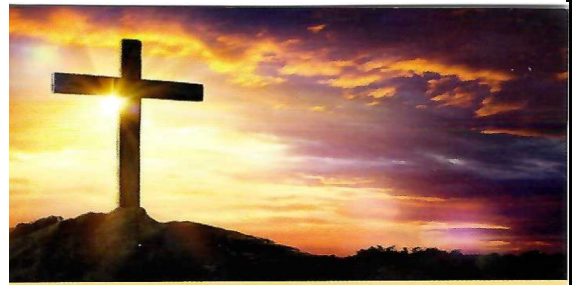
Now let us look at God's omniscience. God's power is not a blind power. Everything God does has an intelligent purpose, a definite goal. And since, as we've seen, God's power is universal, so also is his knowledge. In knowing his own intentions, God knows everything in himself, in his creation, and throughout history. Scripture often refers to the universality of God's knowledge ([Psa 147:5](#), [John 21:17](#), [Heb 4:12-13](#), [1Jn 3:20](#)). It often mentions that God knows detailed happenings on earth, even in the future ([1Sam 10:2](#), [1Kgs 13:1-4](#), [2Kgs 8:12](#), [Psa 139:4](#), [Acts 2:23, 4:27-28](#)).

Omnipresence

Now, God's omnipresence—his presence in every place and time. To say that God is "present" is to say that he is here with us, really here, not absent. Sometimes we connect a person's presence with his body, as when a teacher takes attendance and says that Jimmy is "present" because his body is in his seat. But God does not have a body; he is immaterial. So how can we tell when God is present or absent?

Scripture's answer is that God is present everywhere, because, as we have seen, his power and knowledge are everywhere. If every event, everywhere, takes place by God's power, and if he has exhaustive knowledge of everything his power has brought to pass, then certainly he is not absent, but present in each event, though his presence is not quite the same as the presence of physical beings. So God's omnipotence and omniscience imply his omnipresence.

His omnipresence is a presence both in place and in time. [Psalm 139](#) indicates that God is present in every place. He is the creator of the heavens and the earth, and so he is in every location. He is also the creator of time, the one without beginning or end. So he has been present in the world since its creation, and there will never be a time from which he is absent. In Scripture, he freely enters history and interacts with creatures. Supremely, he entered human history in Jesus Christ, where he died and rose again to save us from our sins.



Prayer for Protection of Children

Father, in the name of Jesus, we cry out to You on behalf of the children all over this world. We know that they are precious to You as IT IS WRITTEN in Mt 18:10 that "in the heaven their angels do always behold Your face" and , Mt 18:6 that if anyone offend them, "it would be better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea". And, again, when Hagar and Ishmael were crying in the wilderness... IT IS WRITTEN, Genesis 21:17...You "heard the voice of the lad" and responded to their plight. So we assign mighty, warring angels to stand guard around all children, shoulder-to-shoulder, that no evil penetrate, and that if anyone approach them with evil intent, even if--and especially if it's their own parents/guardians--You would "open the eyes" of the evil one to see the angels and they turn away and run for their lives leaving the children unharmed. We bind and break the power of the spirits of Antichrist, Jezebel, and perversion, and send out warring angels to scramble the plans of assignments the enemy has against children. We cast down, nullify, and obliterate every evil agent, plot, and device used against the children. We bind the spirit of the Mean Man (Isa 5:15), and ask that You, Lord Jesus, would reveal Yourself to these little ones so that they will know that they are not alone and defenseless.

We thank you Lord, for Your Word as IT IS WRITTEN, that when two of us agree on earth as touching anything that we ask, it shall be done for us. (Mt 18:19) So, we're asking for special protection for these innocent little children subject to the horrors of this cruel world. We thank You that You hear their cries. We thank You , Oh God, for Your vengeance upon those offenders, in Jesus' Name. Amen and Amen.

Written by Sheila Zilinsky
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**2/15/2026
The Fellowship
Team: by Eddie &
Judy**

Our faithful Fellowship Team working on the provision of another tasty and enjoyable luncheon for our members and attendees after church worship service. The dedication, planning and tireless coordination of this team has certainly provided some wonderful foods for our partaking. Thank you team members for all you do to make our fellowship meals very tasty and a wonderful gathering. Your dedication is seen by God!!



John 6:35 (NIV) Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Saving Gods Children



Prayers for NBCBC Children: Pastor Karen was joined by the administrator and founder of Saving Gods Children, Craig Mickel, in praying for God's blessings and protection over our children. Craig provided a rousing presentation both to the adult Sunday school attendees and during the worship service about how big child sex trafficking is and how to join forces and help to combat it.

PRAISE GOD FOR SERVANTS LIKE CRAIG AND HIS ORGANIZATION!!

Saving Gods Children

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It's Worse Than You Think!

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STOP
Child Sex
Traffickers
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New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

3/29/2026

Standing Meetings

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| 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 |

| <u>Classes</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date/Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event Organizer</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------|------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 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) | 7/5/2026 | | 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 | 7/12/2026 | | During service | Pastor Karen |
| CBC Conference & Worship Meeting | 7/16—7/18/2026 | | Johnstown, PA | CBC Executive Bd |
| Baptism Service & Picnic | 8/8/2026 | 4:00 | Doub’s Meadow Pk | Pastor Karen |
| 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, YouTube, & email: look for us as New Beginnings Church
Our website: www.nb-cbc.org**

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV) Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.



New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Historical Timeline

Updated:
12/31/2025

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| 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 |

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

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