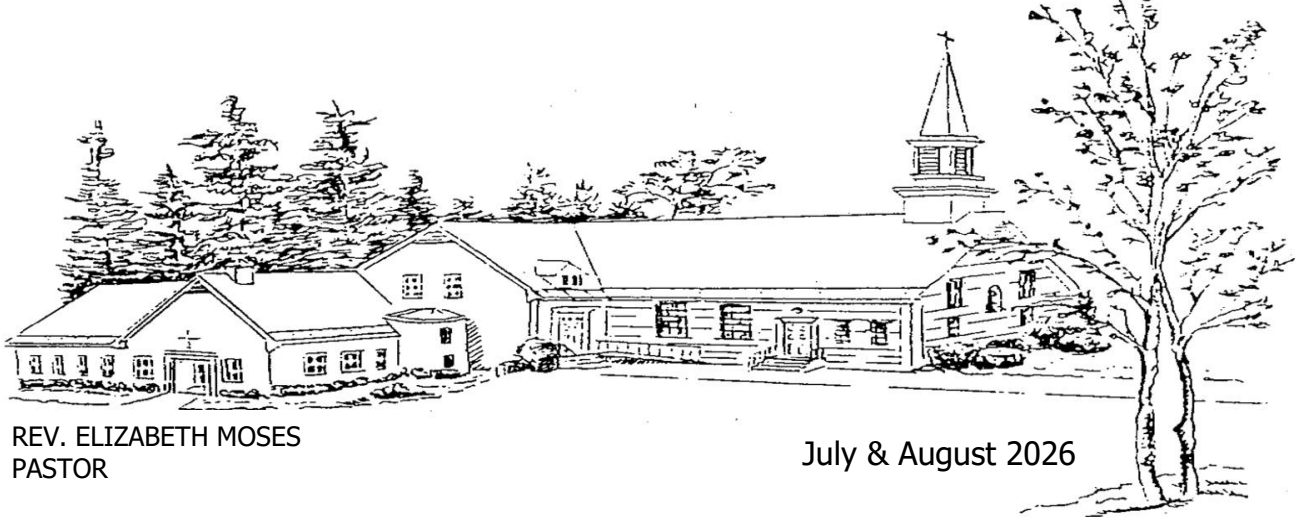




REV. ELIZABETH MOSES  
PASTOR

July & August 2026

## PASTOR'S PONDERING...JOYS AND CONCERNS

What a week of joys and concerns...

On Monday, June 15, I received the news that Lynn Carlson had passed away; concerns for her family and friends. I had the privilege and sacred honor of meeting with the family and friends of Lynn to hear stories and plan the service. What a joy.

Over the past couple of months, I have been concerned about accessibility into the Fellowship Hall, and how we could get the funds to pay for a ramp to help folks get down into the Fellowship Hall, along with replacing the outside ramp. It is a joy that, through the Albany Classis and the Albany Synod, Bethany received grants to help pay for these expenses. It is a joy that I can share that you as a congregation can come through with the rest of the funds needed.

I have been concerned, offering prayers of support for Jo Prout, the Seminary Student Bethany has been supporting. It is a joy that she finally graduated from Duke Seminary, and that on Tuesday, July 21, the Albany Classis will hold the final exam to approve Jo for ordination. What a joy! What a celebration!

The final joy I want to lift up is that after listening to the congregation, the Consistory voted to have Bethany RCA be a member of the Northeastern Middle Assembly starting on January 1, 2027.

My faith reminds me that God gives us the strength and the courage to get through all situations. It is through God that all things are possible.

*"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."*

*- Philippians 4:13*

Peace and grace,  
*Pastor Elizabeth*

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## SUMMARY OF CONSISTORY MEETING – June 3, 2026 (Meeting was held via Zoom)

- \* Wendy Delehanty, Jessica Fuglein, Phyllis McClarty, Nancy Murray, and Pastor Elizabeth Moses were present.
- \* The meeting was opened with prayer.
- \* The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the results of the grant requests made to Albany Classis.
- \* Since only one of the four grants was approved, the Consistory decided to focus on getting ramps to ensure the building remains handicap accessible, and not pursue the other projects.
- \* Pastor Elizabeth shared that she had put in a grant to the Albany Synod for another \$1,000 toward the ramps.
- \* It was shared that a friend of the congregation gave \$5,000, which the Consistory decided to put toward the two ramps.
- \* It was decided that if we were going to the congregation to ask for donations toward the ramps, to include the cost related to having the lock system of the outdoor Education building door repaired.
- \* The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Nancy Murray.

Summarized by Rev. Elizabeth Moses

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## SUMMARY OF CONSISTORY MEETING – June 16, 2026

- \* Wendy Delehanty, Jessica Fuglein, Phyllis McClarty, Nancy Murray, and Pastor Elizabeth Moses were present.
- \* The meeting was opened with a prayer and a devotion given by Phyllis McClarty.
- \* The minutes from the May 19 and June 3 meetings were reviewed and approved.
- \* The May 2026 Financial Statement was reviewed, discussed, and approved. Discussed the campaign to raise money to pay for new ramps and repair of door lock.
- \* Pastor Elizabeth shared her Pastor's Report which included Pastoral Care calls made. This included details related to Lynn Carlson's Service on Friday, June 19. The Consistory agreed to have Rev. Marty Weitz preach on Friday, June 19.
- \* The Primary Election and the General Election will be held at Bethany on Tuesdays, June 23 and November 3.
- \* Wednesday Bible Study will conclude its present study at the end of June, and will take a break during July and August.
- \* The next Brooks BBQ Fundraiser is Friday, July 10.

- \* Bethany RC will celebrate Communion on Sunday, July 26, not Sundays, July 5 and August 2.
- \* Working on organizing a meal/fellowship time after the outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 2.
- \* Decided to participate in the 2026 Health and Wellness Fair event held at Maria College on Wednesday, September 9.
- \* The next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19, after worship.
- \* The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Pastor Elizabeth.

Summarized by Rev. Elizabeth Moses

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## JULY & AUGUST WORSHIP LECTIONARY

July 5

"Wearing the Yoke"

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 & Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### **July 12 – August 16: Sermon Series focusing on the Lord's Prayer:**

July 12

"Lead Us not into Temptation..."

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Luke 4:1-14

July 19

"Deliver Us from Evil..."

Genesis 15:1-18 & Luke 13:31-35

July 26 – Celebrate Communion

"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done..."

Isaiah 55:1-9 & Luke 11:1-9

August 2 – Outdoor Worship Service & Fellowship Time

"Forgive us... As We Forgive Others"

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 & Luke 15, 1-3, 11b-32

August 9

"Hallow by Thy Name..."

John 12:1-8 & Philippians 3:4b-14

August 16

"Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory Forever"

Luke 19:28-40 & Philippians 2:5-11

August 23 – Guest Preacher: Rev. Marti Weitz

August 30 – Guest Preacher: Noreen Fargione  
Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

September 6 – Outdoor Worship Service at Thacher Park, 10 AM

**No Worship Service at Bethany RC.**

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WORSHIP WITH US IN JULY & AUGUST

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."* (Matthew 10: 29-31)

I had the occasion recently to come home after a difficult night at about 4 AM. The sky was still completely dark, and as I wearily made my way to the door, I noticed that the trees seemed to be full of birds, all chattering and singing with everything they had. I had to stop and listen; I couldn't see them, but the sound was so amazing! I had never experienced this before. Although tired and stressed, I felt I received a gift; I felt hope. Sometimes when we need it most, a little nudge shows us that we're not alone.

Please join us in worship this Summer as we remember to enjoy the fruits of God's love. Here are some highlights:

July 26: We celebrate Summer Communion.

Sunday, August 2: Join us in our parking lot for Outdoor Worship and Fellowship Time.

Sunday, August 23: We welcome Rev. Marti Weitz as our guest preacher!

Sunday, August 30: We welcome Noreen Fargione as our guest preacher!

*"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender words I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fear;  
Though by the path He leadeth, still one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me."*

*"His Eye is on the Sparrow" (Verse 2 and Chorus) by Civilla D. Martin, 1905*

See you in church!

Janny Mironchuk, Worship Committee

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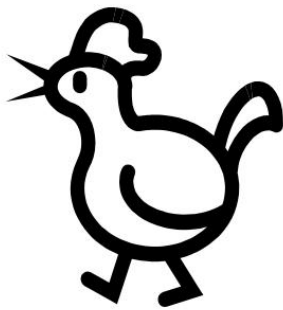
# **Brooks BBQ Drive Thru**

**Friday, July 10, 2026  
3 PM – 6 PM (or sold out)  
Preordering not available.**

**Bethany Reformed Church  
760 New Scotland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12208**

Convenient to Route 85 at Buckingham

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>½ Chicken</b>        | <b>\$10</b> |
| <b>½ Chicken Dinner</b> | <b>\$16</b> |



**Dinner includes:**

Chicken half  
Baked potato  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Dessert

**[www.bethanyrc.org](http://www.bethanyrc.org)**

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• **Tuesday, July 21, 5-7:30 PM:** Special called Albany Classis Meeting being held at Bethany RCA.

• **Sunday, August 2, 10 AM at Bethany RCA:** Outdoor Worship Service and Fellowship Time. We will worship our Lord and Creator God outside, at the church. Please bring a folding chair to sit in. Afterwards, we will have a time of fellowship/lunch. Makings for sandwiches and drinks will be provided. You are asked to bring a "side" to share. If it rains, worship will be held inside.

• **Sunday, September 6, 10 AM: Worship at Thacher Park.** More information will be shared in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

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### **IMPORTANT UPDATES!**

Janet Richardson has moved. Her new address is below.

**Janet Richardson  
5 South Family Drive  
Colonie, NY 12205**

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### **A note from Chris and David van Alostne:**

*Hi,*

*Hoping all is well with the congregation. We have settled in nicely here and enjoy many new friends and activities. Our son, Adam, had back surgery in March and has healed well. We are looking forward to moving to a bigger two bedroom apartment in July. It will be our third move in three years, but only a short distance: across the hallway and two floors below!*

*A few Sundays ago we joined the Methodist Church we have been worshipping with since our move here.*

*We had hoped to get to Albany this Summer, but circumstances (like the move) have changed our plans.*

*Sending our love to all.*

*Peace,  
Chris and David*

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Congratulations to **Diane Avery** on her new grandson, Daniel Mark Kallner, son of Terry Kallner. Daniel was born on Sunday, June 14, 2026!

*Congratulations!*

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**Jo Prout**, the Seminary Student we have supported, is to be examined to be ready to accept a call. How exciting!!!

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IN MEMORY OF LYNN E. CARLSON  
OCTOBER 30, 1959 – JUNE 15, 2026

Lynn E. Carlson, 66, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2026. A funeral service was held on Friday, June 19, 2026, at Bethany Reformed Church.

Lynn graduated from Albany High School in 1977, and continued her education at Maria College. She worked as a Medical Office Assistant before dedicating herself to raising her children. In 2008, Lynn joined the Rensselaer City School District, where she remained a valued employee until her retirement in 2025.

A lifelong member of Bethany Reformed Church, Lynn was a woman of faith, kindness, and devotion. She had a special love for animals and enjoyed the companionship of her beloved greyhounds throughout the years. She found joy in bowling, camping, and especially in spending time with her grandchildren. One of Lynn's favorite places was her beach house in Saco, Maine, where she cherished countless memories with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lynn's memory to Bethany Reformed Church, 760 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208, and to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090.

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Bethany recently received a payment of \$109.55 from CLYNK.

That makes a total of \$723.35 since we began to CLYNK!

Expenses are minimal - \$25 per 100 bags, \$3.25 administration

fee. We get all the labels we want for free! If you need labels for bags you have

bought, let the Church Office or Wendy know. We're happy to share! Bags with labels already on them are available in the Narthex on the little table, and on the kitchen

counter. Bags can be filled with plastic and cans, but don't put too many glass bottles in, they get too heavy. Close them completely and tie them tight – we don't want any to fall out!





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## BIRTHDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Rollin Jones          | 07/03 |
| Claire Williams       | 07/09 |
| Lucas Hollner         | 07/11 |
| Jack Delehanty III    | 08/02 |
| Lisa Empie            | 08/05 |
| Calvin Neumeister     | 08/05 |
| Barbara Brazis        | 08/11 |
| Jessica Fuglein       | 08/18 |
| Cindy Stark           | 08/18 |
| Pam Menton            | 08/21 |
| John Delehanty        | 08/25 |
| Bruce Neyerlin        | 08/25 |
| David Sleeter         | 08/27 |
| Christine van Alstyne | 08/29 |

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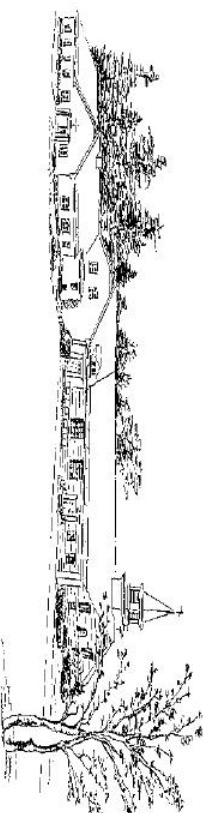


## ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY & AUGUST

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| Bill & Nancy Murray      | 07/15 |
| David and Gloria Sleeter | 08/26 |



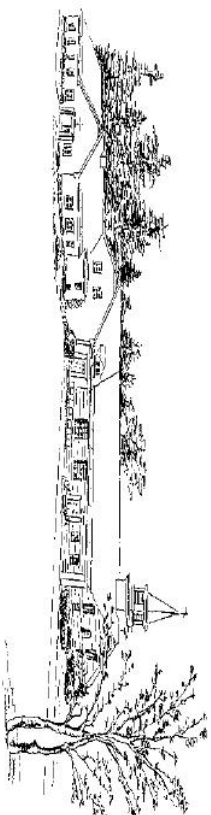
# July



# 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                                                         | TUESDAY                                                                                 | WEDNESDAY                                        | THURSDAY                                         | FRIDAY                                                                                   | SATURDAY                                                                                |
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| <b>5 10 AM Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News<br>Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS &<br>Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team                                              | <b>6</b><br>5 PM Preservation<br>of AA                                         | <b>7</b>                                                                                | <b>1</b>                                         | <b>2</b>                                         | <b>3</b><br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance                                      | <b>4 Independence Day</b><br>10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1 PM Good News Albany<br>Church  |
| <b>12 10 AM Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News<br>Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS &<br>Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team                                             | <b>13</b> 9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program<br>5 PM Preservation<br>of AA    | <b>14</b> 9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program<br>7 PM Fort Orange<br>Stamp Club         | <b>15</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program | <b>16</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program | <b>10</b><br><b>3-6 PM Brooks BBQ</b><br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance         | <b>11</b><br>10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1 PM Good News Albany<br>Church                  |
| <b>19 10 AM Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News<br>Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS &<br>Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team                                             | <b>20</b> 9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program<br>5 PM Preservation<br>of AA    | <b>21</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program<br>5-7:30 PM Albany<br>Classis Meeting | <b>22</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program | <b>23</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program | <b>24</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA Program<br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance | <b>25</b><br>10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1-4 PM & 6:30-8:30 PM<br>Good News Albany Church |
| <b>26 10 AM Worship*</b><br>10 AM Good News<br>Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS &<br>Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team<br>6:30-8:30 PM Good<br>News Albany Church | <b>27</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program<br>5 PM Preservation<br>of AA | <b>28</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program                                        | <b>29</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program | <b>30</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA<br>Program | <b>31</b><br>9-2:30 PM<br>Albany YMCA Program<br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance | <b>Bold</b> = Bethany<br>Sponsored Events<br>*Communion                                 |

# August



# 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                  | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                                      | SATURDAY                                                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                                                |                                         |                                          |           |           |                                                             | 1 10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1 PM Good News Albany Church                                                           |
| <b>2 10 AM Outdoor Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS & Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team                                  | <b>3</b><br>5 PM<br>Preservation of AA  | <b>4</b>                                 | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance         | <b>8</b><br>10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1 PM Good News Albany Church                                                 |
| <b>9 10 AM Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS & Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team                                          | <b>10</b><br>5 PM<br>Preservation of AA | <b>11</b><br>7 PM Fort Orange Stamp Club | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance        | <b>15</b><br>10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1 PM Good News Albany Church                                                |
| <b>16 10 AM Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS & Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team                                         | <b>17</b><br>5 PM<br>Preservation of AA | <b>18</b>                                | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance        | <b>22</b><br>10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1 PM Good News Albany Church                                                |
| <b>23 10 AM Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS & Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team                                         | <b>24</b><br>5 PM<br>Preservation of AA | <b>25</b><br>7 PM Fort Orange Stamp Club | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>7 PM Urdu Worship<br>7:30 PM Acceptance        | <b>29</b><br>10 AM We Are Not Alone<br>1-4 PM & 6:30-8:30 PM<br>Good News Albany Church<br>6-8 PM Chin Bible Study |
| <b>30 10 AM Worship</b><br>10 AM Good News Albany Church<br>12 PM Chin SS & Worship<br>6 PM Clean Team<br>6:30-8:30 PM Good News Albany Church | <b>31</b><br>5 PM<br>Preservation of AA |                                          |           |           | <b>Bold = Bethany Sponsored Events</b><br><b>*Communion</b> |                                                                                                                    |