



FEBRUARY

NEWSLETTER

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Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
1742 Dinkey Road
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Reverend Anthony Pagotto	610-377-4242
Church Secretary	Jan Schwartz	610-377-4242
Musician	Belle Moyer	
Financial	Kelli DeLuca	
Treasurer	Laura Moyer	
Sexton	David Arndt	

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 9AM
Sunday School 10:15AM
www.dmlcashfield.com
Zoom ID: 586 370 219

2026 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto
Charles Bierman
Linda Bierman
Kian Bowman
Rich DeLuca
Jay Frey
Scott Klotz
Laura Moyer
Karen Schleicher
Kenny Schleicher
Todd Schleicher
Dan Schwartz
Kurt Steigerwalt

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9AM-2PM
Thursday 9AM-2PM
Friday 9AM-2PM



Weekly Zoom Events

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Pastor Tony hosts a Morning Prayer on Zoom every Wednesday Morning at 9AM
<http://zoom.us/i/87911224>
Meeting ID: 187 911 224
Call in: 1-929-205-6099

Thursday Bible Study

Pastor Tony hosts a Bible Study on Zoom Every Thursday morning at 9:30AM
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/376540617>
Meeting ID: 376-540-617
Call in: 1-929-205-6099

Community Food Pantry is held the third

Thursday of every month from 3:30-5PM.
If you know someone in need please contact
Pastor Tony.



Dear Clergy & Parishioners
Thank you so much for your generous
donation to our shelter.

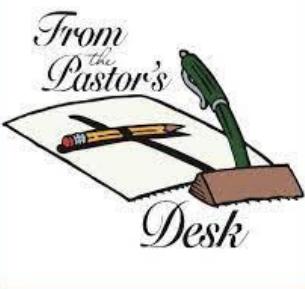
Sincerely
Carbon County
Friends Of Animals
77 W. 13th St.
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229



Council & Members

You are so very nice!

Thank You Very much
for giving us a room till
our trailer was setup ready.
Love, Karen, Kenny, Todd



175th Anniversary

On Sunday, April 12, 2026, Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary. It was on that same date in 1851 that the original constitution was approved by the congregation forming what was then known as Pennsville Church. All these years later it is amazing to see how the congregation has grown and evolved.

Save the dates are being distributed and formal invitations will be forthcoming. But I want to also encourage you to mark your calendars and plan to attend this special anniversary. The day will begin with worship at 10:00AM. Unofficial Northeastern PA Synod historian and archivist, Rev. Carl Shankweiler, will be the guest preacher that day. He is a wealth of knowledge and has a humorous way of sharing his message. I'm looking forward to having him join us along with other special guests we will be inviting for that day.

Following worship there will be a meal at the East Penn Community Center. Reservations will be required for the meal, so please be sure to get your reservation card to the church office. Memorabilia and pictures will be on display throughout the day as we celebrate the gift of our congregation and the work God has blessed us to do.

None of this, however, would be possible without the work of those coordinating these efforts. An anniversary team has been meeting regularly for over a year to sift through old pictures and documents and make preparations for this special event. I cannot thank them enough.

But what is most important for us to celebrate is what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do into the future through our congregation. Dinkey Memorial may have started as a hope and vision those many years ago, but God has molded this congregation into who we are today and filled us with faith and hope to continue sharing that hope and vision today. So we celebrate with grateful hearts for a place to gather and share our love and support, our griefs and our joys, our laughter and our tears, our hopes and our dreams, trusting that God will continue to provide all we need to spread the good news of God in Christ.

Mark your calendars and join us for this momentous occasion.

Your servant in Christ,
Pr. Tony

The people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

(Ezra 6:16)



January 2026 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the January 21, 2026, council meeting:

- ❖ Held elections for the following positions:
 - President: Jay Frey
 - Vice President: Rich DeLuca
 - Secretary: Karen Schleicher
- ❖ Made the following position appointments:
 - 1-year council position: Dan Schwartz
 - Treasurer: Laura Moyer
 - Financial Secretary: Kelli DeLuca
 - Audit Committee: Angela Rothermel, Kristin Markell, Nora Oswald
- ❖ Received Sam & Karen Reichard as new members.
- ❖ Selected some of the noisy offering designation for 2026. Will revisit next month to complete.
- ❖ Set Spring Clean Up Day for Saturday, April 11, 2026.
- ❖ Received an update from the 175th Anniversary Committee.
- ❖ Moved the next two council meetings from Wednesday to Thursday, February 19 and March 19, 2026 to avoid conflicts with the Lenten worship schedule.
- ❖ Approved having the Christian Education building repainted with a free donation of paint from Behr.
- ❖ Agreed to gather information on communication services to better reach members when special announcements need to be shared, such as worship cancellation.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

2025 Flower & Bulletin Chart: The flower and bulletin charts for 2026 are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone interested in sponsoring a date. Sign up on the charts or call the office (610)377-4242.

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Linda Bierman. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraiser: Dinkey is selling streak free cloths for \$5.00, please see Jan in the office if interested.

Dinkey Memorial Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 9:45AM** in the sanctuary to review reports of 2025. Please join us for this meeting as we highlight the many ministries of the congregation.

Pizza Fundraiser: Pick up your pizza kits on February 5, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.



02/01 Craig & Angelika Haviland (41)
02/01 Thomas & Debra Steigerwalt (35)

02/14 Terry & Diane Urbon (39)
02/14 Sam & Ann Marie Watkins (51)
02/16 Dennis & Deanna Cunfer (47)



02/02 Connor Bierman
02/04 Avery Miller
02/04 Rev Anthony Pagotto
02/04 Richard Smale
02/05 Olivia Hine
02/08 Austin Miller
02/09 Clara Schleicher
02/10 Timothy Eckhart
02/10 Tina Rothermal
02/11 Gregory German
02/11 Jackson McCandless
02/11 Edgar Steigerwalt
02/12 Dawson Bowman
02/12 Georgine Shupp
02/12 George Szacska
02/14 Thomas Beck
02/15 Kathy Long
02/15 Caro line Sauchinitz
02/16 Ethan Bierman
02/17 Linda Daubenspeck

02/17 Steven Schleicher
02/18 Janice Bowman
02/18 Angelica Kercsmar
02/18 Debra Miller
02/19 Eleanor Hack
02/20 Ciera Schleicher
02/21 Elizabeth Arndt
02/21 Gavin Bachman
02/24 Schyler Cordova
02/24 Charles Hower
02/24 Chase Hower
02/25 Debra Bokan
02/25 Deborah Meckel
02/26 Nolan Passehl
02/27 Timm Berger
02/27 Ani Kratzer
02/27 Brittani Mertz
02/27 Earl Reabold
02/29 Adah Ceykovsky
02/29 Ariestella Genetti



Congratulations and Blessings to Madison DeLuca as she graduated from seminary.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

Noah K. Kunkel PSC41 Box 6927 APO AE 09464

1st Lt. Benjamin Cordova, 9300 Valencia St., Tucson, AZ 85747

Brendan Schleicher 11611 Dyer Street, Apt 1026 El Paso, Texas 79934

Private Seth Koch Sierra Vista, AZ



Those in need of prayer:

Faith Beck
Sherri Bowman
Robert Coccio
Rick D
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Frank Fisher

Ann German
Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Madisynn Hawk
Steve Hoffman
Doug Keller
Sandy Keller
Joe Kluk

Jim Koch
Deb Lilly
Robert Miller
Emily Persinger
Kenny Schleicher
Tanner Schleicher
Tom Scott
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Darwin Berger
Arlene Bisbing
Sheila Flickinger
Tess Hinger
Linda Markell

Debbie Meckel
Gordon Scherer
Alice Scitney
Debra Strohl

SPONSOR OUR NEEDS

Altar Flowers	\$25.00
Memorial Bowls	\$20.00
Bulletins	\$13.00
Cemetery Pole*	\$21.00
Strength For the Day*	\$20.00
Devotions Booklet*	\$20.00

(*donates monthly)

Please contact Jan in the office at 610-377-4242

to request a specific day or month to sponsor.

MORE WAYS TO HELP MY CHURCH AND CHURCH FAMILY

Purchase Giant gift cards by contacting Kathy Steigerwalt at 540-250-6539

Cards are in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations.

We are still collecting:

Aluminum Tabs

Ink Jet and Toner Cartridges for Recycling

Worship Assistants for February

02/01 A: G: Frey L: B Kuehn CA: K Frankhouser/ L Kercsmar

02/08 A: G: Wetzel L: N Oswald

02/15 A: G: Bierman L: Elijah Pagotto CA: J Koons/ Elijah Pagotto

02/22 A: G: Everett L: Erica Pagotto

February 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9AM Worship Epiphany 4 Communion 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (SJ)	2 6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)	3	4 9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	5 9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3-6PM Pizza Kit Pick up	6	7
8 9AM Worship Epiphany 5 9:45AM Congregational Meeting 10:15 Sunday School	9 10:00 Palmer House hymn sing	10	11 9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	12 9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM	13	14
15 9AM Worship Transfiguration of our Lord Communion 10:15 Sunday School	16 6:00PM Grief Share(SJ) 	17	18 9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 2PM Ash Wednesday(D) 7PM Ash Wednesday(St Peter's Tamaqua)	19 9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry	20	21
22 9AM Worship Lent 1 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (D)	23	24	25 9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Service(St John's Mahoning)	26 9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM	27	28