



BETHLEHEM'S TERRIFIC KIDS, MARCH 2026 — Pictured above are Bethlehem Elementary Terrific Kids for March 2026 (not in order): Deacon Parker, Lennyk Aguayo-Mercado, Braylee Brown, Abby Acord, River Schambach, Sebastian Estrada, Jackson Cornett, Aliyah Pedrini, Raegan Bradshaw, Braxton Nelms, Reese Crawford, Emma Hefner, Mason Watson, Nayeli Alvarado, Carter Icard, Rylan Jolly, Mia Antal, Ella Chambers, Adalyn Kirby, Colt Hudgins, Levi Tester, and Alice Payne.



BETHLEHEM'S BUS RIDERS OF THE MONTH — Pictured above are Bethlehem Elementary Bus Riders of the Month for April 2026: front row – Rina Spencer, Grayson McGuire, and Zyan Burch; back row – Kolton Rooks, Ryley Daigle, and Mackenzie Semones. Not pictured: Raelyn Daughday.



REAL-WORLD MATH MEETS BIG-HEARTED GIVING! — West Alexander Middle School seventh graders swapped the classroom for the aisles at Shaggy's Good Buys recently. Students were tasked with managing a budget while making thoughtful, compassionate purchasing decisions that balance financial responsibility with a spirit of service to others. By learning how to stretch a dollar, they also learned how much impact they can have on their community by collecting donations for the nursing home and animal shelter. This trip was facilitated by Thrivent (Action Grant), Shaggy's Good Buys, and Village Inn Pizza in Bethlehem who partnered with WAMS to make this trip possible, welcomed the students, and provided the perfect learning environment. "We are so proud of these young leaders for choosing compassion and smart spending," said principal Amy Daigle.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church to host Raleigh Ringers Handbell Choir

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, ELCA, will host the celebrated Raleigh Ringers for a concert on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 4 pm.

The concert will take place in the church sanctuary at 4420 County Home Road, Conover.

Tickets are for sale at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10947304> Special rates are available for groups, children, and college students.

Directed by David Harris, the Raleigh Ringers (www.rr.org) are an Emmy-nominated, internationally-acclaimed handbell choir based in Raleigh, NC. Founded in 1990, the group is known for its high-level, challenging handbell performances. The Raleigh Ringers has performed in 39 states, the District of Columbia, France, England, and Canada.

The self-supporting, non-profit group dazzles audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular,

and popular music, including rock 'n' roll tunes that the choir has become noted for, along with original compositions written just for The Raleigh Ringers.

The choir performs on one of the most extensive collections of bells and bell-like instruments owned by any handbell ensemble in the world. The current grand total is 35 octaves composed of 377 individual pieces of equipment. Each individual handbell set has its own unique sound. By mixing the sounds of these instruments, members of The Raleigh Ringers are able to create contrasting moods and highlight melodic lines, bringing richness and depth to the music they perform.

Members of the choir are selected by audition. Returning members must re-audition annually since every position is open each year, ensuring the best possible group of ringers for each season.

For more information about the May 17 concert, please call 828-256-2123 or email music@mtzionconover.org.

Community Meal May 29 at Shiloh Ch.

Shiloh Lutheran Church, at 1011 Shiloh Church Rd. in Bethlehem, invites the public to come and enjoy a Free Community Meal together on Friday, May 29, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and connect with your local church family in a welcoming atmosphere.

The menu will have main dishes of Ham and Boneless Pork Chops, with sides: Green beans, corn, slaw, deviled eggs, mashed potatoes, and rolls. Drinks offered will be tea, coffee, and water, with cookies for dessert. This dinner is dine in only.



BETHLEHEM'S TERRIFIC KIDS, APRIL 2026 — Pictured above are Bethlehem Elementary Terrific Kids for April 2026 (not in order): Rina Spencer, Nolan Fox, Phillip Jester, Logan Roberts, Zayden Xiong, Adriana Reyes, Cesar Bautista-Ramirez, Maddox Ritch, Wade McCurry, Barrett Drum, Eva Lopez, Priscilla Brinza, Rhenlie Clark, Grayson Brown, Hunter Barrier, James Hannah, Blaine Hamby, Laramie Leonard, Journeigh Quinn, and Taylor Miller.

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