

# Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



GOD

I believe the God of the Bible  
is the only true God—Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:14

**Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor**  
**Janae McMichael, Director of Family Ministries**

**January 4, 2026**

## 8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

Wilson

*“Fantasia on ‘Old Hundredth’”*

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*“Who is God?”*

Selected Verses

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Agnus Dei”*

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

*“God, Whose Giving”*

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GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***“Change for Change” Missions Offering*** will go towards the Brethren Housing Association and COB World Missions equally. Please bring your offerings forward and place them in containers.

Prayer

Offertory

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

Smith

\*CLOSING HYMN

*“Move in Our Midst”*

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\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand in body or in spirit\*

## Who is God? Selected Verses

Key idea: The God of the Bible is the one true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God. ~John 17:3
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God. ~Matthew 3:16-17
3. \_\_\_\_\_ God. ~Joshua 24:15

Two Key applications:

1. Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ God...I am \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. Because God is \_\_\_\_\_...I need to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with others.

### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

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#### **Serving Our Congregation Today**

Messenger: Kevin Richardson  
Worship Leader: 8:15 Kerri Kreider  
Children's Story: 10:30 Janae McMichael  
Special Music: 8:15 Rhonda Heidinger  
Organist: 8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart  
Pianist: 8:15 Donita Reimold  
Sound Tech: 8:15 Ed Heidinger II  
10:30 Eric Holzhauer  
Stream Tech: 8:15 Ed Heidinger II  
10:30 Lane Dillow  
Welcomers: 8:15 Ed & Mary Etta Reinhart  
9:30 Jeremy & Ann Shelley  
10:30 Dave & Pat DeLong  
Greeters: 8:15 Alan & Pam Platt  
10:30 Jim & Deb Krantz  
Nursery: 9:30 Jessica Bledsoe & Paige Herr  
10:30 Amber Criswell & Laurie O'Donnell  
Ushers: 8:15 Earle Hershey, Merv Keener,  
Scott Mull, Ray Wimer  
10:30 Brad & Bobbie Davis  
Greg & Linda Bledsoe

## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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### \*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

“Do It Again”  
“Living Hope”  
“Great Are You Lord”

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### COMMUNITY BUILDING

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Morning Prayer

### KID'S SERMON

### MESSAGE

“Who is God?”  
Selected Verses

### \*CLOSING SONG

“Because He Lives, Amen”

### \*CLOSING PRAYER

Praise Team: Cameryn Deibler, Ellie Dillow, Phil Hershey, Jake Holzhauer, Lori Holzhauer, Hannah & Kennedy Kreider, Caitlyn Mauger, Kinsey Rhodes, Jeremy Stoltzfus, Katherine Tshudy

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**1st Monday Share and Prayer:** The Mechanic Grove prayer ministry will resume via ZOOM in January on Monday, January 5 at 7 pm. This prayer opportunity will be offered on the first Monday of the month for all who would like to support the prayer ministry of the church. The ZOOM link will be included with the Monday Prayer list sent out on the day when we will meet. Please plan to join us as we gather to pray for the needs of our church, community and world!

## MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

**Offering Envelopes** have been placed in your mailbox. Some of you have a new number due to cutting back on the amount ordered. If you give online, this will not affect you, keep using the same number. As always, please put your name on the outside for the first few weeks of 2026.

Reading plans for **Reading Through the Bible in a Year** are in the Gathering Area.

## COMING EVENTS

**Small Group Cornhole League** meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to join us. We will play for fun. Contact Dave Wimer or Phil Hershey for more information. We will resume January 8, 2026.

**Winter Puzzle Swap** will start January 18! So many of you enjoyed this event last winter that we will be doing it again. Please put your name on the puzzles you bring to “swap”, so when the swap is over, they can be returned to you.

The **Book Group** will meet at the home of Kate Enck on January 21 at 9:30 am to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans



# FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

See what's been going on and what's ahead in Roots Family Ministry!

**THIS WEEKS KEY QUESTION:**  
WHO IS GOD?

**THIS WEEKS KEY VERSE:** 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

**DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION:**  
FIND THREE OTHER VERSES OR PASSAGES WHERE OUR THREE-IN-ONE  
GOD SHOWS UP AS THE TRINITY!



Scan to listen, or search on  
Spotify and Apple Podcast!

## LIL' ROOTS



2YO-5TH

### Wednesday Roots Nights

- January 7<sup>th</sup> - Spiritual Gifts Launch!
- January 21<sup>st</sup>

### Grow Groups

- K-1: January 11th
- 2-3: January 18th

## YOUTH ROOTS



6TH-12TH

### Wednesday Roots Nights - Kingdom Character (guys) + More Than Pearls (girls)

- January 7th
- January 21st

### Jr. High Winter Retreat at Black Rock

- January 9th-11th

### January Gather Event - Sunday, January 18th

- 12-2pm, Family Life Center
- Game Day with the Young Adults

## OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

### OAKS Winter Movie Showing - "Breakthrough"

- Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm, Sanctuary
  - Ice Cream Social to follow
  - Sign-up in on the OAKS Bulletin Board!

# Sermon *Notes*

**TODAY IS:**

**SERMON TITLE:**

### Key verses:

### Notes:

## Worship Songs:

## Prayers:

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

**Our Nursery is available** and staffed with caring adults for children ages 0-4 during the service.

Announcements for the bulletin are due by **12 Noon on Wednesdays**. They may be e-mailed to [church@mgcb.org](mailto:church@mgcb.org). *Announcements may be edited for length.*

**Items for projection and sound** on Sunday's are needed by **12 Noon Wednesday**. This will ensure enough time for copyright analysis if needed.

**To place flowers** in the church on Sunday for anniversaries, birthdays, or other celebrations, please contact the church office.

**All building use requests/event scheduling** should be done through the church office between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm, or email [church@mgcb.org](mailto:church@mgcb.org).

**Looking for Youth Roots events?** Text your first and last name and "youth events" to 844.564.6146.

**To receive e-communications** contact the church office. If for some reason, you are **currently subscribed and not receiving them**, contact Ed at [edh@mgcb.org](mailto:edh@mgcb.org).

**Solanco Food Bank Needs:** cans of seafood chowder soups, cans of carrots, peas, diced tomatoes, pork and beans, tuna and pineapple, peanut butter, microwave popcorn, applesauce (jars), fruit cups, individually wrapped crackers. Items may be placed in the Mealbarrow in the Gathering Area.

**Reverse Advent Calendar for Solanco Food Bank** is available for those that would like to participate. Drop-off times are listed on the bottom.

## Activities for the Week of January 4, 2026

Mon:	6:00 am	Renovare Bible Study – ZOOM
	7:00 pm	First Monday Share & Prayer
Tues:	9:15 am	D- Group – rm 212
	10:00 am	Painting Group – Kitchen
	10:45 am	LIFT
	6:00 pm	Pickleball - FLC
Wed:	1:45 pm	Bible Adventure
	5:15 pm	Junior Chimes
	5:45 pm	Roots Meal – FLC
	6:30 pm	Roots Program
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study – rm 14
	6:30 pm	Community AA Meeting – rm 207
	6:30 pm	Praise Team - Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir – rm 14
Thurs:	9:00 am	Sisters in Christ Bible Study – rm 14
	10:00 am	Mom's Ministry - Nursery
	10:45 am	LIFT
	6:00 pm	COM CPR Training – rm 110
	6:00 pm	Mom's Ministry - Nursery
	6:30 pm	Cornhole League - FLC
Fri:		Jr High Roots Winter Retreat @ Black Rock

## Next Sunday, January 11, 2026

### 2¢ a Meal Offering

8:15 am Traditional Worship

*“Our Personal God”*

Scripture: Psalm 23

Pastor Kevin Richardson

8:15 am Church Board Installation

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:30 Deacon Installation

10:30 Grow Groups grades K-1

## December 28, 2025 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$33,557.00	In Person Attendance	174
Building Maintenance Fund	\$75.00	Sunday School	122
		Online Attendees	26

## OUR MISSION

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Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren exists to be a united people fully following Jesus' teaching through knowing, living, and sharing Christ's love.

## OUR VISION

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Since 1897, Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren has been serving the Lord Jesus Christ through the faithful proclamation of the Gospel, engaging worship, community service, and growing fully devoted followers of Christ. By living out our Brethren heritage and New Testament beliefs, we seek to reach the lost, serve the least, and transform the community for the glory of God.

## CORE VALUES



Unconditional Love



Evangelism & Missions



Christ-Centered Worship



Every Generation Ministry



Community Engagement & Service



Intentional Spiritual Growth



Faithful Stewardship & Radical Generosity



Brethren Distinctives & Practice



Scan the QR code for more information on our Core Values.

## ADDITIONAL STAFF

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