

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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Why Christmas? **Jesus Redeems the Lost** **Luke 19:10**



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December 14, 2025

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman”

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pad

Lighting the Candle of Joy

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The light shines in the darkness,

**P: We come to worship, seeking the joy Mary sang to
welcome her saviour.**

L: Source of light, shine into our lives and your world this Advent.

ALL: Renew in us the joy of our salvation.

*HYMN

“While Shepherds Watched”

196
vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

“Jesus Redeems the Lost”

Luke 19:10 NT p 231

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Christmas Day”

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Two Cent a Meal Offering is our opportunity to share from our abundance with those who never have enough. The offering jar is on a table in the gathering area for your contributions. Funds go to the Global Food Crisis Fund.

Prayer

Offertory

“The First Noel”

*CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

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*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

Please stand in body or in spirit

Jesus Redeems the Lost

Luke 19:10

1. Jesus _____ to _____ to _____. Galatians 3:13
2. God's plan of salvation is for _____.
Romans 10:13
3. We must _____ to _____. John 3:16; Acts 4:12

Three Takeaways

1. God's _____ to _____ extends to _____.
2. May the Christ of Christmas _____ your _____.
3. The birth of Jesus isn't _____ without the _____
of _____.

Ephesians 1:7

Serving Our Congregation Today

Messenger: Kevin Richardson
Worship Leader: 8:15 Rita Carter
Advent Readers: 8:15 Don & Carol Trimble
Children's Story: 10:30 Amanda Grumbling
Organist: 8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart
Pianist: 8:15 Donita Reimold
Sound Tech: Jeremy Shelley
Stream Tech: 8:15 Ed Heidinger II
10:30 Michael Herr
Welcomers: 8:15 Ed Reinhart & Ken Herr
9:30 June Frey & Mary Manges
10:30 Josh & Amy Housekeeper
Greeters: 8:15 Bill Guhl & Ellie Holzhauer
10:30 Chuck & Carol Groff
Nursery: 9:30 Paige Herr & Amy Graver
10:30 Tina Herr & Amy Housekeeper
Ushers: 8:15 Earle Hershey, Merv Keener,
Scott Mull, Ray Wimer
10:30 Brad & Bobbie Davis
Greg & Linda Bledsoe

Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor: KevinR@mgcb.org
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10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

"While Shepherds Watched"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"The First Noel"

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Morning Prayer

KID'S SERMON

****Lil' Roots in grades K-1 are dismissed to Grow Groups****

MESSAGE

"Jesus Redeems the Lost"
Luke 19:10 NT p 231

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Christmas Day"

*CLOSING SONG

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come let earth receive her king
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns let all their songs employ
while feeds and floods rocks hills and plains repeat the sounding joy
repeat the sounding joy repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow no thorns infest the ground
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found
far as the curse is found far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love and wonders of his love and wonders
wonders of his love

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*CLOSING PRAYER

Acolytes: Andi & Perrie Holzhauer, Anna Price

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

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Today we will collect the Advent Offering. This offering supports the following: Church of the Brethren Core Ministries (30%), Alpha & Omega Church (10%), Brethren Village Good Samaritan Fund (10%), Brethren Housing Association (25%) and COBYS Family Services (25%). Prayerfully consider your gift to these organizations.

Current contact information has been placed in your family mailbox. If you do not regularly attend, contact the church office to update/make changes to what is currently on file. This will be used for the 2026 directory. Samples are in the Gathering Area.

MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

My thanks to the OAKS for the Christmas bag of great useful things and also the delicious snacks. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. ~ Blessings, Emma Dubble

The **Stewards Commission** extends heartfelt thanks to our church family for your generous giving toward the Strategic Vision. Your willingness to invest in this vision – through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support – has been a tremendous blessing. Now that the project is complete, any remaining funds will be applied toward the outstanding note.

Please note that the project account will be **closed at the end of the year**. We will continue to **accept designated offerings for this account through December**, to help us fully close out the remaining balance. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and partnership in ministry.

COMING EVENTS

Attention Grace Marriage participants! Our November and December Grace Marriage Date Nights are combining, to one evening on December 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

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.



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

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

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

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY THEME:
ADVENT WEEK 3 - JOY

THIS WEEK'S PSALM 16:1-11
ROOT TEXT: LUKE 2:8-16

DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION!

***LISTEN TO THIS WEEK'S ADVENT EPISODE ON "THE DIG" PODCAST AND
COMPLETE THE "ADVENT IN ACTION" CHALLENGE!***

LIL' ROOTS



2YO-5TH

Wednesday Roots Nights

- December 17th - Family-In-Service Night: Caroling
 - Lil' Roots Christmas Party starts at 5:45pm in the Kid's Wing! Dinner is provided! Roots Kids will be dismissed to the FLC at 6:30pm for Caroling

Grow Groups

- K-1: TODAY - December 14th
- 2-3: December 21st

YOUTH ROOTS



6TH-12TH

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

- December 17th - Family-In-Service Night: Caroling
 - Youth Roots Christmas Party is hitting the road!
 - Meet at the church at 5:45pm to load up in the Holzhauer RV! Youth Roots will make some caroling stops on their way to view the Christmas lights at Herr's Chips.

Winter Retreat RSVP's DUE 12/17!

- Jr. High Black Rock Retreat - \$50
- Sr. High Ski Retreat - price dependent on rental needs

OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

OAKS Winter Movie Showing

- Monday, January 12th, 1-3pm, Sanctuary
 - Ice Cream Social to follow
- Movie Announcement and Sign-ups coming soon!



BELIEVE IS FORMATIONAL & INTERGENERATIONAL

The statistics are scary. A high percentage of our young people are leaving their faith when they leave our homes, which begs the question, "Did they ever believe their beliefs for themselves?" BELIEVE gives parents and children an extended time when they are all on the same page, delving into pure Scripture at every age level, learning and practicing these 30 key ideas together.

STARTING IN JANUARY!

BELIEVE is for EVERY GENERATION of Mechanic Grove!

Engage weekly in Adult, Youth and Lil' Roots Sunday School classes to deepen your understanding and application of the 30 key ideas.



Sermon Notes

TODAY IS:

SERMON TITLE:

Notes:

Key verses:

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. *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.

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.

Solanco Food Bank Needs: cans of tomato/chicken noodle/seafood chowder soups, Pop Tarts, cans of pineapple, SPAM and other canned meats, peanut butter, microwave popcorn, applesauce (jars), fruit cups, baby wipes, diapers (size 3-6), Pull-Up (all sizes). 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 December 14, 2025

Mon: 6:00 am Renovare Bible Study – ZOOM
 Tues: 9:15 am D-Group – rm 209
 10:00 am Painting Group – kitchen
 6:00 pm Pickleball – FLC
 Wed: 1:45 pm Bible Adventure
 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 5:45 pm Roots Meal
 6:30 pm Community AA Meeting – rm 207
 6:30 pm Christmas Caroling
 Thurs: 9:00 am Sisters in Christ Bible Study – rm 14
 Fri: 6:30 pm Grace Marriage
 Sat: 7:00 am Men’s Bible Study
 10:00 am Sanctuary – RESERVED
 12:30 pm FLC - RESERVED

Next Sunday, December 21, 2025

Mealbarrow Sunday

8:15 am Traditional Worship
“Why Christmas?” Sermon Series
“Jesus Restores Our Broken Fellowship”
 Scripture: Colossians 1:19-23
 Kevin Richardson
 9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 10:30 am Grow Groups grades 2-3
 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion

December 7, 2025 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$11,477.00	In Person Attendance	177
Building Maintenance Fund	\$135.00	Sunday School	120
		Online Attendees	18



OUR MISSION

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

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.

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