



Happenings at The Grove

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September/October 2026

Coming Events

September

- 1-2 Wee Friends Orientation for parents and students 6:30 pm
- 7 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 13 Mission Offering
COBYS Bike n' Hike Lititz Church of the Brethren
- 14 Commissions meet at 7 pm followed by Church Board at 8 pm
- 16 Solanco Fair Milkshake Stand Youth Roots Fundraiser ~ Still time to sign up to help!
Solanco Fair Booth for MGCB ~ Sign up in the Gathering Area
- 17 Brethren Village Golf Tournament at Iron Valley Golf Club
- 20 Engage: Global Mission Gathering at Lancaster Church of the Brethren 6:30-8:30 pm
- 22 Women's Fellowship Meal at Little Britain Presbyterian Church at 6:30 pm
- 23 Book Group will meet at Katherine Tshudy's home at 9:30 am to discuss *Isola* by Allegra Goodman.
Bible Adventure Starts at 1:45 pm
- 24 Sisters in Christ Bible Study at 9 am – meets Thursdays through mid-May
- 28 Deacon Meeting at 7 pm

October ~ PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- 1 Taste of New Hope from 5-8 pm at Providence Church
- 2-3 Atlantic Northeast District Conference: "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus" ~ scripture Hebrews 12:1-4
- 3 World Communion Sunday join us for Love Feast at 9:30 am
- 7 Roots Meal and activities begin! Meal at 5:45 pm Activities for all ages at 6:30 pm
- 12 Commissions meet at 7 pm followed by Church Board at 8 pm
- 16 Dutch Blitz Tournament ~ Arrive at 6:30 pm Games will start at 6:45 pm in the Gathering Area.
- 17 CROP Walk at Muddy Run ~ Arrive at 8:30 am walk starts at 9 am
Oaks Ministry Brunch at Wesley Church at 9:30 am
- 19 Men's Work meets at 7 pm
- 20 ANE Older Adult Coffee House at Lancaster Church of the Brethren
- 21 Roots Meal at 5:45 pm
- 25 Youth Roots Turkey Dinner Fundraiser following the 10:30 service.

Future Events:

- November 7 ~ Solanco Neighborhood Ministries Empty Bowls Fundraiser 4:30-7:30 pm
Camp Swatara Contributors Dinner ~ Seating time is 3:45 pm
- November 11 ~ Congregational Business Meeting at 7 pm in the Sanctuary
- November 25 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Day Office Closed for the staff to enjoy time with their families



ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Date	Worship	Sunday School	General Offering		
June 28	203	112	\$12,136.00	Building Maintenance Fund	\$2,326.00
July 5	223	115	\$15,724.00	2 a Meal Offering	\$167.00
July 12	225	138	\$6,725.02	Birthday Offering	\$79.00
July 19	244	118	\$10,233.33	Brethren Housing	\$0.00
July 26	217	134	\$12,064.11	Food Bank/SNM	\$150.00
August 2	178	90	\$17,404.00	Change for Change	
August 9	156	74	\$8,095.00		
August 16	145	87	\$7,907.00		
August 23	228	82	\$18,921.92		

Our Couples Celebrating Anniversaries

September

3 Eric & Morgan Holzhauer	16 Brian & Annice Landis	25 Larry & Donna Kreider
10 Alan & Pam Platt	Barry & Janet Smith	28 Brett & Lisa Holzhauer
13 Michael & Melissa Houghton	19 Dick & Audrey Lefever	30 Mike & Kaitlin Bollinger
14 Bob & Joyce Wagner	22 Brad & Bobbie Davis	Mike & Linda Shoemaker



October

2 Nathan & Justine Kreider	11 Mike & Denise Mellott	22 Lars & Peggy Rasmussen
4 Wade & Alexis Davis	13 Jake & Brittney Holzhauer	Don & Carol Trimble
5 Brian & Emily Berkey	14 Ben & Nancy Wenger	28 John & Anita Beiler
10 Cordell & Lacey Heidinger		

Celebrating Birthdays

September

1 Maura Housekeeper	12 Mason Houghton	19 Bobbie Davis	23 Randy Clark
2 Deidra Krantz	Greg Schneider	Dana Fritz	25 Ken Rutt
5 Katherine Tshudy	16 Janelle Brown	Scott McMichael	26 Glenn Carter
6 Greg Bledsoe	Paula Chubb	Harry O'Connell	Alexis Davis (Wade)
Carl Graver	Edna Wagner	20 Hannah Kreider	Cindy Schneider
9 John Beliler	17 Trace Houghton	Suzette Wimer	27 Ruth Richardson
Lisa Wisse	Cameron Kreider	21 Rita Carter	28 Tyler Kreider
10 Caitlyn Mauer	18 Elizabeth Weaver	Charlie Price	29 Sharon Davis
			Doris Graver

October

1 Larry Kreider	9 Amber Grumbling	15 Josh Akers	25 Colton Houghton
Mary Etta Reinhart	Kinsey Grumbling	Joyce Millhouse	Donald Kreider
Linda Shoemaker	Sylvia Stauffer	16 Parklyn Bledsoe	29 Nadine Keener
2 Philip Hershey	12 Darlene Kreider	17 Sharon Kreider	30 Brielle Akers
3 Kat Miller	Cynthia Siegrist	22 Heidi Cunningham	31 Brian Mull
5 Wyatt Davis	13 Anita Beiler	Joyce Wagner	
6 Linda Bolt	14 Pat DeLong	24 Earle Hershey	
Dave Wisse	Debbie Myers	Brett Holzhauer	



If you have a birthday or anniversary and it is not listed, please contact the church office.



Adult Grow Groups

Meet all year:

WOMEN'S RENOVARE GROUP

Meet weekly Monday mornings at 6 am on ZOOM. All ladies are invited to join us to study God's Word and pray. We have used RightNow Media and other materials, including a study on 2 Corinthians led by Rich Vilodas and Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the book of Acts by Nancy Guthrie. For more information contact Mary Etta Reinhart.

MEN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Meet weekly on Mondays at 6:30 pm at Green's Truck Repair on Kirkwood Pike. For more information contact Bob Swarr.

FIRTS MONDAY SHARE AND PRAYER

Meet the first Monday of each month at 7 pm on ZOOM. Everyone is invited to join us as we pray over the joys and concerns of our church family and to share any additional requests you may have. If you have any interest or suggestions, contact Mary Etta Reinhart or Kay Swarr. *The link is included in the Monday Prayer Chain email sent in the afternoon.*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men, young and old are welcome! We meet four times a year, plan the Men's Banquet in March and Alan Platt heads the Disaster Relief Picnic in June. Through the efforts of members of the committee, we search for ways to raise funds for the Church. The committee has a few members at present and would welcome others to attend. For more information, contact Karl Auker, Alan Platt or Dave DeLong.

PAINTING GROUP

Everyone, young and old is welcome to join us. We meet every Tuesday from 10 am - 3 pm. You don't need to be a "professional artist"! Some materials available. For more information contact Bette Lou Epler.

PICKLEBALL

Currently meeting at the SECA Pickleball courts at 6 pm Tuesdays. Beginners are welcome, no experience necessary. Drop in anytime, stay for a while or stay the whole time! Great exercise for all ages and tons of fun!!! We meet in the Family Life Center during the winter.

Any questions, contact Tammy Wood or Donita Reimold.

BOOK GROUP

Meet one Wednesday a month. People who enjoy reading and discussing a wide variety of books are welcome! For more information contact Connie Rutt

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

All women, young and old are welcome to join us. We are involved in many projects throughout the year. If you are interested in joining us or would like more info, contact Caitlyn Mauger or Katherine Tshudy. Meet as needed.

Meet September/ October - May

TUESDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP

Meet the first and third Tuesdays at 7 pm in room 14 and will start October 6. We will be studying The Book of James led by Frances Chan on RightNow Media. This is a group for people that enjoy fellowship in addition to study. We have time for sharing and refreshments as we grow in our faith. We are always looking for new folks to join us! Contact Mary Etta Reinhart.

SISTERS IN CHRIST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meet Thursday mornings at 9 am in Room 14 starting September 24. We will be using Max Lucado's *Just Like Jesus: A Heart Like His*. All sisters are welcome to join us!

Contact Carol Trimble

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meet at 7 am in Room 14 and will start September 19. Facilitator is Bud Hart. Do NOT meet the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Pastor Kevin or Bob Swarr. **Will be using The Upper Room Devotional**



Wednesday Evening Roots Activities

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 6:30 pm in Room 14 and starts September 23. We will be Digging Deeper in our Believe series.

** Will not meet November 11 and 25**

December 2 and 9 will be an Advent Bible Study.

January 6–March 25 Bible Study “One Week” which looks at the last week of Jesus’ life in depth, includes movie clips from “Jesus of Nazareth”.

ADULT CHOIR

Will start meeting Wednesday, September 23 at 7:30 pm in room 14. Everyone from 6th grade – ??? is welcome to join us!!

Other Choirs

ADULT BELL CHOIR

Will start meeting Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 pm in room 203.

JUNIOR BELL CHOIR

Will start meeting Wednesday, October 7 at 5:15 pm and is open to anyone in 2nd to 8th grade. No experience necessary; we will teach you everything you need to know. We will meet in the Bell Room (203) located in the upstairs Sunday school wing.

As we look forward to another choir season, I would encourage you to consider joining us. We are not looking for perfection, only willing hearts that want to offer their gifts. The fall choir season will start after the Fair. If you have any questions, contact Lori Holzhauer.

I will sing to the Lord all my life. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May the words of my heart be pleasing to Him. As for me, I will be glad in the Lord.

Psalms 104:33-34

MECHANIC GROVE ROOTS FAMILY MINISTRY

ROOTS NIGHT

**1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER - MAY**

JOIN US!

**EVERYONE WILL BE DIGGING INTO
GOD'S WORD AND GROWING IN OUR
WALKS WITH JESUS!**

5:45pm – Family Dinner in
the Family Life Center

6:30pm – Age-Specific
activities for ages 0-100!

7:30pm – Family Worship
in the Sanctuary

7:45pm – Dismissal

Programming for...

- 🌱 Sprouts Nursery – 0-2YO
- 🌱 Lil' Roots – K-4th
- 🌱 Bridge Roots – 5th-6th
- 🌱 Jr. High Youth Roots – 7th-8th
- 🌱 Sr. High Youth Roots – 9th-12th
- 🌱 Adult Roots – 18+

