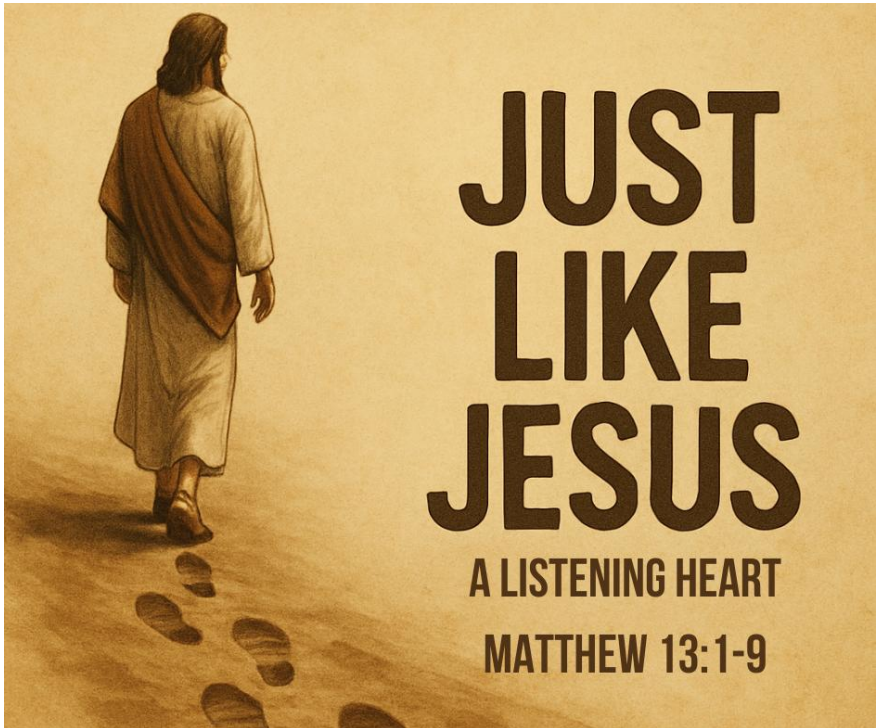


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October 12, 2025

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE *"I Will Serve Thee"* Gaither

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pad

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN *"Lord, Speak to Me"* 499

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"A Listening Heart"

Matthew 13:1-9 NT p 13

*HYMN *"Take My Life"* 389

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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Prayer

Offertory *"Sheep May Safely Graze"* Bach

*CLOSING HYMN 447

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE *"Chorus of Praise"* Barnby

Please stand in body or in spirit

A Listening Heart

Matthew 13:1-9

1. A listening heart requires we _____ and _____ for the _____ of _____. v 9
2. To cultivate a listening heart, we need to _____ in _____ . Luke 4:21
3. A listening heart is an _____. Matthew 7:24

Three Takeaways

1. A listening heart is a _____.
2. A listening heart requires _____.
3. A listening heart will _____ your _____.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (The Message)

Serving Our Congregation Today

Messengers:		Kevin Richardson
Worship Leader:	8:15	Karl Auken
Children's Story:	10:30	Deb Krantz
Organist:	8:15	Joanne Hershey
Pianist:	8:15	Sheri Johnson
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
	10:30	Katherine Tshudy & Amber Criswell
Ushers:	8:15	Paul & Charlotte Trimble, Don Trimble Glenn or Lucille Wenger
	10:30	Brent & Amanda Grumbling Michael & Paige Herr
Praise Team:	10:30	Cameryn Deibler, Ellie Dillow, Phil Hershey, Jake Holzhauer, Lori Holzhauer, Hannah & Kennedy Kreider, Caitlyn Mauger, Kinsey Rhodes, Jeremy Stoltzfus, Katherine Tshudy

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10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME

*OPENING SONGS “My Lighthouse”
 “Good, Good Father”

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Morning prayer

Offering

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“All Who Are Thirsty”

KID'S SERMON

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

MESSAGE

“A Listening Heart”
Matthew 13:1-9 NT p 13

*CLOSING SONG

“Lord Reign in Me”

*CLOSING PRAYER

OCTOBER IS

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Don't forget to appreciate our pastoral team:
Pastors Kevin, Mary Etta and Rita (and spouses)!
Let's support them through prayer. Maybe remember
them with a card, call, words of encouragement, a
lunch invite...be creative! We are blessed to have
them among us.

MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

Attention ALL Treasurers: your checkbook and the last bank statement are due to be audited before the congregational business meeting in November. Please have them turned in by **TODAY**. Place them in the marked bin in the office workroom.

We will be collecting gently used and new coats throughout the month of October. The coats will be donated to **Solanco Coats for All** campaign, that is being organized by Oak Hill Fellowship Church. There will be a shopping day on November 21 from 2 - 8pm at Oak Hill. Please place coats in the collection box in the Gathering Area no later than Sunday, October 26. Please reach out to a member of the Witness Commission if you have any questions.

COMING EVENTS

The Hiking Group will be hiking **TODAY** at 2 pm on the Enola Low Grade Trail to the newly rebuilt Martic Forge bridge. Please plan to meet at the Colemanville Church Road Parking Lot access point off River Road. (To find the correct location, you may put "Colemanville Church Road Parking Lot access point" into your GPS). Contact Mary Etta Reinhart (717.808.4306) or Connie Rutt (717.940.5036) for questions.

Children's Disaster Services is hosting volunteer training October 17 – 18 at Elizabethtown COB. Training starts at 4:30 pm on Friday and ends at 5:30 pm Saturday. If you have any questions or want more information, check the community bulletin board by the mailboxes.

Dutch Blitz Tournament Friday, October 17. Arrive at 6:30 pm games will start at 6:45 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Sign up in the Gathering Area.

2025 Solanco CROP Walk will be held Saturday, October 18 at Muddy Run Park, 172 Bethesda Church Road, Holtwood, PA. Participants should plan to arrive at 8:30 am. The walk will start at 9 am. Sign-up sheets and collection envelopes are available in the Gathering Area. ***Invite your friends to join you for this fun and important event.***

Surviving the Holidays, a 2-hour Grief Share seminar on how to survive the holidays while grieving your loved one, will be held here Saturday, October 25 at 9 am in room 14. The seminar will help in dealing with your emotions, what to do about traditions and provide helpful tips for surviving social events. Contact Pastor Rita, Brian Berkey or the church office for more information and to register.

Promise Players will present *Casting Swine Before Pearls* on November 6-9 and 13-16. Suggested donation of \$12/adults, \$5/children ages 5-12. To order tickets visit promiseplayers.org. Proceeds benefit Love INC. More information is posted across from the mailboxes.

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 cream of mushroom/tomato/chicken noodle/seafood chowder soups, mayonnaise, cans of green beans, evaporated milk, Triscuits/Wheat Thins, fruit snacks, microwave popcorn, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Items may be placed in the Mealbarrow in the Gathering Area.

CHURCH GARDEN



We need people who will commit to caring for the church garden, if it is to continue. Please contact Peggy Rasmussen if you are interested. Thanks to the perseverance of Don Trimble and Vince Becker and their various helpers, the church has donated hundreds of pounds of food to the food bank and several other organizations over the years. At a time

when food costs have risen it would be a gift to the community to help provide for those in need.



FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

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



THIS WEEK'S FAMILY THEME:

GOD SENT JESUS TO RESCUE ME FROM MY SINS

DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION:

TALK AS A FAMILY... WHY DID GOD SEND JESUS? WHY DO WE NEED JESUS? DO WE DESERVE JESUS?

**THIS WEEK'S
ROOT TEXT:
ROMANS 5:8**

LIL' ROOTS



2YO-5TH

Wednesday Roots Nights - The Trinity

- October 15th
- November 5th - Family-In-Service Night!
 - The Big Drop! Event with Solid Rock Youth Ministries

Grow Groups

- K-1: October 12th
- 2-3: October 19th

YOUTH ROOTS



6TH-12TH

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

- October 15th
- November 5th - Family-In-Service Night!
 - The Big Drop! Event with Solid Rock Youth Ministries

Youth Gather - Outdoor Movie Night

- Sunday, October 19th, 5pm, Ellis & Kerri Kreider's House

Youth Roots Gather & Events Schedule

- Will be released soon! Watch the text group and your family mailboxes!

OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

ANE District Older Adult Coffeehouse

- Tuesday, October 21 at 2:00 pm at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Carpool leaves MGCB at 1:15.
- Dave Weiss, a COB pastor and artist will share his gift of painting as he shares a message.

Howard Tunnel Train Ride

- Fall Foliage (3.5 hours) with lunch Thursday Oct 23. Cost \$67.95. Handicap accessible.
- Leave the church at 9:15 am. Return to church 3:30-4 pm
- Money is due to Connie Rutt by October 15

YOU'RE INVITED

FIGHTING HUNGER ONE **BOWL** AT A TIME.

11.8.25



NOVEMBER 8, 2025

DROP IN

4:00 – 8:00 PM (TICKETS REQUIRED)

Food Stations & Silent Auction

MECHANIC GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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TO BUY TICKETS OR DONATE:

1. **SCAN THE QR CODE**

2. **CALL** 717.723.8385

3. **VISIT** <https://onecau.se/emptybowl>

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Empty Bowls Fundraiser is a community initiative dedicated to fighting hunger and supporting the Solanco Neighborhood Ministries' Food Bank. Centered around the simple idea that no one should have an empty bowl, our event brings together local artists and our community to share a meal and raise funds for those facing food insecurity. Guests select from a variety of handcrafted bowls, share a meal together, and learn about the many ways the ministry addresses food insecurity. Each guest takes their bowl home as a lasting reminder of the cause and their contribution to fighting hunger. Every dollar raised goes directly to the Food Bank helping to provide food, support services, and hope to individuals and families in need. Together, we fill empty bowls—and lives—with nourishment and compassion.

Activities for the Week of October 12, 2025

Mon:	6:00 am	Renovare Bible Study – ZOOM
	7:00 pm	Commissions Meet
	8:00 pm	Church Board w/Executive to follow
Tues:	9:15 am	D-Group – rm 209
	10:00 am	Painting Group – kitchen
	10:45 am	LIFT - rm 304
	6:00 pm	COM Fire Training
Wed:	1:45 pm	Bible Adventure
	5:15 pm	Junior Chimes - rm 203
	5:45 pm	Roots Meal - FLC
	6:30 pm	Roots Programs
	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	Sister's in Christ Bible Study – rm 14
	10:45 am	LIFT - rm 304
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells – rm 203
Fri:	6:30 pm	Dutch Blitz – Gathering Area
Sat:	8:30 am	CROP Walk – Muddy Run Park

Next Sunday, October 19, 2025

Mealbarrow Sunday

8:15 am Traditional Worship

Just Like Jesus ~ Sermon Series

"An Enduring Heart"

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Kevin Richardson

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:30 Grow Groups grades 2-3

October 5, 2025 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$20,475.00	In Person Attendance	186
Building Maintenance Fund	\$100.00	Sunday School	122
Strategic Vision	\$0.00	Online Attendees	18
Strategic Vision Fund (Balance Due): \$44,000.00			

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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