

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



PEACE

I am free from anxiety because
I have found peace with God,
peace with others and peace with myself.

Philippians 4:6-7

Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor

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September 20, 2026

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Great is the Lord"

Smith arr. LeDoux

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pad

CROP Walk

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"The Virtue of Peace"

John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7 NT p 105, 190

*HYMN

"For the Healing of the Nations"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Mealbarrow Sunday is the Sunday set aside to bring items for our local food bank to benefit those in need.

Prayer

Offertory

"Wonderful Peace"

Hughes

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom"

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*CLOSING HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

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*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

Please stand in body or in spirit

The Virtue of Peace

John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7

Peace is freedom of the mind from _____, _____,
_____ and _____.

Three things that rob us of peace:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

Key Idea

I am free from anxiety because I have found peace with God, peace with others, and peace with myself.

1. While _____ are _____, _____ is always
_____. John 16:33
2. Peace is found _____ a _____, _____. John 16:33; John 14:27
3. Peace comes when we _____ to _____
_____. Philippians 4:6-7

Colossians 3:15

Serving Our Congregation Today

- Messenger: Kevin Richardson
- Worship Leader: 8:15 Karl Auker
- Kid's Sermon: 10:30 Peggy Rasmussen
- CROP Walk: 8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart
10:30 Jim Krantz
- Organist: 8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart
- Pianist: 8:15 Donita Reimold
- Sound Tech: 8:15 Philip Johnson
10:30 Eric Holzhauer
- Stream Tech: 8:15 Travis Heidinger
10:30 Jackson Houghton
- Welcomers: 8:15 Ken & Connie Rutt
9:30 Lars & Peggy Rasmussen
10:30 Mike & Tracy Mauger
- Greeters: 8:15 Kathy & Traci Homsher
10:30 Brad & Bobbie Davis
- Nursery: 9:30 Sharon Davis & Amy Housekeeper
10:30 Deb Krantz & Tina Herr
- Ushers: 8:15 Ben & Nancy Wenger, Bob & Denise Young
10:30 Josh & Amy Housekeeper, Hans & Tina Herr

10:30 WORSHIP

*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

"I Speak Jesus"

"Peace Be Still"

"Death Was Arrested"

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COMMUNITY BUILDING

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CROP Walk

Morning Prayer

KID'S SERMON

MESSAGE

"The Virtue of Peace"

John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7 NT p 105, 190

*CLOSING SONG

"Gone"

*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

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

MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

Adult Grow Group Recruitment Fair is Today. Visit the display in the Gathering Area after the services and Sunday school to learn more about and join in with one or more of our adult Bible studies/groups.

COMING EVENTS

Engage: Global Mission Gathering United in Mission tonight at 6:30 pm at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. More information is posted on the community bulletin board or contact Mary Etta Reinhart.

Book Group will meet at the home of Katherine Tshudy on September 23 at 9:30 am.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study will start September 23 at 6:30 pm in room 14.

Taste of New Hope is Thursday October 1 from 5 – 8 pm at Providence Church. Tickets can be reserved at www.newhopeministry.info

Save the Date! Dutch Blitz Night October 16 @ 6:30 pm.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 4



All ages are invited to take part in a special Love Feast held during the Sunday School hour. This is a family friendly event where all can take part in and learn about foot washing, the Agape meal, and communion! While foot washing is optional, all are encouraged to participate! There will be various options for both foot washing and an alternate communion option for children.



FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

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

LIL' ROOTS



2YO-4TH

World Communion Day & Love Feast

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- *Foot washing is optional!

Roots Night are coming!

- Roots nights will resume on October 7th!

BRIDGE ROOTS



5TH-6TH

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Roots Night are coming!

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YOUTH ROOTS



7TH-12TH

World Communion Day & Love Feast

- See information above!

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Youth Roots Gather

- 10/3 - Jr. & Sr. Youth Roots will be going to Cherry Crest to do the corn maze in the dark! Fireworks @ 8:30! Please text into the MGCB Text thread ASAP to RSVP!

OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

World Communion Day & Love Feast

- See information above!

ANE Older Adult Coffee House

- Tuesday, October 20-2 pm Lancaster COB

Fall Foliage/Covered Bridge Tour & Lunch

- Thursday, Oct. 29th. Leave church at 10 am. Drivers needed
- RSVP to Connie Rutt by Oct. 22.

2026 September Board Meeting Highlights

- Thirty-two board members were present.
- All Commissions continue to prepare their 2027 budgets
- There will not be an Every Generation Sunday on the 5th Sunday of November 11/29, to keep continuity in progression of the Advent lessons
- Approved one combined service for Sunday, 12/27, at 10:00 AM. Plans are being finalized regarding SS, fellowship time, and other activities. Watch for more details.
- Transition due to vacancy of Family Ministries Director is going well thanks to a talented and committed group of volunteers who continue to serve faithfully.
- Fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, 11/7, at 8:00 AM
- Financial giving/budget are in a much better position than last year at this time. Thank you to congregation for their faithful giving.
- Wednesday, 11/4, will be an intergenerational Roots Night. Details to follow.
- MGCOB Garden was a success, providing approximately 750 lbs. of produce from the garden this summer, with still more to be harvested.
- Deacons will be hosting Communion during the SS hour on 10/4, which is “going to look a little different.”
- Children’s Outreach Ministry is off to a good start for the school year, recently passing their state inspection.
- Board is moving forward with investigating the initiatives recommended by the Strategic Vision Committee



CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG *Dreams*

Join us for
CROP Walk 2026

Saturday, October 17
at Muddy Run Park
arrive at 8:30 am for registration
Walk starts at 9 am

Sign up and get your sponsor envelope in the
Gathering Area.



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Donate or sign up
for your walk today!

CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG *Dreams*

In Kenya and Tanzania, CWS is empowering people to learn, grow and thrive. Through the CROP Hunger Walk, you're helping provide the tools families need to support themselves and their communities.

CWS is committed to meeting immediate needs while also advocating for long-term change. We prepare communities for the future, working with them to adapt to a changing world and overcome challenges.

Your support brings access to clean water, nutritious food and life-changing resources. It helps protect children, responds to disasters, offers safe housing and creates sustainable solutions to combat poverty. Your support also helps provide educational opportunities for children and adults, builds local economies and empowers individuals to start their own businesses – truly helping them achieve their big dreams.

Through your steps, you're doing more than just providing chickens or teaching sustainable farming. You're fostering inclusivity, introducing new technologies to improve harvests and ensuring that every community member is supported.

Together, we're empowering individuals, strengthening communities and creating lasting change.

Chickens, Beans and Big Dreams!



Chickens for a family in Tanzania



A month of groceries for a refugee in Egypt



A sheep in Haiti



A share of a well in Cambodia



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To learn more, scan here!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, during Sunday school or the service, contact Traci Homsher.

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 to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, or other milestones, 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.

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: SPAM, assorted soups/chowder (cans), granola bars, pudding/fruit cups, Triscuits/Wheat Thins, mayonnaise, mustard, diapers (size 5 ,6, 7, Pull-ups 3, 4, & 5T). Items may be placed in the Mealbarrow in the Gathering Area.



Activities for the Week of September 20, 2026

Mon: 6:00 am Renovare Group - Zoom

Tues: 10:30 am LIFT

Wed: 9:30 am Book Group at Katherine Tshudy's
 1:45 pm Bible Adventure
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study – rm 14
 6:30 pm Praise Team – Sanctuary
 7:30 pm Adult Choir – rm 14
 Thurs: 9:00 am Sisters in Christ Bible Study – rm 14
 10:30 am LIFT
 Sat: 7:00 am Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday, September 27, 2026

Birthday Offering

8:15 am Traditional Worship

"The Virtue of Self-Control"

Scripture: Titus 2:11-15

9:30 am Sunday School ALL Ages

10:30 am Worship

September 13, 2026 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$11,267.00	In Person Attendance	145
Building Maintenance Fund	\$75.00	Sunday School	102
		Online Attendees	22

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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