



Mechanic Grove
Church of the Brethren

REVELATIONS

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How Blessed Are We?



For many years Children's Outreach Ministries have been serving and ministering to children with special needs and their families. We would like to share the story of one of these children with you. Evonna Brinton came to us as a two-year-old with Down's Syndrome, she was not walking and had a feeding tube. Her parents were reluctant to enroll Evonna in Preschool, but after talking with Sharon Godfrey our Preschool Director, and hearing of her experience with special needs children their concerns were alleviated and Evonna started with us in 2016. She was a very energetic two-year-old who scooted on her bottom faster than most children could walk and kept us on our toes chasing after her. The Staff welcomed Evonna with open arms, and were willing to learn everything they needed to care for her and help her grow. Because of Evonna's developmental delays she was in our Preschool Program for four years.

At six years old her parents decided to homeschool her and supplement that with enrolling her in the Primary Program.



Primary Program was in its fourth year at the time, a program started by Pastor Misty Wintch and Sharon Godfrey. Its goal was to teach children who perhaps weren't ready for kindergarten or were very advanced and whose parents wanted them to have the special one on one teaching and attention that only a smaller program could provide. When Evonna started Primary, she was developmentally behind in her academics for a child her age. With the help of Sharon and the aides Evonna now knows all her letters and sounds, colors, shapes, and has progressed socially as well. She fits in with the children playing, interacting and communicating with them. In the beginning of every school year Sharon speaks with the children about differences in others, the fact that some people's brains work a little differently and some people's speech is not quite developed. She wanted to help the children learn how to interact with Evonna. The interesting part is the children had no idea it was Evonna she was talking about. We think that's awesome!

In the Spring of 2022 Evonna had a stroke, which affected the left side of her body leaving her with difficulty walking, talking and being able to use her hand. Unfortunately, because of the extent of the stroke Evonna was not able to finish out that school year. Because of how her classmates and teachers loved her cards, videos and pictures were constantly sent to Evonna to encourage and lift her up. It was a strong lesson for the children that year in love and the power of prayer. In Evonna's recovery God performed miracle after miracle in her life. When Evonna returned the next school year she had to be taught how to write with her right hand, and had lost some of her mobility, academics, and language. Sharon and the staff worked diligently with her to help relearn basic skills, and did therapy with her so that she could get back what she had lost. She has not only regained these skills but gone farther than where she was before the stroke happened. This is Evonna's last year in Primary and she will be greatly missed.



Not only has Evonna been part of our Preschool and Primary program, but she has also attended Summer CLASP for the past two years. She fits in perfectly and is well accepted by the other children. The children welcome her, play with her and love her. We look forward to her continuing in this ministry. It is amazing to see the changes, accomplishments and miracles that God has performed and granted in her life. We thank God that He allowed us the privilege of being part of it. Her parents always felt that we were a blessing to them, but it was Evonna who was the blessing to us.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 & 10:30 am

Date	Title/Scripture	Speaker
Questions from Young Disciples		
May 4	Sermon Title: <i>"Why Are There So Many Mysteries in the Bible?"</i> Scripture: Luke 8:10	Pastor Kevin Richardson
May 11 Mother's Day	Sermon Title: <i>"What About the First Family?"</i> Scripture: Genesis 4:1-2, 17-18	Pastor Kevin Richardson
May 18	Sermon Title: <i>"Why Does the Bible Only Have 66 Books?"</i> Scriptures: Psalm 19:7-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17	Pastor Kevin Richardson
May 25	Sermon Title: <i>"Why is There So Much Sin and Suffering in the World?"</i> Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18	Pastor Kevin Richardson
HEROES OF FAITH - DAVID		
June 1	Sermon Title: <i>"A Man After God's Own Heart"</i> Scripture: I Samuel 16:1-13	Pastor Kevin Richardson
June 8	Sermon Title: <i>"Facing the Giants in Your Life"</i> Scripture: Selected verses from I Samuel 17	Pastor Kevin Richardson
June 15 Father's Day	Sermon Title: <i>"The God of Unmatched Shoes"</i> Scripture: Luke 15:11-31	Pastor Mary Etta Reinhart
HEROES OF FAITH CONTINUES		
June 22	Sermon Title: <i>"A Friend and a Foe"</i> Scripture: I Samuel 18:1-16	Pastor Kevin Richardson
June 29	Sermon Title: <i>"When God Says 'No'"</i> Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-29	Pastor Kevin Richardson

Attendance & Giving

Date	Worship	Sunday School	General Offering	Online Giving		
March 2	202	105	\$11,802.00	\$1,390.00	Building Maintenance Fund	\$1,036.00
March 9	222	129	\$11,613.00	\$190.00	2¢ a Meal	\$256.00
March 16	211	111	\$975.00	\$90.00	Birthday Offering	\$1,150.32
March 23	204	133	\$7,923.00	\$90.00	Brethren Housing	\$0.00
March 30	243	110	\$10,159.00	\$890.00	Food Bank/SNM	\$140.00
April 6	181	116	\$7,152.00	\$590.00	Change for Change	\$62.51
April 13	238	125	\$7,583.00	\$90.00	One Great Hour	\$9,108.00
April 20	281	130	\$12,518.00	\$90.00		

Our Couples Celebrating Anniversaries

May



2 Kevin & Ruth Richardson	11 Norm & Sandy Miller	24 Jim & Deb Krantz
4 Jeff & Tammy Wood	19 Marvin & Melissa Kreider	25 Clarence & Carolyn Wenger
5 Ken & Esther Landis	21 Bill & Linda Waltman	26 Josh & Heather Kreider
10 Dave & Lisa Wisse	23 Jim & Cinda Showalter	29 Scott & Janae McMichael

June

2 Dale & Rosanna Bollinger	9 Rick & Sylvia Drennen	15 Dave & Pat DeLong
4 Scott & Vickie Kreider	11 Fritz & Nancy Frey	20 Howard & Judy Hendrickson
5 Bill & Bette Lou Epler	12 Earle & Joanne Hershey	22 Carl & Doris Graver
Zach & Dana Fritz	Bernie & Shannon Houghton	23 Brent & Amanda Grumbling
Ellis & Kerri Kreider	Herb & Darlene Kreider	

Celebrating Birthdays...

May



1 Mary Myers	12 Wade Holzhauer	18 Amanda Grumbling	26 Ken Landis
Connie Rutt	Esther Landis	19 Sharon Enck	Laurie O'Donnell
2 Averie Akers	14 Paul Myers	Audrey Lefever	Colton Stoltzfus
4 Travis Heidinger	Jennifer Weaver	Joyce Robins	28 Vickie Kreider
Marietta Peters	Ben Wenger	21 Brittney Holzhauer	Dave Wimer
Ken Sample	15 Duke Heidinger	Addison O'Donnell	30 Christy Heidinger
6 Dan Hershberger	Kevin Prewitt	22 Paul Trimble	Nick Kreider
8 Bill Waltman	Ed Reinhart	23 Britni Akers	Barry Smith
9 Holly Kreider	17 Fritz Frey	24 Ayden Herr	31 Anita McFadden
	Kirk Nields	Hannah Wood	Mike Mellott

June

3 Jerry O'Donnell	8 Maverick Tshudy	17 Meg Axe	22 Alyssa Herr
4 Brent Grumbling	11 Addie Herr	18 Ed Heidinger	Bette Hershey
6 Emmitt Chadwick	12 Joanne Hershey	Michael Houghton	23 Melissa Houghton
Lorraine Heidinger	Kathy Homsher	19 Bernie Houghton	24 Emma Dubble
Jim Krantz	13 Sylvia Drennen	21 Judy Becker	Don Trimble
7 Addie Bledsoe	Joshua Sample	Norman Miller	25 June Howell
Keeley Kreider	14 Wrenley Heidinger	Jason Reed	Jared Krantz
Martha Weaver	15 Jeff Wood		28 Rick Drennen

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



National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

Registration for this event opens May 1 and you can register at www.brethren.org/noac. The conference will be held at Lake Junaluska, NC from September 1-5. Early bird registration is \$220.00 through July 15. July 16 the cost goes up to \$250.00. For more information, and a list of the daily activities, visit the OAKS bulletin board across from the family mailboxes.



I wanted to share several opportunities to enjoy some beautiful music!

Sacred Stories in Song - A Walk Through Scripture

Join the **SLC Community Choirs** for a powerful and uplifting musical journey through scripture in our **Spring 2025 Concert Series!** Through hymns, spirituals, and sacred choral works, we'll explore timeless stories of faith, hope, and redemption. Experience the beauty of music that has inspired generations as we bring these sacred stories to life.

Friday, May 2, 2025 | 7 PM

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 3 PM

Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church

1068 Chestnut Level Rd, Quarryville, PA 17566

The concert is **pay-what-you-will**, but *no tickets are needed* and the experience is priceless! Invite your friends.

Hymns of the Faith

Countywide Hymn Sing. Come sing your favorite hymns with Calvary Choir & Orchestra.

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 3 PM

Main Auditorium, Calvary Church

1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus in Concert

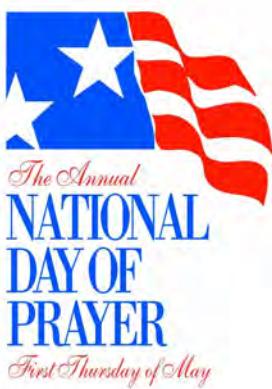
If you were unable to attend the OAKS event, here's your chance to see and hear Ron!

Friday, May 16, 2025 | 7 PM

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren ~ 777 S Mount Joy Street ~ Elizabethtown, PA 17522

This is FREE concert and is open to the public. It will also be Live Streamed

<https://www.youtube.com/elizabethtownchurchofthebrethren>



EVENTS

Please join us for worship and prayer on **Thursday, May 1** at Lancaster Bible College. You'll be led in worship with 100-voice One A-Chord Choir and guided through the seven pillars of prayer by Pastor Alex Rivera, Journey Church.



SEVEN PILLARS OF PRAYER TOPICS:

- Families
- Education, Schools, Teachers
- Government, Military, First Responders
- Media
- Businesses
- Physicians & Healthcare
- Church

LOCATION: Lancaster Bible College | 901 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA
TIME: 6:30pm | Worship begins at 6:15pm
Lancaster County National Day of Prayer | 717-284-4123

LancasterNDP.com

Solanco National Day of Prayer @ Quarryville Borough Building

Thursday, May 1 ~ 12-12:30

We will gather around the flagpole. In case of rain, the event will be held at Oak Hill Fellowship Church.

2025 Summer Sunday School Catalog



Summer Worship Schedule

- 8:15am - Sunday School Meeting Time
- 9:30am - Combined Worship Service
- 10:30 - Sunday School Meeting Time

Every Generation Sunday - 10:30am

- June 29th (Potluck Lunch and Cornhole Tournament)
- *August 24th (Southern End Sunday)

FAMJAM Sunday - August 3rd

- 9:30am - Church-Wide Breakfast
- 10:30am - Outdoor Worship Service in FAMJAM Tent

Christian Workers
Room 014

Meeting Time: N/A
Curriculum: N/A

Young Adults
Room 201

Meeting Time: 8:30am
Curriculum: When Christ Comes, Book Study by Max Lucado

FaithBuilders
Room 205

Meeting Time: N/A
Curriculum: N/A

Messengers
Room 208

Meeting Time:
10:30am
Curriculum: The Awe of God, DVD & Book Study by John Bevere

ELECTIVE:

As For Me And My House
FLC

Meeting Time: 10:30am
Curriculum: 10 Root Truths + D6 Curriculum

Peacemakers
Room 206

Meeting Time: 8:30am
Curriculum: Twelve Ordinary Men, Book Study by John MacArthur

**Lil' and Youth Roots Kids will participate, with their families, in the "As For Me and My House" Elective. No age-specific classes will be offered for those groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

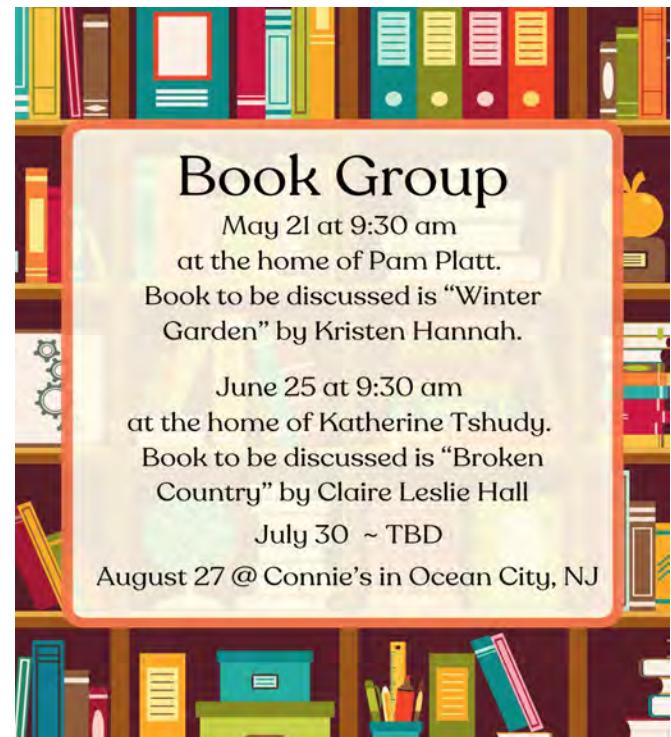


Congregational Business Meeting

7:00 pm | May 14, 2025
in the Sanctuary

The Hiking Group
will hike Scott's Trail on the Kreider Farm Sunday, June 1 at 2 pm. For more information contact Mary Etta Reinhart





Book Group

May 21 at 9:30 am
at the home of Pam Platt.
Book to be discussed is "Winter Garden" by Kristen Hannah.

June 25 at 9:30 am
at the home of Katherine Tshudy.
Book to be discussed is "Broken Country" by Claire Leslie Hall

July 30 ~ TBD

August 27 @ Connie's in Ocean City, NJ

OAKS Events

Signup by May 4 for both events. Checks should be made payable to Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren and placed in the basket in the office.

LADEW GARDENS

3535 Jarrettsville Pike
Monkton, MD 21111

Thursday, May 22

**Cost: \$41.00 per person
and includes:**

\$7 - 1-1 ½ Guided Garden Tour

\$20 - Boxed Lunch

\$14 w/Senior Discount Entry Fee



22 acres of award-winning gardens
Rose Garden * 100+ topiaries
1 - 1 1/2 hour tour
Cottage Garden * Koi Pond
Founder Harvey Ladew purchased the property in 1929

If you would be willing to drive, contact Bette Lou. We will leave at 9 am.

May 4 is the last day to sign up!



you are invited Annual District-Wide Older Adult Luncheon

A celebration of fellowship, food and entertainment
Wise and Wonderful

May 14, 2025, 12:00pm
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA
\$25.00/person

Register online at www.ane-cob.org; call the District office (717) 367.4730; or contact your church office

Entertainment:
Matt Miskie, a local musician and singer who specializes in well known folk songs from the 1950s through early 1970s.

Menu: Broasted Chicken, Ham Balls or Vegetarian Lasagna. Gourmet Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans & Baby Carrots, Tossed Salad, Dressings and Family Style Rolls, Butter & Jelly, Hot and Cold Beverages, Vanilla or Chocolate Ice Cream

Special Note: Gluten Free Chicken Platter and Vegan Hot and Cold Vegetable Platter are also available

Summer Worship

Schedule starts June 1!

8:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

Adult classes will decide on Sunday School time.

Disaster Relief Picnic

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 FROM 4-7 PM

at the home of Alan & Pam Platt

Enjoy an evening of fellowship, good food, and an opportunity to make a donation to help those impacted by disaster. All food is donated, so all proceeds benefit disaster projects.

Checks payable to MGCB Men's Work

Meal is by Donation!

Come, eat and give so others may live!!



HYMN SING ~ Sunday, June 1, 2025 ~ 3 pm

**At the historic Bucher Meeting House, lead by Bob Kettering
376 Schaeffer Road, Lebanon, PA**

ANE District Women's Events

Women's Fellowship Camp

August 15-16, 2025

At Camp Swatara

Speaker: Pastor Naomi Kraenbring



2026 Women's spring Fellowship

March 14, 2026

Location To Be Decided

Speaker: Ann Van Hine

(husband was a firefighter killed on 9/11)

2025

FAREWELL
JULY 4TH DOM COME

YOUTH KINGDOM COME

A FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
THROUGH JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT

ALL
AGES!

AUGUST 1-3
MECHANIC GROVE
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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QUARRYVILLE PA 17566

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED