



REVELATIONS

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Just Like Jesus

What if, for one day, Jesus were to become you? What if, for twenty-four hours, Jesus wakes up in your bed, walks in your shoes, lives in your house, assumes your schedule? Your boss becomes his boss, your mother becomes his mother, your pains become his pains? What if for one day Jesus lived your life with his heart? Your life is led by the heart of Christ for one full day. His priorities govern your actions. His passions drive your decisions. His love directs your behavior.

What would you be like? Would people notice a change? Your family - would they see something new? Your coworkers - would they sense a difference? Would you treat them the same? And your friends? Would they detect more joy? How about your enemies? Would they receive more mercy from Christ's heart than from yours? What if everything about us - what we thought, what we said, and how we acted, for one day, was just like Jesus? Would anyone notice anything different about us?

God loves you just the way you are. If you think his love for you would be stronger if your faith were, you are wrong. God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus. The theological term for that is sanctification. The seminary word for that is spiritual formation. The everyday church word for that is discipleship. Our desire as followers of Jesus Christ is to be just like the Master—just like Jesus. And friends, that is what God desires for each of us.

On Sunday, September 14th, we will begin a seven week preaching series entitled, "Just Like Jesus." We will consider some great Gospel passages that will challenge us to have a heart just like Jesus. A compassionate heart, a worship hungry heart, a forgiving heart, a hope-filled heart, and an enduring heart are just some of the themes we will cover. My sincere prayer is that this series will help us to be more like Jesus

I John 2:5-6 says, "This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did." For seven weeks, let us consider the heart of Jesus and let us aspire to walk as Jesus did as we become just like Jesus. I am looking forward to our journey together to Christlikeness as we begin this series on September 14th.

Yours and HIS!

Pastor Kevin

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 am

Date	Title/Scripture	Speaker
September 7	Sermon Title: "Our Family Ministry Priority" Scripture: Psalm 78:1-7	Pastor Kevin Richardson & Janae McMichael
<i>Just Like Jesus</i> Sermon Series		
September 14	Sermon Title: "A Compassionate Heart" Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4	Pastor Kevin Richardson
September 21	Sermon Title: "A Worship Hungry Heart" Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9	Pastor Kevin Richardson
September 28	Sermon Title: "A Forgiving Heart" Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35	Pastor Kevin Richardson
** Traditional Worship 8:15 am & Contemporary Worship 10:30 am resume October 5**		
October 5	Sermon Title: "A Hope-Filled Heart" Scripture: Luke 22:22-34	Pastor Kevin Richardson
October 12	Sermon Title: "A Listening Heart" Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9	Pastor Kevin Richardson
October 19	Sermon Title: "An Enduring Heart" Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11	Pastor Kevin Richardson
October 26	Sermon Title: "An Honest Heart" Scripture: Acts 5:1-11	Pastor Kevin Richardson

Attendance & Giving

Date	Worship	Sunday School	General Offering		
June 29	232	37	\$9,155.00	Building Maintenance Fund	\$832.00
July 6	143	82	\$11,757.00	2¢ a Meal	\$288.60
July 13	180	59	\$9,312.00	Birthday Offering	\$108.00
July 20	151	78	\$6,573.00	Brethren Housing	\$100.00
July 27	167	83	\$7,334.00	Food Bank/SNM	\$125.00
August 3	146		\$11,930.00	Change for Change	\$0.00
August 10	172	52	\$9,743.00	Burundi Vehicle	\$4,125.00
August 17	143	36	\$15,882.86		
August 24	175	39	\$8,055.00		

Options For Your Contributions to Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

Give check or cash, or place your check/cash in an offering envelope **OR** use **Bill Pay** through your financial institution. **To use Bill Pay**, you need to set up online banking with your bank. Someone at the bank will assist you at no cost.

- On the banks website or phone app, login and go to Bill Pay.
- There are easy to follow instructions on how to enter Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren, 1392 Robert Fulton Hwy, Quarryville as the Payee.
- Enter the amount you wish to give, the account that it is to be withdrawn from and how often (weekly, monthly, etc.)
- The bank will then send a check to the church.
- **There is no cost to you or the church. Your contribution is at church even if you are not.**

Contact Ken Rutt or call your bank if you have questions on how to do this

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	13 Jake & Brittney Holzhauer
5 Brian & Emily Berkey	14 Ben & Nancy Wenger
7 David & Claire Irby	22 Lars & Peggy Rasmussen
8 Craig & Paula Chubb	Don & Carol Trimble
10 Cordell & Lacey Heidinger	29 Earl & Susan Mull
11 Mike & Denise Mellott	



Celebrating Birthdays...

September

1 Maura Housekeeper	16 Janelle Brown	21 Rita Carter	28 Tyler Kreider
2 Deidra Krantz	Paula Chubb	Charlie Price	29 Sharon Davis
5 Katherine Tshudy	Edna Wagner	23 Randy Clark	Doris Graver
6 Greg Bledsoe	17 Trace Houghton	Linda Myers	
Carl Graver	Cameron Kreider	25 Ken Rutt	
9 Cameryn Deibler	19 Bobbie Davis	26 Glenn Carter	
Lisa Wisse	Dana Fritz	Alexus Ravert	
10 Caitlyn Mauger	Scott McMichael	Cindy Schneider	
12 Mason Houghton	Harry O'Connell	27 Ruth Richardson	
Greg Schneider	20 Hannah Kreider		

October

1 Larry Kreider	9 Amber Grumbling	16 Bunnie Bledsoe	
Mary Etta Reinhart	Kinsey Grumbling	17 Sharon Kreider	
Hunter Sample	Sylvia Stauffer	22 Heidi Cunningham	
Linda Shoemaker	12 Darlene Kreider	Joyce Wagner	
2 Philip Hershey	Cynthia Siegrist	24 Earle Hershey	29 Nadine Keener
3 Kathy Miller	14 Pat DeLong	Brett Holzhauer	30 Brielle Akers
5 Wyatt Davis	15 Josh Akers	25 Colton Houghton	Betty Zerphy
6 Linda Bolt	Joyce Millhouse	Don Kreider	31 Brian Mull
David Wisse			



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

Annual Conference 2025

The 238th recorded Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren was held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro NC Wednesday July 2 to Sunday July 6. The theme for this conference was Faith Working Through Love. We stayed in the hotel that was a part of this convention center. The hotel had 28 floors....and only 4 elevators... That caused a few challenges and delays when many of the conference attendees tried to go to and from their rooms...all at the same time. There were 1342 registered attendees: 409 delegates and 933 non-delegates.

Delegates: Pastor Kevin, Mary Etta and Ed Reinhart. In 2025, we changed the way we reported membership to the denomination. We removed our inactive members from the numbers we sent. We expected to have our allotted delegates changed from 3 delegates back to 2 delegates. But when we arrived, we were told that they were using the number we reported in 2024, and we were supposed to have 3 delegates. They had already listed Ed as a delegate and assigned him to a delegate table.

Worship: There was a worship service every evening, Wednesday through Saturday, and then a worship service on Sunday morning where next year's Annual Conference Moderator, Don Fitzkee from Lancaster COB, was consecrated. Dava Hensley, this year's annual conference moderator, spoke at the Wednesday evening service. On Thursday evening, there was a "cowbell" service where three different pastors each had exactly 10 minutes to speak. At the end of 10 minutes, a cowbell was rung, and they had to stop. The music for each worship service was very interesting with a wide variety of singing and music styles. There was a fabulous organist named Jonathan Emmons, and a fabulous pianist named Alex Ramirez. Alex is from Philadelphia First COB.

Equipping sessions and other special opportunities

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, there were a wide variety of other opportunities to learn more about what is going on in the denomination.

For example, there was an exhibit hall with displays from the Bethany Seminary, Eder Financial and the Church of the Brethren Denomination. We were quite surprised when we approached the display for the denomination and saw a photo of Ruth Richardson, Doris Snyder and myself. This photo was taken when we were serving with Brethren Disaster Ministries at Dawson Springs last November.

There was also a wide variety of breakfast and dinner events. Pastor Kevin, Ed and I attended the Brethren Disaster Ministries breakfast on Friday morning where they were scrolling a wide variety of photos from their various ministries. We were surprised to see a photo that included our own Lori Holzhauser and Bobbie Davis in the background.

I also personally enjoyed attending several equipping sessions that focused on the work of Global Missions. One session had 2 pastors from the newly formed Church of the Brethren in Honduras and a representative from a Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic where there are many Haitian members. I also attended an equipping session that shared an update on the terrible conditions of the church in DR Congo where members of the violent M23 group have overrun the city of Goma. Church members are largely in hiding and mostly unable to live their normal lives. At another session we met Athanasus Ungang from South Sudan. The political situation there is also very bad. The COB has helped several of the pastors in South Sudan get their families to safety in Uganda while the pastors continue preaching and leading churches in South Sudan.

Business: The various business items were available in the gathering area in the weeks before Annual Conference.

3 Items of Unfinished Business:

UB1 Standing with People of Color: This was the final report of a study committee that was organized after the 2022 Annual Conference. This was a lengthy report that "asked our congregations to study the teachings of Jesus and how they apply to our relationships with all people of color." In the conclusion for this report, there was a statement that said "it is our prayer that the Church of the Brethren will continue to be a welcome home for people of all skin colors and from all ethnic backgrounds." The delegate body "received" the final report of the committee.

UB2 – Breaking Down Barriers – Increasing Access to Denominational Events: This was another final report from a study committee that was organized after the 2022 Annual Conference. This study focused on a variety of barriers that are encountered by people participating in denominational events. These barriers include physical barriers for those who are blind, deaf, or otherwise physically handicapped. There are also other barriers that are more financial. This includes the cost of travel and participating in the Annual Conference and other denominational events. One of the recommendations included the idea of holding the in-person Annual Conference every 2 years with a possible virtual conference in the off-years. My understanding is that the Mission and Ministry Board may continue this discussion in the future. The report itself was "received" by the conference delegates.

UB3 – Request for an Annual Conference Study on Calling Denominational Leadership: This was also the final report that originated in 2022 at the request of the denomination's nominating committee. At the 2023 Annual Conference, a study committee was put together to study this issue. There is an ongoing struggle to find qualified people who will agree to have their names put on the ballot to fill leadership roles at the denominational level. A part of the discussion on this included a request to use a slate with only one person being named for a position, in place of a ballot with two or more names. The decision was made that we must have at least two names to present to the standing committee for their consideration. Other recommendations from this study were

referred to the Review and Evaluation Committee that will be meeting in the future to look at a wide range of processes used by the denomination to consider what changes need to be made. With this in mind, this report was “received” by the delegates.

6 Items of New Business:

NB 1, 2, and 3: Recommendations to renew Agency status: The first 3 items of new business involved approving a covenant between three agencies of the Church of the Brethren. These agencies are Bethany Theological Seminary, Eder Financial (previously known as Brethren Benefit Trust) and On Earth Peace. These are organizations that function separately from the denomination but are closely related. Again, at the 2022 Annual Conference there was a decision made that these organizations needed to have a covenant drawn up defining their relationship to denomination. All three of these covenants were approved and the agency status was renewed.

NB 4: Reducing Harm: Interim steps to address suffering: This was probably the most difficult item to discuss. There is a well-known 1983 statement entitled “Human Sexuality from a Christian Perspective.” One of the statements in that 1983 paper affirms that covenantal relationships between homosexual persons are not an “acceptable” lifestyle for a Christian. That 1983 paper and the statements in it were not changed at this conference.

NB 5: Concerns about Current Practices Related to Matters of Sexuality: This item of business primarily focused on the fact that the ways that our various districts within the COB enforce policies related to human sexuality in very different ways. This query was asking how we can be more consistent among our various districts. The delegates referred the question in this query to the Review and Evaluation Committee.

NB 6: Recommended Cost of Living Adjustment to the Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors. The recommendation from the Standing Committee for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 2.6% was approved.

Annual Conference next year – 2026 - will be held from June 28 to July 2 in Fort Wayne IN. We want to thank the church for the opportunity to represent you at this conference.



Sing to God a brand-new song. He’s made a world of wonders! Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band! Round up an orchestra to play for God, add on a hundred-voice choir. Feature trumpets and big trombones; fill the air with praises to King God. Psalm 98 (the Message)

In July Peggy Rasmussen sent me a link to a podcast from Trinity Forum Conversations, entitled “***Beauty, Music, and Spiritual Formation with Keith and Kristyn Getty***”. During the interview they share 3 points:

We are **commanded** to sing (the most common command throughout scripture)

We are **created** to sing

Because of God’s Love we are **compelled** to sing

I encourage you to take the time to listen to what they have to say.

As I am writing this, we are mourning the loss of yet another one of our Adult Choir members. Ralph Kreider was a faithful member of the choir for his entire life and we will miss his enthusiasm and cheerful spirit. This is my 18th year as Music Coordinator, over that time we have said goodbye to quite a few of our beloved members. We would love to continue having our Choir, but we need more singers. Won’t you consider joining our choir this year – our first rehearsal will be on October 1st!!

Adult Choir
9th grade - ???
Wednesdays 7:30

Adult Bells
Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30
In Room 26



Children's Outreach Ministries Update

As Children's Outreach Ministries prepares to end some of our programs for the summer and start up again with others, I thought I'd take the opportunity to do something a little different for our newsletter portion. Summer CLASP is our program for elementary age children. It runs for approximately 11 weeks during the summer, Monday- Friday from 6:30am-6pm. Every Tuesday and Thursday we are out on field trips and the other days of the week we have special themed days and activities. Some of the trips we've been on this summer are Lake Tobias, Goddard Space Center, Indian Echo Caverns and the Crayola Factory to name a few. As with all our ministries teaching children the love of God is at the center of everything we do. We had five children this summer who were aging out of our program. I asked if they would write something for me about what they've liked about Summer CLASP and what it meant to them. This is what they wrote:

Summer CLASP was great, I met so many new friends that I'm still in contact with today. If I were to go somewhere for summer, it would always be here.
~Ethan Kipp

When I first came to Summer CLASP I was a little bit shy, but all of the people here helped me to find friends, and to know God better. I find that our Bible lessons are fun and help us learn about God. Some other things that I enjoy about CLASP are all the fun activities that we do, and just the environment that we're in, it's so great! Also, all the teachers are amazing, and fun! Even though I've only been at Summer CLASP for 3 years, it feels like I've been there for longer with all of the connections I've made. One other thing I enjoy about CLASP is all the field trips we do! We do them on Tuesdays and Thursdays and they're so much fun! We even get to ride a coach bus! Overall, Summer CLASP has been so much fun!

~Emma Olszewski

I loved being with my friends, the games, the activities and just being at Summer CLASP in general.

~Marina Hendrickson

Summer CLASP is one amazing place and full with great opportunities. CLASP stands for Christian Love All Summer Program. The key word is Christian! All day we learn or praise Jesus. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we go on field trips and on Wednesdays we have fun days, and you would have a one of a kind director Kristin Garver. Remember God loves you!

~Emily Alexander

Something I love about Summer CLASP is the feeling that God is closer to me and that I made new friends. Two things I'll miss are the teachers and my friends. Thank you for a great year!

~Bailey Garver



Left to right: Bailey, Emma, Ethan, Emily, Marina

I'm very proud of Children's Outreach Ministries, our staff and the programming. Children and families are being changed and impacted. It is so much more than childcare, it's ministry and it's done for God's glory. I'm grateful to be part of it and thankful for a church that supports and sees the need.

Blessings ~Aliza Kraynak, Administrator

MECHANIC GROVE ROOTS FAMILY MINISTRY

ROOTS NIGHT

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER - MAY

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

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON
OCTOBER 1ST!

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

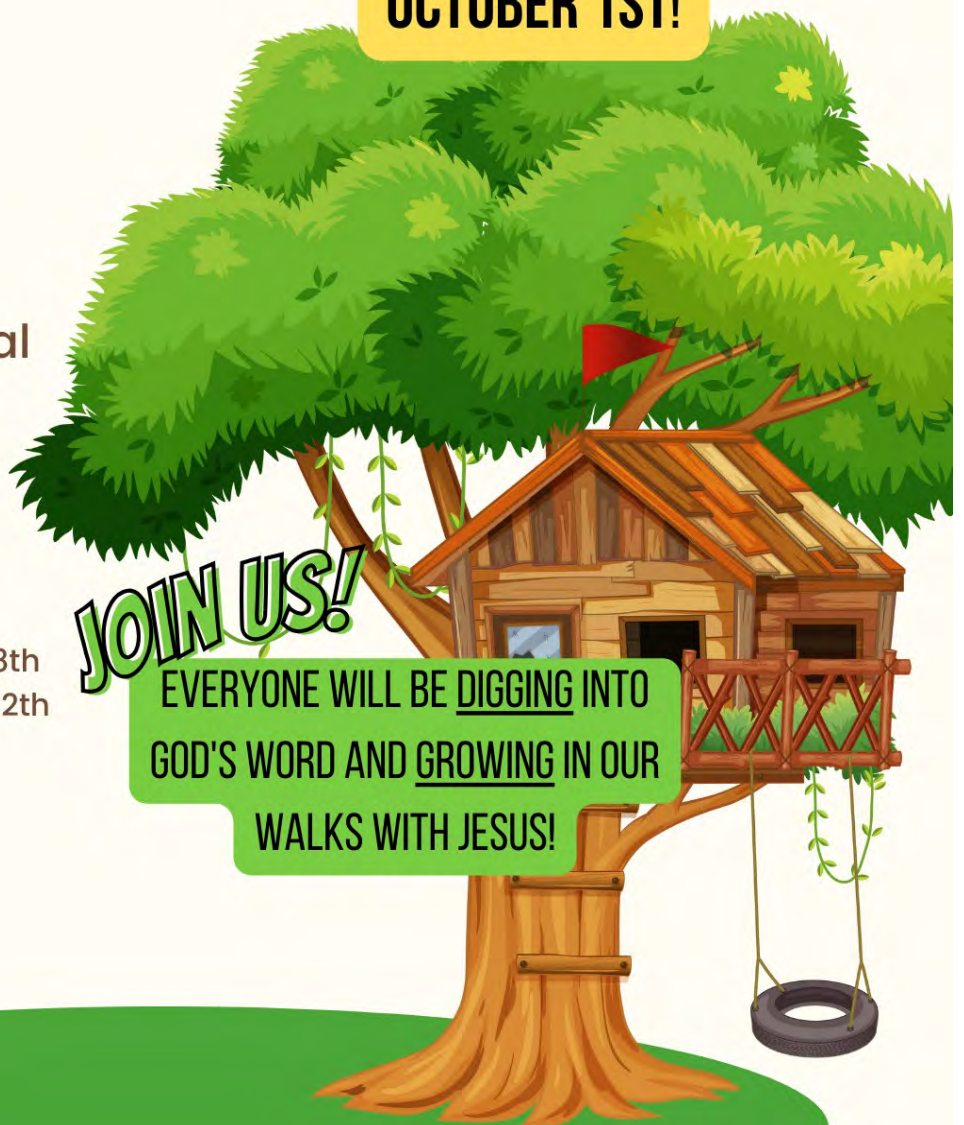
7:30pm - Dismissal

Programming for...

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

JOIN US!

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





Our Small Groups

Meet all year:

WOMEN'S RENOVARE GROUP

Meet weekly Monday mornings at 6 am on ZOOM. We have used RightNow Media materials, which include a study on Psalms by Lisa Harper and Why Does Jesus Matter? by JD Greer. For more information contact Mary Etta Reinhart.

"D" GROUP

Meet Tuesday's at 9:15 am here at the church or 7 pm at Strasburg Mennonite Church. We are currently using *The Bible Recap*. In 2026 we will start *The Gospels Knowing Jesus*. For more information contact Janae McMichael

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 or would like more info, contact Caitlyn Mauger

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

MEN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Meet weekly on Mondays at 6:30 pm at Green's Truck Repair on Kirkwood Pike. Currently studying *Survey of the Bible* by Bruce Wilkinson. For more information contact Bob Swarr

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

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

Meet September/ October - May

SHARE AND PRAYER

In the hopes of more participation, we are brainstorming our Monday evening Zoom prayer time. Such as just the first Monday of each month? If you have any interest or suggestions, contact Mary Etta Reinhart or Kay Swarr.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 6:30 pm in Room 14 and starts September 24. We will be studying I Peter. Led by Pastor Kevin.

**** Will not meet November 27****

SISTERS IN CHRIST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meet Thursday mornings at 9 am in Room 14 starting September 25. We will be using Francis Chan's Book of James on RightNow media. Contact Carol Trimble

MOM'S MINISTRY

Meet second and fourth Friday from 10 - 11:30 am in the nursery starting September 12. We offer support and resources to mothers of babies and preschoolers through Gospel-centered parenting and practical help, building a community for one another and inspiring spiritual hope.

Contact Paige Herr

TUESDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP

Meet the first and third Tuesdays at 7 pm in room 14 and will start October 7. We will be studying The Book of Jonah led by Dave Platt on RightNow Media. We are always looking for new folks to join us! Contact Mary Etta Reinhart

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!!!

Any questions, please contact Tammy Wood.

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meet at 7 am in Room 14 and will start September 20. Facilitator is Bud Hart. Do NOT meet the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Bud Hart or Bob Swarr. **Will be using The Upper Room Devotional**

NEW -CARING HEARTS

This group is for those who are caring for their aging parents.

The hope for this group is that we can lift each other up in prayer, provide support and share ideas with each other on how to handle different situations. We will look at *The Heart of the Caregiver* and *The Peaceful Caregiver* on RightNow Media. Contact Rhonda Heidinger



FALL-WINTER 2025

Sunday School

*Reconvening at 9:30am
starting Oct 6th*



LIL' ROOTS - MGCB 10 ROOT TRUTHS, KIDS WING



YOUTH ROOTS - MGCB 10 ROOT TRUTHS, YOUTH WING



YOUNG ADULTS, ROOM 201



EMBRACING NEIGHBORS, ROOM 212



MESSENGERS, ROOM 208



FAITHBUILDERS, ROOM 205



PEACE MAKERS, ROOM 206



CHRISTIAN WORKERS, ROOM 014



The 2025 Solanco Crop Walk will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Muddy Run Park, 172 Bethesda Church Road, Holtwood PA.

This year, we will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Solanco CROP Walk! Since the first Solanco CROP Walk in 1980, our own community has raised over \$480,000. Last year, there were 34 participants from Mechanic Grove who raised over \$10,000!

Participants in the 2025 Solanco Crop Walk should arrive at Muddy Run at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 18. The walk will start at 9 am. Please remember that this is a “pet friendly” and “family friendly” event! The walking trail is approximately 5 miles long, winding along the trails and roads of the park. An alternate shorter route over easier terrain will be available for those who prefer that option. Refreshments will be served after the walk, so participants will be able to share a time of fellowship.

The Solanco Food Bank receives 25% of the funds raised by the Solanco CROP Walk. The remaining 75% of the funds raise support the work of Church World Service in their efforts to relief the effects of hunger and poverty around the globe.

Sign-up sheets and collection envelopes will be available in the gathering area closer to the date. Invite your friends to join you for this fun and important event.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION



NEXT MAN UP

AN EVENT FOR ALL OF GOD'S GUYS... YOUNG & OLD!


3:00-6:00PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Hey Guys! Join us for an afternoon of hanging out, outdoor "target practice" activities, food & spiritual engagement!

- Attendees will learn and experience the stories of David from the BIBLE, together as BROTHERS in Christ!
- This event is designed for guys in 1st grade to 100 years old! Guys ages 1st - 6th grade must attend with an adult.
- Text "Next Man Up" to 844-564-6146 for more information and to register!

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

came to a close in April until Saturday, September 20. Using the Upper Room as our scriptural and reflection exercise, we invite the men of the congregation to consider joining us this fall. It has been my pleasure and honor to lead this group of dedicated men, and I thank David DeLong and Pastor Kevin for allowing me this opportunity.

Blessings and Peace,
Bud Hart

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US!



COBYS 2025 BIKE & HIKE

Sunday, September 7, 2025
Lititz Church of the Brethren

3-mile Walk • 10 & 25-mile Bicycle Rides
Tasty Tour • Ice Cream Celebration

Walk + Bike + Treat = Hope

Visit www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike for more information

Mission Offering September 14



This offering helps to support the following: Church of the Brethren Global Mission & Service (65%), Lancaster County Council of Churches (25%) and the Nigeria Crisis Fund (10%). Please prayerfully consider supporting these outreach services.



Pastor Appreciation Month was established in 1991 and is officially celebrated the second Sunday in October. The mission was to uplift and encourage pastors, missionaries and religious workers by providing physical, emotional and spiritual support.

Let's take time this month to acknowledge, celebrate and give thanks to our pastoral team here at Mechanic Grove, Pastor Kevin, Pastor Mary Etta and Pastor Rita (and their spouses). Everyone can support them through our daily prayers for them, their families and their ministries. Others may want to remember them this month with a card, a call, words of encouragement, a lunch invitation... you can be creative! Let's show our support as they lead us on our spiritual journey and provide us with pastoral care. We are blessed to have them among us.

WORLD Communion

Join us at the Lord's Table

Sunday, October 5 at 6pm

As we partake of Love Feast and serve each other as Jesus did the disciples.

"Do this in remembrance of me"

MESSENGER

Is the Church of the Brethren magazine and is a good way to keep up to date with the events of the church! If you currently receive or would like to start receiving it, contact Rhonda in the church office by September 21.

ANE Older Adult Coffeehouse

Tuesday, October 21 at 2 pm

@ Lancaster Church of the Brethren

Dave Weiss, a well known Church of the Brethren pastor and artist will share the gift of painting as he shares a message. We will carpool from Mechanic Grove leaving at 1:15 pm.



Save the Date! Thursday, October 23

OAKS fall foliage Howard Tunnel Train ride with lunch. More details to come!



Hiking Group Sunday

October 12 @ 2 pm

We will meet at the Colemanville Church Road Parking Lot access point (use this in your GPS) off of River Road and hike the Enola Low Grade Trail to the newly rebuilt Martic Forge bridge. If you have any questions, contact Mary Etta Reinhart.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Are you looking for a meaningful way to help children and families after disasters?

Do you have a warm heart, patience, team spirit, a sense of adventure and time to give?

Hosted by

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren

777 S. Mount Joy St ~ Elizabethtown, PA 17022

October 17-18 from 4:30 pm Friday - 5:30 pm Saturday

To register go to:
www.brethren.org/cds \$55 registration
fee covers all materials and costs.
Coordinator: Sandy Brubaker
717.598.5195



**CONGREGATIONAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

Date & Time:

Starting At:

Location:

12 | November

7PM

Sanctuary



56th Annual District Conference

October 10-11, 2025

Moderator, Adam Ulm invites you to participate in the upcoming District Conference this October. Our worship service will take place at Spring Creek Church of the Brethren in Hershey, PA on October 10 at 7 pm. Pastor Joshiah Ludwick, Harrisburg First Church, will bring the message. The business session will once again be in the KAV at Elizabethtown College on October 11.

Mechanic Grove Delegates are: Karl & Sue Auken and Jim & Deb Krantz

One Faith. One Lord. One Baptism
Ephesians 4:1-6

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED