

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



KINDNESS/GOODNESS

I choose to be kind and good
in my relationships with others.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor

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October 18, 2026

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Immortal, Invisible"

arr. by Wilson

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pad

Annual Conference Report

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

"Praise to the Lord"

37

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"The Virtue of Kindness"

Ephesians 4:32; Titus 3:4-7 NT p 186, 206

*HYMN

"I Want to Be Like Jesus"

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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

"Amazing Grace"

arr. by L. Smith

*Doxology

"Praise God from Whom"

119

*CLOSING HYMN

"When We Walk with the Lord"

544

*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

Please stand in body or in spirit

The Virtue of Kindness

Ephesians 4:32' Titus 3:4-7

Key Idea: *I choose to be kind and good in my relationships with others.*

1. God has not _____ His _____ from _____. Titus 3:4-5
2. Goodness is _____ the _____ of God
in our _____ and _____. Psalm 145:9
3. The _____ of _____ can _____ the
_____. Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12

I Thessalonians 5:15

Serving Our Congregation Today

Messenger:	Kevin Richardson
Worship Leader:	8:15 Kerri Kreider
AC Report:	Philip & Sheri Johnson
Kid's Sermon:	10:30 Addison O'Donnell
Organist:	8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart
Pianist:	8:15 Sheri Johnson
Sound Tech:	8:15 Philip Johnson
	10:30 Ed Heidinger II
Stream Tech:	8:15 Ed Heidinger II
	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 Graver
	10:30 Sharon Davis, Melissa Houghton & Andi Holzhauer
Ushers:	8:15 Dave Herr, Everett Kreider, Ellis Kreider, Mel Lapp
	10:30 Brent & Amanda Grumbling, Michael & Paige Herr

October 11, 2026 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$8,183.00	In Person Attendance	152
Building Maintenance Fund	\$105.00	Sunday School	106
		Online Attendees	26

10:30 WORSHIP

*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

"Revelation Song"

"How Great is Our God"

"God is Great"

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Morning Prayer

KID'S SERMON

MESSAGE

"The Virtue of Kindness"

Ephesians 4:32; Titus 3:4-7 NT p 186, 206

*CLOSING SONG

"Goodness of God"

*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

The flowers today are given in memory of Dave DeLong by Pat and their children, Christine Schneider, Angie Bowman and Stephen DeLong.

The family would like to invite the congregation to attend Dave's Celebration of Life at 1 pm followed by a meal in the Family Life Center. Light refreshments and visitation with the family will be held in the Gathering Area from 12-1 pm.

Dear church family, Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, food, flowers and visits after Carl's passing. Also thank you to Pastor Kevin and Pastor Rita for their visits and calls. It's a blessing to be part of a loving church family.

~ Doris Graver and family

COMING EVENTS

Messenger subscription renewals are needed by TODAY. If you would like to receive the Messenger magazine, contact the church office.

We are collecting new/gently used coats for **Solanco Coats for All**. Please place coats in the collection box inside the doors no later than Sunday, October 27. Please reach out to a member of the Witness Commission if you have any questions.

Youth Turkey Dinner is next Sunday October 25!

The **Hiking Group** will meet on Sunday, October 25 at 2 pm to hike at Fox Hollow Nature Preserve on the Martic Forge Trolley Trail. There is limited parking at the location, so we will meet at Giant (Buck) at 2 pm to arrange a carpool. Contact Mary Etta Reinhart or Connie Rutt if you would like to join us.

Fall Women's Fellowship event on Thursday October 29 at 6:30 pm. We will enjoy a time of fellowship with a fall themed dessert social and spend some time in worship and prayer to posture our hearts as we enter the thanksgiving season. Sign up in the Gathering Area.

Attention Treasurers: Please have your last bank statement and record book in the office workroom by October 20 for financial review.

Waging Peace featuring **Shane Claiborne**, is November 6 & 7 at Forest Hills Mennonite Church in Leola. This is a two-day gathering exploring what faithful peacemaking looks like in an age of war, polarization, nationalism and violence. For more information visit <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/>

Journey to the Nativity is looking for donations of seasoned firewood for the event. Contact Diane Herr if you're willing to donate.

Love INC needs drivers. If you're interested, contact Glenda Findley.



FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

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

LIL' ROOTS



2YO-4TH

Roots Nights

- Join us this Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 5:45 for a meal, Bible study time, and worship!

BRIDGE ROOTS



5TH-6TH

Roots Nights

- Join us this Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 5:45 for a meal, Bible study time, and worship!

YOUTH ROOTS



7TH-12TH

Roots Nights

- Join us this Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 5:45 for a meal, Bible study time, and worship!

Youth Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

- October 25 (Prep 23 & 24!)

Progressive Dinner - Nov. 22nd

OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

ANE Older Adult Coffee House

- Tuesday, October 20-2 pm Lancaster COB

Fall Foliage/Covered Bridge Tour & Lunch

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

Sign up on the OAKS bulletin board!

YOU'RE INVITED

FIGHTING HUNGER ONE BOWL AT A TIME.

11.7.2026



NOVEMBER 7, 2026

4:30 – 6:30PM (TICKETS REQUIRED)

Dinner & Silent Auction

6 – 6:30PM (SILENT AUCTION CLOSING 6:30)

Stories of Hope

6:30 – 7PM

Final Thoughts & Checkout



TO BUY TICKETS OR DONATE:

1. SCAN THE QR CODE
2. CALL 717.723.8385
3. VISIT <https://onecau.se/emptybowl>

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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.

We at MGCB are taking into account your personal information is private. We continue to take measures to ensure your privacy is of the upmost importance. Please contact the Pastors if you have or would like to include contact information for inclusion in the bulletin. Contact information will not be printed without the expressed consent of the relative party.

****All prayer and praise requests should be sent to Maryettar@mgcb.org. If your prayer request is of a more personal nature, you may ask that your prayer request only be shared with the pastors. ****

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), tuna (can), refried beans, Cheerios (yellow box), granola bars, fruit cups, Triscuits/Wheat Thins, mustard, toothpaste, diapers (size 5 ,6 Pull-ups 3T-5T). Items may be placed in the Mealbarrow in the Gathering Area.



Gardens of Mechanic Grove

This year, our garden group will have a container in the Gathering Area so you may share some of the produce from your gardens, which will be taken to the Solanco Food Bank every Monday, to share with our neighbors.

You may also contribute from the BOGO's of many grocery stores. Through the generosity and support of our members we will be able to share nutritious, fresh produce.

2026 October Board Meeting Highlights

- Thirty-three board members were present.
- All Commissions continue to finalize their 2027 budgets and appointments for 2027.
- Working on updating staff job descriptions
- Nurture Commission reported that the return of Sunday Night Youth Group was a success. Thanks to the Young Adults who attended and helped.
- Board approved the relicensing of Rachel Johnson, which will be voted on at the November Congregational Meeting
- Fall clean-up day will be Saturday, November 7 at 8:00 AM.
- 2027 Budget is being finalized for Congregational Meeting. Special Offerings will continue to be collected by advertising in the bulletin and providing envelopes for those who want to give to those specific ministries. They will not be added back into the budget as a designated offering Sunday throughout the year. Monies collected in 2026 through this process were equal to what had been collected as a weekly offering previously, so we will continue this process for 2027.
- The Executive Committee met with individuals from the ANE District to learn more about where the denomination stands on some issues, mostly related to sexuality. These discussions will continue at the Board level.
- Slate of Officers for 2027 was approved by the board and will be presented at the Congregational Meeting in November.
- Debra Krantz was approved to be added to the Slate on the Gifts Discernment Committee.
- With the resignation of the Family Ministries Director, Pastor Kevin is serving as the liaison between the church and COM.

Activities for the Week of October 18, 2026

Sun:	12:00 pm	Sanctuary/Gathering Area/Kitchen/FLC Reserved
	1:00 pm	Dave DeLong Celebration of Life Service
Mon:	6:00 am	Renovare Group - Zoom
	6:30 pm	COM Board – rm 205
	7:00 pm	Men's Work – rm 14
Tues:	9:15 am	D-Group – rm 205
	10:00 am	Painting Group - Kitchen
	10:30 am	LIFT – rm 304
	1:00 pm	OAKS to Older Adult Coffee House
	7:00 pm	Care Group – rm 205
Wed:	1:45 pm	Bible Adventure
	5:15 pm	Junior Chimes - 203
	5:45 pm	Roots Meal - FLC
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study – rm 14
	6:30 pm	Praise Team – Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Roots Activities
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir – rm 14
Thurs:	9:00 am	Sisters in Christ Bible Study – rm 14
	10:30 am	LIFT – rm 304
Fri:		Kitchen Reserved ALL Day
Sat:		Kitchen/FLC Reserved ALL Day
	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday, October 25, 2026

Birthday Offering

8:15 am Traditional Worship

"The Virtue of Faithfulness"

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL Ages

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Youth Roots Turkey Dinner

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.

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.

ADDITIONAL STAFF

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