

# Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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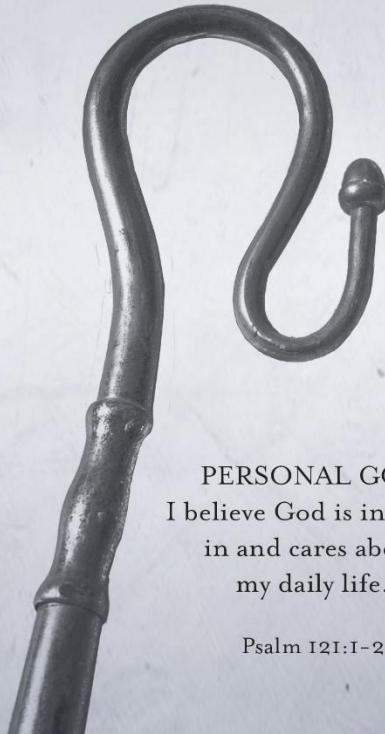
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# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



PERSONAL GOD

I believe God is involved  
in and cares about  
my daily life.

Psalm 121:1-2

**Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor**  
**Janae McMichael, Director of Family Ministries**

**January 11, 2026**

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

*“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

Livingston

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

Installation of Church Board

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*“Our Personal God”*

Psalm 23 OT pg 507

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

*“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

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GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**Two Cent a Meal Offering** is our opportunity to share from our abundance with those who never have enough. The offering jar is on a table in the gathering area for your contributions. Funds go to the Global Food Crisis Fund.

Prayer

Offertory

*“Amazing Grace”*

Smith

\*CLOSING HYMN

*“Take My Hand and Lead Me Father”*

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\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*POSTLUDE

*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

Hughes

\*Please stand in body or in spirit\*

## Our Personal God

Psalm 23

1. Both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ God as being a \_\_\_\_\_. ~v 1a; John 8:58
2. God is a personal God by:
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ for us and \_\_\_\_\_ us to be \_\_\_\_\_. vs 1b,2
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. v 3a
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ us. v 36
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ us in the \_\_\_\_\_. v 4
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_ than we \_\_\_\_\_. vs5-6a
  - F. \_\_\_\_\_ for us \_\_\_\_\_ we will \_\_\_\_\_. v 6b

## Reuelation 3:20

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### Serving Our Congregation Today

Messenger: Kevin Richardson  
Worship Leader: 8:15 Rita Carter  
Children's Story: 10:30 Diane Herr  
Organist: 8:15 Lori Holzhauer  
Pianist: 8:15 Joanne Hershey  
Sound Tech: 8:15 Jeremy Shelley  
Stream Tech: 8:15 Ed Heidinger II  
10:30 Michael Herr  
Welcomers: 8:15 Ed Reinhart & Ken Herr  
9:30 Bill Guhl & Ellie Holzhauer  
10:30 Josh & Amy Housekeeper  
Greeters: 8:15 Sam & Anna Mary Glick  
10:30 Chuck & Carol Groff  
Nursery: 9:30 Kaitlin Bollinger & Amy Housekeeper  
10:30 Gayle Hershberger, Kinsey Rhoads  
& Charlotte Kreider  
Ushers: 8:15 Earle Hershey, Merv Keener,  
Scott Mull, Ray Wimer  
10:30 Youth

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## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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### \*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

*"I Will Follow"*

*"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"*

*"The Saving One"*

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### COMMUNITY BUILDING

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#### Installation of Deacons

#### Morning Prayer

### KID'S SERMON

### MESSAGE

*"Our Personal God"*

Psalm 23 OT pg 507

### \*CLOSING SONG

*"Christ is Enough"*

### \*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

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today we will install the Church Board members at the 8:15 service and the Deacons at the 10:30 service. Thank you for serving the Body of Christ at Mechanic Grove.

The youth are busy planning for summer conferences, mission projects, and various other activities. In preparation for those events, they will be kicking off their first fundraiser of the year...Carmel Popcorn. You may preorder your popcorn now through Friday, January 16. The cost is \$10/gallon bag. It will be distributed on Sunday, January 18 after both worship services. The order form is in the Gathering Area.

## MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

**My family and I** would like to thank you for your cards, visits, and other expressions of caring, and how much it meant to us during this very difficult time of the loss of my sister, Sharon. It is so good to be a part of a caring family of God. Many thanks, Pat Delong

**We would like to thank you** for the ways you have blessed our lives in the past year with your cards, phone calls and visits. Special thanks to the Oaks Ministry for the Goodie Bags filled with so many useful items and delicious candy at Christmas time. We miss you and love you. Best Wishes for a Blessed and Healthy New Year. Glenn & Anna Mary Kreider

Reading plans for **Reading Through the Bible in a Year** are in the Gathering Area.

If anyone has any input or something they would like to see added or changed to the **Journey to Nativity**, we are meeting to recap the 2025 event and start planning for 2026. Please contact one of the following: Diane Herr, Heather Kreider, Hans Herr, Laurie O'Donnell, Amy Housekeeper, Melissa Houghton or Brian Mull.

## COMING EVENTS

**Winter Puzzle Swap** will start January 18! So many of you enjoyed this event last winter that we will be doing it again. Please put your name on the puzzles you bring to "swap", so when the swap is over, they can be returned to you.

**The Book Group** will meet at the home of Kate Enck on January 21 at 9:30 am to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans



# FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

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

**THIS WEEKS KEY QUESTION:**  
DOES GOD CARE ABOUT ME?

**THIS WEEKS KEY VERSE:** PSALM 121:1-2

**DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION:**

START A LIST OF ALL THE WAYS THAT GOD CARED FOR YOU EACH DAY OF THIS WEEK. ADD TO IT EVERY DAY! PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GREAT CARE FOR YOU!



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## LIL' ROOTS



2YO-5TH

### Wednesday Roots Nights

- January 21<sup>st</sup>

### Grow Groups

- K-1:
- 2-3: January 18th

## YOUTH ROOTS



6TH-12TH

### Wednesday Roots Nights - Kingdom Character (guys) +

### More Than Pearls (girls)

- January 21st

### Jr. High Winter Retreat at Black Rock

- January 9th-11th
  - Hannah Kreider, Kennedy Kreider, Cassidy Grumblng, Colton Houghton, Drew Housekeeper, Trey Zander, Advisors: Karl Auker, Kerri Kreider, Janae McMichael

### January Gather Event - Sunday, January 18th

- 12-2pm, Family Life Center
- Game Day with the Young Adults

## OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

### OAKS Winter Movie Showing - "Breakthrough"

- Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm, Sanctuary
  - Ice Cream Social to follow
  - Sign-up in on the OAKS Bulletin Board!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:edh@mgcb.org).

**Solanco Food Bank Needs:** cans of seafood chowder soups, cans of carrots, peas, diced tomatoes, pork and beans, tuna and pineapple, peanut butter, microwave popcorn, applesauce (jars), fruit cups, individually wrapped crackers. Items may be placed in the Mealbarrow in the Gathering Area.

**Reverse Advent Calendar for Solanco Food Bank** is available for those that would like to participate. Drop-off times are listed on the bottom.

## Activities for the Week of January 11, 2026

Mon:	6:00 am	Renovare Bible Study – ZOOM
	6:30 pm	Journey to the Nativity Recap – Gathering Area
	7:00 pm	Commission Meetings
	8:00 pm	Church Board
Tues:	9:00 am	D- Group – rm 212
	10:00 am	Painting Group – Kitchen
	10:45 am	LIFT
	6:00 pm	Pickleball – FLC
	7:00 pm	Care Group – rm 14
Wed:	1:45 pm	Bible Adventure
	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	Sisters in Christ Bible Study – rm 14
	10:45 am	LIFT
Fri:	6:00 pm	FLC Reserved
Sat:	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study – rm 14
	8:00 am	Kitchen Reserved ALL day

## Next Sunday, January 18, 2026

### Mealbarrow Sunday

8:15 am Traditional Worship

*“What is Salvation?”*

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10

Pastor Kevin Richardson

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:30 am Grow Groups grades 2-3

12:00 pm Youth Roots & Young Adults – FLC

## January 4, 2026 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$10,376.00	In Person Attendance	176
Building Maintenance Fund	\$148.00	Sunday School	122
		Online Attendees	35

**Offering Envelopes** have been placed in your mailbox. Some of you have a new number due to cutting back on the amount ordered. If you give online, this will not affect you, keep using the same number. As always, please put your name on the outside for the first few weeks of 2026.

## OUR MISSION

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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

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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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