

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



JOY

Despite my circumstances,
I feel inner contentment and
understand my purpose in life.

John 15:11

Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor

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September 13, 2026

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Hayes

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pad

Mission Moment ~ Brethren Housing Association

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

"Come We that Love the Lord"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"The Virtue of Joy"

Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:9-11 NT p 183, 104

*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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

"I Lift My Eyes to the Hills"

Peterson

*CLOSING HYMN

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

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*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

Please stand in body or in spirit

The Virtue of Joy
Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:9-11

Key Idea

Despite my circumstances, I feel inner contentment and understand my purpose in life.

Three Common Joy Busters:

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

Five Ways to Experience Joy

1. _____ God as _____. Zephaniah 3:17
2. _____ God's _____ in _____. Psalm 28:7
3. _____ your _____ to _____. Philippians 1:25-26
4. _____ your _____ to the _____. 2 Corinthians 7:4
5. _____ to _____. John 15:11; John 15:4

Philippians 2:1-2

Serving Our Congregation Today

Messenger:	Kevin Richardson
Worship Leader:	8:15 Diane Herr
Mission Moment:	Dennise Hill, Executive Director
Kid's Sermon:	10:30 Lori Holzhauer
Organist:	8:15 Lori Holzhauer
Pianist:	8:15 Sheri Johnson
Sound Tech:	Jeremy Shelley
Stream Tech:	8:15 Ed Heidinger II
	10:30 Miichael Herr
Welcomers:	8:15 Ed & Mary Etta Reinhart
	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 Traci Homsher & Peggy Rasmussen
	10:30 Laurie O'Donnell & Sharon Davis
Ushers:	8:15 Ben & Nancy Wenger, Bob & Denise Young
	10:30 Josh & Amy Housekeeper, Hans & Tina Herr

10:30 WORSHIP

*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

"Graves to Gardens"

"Yes, I Will"

"Raise A Hallelujah"

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Morning Prayer

KID'S SERMON

MESSAGE

"The Virtue of Joy"

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*CLOSING SONG

"House of the Lord"

*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

Today is the Mission Offering. If you wish to give, there are envelopes on the table by the Sanctuary doors.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and get well wishes. They were greatly appreciated! ~ Buddy Waltman

COMING EVENTS

This year we will have a **booth at the Solanco Fair**. We are looking for volunteers to fill the 2-hour shifts throughout the day. If you are interested, there's a signup sheet in the Gathering Area. You may also volunteer to help set up and tear down on the signup sheet.

Solanco Fair Milkshake Stand help is needed for the day on Wednesday September 16! Sign up is in the Gathering Area if you're willing to help.

PeaceFest is Saturday September 19 at Lititz Church of the Brethren from 11 am – 4 pm. More information is posted on the Community bulletin board for those interested in attending.

Adult Grow Group Recruitment Fair is next Sunday, September 20. This will be your opportunity to learn about and join in with one or more of our adult Bible studies.

Women's Fellowship Meal at Little Britain Presbyterian Church is September 22 at 6:30 pm. More information is posted on the community bulletin board. **RSVP is needed by September 14!**

Engage: Global Mission Gathering United in Mission is Sunday September 20 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.

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



FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

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

LIL' ROOTS



2YO-4TH

Roots Night are coming!

- Roots nights will resume on October 7th, and Lil' Roots will be learning all about what the big ideas are when it comes to worshipping God - the "who, what & hows!" Start talking with your children about who they might want to invite to come to Roots!

BRIDGE ROOTS



5TH-6TH

Roots Night are coming!

- Roots nights will resume on October 7th, and Bridge Roots will be learning all about what the big ideas are when it comes to worshipping God - the "who, what & hows!" Start talking with your children about who they might want to invite to come to Roots!

YOUTH ROOTS



7TH-12TH

Solanco Fair Milkshake Stand

- Sign-up to help in the Gathering Area! All youth are required to work at least one shift!

Youth Roots Gather

- 10/3* **Date Change!** Jr. & Sr. Youth Roots will be going to Cherry Crest to do the corn maze in the dark! Fireworks @ 8:30!

OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

ANE Older Adult Coffee House

- Tuesday, October 20-2 pm Lancaster COB
 - A carpool will leave the church at 1:15 pm
 - Further details and a sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes

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 13, 2026

Mon:	6:00 am	Renovare Group - Zoom
	7:00 pm	Commissions Meet
	8:00 pm	Church Board Meets
Tues:	9:00 am	D-Group – rm 203
	10:00 am	Painting Group
	10:30 am	LIFT
Wed:	10:00 am	Solanco Fair Milkshake Stand & Fair Booth
Thurs:	10:30 am	LIFT
Sat:	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday, September 20, 2026

Mealbarrow Sunday

8:15 am Traditional Worship

"The Virtue of Peace"

Scripture: John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7

9:30 am Sunday School ALL Ages

10:30 am Worship

6:30 pm Engage Global Mission – Lancaster COB

September 6, 2026 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$19,529.00	In Person Attendance	150
Building Maintenance Fund	\$148.00	Sunday School	68
		Online Attendees	32

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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