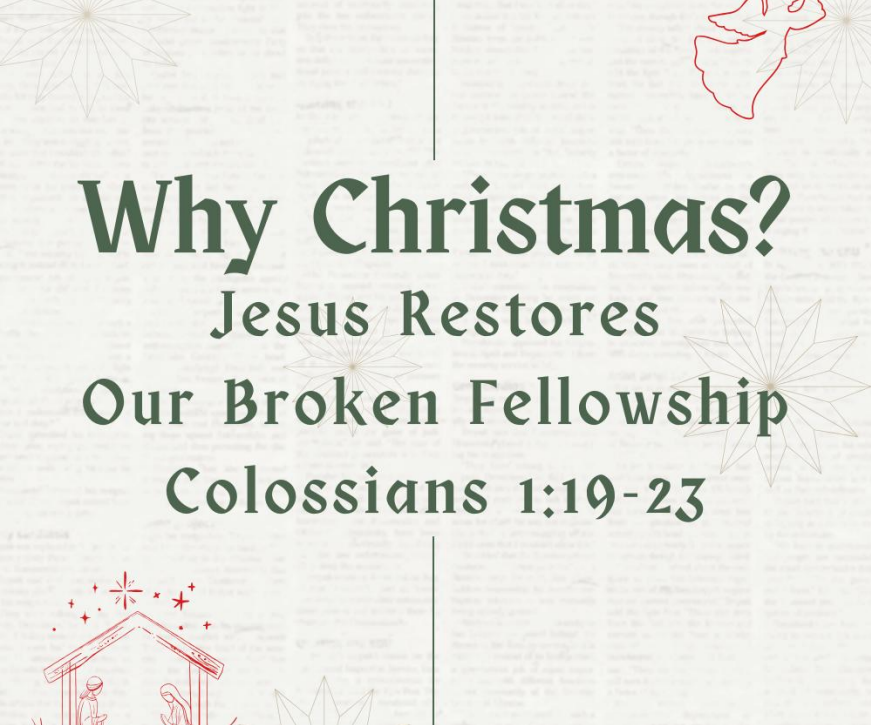


# **Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren**

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## **Why Christmas?** **Jesus Restores** **Our Broken Fellowship** **Colossians 1:19-23**



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Senior Pastor

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Director of Family Ministries

**December 21, 2025**

## 8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

Wilson

*“A Christmas Carol”*

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

Lighting the Candle of Love

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing,

**P: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.**

L: The time is fast approaching for the awareness of God’s loving gift to us – the gift of the Christ child.

**P: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**

L: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God’s eternal love.

**P: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. AMEN**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“We Wait”*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*“Jesus Restores Our Broken Fellowship”*

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\*HYMN

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

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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

*“Coventry Carol”*

Traditional

\*CLOSING HYMN *“To Us a Child of Hope is Born”*

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\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*POSTLUDE

Regent Square

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

\*Please stand in body or in spirit\*

## *Jesus Restores Our Broken Fellowship*

Colossians 1:19-23

1. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ . v 20; Romans 5:10; Galatians 2:2
2. Jesus brings \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. vs 21-22; Isaiah 9:6
3. Jesus' birth is our \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Colossians 1:27

Blessings that come with restored fellowship include:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 27:51; I Timothy 2:5
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_. John 10:10
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:11; John 3:16
4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 2:10

**I John 5:11; 2 Corinthians 9:15**

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### **Serving Our Congregation Today**

Messenger: Kevin Richardson  
Worship Leader: 8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart  
Advent Readers: 8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart & Brooklynn Sagers  
Children's Story: 10:30 Janae McMichael  
Special Music: 8:15 Adult Choir  
Organist: 8:15 Joanne Hershey  
Pianist: 8:15 Sheri Johnson  
Sound Tech: 8:15 Philip Johnson  
10:30 Joshua Auker  
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 Jess Bledsoe & Traci Homsher  
10:30 Heather Kreider, Ann Shelley & Charlotte Kreider  
Ushers: 8:15 Earle Hershey, Merv Keener,  
Scott Mull, Ray Wimer  
10:30 Brad & Bobbie Davis  
Greg & Linda Bledsoe

*Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor: KevinR@mgcb.org  
Janae McMichael, Director of Family Ministries: JanaeM@mgcb.org*

## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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\*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

*"O Come All You Unfaithful"*

*"Behold"*

*"God with Us"*

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

Morning Prayer

KID'S SERMON

**\*\*Lil' Roots in grades K-1 are dismissed to Grow Groups\*\***

MESSAGE *"Jesus Restores Our Broken Fellowship"*

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\*CLOSING SONG

*"We Have a Saviour"*

A child has been given the King of our freedom  
Sing for the light has come this is Christmas

Come and adore Him and bring gifts before Him  
Joy to the world worship the son this is Christmas

CHORUS

This is Jesus Emmanuel here with us  
Tell all the world we have a Saviour we have a Saviour  
We are no longer lost 'cause He has come down for us  
We have a Saviour we have a Saviour

Sing with the angels and lift up your voices  
Join in the song of hope this is Christmas

CHORUS

His love will reign forever His love will reign forever  
His love will reign forever (REPEAT)

CHORUS

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\*CLOSING PRAYER

Acolytes: Addie Bledsoe, Charlotte Kreider, Mallory Stoltzfus

Praise Team: Cameryn Deibler, Ellie Dillow, Phil Hershey, Jake Holzhauer,  
Lori Holzhauer, Hannah & Kennedy Kreider, Caitlyn Mauger,  
Kinsey Rhodes, Jeremy Stoltzfus, Katherine Tshudy

## **HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

The **Young Adults** will meet in the kitchen at 8:30 today for the Sunday school hour.

**Join us tonight for Candlelight Communion at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.**

**Current contact information** has been placed in your family mailbox. If you do not regularly attend, contact the church office to update/make changes to what is currently on file. This will be used for the 2026 directory. Samples are in the Gathering Area.

## **MESSAGES FOR THE BODY**

The **Stewards Commission** extends heartfelt thanks to our church family for your generous giving toward the Strategic Vision. Your willingness to invest in this vision – through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support – has been a tremendous blessing. Now that the project is complete, any remaining funds will be applied toward the outstanding note.

Please note that the project account will be **closed at the end of the year**. We will continue to **accept designated offerings for this account through December**, to help us fully close out the remaining balance. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and partnership in ministry.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Small Group Cornhole League** meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to join us. We will play for fun. Contact Dave Wimer or Phil Hershey for more information. We will resume January 8, 2026.

**1st Monday Share and Prayer:** The Mechanic Grove prayer ministry will resume via ZOOM in January on Monday, January 5 at 7 pm. This prayer opportunity will be offered on the first Monday of the month for all who would like to support the prayer ministry of the church. The ZOOM link will be included with the Monday Prayer list sent out on the day when we will meet. Please plan to join us as we gather to pray for the needs of our church, community and world!



DEEPEN KNUTE GROW  
with  
**the DIG**



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Spotify and Apple Podcast!

# FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

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

**THIS WEEK'S FAMILY THEME:**

**ADVENT WEEK 4 - LOVE**

**THIS WEEK'S DEUTERONOMY 4:35-40**

**ROOT TEXT: 1 JOHN 4:7-12**

**DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION:**

**LISTEN TO THIS WEEK'S ADVENT EPISODE ON "THE DIG" PODCAST AND**

**COMPLETE THE "ADVENT IN ACTION" CHALLENGE!**

## LIL' ROOTS



**2YO-5TH**

### Wednesday Roots Nights

- January 7<sup>th</sup> - Spiritual Gifts Launch!

### Grow Groups

- K-1: TODAY - December 21st ("snow make-up Sunday!")
- 2-3: TODAY - December 21st

## YOUTH ROOTS



**6TH-12TH**

### Wednesday Roots Nights - Kingdom Character (guys) + More Than Pearls (girls)

- January 7th

### Jr. High Winter Retreat at Black Rock

- January 9th-11th

## OAKS



**OLDER ADULTS**

### OAKS Winter Movie Showing

- Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm, Sanctuary
  - Ice Cream Social to follow
- Movie Announcement and Sign-ups coming soon!

# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

IT'S ONE THING TO KNOW THE STORY OF THE  
BIBLE. IT'S ANOTHER THING TO LIVE IT.

What you believe drives everything. The way you behave, the habits you form, the character that defines you at your core - all are driven by what you believe. So, how strongly do we "believers" believe our beliefs?

**Pick up your household's BELIEVE materials  
next Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>!**

Each household will be provided with 2 BELIEVE Adult Study Guide Books. Families with Roots Kids will receive copies of the BELIEVE Student Edition, BELIEVE Kid's Edition and/or the BELIEVE Storybook.

*These materials are sponsored by the Nurture Commission.*



### **Poinsettias Given in Memory of:**

W	The Ones We Lost	Scott & Janae McMichael
R	Our Grandparents	Brad & Bobbie Davis
P	Our Parents	Dave & Pat DeLong
W	Our Parents	Marietta Peters
R	Our Parents	Don & Carol Trimble
W	Paul Auker	Karl & Sue Auker
R	Hiram & Flossie	Bollinger Family
W	Dan & Fritz	Bollinger Family
P	Cindy Bollinger	Bollinger Family
P	Michele Caldwell	Beverly Ray
R	Victor & Mary Ellen Dohner	Peggy & Lars Rasmussen
R	Richard Glisson	Nancy & Dave Wimer
R	Pap Pap Enck & Pop Pop Houghton	Mike, Melissa Jackson, Mason & Colton Houghton
P	Bob Holzhauer	Ellie
W	Demi Holzhauer	Dave & Lori Holzhauer
W	Kendall Holzhauer	Dave & Lori Holzhauer
R	Allen & Betty Kreider	Raleigh & Peggy Osborne
P	John Manges	Mary Manges
R	Charlotte Miller	Rufus & Sharon Kreider
R	Clyde Miller	Karl & Sue Auker
P	Rufus & Eleanor Kreider & Mel & Dorothy Howe	Rufus & Sharon Kreider
R	Cordus Osborne	Raleigh & Peggy Osborne
P	Alice Patterson	Peggy & Lars Rasmussen
R	Bob Peters	Marietta Peters
R	Niels Rasmussen	Peggy & Lars Rasmussen
R	Herma & Verna Shirk	Sylvia Stauffer
R	Frank Robins	Joyce Robins
W	Kim & Ray Sullivan	Rick Graver Family
R	Richard Tshudy "Big Poppop"	Maverick & Davey Tshudy



### **Poinsettias Given in Honor of:**

2P	Our Parents	Brad & Bobbie Davis
R	Loved Ones	Don & Frances Kreider
P	Carl & Doris Graver	Rick Graver Family
P	Joanne Hershey	Lori Holzhauer
P	Mary Etta Reinhart	Lori Holzhauer
R	Erika & Richard Ullman	Rick Graver Family
P	Carolyn Wenger	Lori Holzhauer
P	Nancy Wimer	Ruth Clark





## 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 tomato/chicken noodle/seafood chowder soups, Pop Tarts, cans of pineapple, SPAM and other canned meats, peanut butter, microwave popcorn, applesauce (jars), fruit cups, baby wipes, diapers (size 3-6), Pull-Up (all sizes). 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 December 21, 2025

Mon: 6:00 am Renovare Bible Study – ZOOM  
Tues: 9:15 am D-Group – rm 209  
6:00 pm Pickleball – FLC  
Wed: 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service  
6:30 pm Community AA Meeting – rm 207  
Thurs: Merry Christmas  
Church Office CLOSED  
Sat: 12:00 pm Kitchen/Gathering Area - RESERVED

## Next Sunday, December 28, 2025

### Birthday Offering

8:15 am Traditional Worship

*“Redeeming the Time”*

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-17

Kevin Richardson

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

## December 14, 2025 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$1,290.00	In Person Attendance	177
Building Maintenance Fund	\$75.00	Sunday School	
Advent Offering	\$7,321.00	Online Attendees	29



## 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.

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