



REVELATIONS

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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Unexpected Blessings

When was the last time you received an unexpected blessing? If you are like me, they occur all the time. Reconnecting with an old friend, finding something that you thought was lost forever, the surprise visit from a family member are just a few examples. Blessings from God come in a multitude of ways, but those ones that surprise, those unexpected blessings seem to stand out.

The Bible is full of stories of people who received unexpected blessings. The birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah in their old age or Joseph's rise to power after being sold into slavery by his brothers are examples of unexpected blessings. In the New Testament, Jesus' feeding of the five thousand from a mere five loaves and two fish is a striking example of unexpected blessing. And Paul and Silas in prison singing their praise to God at the midnight hour led to their miraculous release is yet another example.

Perhaps though no greater example exists than of the disciples who were blessed to be with Jesus for nearly 3 ½ years. They witnessed His miracles. They heard his teaching. They saw him change lives. They witnessed his power over nature and over death. They witnessed firsthand the compassionate love and the awesome power of Jesus. But then came holy week. That last week of Jesus' life seems devoid of unexpected blessings. Instead, there is betrayal, violence, discord, and eventually death. Where was the unexpected blessing in the passion of Jesus? Where was the "Aha" moment as Jesus was scourged and nailed to the cross. Where was the unexpected blessing when the perfect lamb of God was slain on the cross of calvary?

The unexpected blessing comes on resurrection morning. When the sorrowful women head to the tomb to embalm their friend, the unexpected blessing is that the stone is rolled away. The unexpected blessing is that the tomb is empty. The unexpected blessing is the news from the angels that Jesus is risen. And for Mary Magdalene the unexpected blessing is hearing the risen Jesus say her name and send her forth to tell the others that He is risen. (John 20:16-17).

My prayer for you as we continue in this season of Lent and anticipate the observance of Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday is that God would overwhelm us with unexpected blessings. Let us continue in our Believe! series and be open to what God has for us as we seek to think, act and be like Jesus. Let us be open to the ways God may choose to work in our lives, often beyond our own plans and understanding. Let us be surprised by unexpected blessings as we continue together in our journey to become just like Jesus!

Yours and HIS!

Pastor Kevin



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 & 10:30 am

Date	Title/Scripture	Speaker
<i>Believe Series</i>		
<i>March 1</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"The 4 T's of Stewardship"</i> Scripture: Psalm 24:1; Mark 12:41-44	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>March 8</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Eternity"</i> Scripture: John 14:1-6	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>March 15</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Worship"</i> Scripture: John 4:7-26	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>March 22</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Lord Teach Us to Pray"</i> Scripture: Luke 11:1-13	Pastor Mary Etta Reinhart
<i>March 29</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Bible Study"</i> Scripture: Hebrews 4:12	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>April 5</i> <i>Easter</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Then they Remembered"</i> Scripture: Luke 24:1-12	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>April 12</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Single Mindedness"</i> Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>April 19</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Total Surrender"</i> Scripture: Romans 12:1-2	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>April 26</i>	Sermon Title: <i>"Community"</i> Scripture: Acts 2:44-47	Pastor Rita Carter

Attendance & Giving

Date	Worship	Sunday School	General Offering		
January 4	211	122	\$10,376.00	Building Maintenance Fund	\$614.00
January 11	212	114	\$9,138.00	2¢ a Meal	\$68.00
January 18	113	43	\$20,980.00	Birthday Offering	\$110.00
January 25	No Services/Sunday School		\$0.00	Brethren Housing	\$100.00
February 1	225	115	\$23,193.31	Food Bank/SNM	\$150.00
February 8	178	107	\$16,366.00	Change for Change	\$0.00
February 15	222	138	\$15,702.00		
February 22	208	118	\$11,381.00		

Maundy Thursday Love Feast

7 PM

Join us for communion and foot (or hand!) washing just like Jesus did at the last supper!

Worship begins in the sanctuary at 7pm, then we will move to the FLC for the meal, foot washing and communion. All are welcome!

Our Couples Celebrating Anniversaries

March

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| 13 Everett & Donna Kreider | 20 Charlie & Edna Wagner |
| 19 Shawn & Jen O'Connell | 29 Bob & Denise Young |



April

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Vince & Judy Becker | 17 Glenn & Rita Carter | 25 Josh & Jess Bledsoe |
| Sam & Anna Mary Glick | Tom & Linda Hunter | 27 Michael & Paige Herr |
| 3 Greg & Linda Bledsoe | 19 Ken & Fawn Sample | 30 Ed & Rhonda Heidinger |
| Ron & Linda Bolt | 22 Dennis & Glenda Findley | Dave & Lori Holzhauer |
| 12 Scott & Sheila Mull | 24 Josh & Britni Akers | Josh & Amy Housekeeper |
| 15 Greg & Cindy Schneider | Jared & Deidra Krantz | |

Celebrating Birthdays...

March

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| 2 Dale Bollinger | 11 Marian Kipp | 16 Rhonda Holloway | 20 Anna Mary Glick |
| Suzie Hershey | Calah Bollinger | Ethan Mellott | Rilee Hershberger |
| 3 Bill Guhl | 13 Lucas Criswell | 17 Anna Jane Glisson | 23 Merv Keener |
| 4 Perrie Holzhauer | Gayle Hershberger | Lucille Wenger | 24 Ilalynn Krantz |
| Donna Kreider (Larry) | Sheri Johnson | 18 Lisa Holzhauer | 26 Jake Holzhauer |
| 6 Jay Myers | 14 Ellie Holzhauer | Sheila Mull | 27 Sue McDonnell |
| 7 Traci Homsher | Brian Landis | 19 Ben Wimer | 28 Rachel Johnson |
| 10 Kyle Johnson | 15 Emma Housekeeper | | |



April

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| 1 Cohen Krantz | 10 June Frey | 15 Rick Graver | 25 Josh Kreider |
| 2 Ron Bolt | Austin O'Donnell | Janet Smith | Lori Holzhauer |
| Denise Young | 11 Wade Davis | 16 Eleanor Herr | Ethan Kipp |
| 3 Alexis Davis | 13 Ed Heidinger II | 21 Brian Berkey | Lars Rasmussen |
| 4 Nancy Frey | Tracy Mauger | Nancy Wimer | 27 Tara Graver |
| 5 Katelyn Teaman | Pam Platt | 23 Jameson Stoltzfus | 30 Doris Snyder |
| 8 Noah Wood | 14 Mike Shoemaker | 24 Kerri Kreider | Kay Swarr |
| 9 Nora Bollinger | | Peggy Osborne | |

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



CANCELLATION OF SERVICES & WEDNESDAY EVENING ROOTS ACTIVITIES

The decision to cancel Sunday morning services is made by the Board Chair and the Pastor. Any decision will be announced on WDAC 94.5 radio, church website - www.mgcb.org, church Facebook page and the church answering machine. If services are not cancelled and you feel it unsafe to travel, join us for worship online!

Wednesday evening ROOTS will be cancelled if Solanco School District has an early dismissal or is **CLOSED**. If we need to make a decision before the school, we will do so by 1 pm and a message will be placed on the church answering machine and the website.

roots family ministry 2026

MAR

3/ 4 - Roots Night
3/4 - Jr. Chimes Practice
3/15 - Youth Gather Event: TBD
3/15 - Bridge Roots Winter Retreat
3/18 - Roots Night
3/18 - Jr. Chimes Practice
3/29 - Palm Sunday
3/29 - Jr. Chimes Presentation
3/29 - Every Generation Sunday

APR

4/1 - Roots Night
4/5 - Easter Sunday
4/5 - Roots Night Song Presentation (Lil' Roots)
4/6 - Youth Fundraiser, Lions Club Meal
4/15 - Roots Night (Family In Service Night)
4/19 - Youth Gather Event: TBD

MAY

5/6 - Roots Night
5/7 - Youth National Day of Prayer Event
5/17 - Youth Gather Event: TopGolf
5/20 - Roots Night Bash

*all dates subject to change -
pending dates include Youth
Roots Fundraisers and
summer conferences*

DEEPEN IGNITE GROW

A FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP PODCAST
FROM MECHANIC GROVE CHURCH

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*Follow along on our *new* podcast!*



*Scan to listen, or search on the Church
Website, Spotify and Apple Podcast!*

WORD SCRAMBLE

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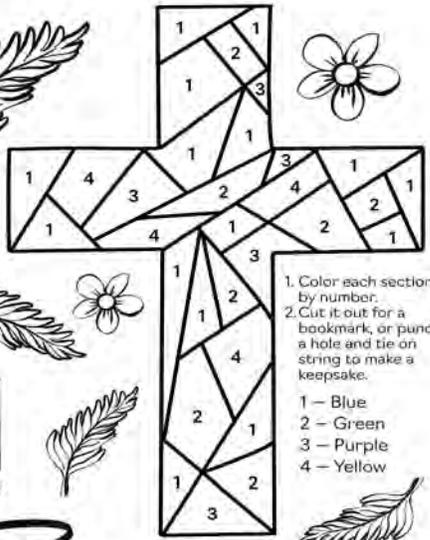
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JESUS, CROSS, LOVE, EASTER, TOMB



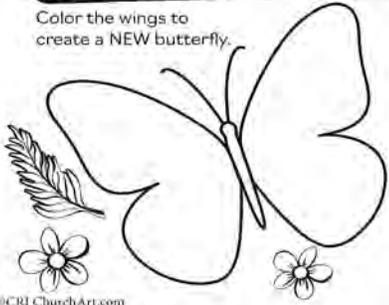
1. Color each section by number.
2. Cut it out for a bookmark, or punch a hole and tie on string to make a keepsake.

- 1 - Blue
- 2 - Green
- 3 - Purple
- 4 - Yellow

JESUS IS ALIVE!

HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID. MATTHEW 28:6, NIV

Color the wings to create a NEW butterfly.



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FIND THE WORDS
EASTER LOVE
JESUS CROSS
RISEN
FORGIVENESS



How many palm leaves can you find?



We are celebrating our **50th** year of **Wee Friends Preschool** by having a **Spring Carnival Fundraiser!** To make this event a success we would love the help of our **Children's Outreach Ministries** families and community members. If you would like to make a donation, forms are available in the **Gathering Area.** Here's to another 50 years of serving God and this community. Blessings ~ Aliza Kraynak, Administrator

**SATURDAY APRIL 18TH,
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
RAIN DATE: APRIL 25TH**

50TH YEAR

WEE FRIENDS PRESCHOOL

SPRING CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER

**1392 ROBERT FULTON HWY
QUARRYVILLE, PA 17566**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
GAMES • FACE PAINTING • FOOD
TRUCKS AND BAKE SALE**

CASH ONLY FOR TICKETS AND BAKE SALE ITEMS

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION



WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Come listen and learn alongside other ANE District women at Spring Fellowship 2026! Ann Clark Van Hine will speak on "Stillness in a Chaotic World" (Psalm 46:10). Register by March 9!



ABOUT THE SPEAKER: ANN CLARK VAN HINE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND, BUT GREW UP IN THE U.S. AND CURRENTLY RESIDES IN LITITZ, PA. ANN IS THE MOM OF TWO DAUGHTERS, THE WIDOW OF A FIREFIGHTER WHO LOST HIS LIFE ON 9/11, A RETIRED SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, A PUBLISHED WRITER, CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER, AND A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR. HER BOOK, *PIECES FALLING*, WILL BE ON SALE FOR \$10 AT THE EVENT.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- SPECIAL MUSIC & HYMN SINGING
- LASAGNA LUNCH
- ENGAGING SESSIONS
- OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRIES

EVENT DETAILS

21 MARCH 2026

8:30AM - 2:30PM

COST: \$25

LOCATION

LANCASTER COB 1601
SUNSET AVENUE,
LANCASTER, PA 17601

***DIETARY ALTERNATIVES & CHILDCARE FOR KIDS AGES 3-8 AVAILABLE; REQUEST ON REGISTRATION FORM.**

March 28, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

MEN'S BANQUET

Join us for a wonderful ham loaf meal prepared by the women and we will follow with entertainment by DKers a juggling duo.





EASTER FOOD BAGS

Items needed:

- Whole ham/ham slices/Giant Gift Card
- 2 cans green beans
- 20 oz can of pineapple (slices or rings)
- 1 lb. bag of carrots
- 5 lb. bag of potatoes
- 1 Yellow or White cake mix (box)
- 1 container vanilla frosting
- 1 dozen eggs
- 1 lb box of butter or margarine
- 1 bag jellybeans
- 1 bag shredded coconut

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ITEMS TO THE FOOD BANK BY MONDAY MARCH 23




FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

March 20-22
Willow Street Mennonite Church

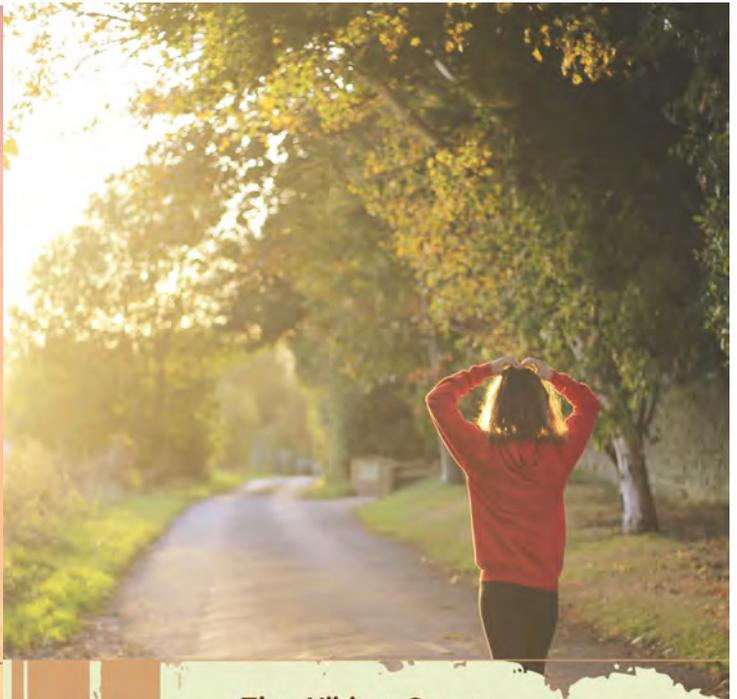
For more information or to register to help visit
<https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2603-022mi-willow-street-pa-lancaster-county/c679291>



Easter Sunrise Service

Scheduled sunrise for Easter 2026 is 6:39 am, so come early for coffee/hot chocolate. We will start our service at 6:15 am (usually 25-30 minutes).

We meet inside on an unheated, enclosed porch at the home of Alan & Pam Platt. We hope you will join us as we together worship our risen savior early on Easter morning. A light breakfast will be served afterwards.



The Hiking Group

will hike the Enola Low Grade Trail to the Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve on Sunday, April 12 at 2 pm. We will meet at the Colemanville Church Road Parking Lot access point off of River Rd (use this for your GPS). If you have any questions, contact Mary Etta Reinhart or Connie Rutt.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

OAKS MINISTRY

A Night in Paris Gala

APRIL 18, 2026 AT 6:30PM
THE BARN OF NOTTINGHAM
101 PONDS EDGE DR,
NOTTINGHAM PA

Come celebrate 10 years of Oaks Ministry!

- Cocktail attire
- French cuisine & mocktails
- Silent auction
- Caricatures
- Live painting of the event to be auctioned
- Whodunit mystery activity

Register here!
(\$75/ticket)

BLAZE THE WAY

5K

RUN & WALK

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026

2905 CAMP SWATARA ROAD, BETHEL PA, 19507

REGISTER ONLINE:

REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM
RACE: 9:00 AM 5K RUN
9:05 AM 1-MILE FUN RUN/WALK
\$100 Cash prize for overall male & overall female competitive 5K runners
Age group awards
Participants 10 and under receive a gift bag & medal.

WWW.CAMPSWATARA.ORG

MORE INFORMATION ON THE CAMP BULLETIN BOARD



May 13

**Spring Congregational Business
Meeting at 7 pm.**

June 18

**Men's Work Disaster Relief Picnic at
Alan & Pam Platt's home.**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED