

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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REDEEMING THE TIME



EPHESIANS 5:15–17

**Kevin Richardson
Senior Pastor**

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December 28, 2025

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pad

*HYMN	<i>"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"</i>	Screen
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"Redeeming the Time"

Ephesians 5:15-17 NT p 186

*HYMN	<i>"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous"</i>	338
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PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Birthday Offerings may be brought forth at this time. These support those in need through our Benevolence Fund.

Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology	119
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*CLOSING HYMN	<i>"Renew Your Church"</i>	363
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*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

Please stand in body or in spirit

Redeeming the Time

Ephesians 5:15-17

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”

Three Key objectives of the *Believe* Series

1. Bring _____ to the _____ of _____.
2. Foster a _____ for the _____ of _____.
3. Become a more _____ to _____.

THINK – 10 Key Truths: God, Personal God, Salvation, The Bible, Identity in Christ, The Church, Humanity, compassion, Stewardship, Eternity

ACT – 10 Key Practices: Worship, Prayer, Bible Study, Single-mindedness, Total Surrender, Biblical Community, Spiritual Gifts, Offering my Time, Giving my Resources, Sharing my Faith

BE – 10 Key Virtues: Love, Joy Peace, Self-control, Hope, Patience, Kindness/Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Humility

Serving Our Congregation Today

Messenger: Kevin Richardson

Worship Leader: 8:15 Janae McMichael

Children’s Story: 10:30 Kevin Richardson

Organist: 8:15 Carolyn Wenger

Pianist: 8:15 Hannah Kreider

Sound Tech: 8:15 Rhonda Heidinger

10:30 Eric Holzhauer

Stream Tech: 8:15 Ed Heidinger II

10:30 Remington Tshudy

Welcomers: 8:15 Mike & Denise Mellott

9:30 Caitlyn Mauger & Sylvia Stauffer

10:30 Herb & Darlene Kreider

Greeters: 8:15 Vince & Judy Becker

10:30 Dave & Diane Herr

Nursery: 9:30 Kaitlin Bollinger & Katherine Tshudy

10:30 Peggy Rasmussen & Maura Housekeeper

Ushers: 8:15 Earle Hershey, Merv Keener,

Scott Mull, Ray Wimer

10:30 Brad & Bobbie Davis

Greg & Linda Bledsoe

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10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

"Christmas Offering"

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

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Morning Prayer

KID'S SERMON

MESSAGE

"Redeeming the Time"

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*CLOSING SONG

"We Believe"

*CLOSING PRAYER

Acolytes: Andi Holzhauer, Perrie Holzhauer & Anna Price

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

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 Staff would like to thank the congregation and the Ministry Commission for their Christmas Gifts. We wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

~ Kevin, Janae, Rhonda, Ed, Sharon, Justine, Aliza & Lori

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!

The OAKS will have a movie day Monday, January 12. We will be watching “Breakthrough”. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 1 pm for the movie and will move to the FLC for an ice cream social following.



Scan to listen, or search on
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:

CHRISTMAS! - CHRIST CANDLE

THIS WEEK'S

ISAIAH 9:2

ROOT TEXT: JOHN 1:1-5

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 7th - Spiritual Gifts Launch!
- January 21st

Grow Groups

- K-1: January 11th
- 2-3: January 18th

YOUTH ROOTS



6TH-12TH

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

- January 7th
- January 21st

Jr. High Winter Retreat at Black Rock

- January 9th-11th

OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

OAKS Winter Movie Showing

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

BELIEVE launches next Sunday, January 4th!

**Pick up your family resources today and
join in one or more of the below options as we learn together
how to **think, act and be like Jesus**.**

**Sunday Morning Sermons
Sunday School Electives for Adults**

**Roots Kids Sunday School
Wednesday Night Bible Study for Adults**

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



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. *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.

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.

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.



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			



- The second Monday _ _ _ _ _
- The last Monday _ _
- The 16th _ _ _ _ _
- One day before the 20th _ _
- The day before the first Friday _ _
- The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
- The day after the 20th _ _
- The day after 18th _ _
- The first day of the second weekend _
- The last Sunday _ _ _
- The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _



Activities for the Week of December 28, 2025

Mon: 6:00 am Renovare Bible Study – ZOOM
Tues: 6:00 pm Pickleball - FLC
Wed: 6:30 pm Community AA Meeting – rm 207
Thurs: New Year's Day ~ Happy 2026!
Church Office CLOSED

Next Sunday, January 4, 2026

Change for Change Offering

Believe Sermon Series Begins

8:15 am Traditional Worship

"One God"

Scripture: Selected Verses

Kevin Richardson

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

December 21, 2025 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$25,687.10	In Person Attendance	220
Building Maintenance Fund	\$2,240.00	Sunday School	120
Advent Offering	\$2,700.00	Online Attendees	18

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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