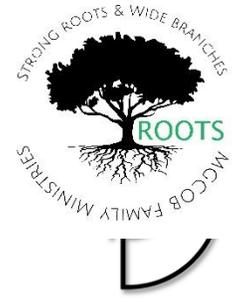




REVELATIONS MECHANIC GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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September 2021

Pastor's Page

It is hard to believe that this summer has almost already come and gone. We will soon be entering back into the fall season. This past summer I have been blessed with the opportunity to take on a part time position here at Mechanic Grove, helping with the youth and also the community family nights that went on throughout the summer which personally were some of my favorite times. Seeing families come out and watching the kids mess around with the fun games that were planned, to watching them run into each other with knocker balls, is always a fun sight to see. Bringing laughter to them as well through skits was also another thing that was fun especially with the amazing help of my brother Elijah or should I say Billy Bob, who did amazing with the skits. Outside of the family nights engaging with the youth this summer has also been an awesome experience. Having intense capture the flag games during youth group or playing dodgeball - it was awesome to have that interaction with the youth. But the discussions we had also whether in youth group or in Sunday school were also something that really allowed for me to get to know more about each individual. When entering into ministry I was unaware of the spiritual challenges that would follow throughout, not just in ministry itself but also in daily life. However, the support from the church community, family, and friends has truly been encouraging throughout this journey and I could not be more thankful for it. I find that working with youth is an important job that is too often overlooked in today's society. But I can safely say that the youth of Mechanic Grove are in good hands with the amazing staff and parents that care for them and the programs that are planned for them. Again, I could not be more thankful for this opportunity this summer to be involved with the youth and some of the family ministry. It was an amazing experience and I look forward to more opportunities that God and the church will provide for me in the future.

Many Blessings, Josiah, Part-Time Summer Intern for Youth & Young Adults

FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

We would like to thank the congregation for their support over the past year as we have been working on finding what type of children and youth ministry position would best serve our congregation in the future. After much thought, prayer and discussion, the Family Ministry Team will be making our final proposal to the Nurture Commission on September 20th. We are hoping to be able to bring our recommendation to the Fall Council Meeting in November.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the members of our team.

David & Lori Holzauer (Facilitators)

Denise Mellott (Nurture Liaison)

Karl & Sue Auker and Eric & Morgan Holzauer (Youth)

Janae McMichael and Laurie O'Donnell (Jr. High)

Amanda Grumbling and Kerri Kreider (Pre-school and Elementary)



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES 8:15AM AND 10:30AM

Date	Title/Scripture	Speaker
September 5, 2021	Sermon Title: "Together...Let Us Give our First Fruits" Scriptures: II Corinthians 9:6-15	Pastor Bob Kettering
September 12, 2021	<i>Spiritual Renewal Sunday</i> Sermon Title: "Forgiving Others" Scriptures: Matthew 6:1, 5-25; 18:21-222	Pastor Bob Kettering
September 19, 2021	Sermon Title: "The Eleventh Commandment" Scriptures: Exodus 10:1-7, 22, 24b; John 13:31-35; Romans 13:3-14	Pastor Bob Kettering
September 26, 2021	Sermon Title: "Who Packed Your Parachute?" Scriptures: Proverbs 3:5-8	Pastor Rita Carter

SERVING THE CHURCH

Welcomers/Greeters

September Welcomers:	8:15 am	Karl & Sue Auker
	10:30 am	Remington & Katherine Tshudy
September Greeters:	8:15 am	Ed & Mary Etta Reinhart
	10:30 am	Carl & Doris Graver
Head Ushers:	8:15 am	Earl Mull
	10:30 am	Dave Holzhauer



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Date	Morning Worship	Sunday School	General Offering	Budgeted Difference*
July 25	84/68	89	\$8,080.00	
July 29	Online Giving		\$280.69	-\$1,675.31
August 1	88/97	105	\$10,606.00	
August 5	Online Giving		\$388.10	+\$958.10
August 8	92/88	N/A	\$8,994.00	
August 12	Online Giving		\$665.59	-\$376.41
August 15	104/84	91	\$12,403.00	
August 19	Online Giving		\$765.89	+\$3,132.89
August 22	69/75	76	\$5,430.00	
August 26	Online Giving		\$280.69	-\$4,316.31

***2021 Weekly budgeted amount needed to make budget: \$10,036.00**

Building Maintenance Fund \$1,805.00
SNM/Food Bank \$200.00

Building Rental \$1,525.00
2 Cent-A-Meal \$50.00

PLEASE NOTE

***All scheduled events in this newsletter** are subject to change. Please check other means of communication such as bulletins, emails, website, etc. for current updates.

***Prayer List** – If you don't currently receive our email prayer list and would like to, please contact the church office or visit: <http://eepurl.com/gNWe95> If you do not use email, there is also a phone prayer chain available.

***Articles for the October newsletter** are due by September 15th.

***Save the Date for 2021 Contributors' Dinner at Camp Swatara** on Friday, November 5th (two seatings: 11:30am & 4:30pm). Details to follow.

***The Ministry Commission has approved** the request of Lori Holzhauer to have her position of Music Coordinator changed from a paid staff position to a volunteer staff position effective immediately. Her duties as Music Coordinator will remain the same. Lori is a gifted and dedicated servant of the Lord. As a congregation we are very blessed to have Lori as our Music Coordinator. We thank her for the generosity of her request.

***Thank you very much** for all the cards, gifts cards, and other gifts I received during Youth of the Week and also for graduation. I really appreciate you thinking of me. I left June 13th to join Froese Brothers Harvesting. We finished the wheat harvest at the end of July in Colorado. Now we are chopping corn. We started around Inman, Kansas and are heading to Dighton, Kansas soon. I am mostly driving truck but sometimes I get to drive a tractor. Thanks again for thinking of me! ~ Cody Landis

***To the Parents of College students:** Please notify the church office with their address at college. We would like to keep in touch with them and continue to send them the newsletter.

***RIGHTNOW MEDIA has come to Mechanic Grove.** On Sunday, August 22, all members of our church family who participate in our church email prayer chain should have received an email invitation to sign in and set up their own free account with RightNow Media. Please take the time to sign in and check out this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in our faith. As a reminder, RightNow Media is a video streaming service that offers over 20,000 Bible Study videos featuring well known writers and speakers like Francis Chan, Matt Chandler, J.D. Greear, Kyle Idleman and many more. All persons who are associated with our congregation are welcome to have access to this amazing video streaming service! If you would like to receive an invitation to RightNow Media but did not receive it, please contact Mary Etta Reinhart at maryettar@mgcb.org or the church office at church@mgcb.org

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

MILK SHAKE STAND

Fair time and Milk Shake Stand time again! The Milk Shake Stand has been a huge fundraiser for the youth in the last couple of years bringing in over \$2000 into the youth account. This has helped our youth attend conferences, retreats and work camps and has cut down on the number of other fundraising efforts we have to do. This is a chance for the church to come and work together to help benefit our young people. If you can donate some of your time on September 15th at the Milk

Shake Stand, we would greatly appreciate it. Signup sheets are in the gathering area!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

An exciting new adult Sunday school class is being started on September 5th called 'New Beginnings'. The New Beginnings class will be an inter-generational class open to all persons who are not involved in a Sunday school class. The class will meet in room 24. The teachers will be Mary Etta Reinhart and Bob Kettering. The class members will help determine the curriculum.

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SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SUNDAY

September 12th will be Spiritual Renewal Sunday. Our pastor, Bob Kettering, will be preaching at the two morning worship services on the theme 'Forgiving Others' based upon Matthew chapter 6 and chapter 18. An evening worship service will take place at 6:30pm with guest preacher and former Mechanic Grove pastor, Earl Ziegler. The evening service will conclude with an anointing service for anyone desiring anointing with oil.

This is an important Sunday for the healing which needs to take place in our church. We pray that all members will seek to make it a priority to attend these worship services as we live up to our baptismal vow to be loyal to the church upholding it with our prayers, our presence, our substance and our service.

BIBLE MUSEUM TRIP

Join us on a trip to the Bible Museum in Washington DC on Saturday, November 13th. The Bible Museum is a 430,000 square foot building just blocks from the Mall and the Capitol in Washington DC. The pickup by Elite coach will be at 6:30AM at the church. Lunch will be on our own, and a stop will be made on the way back. Watch for the procedure to book and pay for your trip which will be out on or before September 10th. Payment is due by October 15th. Please have your payment in on time. Check out the museum by visiting www.museumofthebible.org. Questions, see Ed Reinhart 717.786.4323

GOLF THANK YOU

The Disaster Relief Golf Tournament Committee would like to thank EVERYONE who contributed in

any way to make our day successful. We will be sending a check for approximately \$12,500 to the Disaster Relief Auction in September. We have raised over \$310,000 from the \$10 "grow money" Stanley and Millie Kreider started with 27 years ago. Reserve Friday, August 5, 2022, for next year's tournament at Tanglewood Manor Golf Course.

~Disaster Relief Golf Tournament Committee

WHEELCHAIR WALKS AT BV

Reminder: There are 2 more dates to join in the volunteering at the wheelchair walks. Wednesday, September 15th & October 20th. RSVP to Volunteer Services at 717.581-4551 or volunteer @ BV.org

LIFT CLASSES

LIFT: Nutrition and Strength Training Classes for men & women will be offered by Penn State Extension at Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren.

The eight-week class begins September 14th and continues until November 11th. Two classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 9am and 10:45am. The cost is \$60.00. For information about registration contact Doris Aument (717) 464-6662.

SAVE THE DATES

- **ANE District Conference "Be Renewed in Christ" – In Person & Online: October 1st & 2nd**
- **ROOTS Wednesday Nights: resume on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays beginning in October**
- **Love Feast: Sunday, October 3rd @ 6pm**
- **Commissions and Board Meet: Monday, October 11th**
- **Men's Work Meet: Monday, October 18th**

OUR COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Eric and Morgan Holzhauer	3	Jim and Linda Landis	21
John and Grace Hollinger	6	Brad and Bobbie Davis	22
Michael and Melissa Houghton	13	Larry and Donna Kreider	25
Andre and Katrina Howe	13	Treavor and Sheri Teaman	26
Bob and Joyce Wagner	14	Brett and Lisa Holzhauer	28
Brian and Annice Landis	16	Erik and Angela Schlaghauer	28
Barry and Janet Smith	16	Mike and Linda Shoemaker	30
Dick and Audrey Lefever	19	Mike & Kaitlin Bollinger	30

OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Maura Housekeeper	1	Caitlyn Mauger	10	Trace Houghton	17	Hunter Heisler	21
Erik Schlaghauffer	1	Natalie Kershner	11	Acacia Kreider	17	Camilla Frey	21
Grace Hollinger	2	Mason Houghton	12	Cameron Kreider	17	Randy Clark	23
Cody Landis	3	Greg Schneider	12	Chuck Lund	17	Ken Siegrist	24
Anna Rasmussen	4	Pam Felpel	14	Libby Weaver	18	Ken Rutt	25
Katherine Tshudy	5	Betty Kreider	14	Bobbie Davis	19	Glenn Carter	26
Greg Bledsoe	6	Madison Juarez	15	Dana Landis	19	Cindy Schneider	26
Carl Graver	6	Paula Chubb	16	Harry O'Connell	19	Amanda Schneider	27
Gladys Spears	7	Janelle Brown	16	Scott McMichael	19	Tyler Kreider	28
Kayla Smith	9	Edna Wagner	16	Hannah Kreider	20	Sharon Davis	29
Lisa Wisse	9	Bill Epler	17	Rita Carter	21	Doris Graver	29

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



CHILDREN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES NEWS



Administrator's Newsletter

It is hard to believe that when you read this newsletter we will have already started back to school, and all four of our ministries will be back in session. We waited so long for this past school year to end and have that summer break. Now it seems like we blinked, and it was over. I pray all of you have had an opportunity, even if it was for a few days, to find some respite this summer from this crazy past year.

Our Summer CLASP program for our elementary age students was AWESOME!!! Awesome because just a little over a week into our program, the masking and social distancing mandate were dropped and our staff and children were able to see each other's smiles, laugh and play together. The children had waited a long time for that, and it was a joy to watch them just be kids again. We were able to resume field trips and went to some exciting places, Indian Echo Caverns, Art of Recycle, Laserdome, Hershey's Chocolate World and Treehouse World to name a few. You don't realize how much you miss routine and normalcy until it's gone. This summer was a celebration of all things "normal" again.

We give thanks that as we start our school year, we will be able to start all our programs back mask free. We also give praise that enrollment in all our ministries has increased this year and we are getting back to the numbers we had prior to COVID. Our Primary Program (kindergarten age) has grown in its reputation throughout our community. This year will be the first year we have to close enrollment because we are full. What an amazing testament to Sharon Godfrey our teacher and most especially to God who continues to make His name known through our ministries. We still have openings available in two of our programs. If you know of anyone who would be interested in our Wee Friends Preschool program, please have them contact our Director Sharon Godfrey at (717)806-2161 or sharong@mgcb.org. Also, if you know anyone who would be interested in our CLASP (Before/After program for elementary) please have them contact our Director Tracy Frey at (717)806-2159.

As we move forward into this school year, I must admit that I'm not sure what might happen, as COVID still seems to be impacting our lives. What I do know is God never stops showing Himself faithful to us. He alone knows what families and children need us and need to hear about Him. If we remain faithful to His calling for Children's Outreach Ministries, I know He will continue to make a way!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our programs. We are blessed and beyond excited to do God's work through COM and touch families with the love of Christ.

~ In His Name - Aliza Kraynak, Administrator

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

New members being received by baptism

Kevin Landis

- Son of Jim & Melissa Landis
- He will be entering 10th grade at Solanco High School
- He shows steers and pigs
- He enjoys hunting and riding dirt bike
- He mows at a few local places and works part-time in a machine shop
- He plays basketball

Dawn Wray

- Dawn has been working at Donnelley Financial Solutions for almost 5 years
- During her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her two sons, her mom, her brothers, and their families
- She likes to hike and be in the outdoors in nice weather
- She also enjoys seeing the latest movie in theaters

Logan O'Donnell

- Son of Jerry & Laurie O'Donnell
- He will be going into 7th grade at Swift Middle School
- He shows dairy beef at the Solanco fair and is involved in 4-H
- He enjoys boating and fishing and like sot help out on the farm

Alyssa Herr

- Daughter of Hans & Tina Herr
- She will be going into 5th grade at Providence Elementary School
- She enjoys socializing with her friends
- Her hobby is art, particularly painting
- She enjoys dogs and dance: ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop

Maura Housekeeper

- Daughter of Josh & Amy
- She will be going into 6th grade at Swift Middle School
- She raises and shows goats at the Solanco fair and is involved in 4-H
- She enjoys gymnastics and doing crafts



The Auker family have all been very involved in the Mechanic Grove Church for the past several years. We have come to love and appreciate each of them and their commitment to Christ. They are bringing a transfer of church membership from the Blue Ball Church of the Brethren.

Karl Auker

- Karl has been working for Martin Appliances since 2008.
- He enjoys hunting and helping others

Sue Auker

- Sue works at home full time as a mother to their two sons.
- She loves cooking for her hungry boys.
- She likes the outdoors: mowing, gardening and flowers.

Daniel Auker

- Daniel will be a senior at Solanco
- He works at Westview Farm in Peach Bottom
- He likes farming, hunting and he likes his truck!

Joshua Auker

- Joshua will be a senior at Solanco and he plays on the football team
- He works for AB Hardscape
- He enjoys collecting football cards.

SMALL GROUPS AT MECHANIC GROVE

September is the perfect month to get involved in a Small Group Bible Study at Mechanic Grove. Several of our Small Groups took a summer break and will be starting up again soon. There is no better time than now to join and there is no better place to learn a little more about God's Word than in a Small Group Bible Study setting. We currently have a variety of Small Groups that include men, women, or couples. There are groups that meet either daytime or evening. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ!

In addition to our Bible study groups, we also have many other special interest small groups who meet on a regular (or not so regular) basis. Check out the list below. You may find a group that is right for you!

If you would like to learn more, please contact Mary Etta Reinhart at 717-808-4306 or at maryettar@mgcb.org.

Mechanic Grove Small Groups Fall 2021

<u>Name of Group</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Care (Bible study) Groups</u>				
Renovare	Mary Etta Reinhart	maryettar@mgcb.org	6 AM Monday	Reinhart home/ZOOM
Tuesday Night Care Group	Mary Etta Reinhart	maryettar@mgcb.org	7 PM 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday	Loren Bucher Home
Men's Bible Study	Dave DeLong	717-786-2957	7 AM Saturday	Room 14
Ladies Bible Study	Ellie Holzhauer	717-284-2751	9 AM Thursday	Room 14
"D" (Discipleship) Women's Group	Janae McMichael	janae.mcmichael29@gmail.com	7 PM Tuesday evening	1409 Beaver Valley Pike Willow Street PA 17584
Roots evening Bible Study	Bob Kettering Mary Etta Reinhart		6:30 pm 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday evenings	Room 14
<u>Other small groups</u>				
Weekly Prayer gathering	Kay Swarr Mary Etta Reinhart	crjswarr@comcast.net maryettar@mgcb.org	7 PM Monday Starting in October	ZOOM
Hiking Group	Connie Rutt Mary Etta Reinhart	rutt@epix.net maryettar@mgcb.org	Decided by group	Decided by group
Motorcycle Group	Ken and Connie Rutt	rutt@epix.net	Decided by group	Decided by group
Art Group	June Howell	717-464-9189	10 AM Tuesdays	Art Room
Senior Choir	Lori Holzhauer	dav1lori2@epix.net 717-951-8880	7:30 PM Wednesdays	Room 14
Bell Choir	Lori Holzhauer	dav1lori2@epix.net 717-951-8880	6:30 PM Thursdays	Bell Choir Room

CAMP SWATARA UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAYS 9AM-11:30AM

CAMP SWATARA HOMESCHOOL DAYS

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF BIBLE BASED OUTDOOR ED!
GEARED TOWARDS 1-5TH GRADERS



OCT 14, 2021

Orienteering
(Map and Compass)

NOV 11, 2021

Shelter Building



\$7/student (or \$20/family)

RSVP & Details: www.CampSwatara.org



SATURDAYS 10AM-1PM

CAMP SWATARA EXPLORATION DAYS!

OCT. 2, 2021

Horse Rides
Science Show with Jon!
Candle Making
Crafts



Suggested minimum donation of \$20/family

Rock climbing, mini golf, canoeing at every event!

RSVP & details: www.CampSwatara.org/events

FAITH FORMED. MEMORIES MADE. GOD GLORIFIED.





CAMP SWATARA
FALL CAMP!
OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2021

GRADES 1 - 3
GRADES 4 - 6
(7TH GRADE AND UP EVENT HAPPENING OCTOBER 16, 2021)

24 Hours // Games // Campfire // Creation // Friends // And more!
www.campswatara.org





CAMP SWATARA
FAMILY MOUNTAINSIDE

OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2021

IT'S TIME FOR A FAMILY ADVENTURE.





Work Day

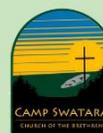
• CAMP SWATARA CLOSING WEEKEND •

OCTOBER
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FREE CAMPING 29 - 31

join us on October 30th to help close the Campground for the season! Volunteers may Camp for FREE the whole weekend. Lunch and Donuts provided.

For questions or to RSVP:
familycamp@campswatara.org
(717) 933 - 5244



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