



Mechanic Grove
Church of the Brethren

REVELATIONS

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May/June 2024

Why We Gather

As you're reading this, spring as sprung in Southern Lancaster County and we're ready to jump into summer. One of my favorite parts about summer worship at Mechanic Grove is a sanctuary full of every generation. I love how we get a taste of both our traditional and contemporary worship services as we blend them together each week. We'll get to experience this again, as we combine worship services for the summer. We'll join together for Sunday School at 9am and then for our combined worship service at 10am. We will operate on this schedule starting June 2nd until September 1st. We will resume our regular worship schedule on September 8th.

I'm excited to worship again with you all in that combined format, but I am also excited about learning alongside you in a new summer Sunday School format for this year! In efforts to continue to encourage intergenerational discipleship opportunities and to foster mentoring relationships and gospel-centered community, Adult Sunday School classes will be combining with another Adult Sunday School class for July and August. That class pair will decide if they will utilize the D6 Curriculum for that two-month block or if they will explore another elective option. These Adult classes may get some surprise elementary and youth visitors throughout the summer!

Think about your time in your Digging Deeper Family Grow Group during the Lent season. We heard such great feedback from you about that time together. We're hoping that you'll get to experience some of the same in this summer Sunday School format. This also helps expand the teacher pool and give rest and flexibility to the current teachers, including Pastor Kevin and myself.

Below is a *tentative plan for how the Adult Sunday School classes could be combined.*

July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Workers + Embracing Neighbors/Common Ground • Peacemakers + FaithBuilders • Messengers + Young Adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Workers + Messengers • Peacemakers + Embracing Neighbors/Common Ground • FaithBuilders + Young Adults

In the midst of a lot that will be going on this summer... vacation schedules, new routines, summer weather and events, and building renovations, remember **WHY** we gather. We don't gather so that we can be with just our friends. We don't gather so that we can be in our favorite classroom. We don't gather because "that is how we've always done it." We gather because "As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are **being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood**, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:4-5

We gather because as we "come to him," in our daily, personal walk with Him, we are "built up" and together we are his "spiritual house," his "holy priesthood." We gather because of and for our Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:7), Christ!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Eph. 3:20-21

Janae McMichael, Director of Family Ministries

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 & 10:30

Date	Title/Scripture	Speaker
<i>Great Questions! Series</i>		
May 5	Sermon Title: "Will God Heal Me?" Scripture: John 5:1-15	Pastor Kevin Richardson
May 12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	Sermon Title: "The Value of Generational Faith" Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3-7	Pastor Kevin Richardson
<i>Real Faith, Real Life ~ A Study of James</i>		
May 19	Sermon Title: "Trials and Temptations" Scripture: James 1:1-18	Pastor Kevin Richardson
May 26	Sermon Title: "Actions Speak Louder than Words" Scripture: James 2:14-26	Pastor Kevin Richardson
June 2	Sermon Title: "Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones" Scripture: James 3:1-12	Pastor Kevin Richardson
June 9	Sermon Title: "Faithful Living in a Broken World" Scripture: James 4:1-12	Pastor Kevin Richardson
June 16 <i>Father's Day</i>	Sermon Title: "Only the Father Will Do" Scripture:	Pastor Rita Carter
<i>Celebrating Our Brethren Values</i>		
June 23	Sermon Title: "Believer's Baptism" Scripture: Matthew 3:13-16	Pastor Kevin Richardson
June 30	Sermon Title: "Love Feast" Scripture: Matthew 26:26-30; John 13:1-17	Pastor Kevin Richardson

EAT AND GIVE SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE!

ANNUAL DISASTER RELIEF PICNIC

Thursday, June 20 ~ Will be serving from 4- 7 pm ~ RAIN OR SHINE!!

The Platt Residence ~ 15 Rush Drive, New Providence, PA

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!

Enjoy an evening of fellowship, good food, and an opportunity to make a donation to help those impacted by disaster. All food is donated, so all proceeds benefit disaster projects.

Checks payable to MGCB Men's Work

Our Couples Celebrating Anniversaries

May

2 Kevin & Ruth Richardson	19 Marvin & Missy Kreider	26 Josh & Heather Kreider
4 Jeff & Tammy Wood	21 Bill & Linda Waltman	29 Scott & Janae McMichael
6 Dave & Diane Nichols	23 Jim & Cinda Showalter	
10 Dave & Lisa Wisse	24 Jim & Deb Krantz	
11 Norm & Sandy Miller	25 Clarence & Carolyn Wenger	



June

2 Dale & Rosanna Bollinger	11 Fritz & Nancy Frey	
4 Scott & Vickie Kreider	12 Earle & Joanne Hershey	
5 Bill & Bette Lou Epler	Bernie & Shannon Houghton	
Zach & Dana Fritz	Herb & Darlene Kreider	22 Carl & Doris Graver
Ellis & Kerri Kreider	15 Dave & Pat DeLong	23 Brent & Amanda Grumbling
9 Rick & Sylvia Drennen	20 Howard & Judy Hendrickson	

Celebrating Birthdays...

May

1 Mary Myers Connie Rutt	12 Wade Holzauer Esther Lloyd	19 Sharon Enck Audrey Lefever	28 Vickie Kreider Dave Wimer
2 Averie Akers	14 Paul Myers	Joyce Robins	29 Sheri Teaman
4 Travis Heidinger Marietta Peters Ken Sample	Jennifer Weaver Ben Wenger	21 Brittney Holzauer Addison O'Donnell	30 Christy Heidinger Nick Kreider Barry Smith
5 Marilyn Moses Elizabeth Phipps	15 Donna E. Kreider Kevin Prewitt Ed Reinhart	22 Paul Trimble 23 Britni Akers 24 Ayden Herr	31 Anita McFadden Mike Mellott
6 Dan Hershberger	17 Fred Frey II Kirk Niels	Dan Wimer Hannah Wood	
8 Bill Waltman	18 Amanda Grumbling	26 Laurie O'Donnell	
9 Holly Kreider			

June

3 Jerry O'Donnell	8 Maverick Tshudy	18 Ed Heidinger Mike Houghton	
4 Brent Grumbling	11 Addie Herr	19 Bernie Houghton	24 Emma Dubble
6 Emmitt Chadwick Lorraine Heidinger Jim Krantz Jim Kreider	12 Joanne Hershey Kathy Homsher	21 Judy Becker Jason Reed	Alexis Heisler Don Trimble
7 Addie Bledsoe Keeley Kreider Martha Weaver	13 Sylvia Drennen Joshua Sample	22 Alyssa Herr Bette Hershey	25 June Howell Jared Krantz
	15 Jeff Wood	23 Melissa Houghton	28 Rick Drennen
	17 Meg Axe		



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

Attendance & Giving

Date	Worship	Sunday School	General Offering	Online Giving		
February 25	201	131	\$7,377.00	\$940.00	Building Maintenance Fund	\$837.00
March 3	220	136	\$11,577.00	\$640.00	2¢ a Meal	\$30.00
March 10	205	122	\$7,556.50	\$140.00	Birthday Offering	\$109.58
March 17	266	118	\$900.00	\$140.00	Brethren Housing	\$50.00
March 24	239	131	\$13,549.90	\$140.00	Food Bank/SNM	\$130.00
March 31	295	155	\$13,821.00	\$940.00		
April 7	223	137	\$7,580.00	\$140.00	Strategic Vision	
April 14	237	121	\$10,632.00	\$540.00	Total 2.18.24	\$143,480.44
April 21	209	141	\$9,405.55	\$140.00	Contributions thru 4.21	102,684.45
					TOTAL	\$246,164.89



Sing to God a brand-new song. He's made a world of wonders! Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band! Round up an orchestra to play for God, add on a hundred-voice choir. Feature trumpets and big trombones; fill the air with praises to King God. Psalm 98 (the Message)

I am looking for some suggestions for special music over the summer. If you know of someone that would be willing to provide special music, please fill out the form below and put it in my mail box. Thank you!!!

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Special Music Suggestion

(name)

(phone #)

(e-mail)



Children's Outreach Ministries Administrator's Update ~ Aliza Kraynak

Wee Friends Preschool, Director Sharon Godfrey: Registration for our 2024-25 school year began in February. Currently we have three less registered than we had for our current school year. That is amazing! We have not had that happen in the last few years, and are excited because in July and August we usually get another influx of registrations come in. We are confident we will exceed our numbers from the 23-24 school year. Many families are new to Wee Friends, and our COM website that Ed Heidinger created is reaping dividends not just for Preschool but our other ministries as well! Our last day of Preschool will be May 10th with our End of the Year programming held Monday May 13th for our 2- and 3-year-olds, and May 14th for our Pre-K. We are excited to show the parents and families all the children have learned and celebrate what has been a wonderful year!

Primary Program (Kindergarten), Director/Teacher Sharon Godfrey: It has been a great school year for Primary. The children have learned and gained so much over the last year. Our final day of school will be Wednesday May 22nd, with the End of the Year Program to be held Tuesday night May 21st. We are hopeful that with Richie Metzler home now that he will have the opportunity to rejoin the class even if it's only for a few days before the year ends. Registration for 24-25 opened in February and the class is already full with 16 children registered. All our programs have grown in their reputation within the community, but Primary most especially. We have never had the class full before the end of the current school year, so this is a very exciting thing. Again, many of our students are new to COM. Unfortunately, this will be the last year for Sharon Godfrey. She committed to this one last year to see a few siblings of former students through. Because of some health issues, she doesn't feel she can commit past the 24-25 school year but will remain on as the Wee Friend Preschool Director. Although we will be very saddened to see this ministry end, we are eternally grateful for the time Sharon has given over the last seven years and for the children and families she has been able to teach and impact.

Child Care, Director Joan Cutler: We remain at full capacity with 32 children enrolled, and 11 on our waiting list. Although we have 32 enrolled, not all attend every day. The maximum we can hold at our facility is 27. COM Board is praying about and exploring the possibility of making the one car garage into an additional room. All the daycares in the Southern End are small. There is a great need for infant care. If we were able to add an additional room to our facility, we could help meet the need that is there. We give praise that our reputation continues to grow, and that our new website is generating so much interest.

CLASP : In January our Director Allysa Tantala resigned to take a position as a school psychologist which is what she obtained her Masters for. While we were very excited for Allysa to have this opportunity, we were greatly saddened to see her go. Allysa had worked for COM for many years, initially as staff and then as Director. After a few months of searching for a new Director to no avail, the COM Board met to discuss options. At this time, I will be taking on the administrative responsibilities of the CLASP Director, and we have hired someone to oversee Summer CLASP which I will talk more about later. The last few months have been a little hectic, but I am so proud and grateful for our staff who have jumped in to help in any and every way possible. We are incredible blessed to have the women we do working here. Currently we have 28 children enrolled for the school year. Not all 28 attend at the same time, some come in the morning, some just in the afternoon and some are here for both. Because CLASP takes registration throughout the school year, we actually have picked up new students in the last few months. Again, our new website is generating inquiries, and the reputation of the program is growing in the community. The fact that Solanco will bus our students to Clermont and Quarryville Elementary is a great asset for us.

Summer CLASP: As I mentioned Allysa our Director resigned in January. We have been able to hire Kristin Garver to be the Director for Summer CLASP this year. Kristin has taught for 13 years in the York area. Initially she started in Elementary, has also taught Emotional Support/Special Needs and is now teaching Middle School. She is a seasoned teacher with broad training and experience in classroom management. We are excited to have her and I'm hopeful that Kristin will be able to return next summer as well. Enrollment opened in February and we currently have 22 children. The biggest influx will come in the next few weeks, and I am hopeful we will get a total of 30-35 children. We just had our first staff meeting last week, and we are excited for the summer. Field trips have been finalized. Some of the places we will be going are Zoo America, Christiana Underground Railroad Museum, State Capitol, Splatter and Glow in the Dark painting, Mid Atlantic Air Museum, and Reading Science Center just to name a few. In total there are 22 field trips planned and we will have a special Christian Ventriloquist show to celebrate our last day. I anticipate this will be a wonderful summer!

There have been many transitions this year in our ministries and there will continue to be more as the church renovation projects begin. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we go through them, that things will run smoothly with little interruption to the programming. Thank you for partnering with us as together we seek to meet the need of the families in the Southern End for God's good and glory.

ROOTS UPDATES



Lil' Roots Bible Handouts - May 19th

3YO - Addie Herr, Everleigh Heidinger, Jameson Stoltzfus
Kindergarten - Perrie Holzauer, Rilee Hershberger, Elizabeth Kipp
3rd Grade - Amber Grumbling, Kinsey Grumbling, Luke Price, Jordyn Doulin



Youth Roots Bible Handouts - May 26th & Senior Recognition - June 9th

6th Grade - Averie Akers, Connor Doulin, Cassidy Grumbling, Drew Housekeeper, Kennedy Kreider, Harry O'Connell
9th Grade - Maura Housekeeper
Graduates - Wyatt Davis, Keeley Kreider, Addison O'Donnell



Youth Roots Serving in Seward, Alaska June 22-29th

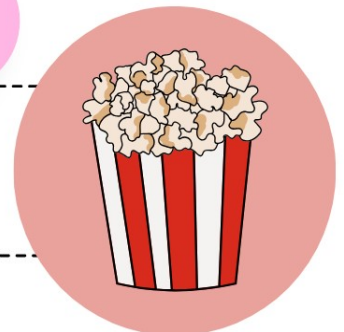
Addison O'Donnell, Cale Ricketts, Ella Hauer, Logan O'Donnell, Mason Houghton, Owen Weaver, Thomas Houghton

Advisors: Bobbie Davis, Dave Wimer, Melissa Houghton, Merv Keener

Outdoor Family Move Night Saturday, June 15th

Mark your calendars for an family outdoor movie night!
Invite your friends and neighbors!

Movie to be announced June 1st



BOLD MINISTRY

HIGHLIGHTS

As BOLD slowly comes to a close in the beginning of May, we finish out the year with “Rise Up Week.”

Rise Up Week is the final two weeks of BOLD for that school year. The riders are asked to pay \$5 for each class they are participating in during those two weeks. All proceeds raised are given to the Rise Up Family for that year. BOLD will collect the miles rode for each class in those last two weeks and match that in dollars!

This year we are supporting Isaiah Koch and his family. Isaiah has a rare neurological condition called SLC6A1. This condition comes with daily challenges for Isaiah and his family. Will you pray over Isaiah and his family in the coming months as we bring them the love and support they need?

GOOD FRIDAY RIDES



Each year BOLD hosts two evening classes on Good Friday. The classes focused on a reflection of who Jesus was and who Jesus is to us now! It is always closed by worshipping together, thanking God for the ultimate sacrifice and the coming King on Easter Sunday!



BOLD SUPPORTS SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Each rider gets a punch on their punch card each class they attend. Once the card is filled, the rider may pick from our spiritual growth basket, which is supplied with bible studies, devotionals, bibles, and study tools! The women look forward to picking a special gift each time!

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

Guest Speaker: Charles Billingsley
GRAMMY nominated, Christian music
artist for nearly 30 years.

Prayer Topics:

Families | Education: Schools/Teachers
Government | Military/First Responders
Media | Businesses | Physicians/Health Care
Churches

Calvary Church
1051 Landis Valley Rd
Lancaster, PA 17601

Time: 6:30 pm | Worship
begins @ 6:15 pm

For more information visit
Lancaster NDP.com



A MILE IN MY SHOES

SPRING FUNDRAISING EVENT

May 2 from 7:45- 9:45 am

Cost \$15/person

Wesley Church 1104 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville PA

Join us for breakfast at 7:45 and learn what it's
like to walk a mile in our neighbors' shoes.
Guests will learn more about the ministry and
the many services we provide. Hear from our
clients, interact with your tablemates as you
work through real life situations our neighbors
face, and more!



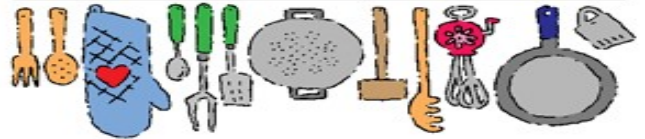
To register visit
<https://solanconehoodministries.org/events/>
Click "A Mile in My Shoes"



Book Group

will meet May 15 at 9:30 at the
home of Ruth Richardson. We
will be discussing the book
"The Women"
by Kristen Hannah.

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Time to spring clean the kitchen and clear
out any items that have accumulated over
time.

Saturday, May 18 8:30-11/11:30

The committee greatly appreciates any
and all hands to complete this task. We do
not have an age limit or amount of time you
can give. We would like to wrap it up by
11:30. Any questions contact one of our
members: Diane Herr, Bobbie Davis, Lori
Holzhauer, Denise Mellot or Denise Young.
A great way to "navigate" your way around
our kitchen!!

**Spring
Congregational
Business Meeting**

**May 8, 2024
7 pm**

You are cordially invited to a
bible & belles

girls event

1st-6th grade attendees will learn and experience the stories of five women from the Bible, seeing that they possess qualities that make them a real-life superhero, a **BIBLE BELLE!**

Saturday, May 11th - 10am-2pm

- This event is designed for 1st-6th grade girls to attend with their mother, or another female family member or friend. If you are bringing more than one girl, you are welcome to bring another adult woman (but no more)!
- ADULT WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND LUNCH AND THE AFTERNOON ADULT WOMENS SESSION! Hear from Bible Belles author and renown women's teacher, Erin Weidemann.
 - Lunch is from 11:45- 12:35.
 - The speaker will share from 12:45-1:30pm.
 - Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

OAKS Peony Farm Tour

Join Us as we attend the Styer Peonies
"Festival of the Peony"

Tuesday, May 21st - Leave Church at 10:30
Enjoy lunch in the area and spend the afternoon in
the gardens.

****This is a self-guided, walking tour.**

See www.styerspeonies.com for more information

The Promise Players present

THE CASE of the

duplicate
date nut loaf



by Tom & Celesta Letchworth

May 17 at 6:00 pm & May 18 at 12:00 & 6:00 pm

Inspector Casey Solved is called to a local church's bake sale and bazaar. As usual, Lillian "Lil" O' Laydee has baked her famous date nut loaf using her family's secret recipe. But wait! Someone else has dared to bake a date nut loaf and put it on the bake sale table beside Lil's! Could it be as good as Lil's . . . or was her recipe stolen and it truly is a duplicate date nut loaf?! The audience gets to vote on who they think the culprit is!

This dinner theater is a fundraiser for The Promise Players' tech fund and is by reservation only.

Visit promiseplayers.org
to reserve your seats today!



Cooking for Crowds

With Jen Mraz
Penn State County Food Inspector

June 1, 2024
8:30-10:30

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This is for all individuals currently involved with the kitchen, volunteers or anyone that may be interested in participating. This is not required to volunteer in the kitchen. You will acquire the knowledge, awareness, skills of food prep, cooking and serving for crowds. Deadline to reserve your spot is MAY 17.
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To reserve your spot contact: Diane Herr, Bobbie Davis, Lori Hozhauer, Denise Mellott or Denise Young

We will gather in the Family Life Center

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A FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

**AUGUST 16-18TH
MECHANIC GROVE
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

**ALL
AGES!**

FRI

7:00pm-8:30pm
Weekend Kick-Off
Worship Service +
World's Largest Ice
Cream Sundae!

SAT

9:00am-8:00pm
Worship, Bible Study,
Games, Crafts, Service
Projects + Snacks for
ages 0-100

SUN

9:00am-1:00pm
Fam Jam Sunday
School, Sunday
Morning Worship +
Parking Lot Party (Food
Truck Lunch)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED