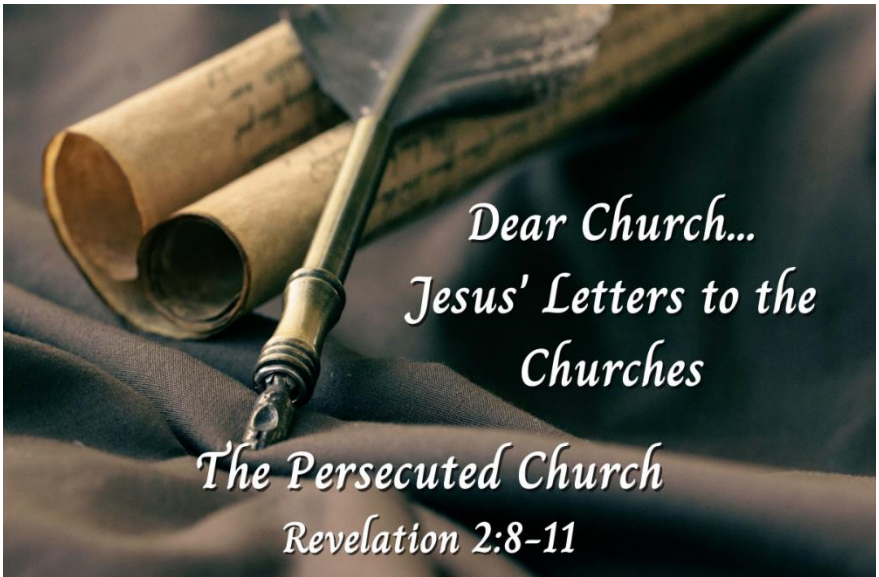


# Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

1392 Robert Fulton Highway  
Quarryville, PA 17566  
Phone: 717.786.2723  
[www.mgcb.org](http://www.mgcb.org)



**Kevin Richardson**  
Senior Pastor

**Janae McMichael**  
Director of Family Ministries

**September 24, 2023**

## MORNING PSALM ~ 8:15

---

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Douglas E. Wagner

*“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

Solanco Fair Video

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PRAYER OF GATHERING

### \*HYMN

*“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

11

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*“The Persecuted Church”*

Revelation 2:8-11 NT p 235

### CHILDREN’S STORY

### HYMN

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

567

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Stewardship Challenge & Prayer

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

Offertory

William M. Runyan

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

### \*HYMN

*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

Screen

### \*CLOSING PRAYER

### \*ORGAN POSTLUDE

Mary MacDonald

*“Blessed Be the Name”*

# The Persecuted Church

## Revelation 2:8-11

1. Smyrna received \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ . v 8
2. Jesus addresses \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ which the church \_\_\_\_\_. vs 9-10a
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus promises a \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ . v 10b

## Isaiah 41:10

---

### Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher:	Kevin Richardson
Worship Leader:	Deb Krantz
Organist:	8:15 Lori Holzhauer
Pianist:	8:15 Sharon Enck
Children's Story:	Darlene Kreider
Sound Tech:	8:15 Rhonda Heidinger 10:30 Eric Holzhauer
Streaming:	8:15 Ed Heidinger II 10:30 Remington Tshudy
Welcomers:	8:15 Ken Herr 10:30 Dave & Diane Herr
Greeters:	8:15 Bill & Carolyn Welch 10:30 Bill Guhl & Ellie Holzhauer
Nursery:	10:30 Gayle Hershberger & Tina Herr
Ushers:	8:15 Ed Reinhart, Brooklynn Sagers Bob Wagner & Don Kreider 10:30 Brent & Amanda Grumbling Jerry & Laurie O'Donnell

### September 17, 2023 - Financial Report

General Offering	\$13,764.93	In Person Attendance	199
Online Offering	\$830.00	Sunday School	126
Building Maintenance Fund	\$106.00	Online Attendees	13

Kevin Richardson, Senior Pastor: [KevinR@mgcb.org](mailto:KevinR@mgcb.org)  
Janae McMichael, Director of Family Ministries: [JanaeM@mgcb.org](mailto:JanaeM@mgcb.org)

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

Solanco Fair Video

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF GATHERING

CHILDREN'S STORY

**\*\*Lil' Roots in grades 2-3 are dismissed to Grow Groups\*\***

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE AND PRAYER

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

\*SONGS OF WORSHIP

Rise for the song as you receive the offering plate

"Shout to the Lord"

"We Fall Down"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"The Persecuted Church"

Revelation 2:8-11 NT p 235

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING SONG

"Take My Life"

\*CLOSING PRAYER



**ROOT  
TEXT:**

**JOHN 4:1-42**

**THIS WEEKS FAMILY THEME:**

**JESUS TRANSFORMS LIVES**

**DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION:**

**DISCUSS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS HOW WE SHOULD  
TREAT ALL PEOPLE AS LOVED BY GOD AND SHARE THE  
GOSPEL WITH THEM.**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**"Fighter Verse" to memorize this week:** "From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him." ~ Isaiah 64:4

## MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

The Lancaster Historical Society's recent journal featured an article "**A Fortnight in Quarryville**". It chronicles the activities of Rufus Bucher and visiting pastor Frank carper as they visited various homes of early generation church members during the two weeks of evangelistic revival services in 1922. If you would like to read the article, contact Lucille Wenger. A copy has been printed and is available for anyone to borrow, read and return.

**TREASURERS:** Please have all books and statements to the church office by October 8 for review. This is for ALL groups within the church.

## COMING EVENTS

**DO YOU KNOW** how the COB operates from the top down starting with our national office in Elgin, IL? Subscribe now to the **MESSENGER** and read all the excellent articles and what the church is doing nation and worldwide. Subscriptions are \$14.50 for one year, \$27 for two years. See Clarence Wenger by September 30.

**The book group** will meet Wednesday, September 27 at 9 am at the home of Ellie Holzhauser.

**Men's Bible Study** will start meeting Saturday, September 30 at 7 am in room 14.

**Dutch Blitz Tournament** Friday, October 6. Refreshments and fellowship at 6:30 - Games begin at 6:45. Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

Help us compile our **Advent devotional "The Wonder of Christmas!"** Contact Mary Etta Reinhart by October 8 to sign-up for a page.

**CROP Walk** is Saturday, October 14 at Muddy Run Park. Participants should arrive at 8:30 am, the walk starts at 9 am. Sponsor sheets and collection envelopes are available in the Gathering Area. Invite your friends and neighbors to join this fun and important event.

**OAKS October Event:** A Celebration of the Music of Fanny Crosby is October 17 at Lancaster Church of the Brethren from 2 -3:30 pm. To sign up, see the OAKS bulletin board. We will plan to carpool.

**New Hope** will be hosting a Grief Support Group for 6 weeks starting October 23. More information is on the Witness Bulletin Board.

**Flavor Fest** will be held Saturday, October 21. Women's Ministry is looking for table hosts. Sign up to host today in the Gathering Area. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful table themes. Contact Caitlyn Mauger or Jenna Martin with questions.

**Hosts needed** for Youth "Gather" progressive "Friendsgiving" meal Sunday, November 19. Great opportunity to meet the youth and chat. Contact Melissa Houghton 717.278.9068 for details/course options.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFO**

**If you wish to place flowers** in the church for anniversaries, birthdays, or other celebrations, please contact the church office.

**All building use requests/event scheduling** need to go through the church office between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm, or email church@mgcb.org.

**Sound/Streaming Techs needed** for both worship services. You would be volunteering for one Sunday per month on a rotation. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Ed Heidinger II at Edh@mgcb.org or 717.344.4177

**Check your family mailboxes** and your **commission mailboxes** weekly for important information.

Announcements for the bulletin are due **by 12 Noon on Wednesdays** to be included in the bulletin. Place in mailbox marked "**Office**" or e-mail to **church@mgcb.org**. *Announcements may be edited.*

**To receive the prayer chain and other e-communications** contact the church office.

**Looking for events for Youth ROOTS** check this out <https://tinyurl.com/MGCBYouthUpdates>

**Copies of both morning worship services are available upon request.** For CDs, please contact Ed Heidinger II (717.344.4177) or Sharon Davis (717.468.4552), for digital copies contact Ed Heidinger II, or request a form from the Sound Technicians.

**Solanco Food Bank Needs:** Low sodium soup, granola bars, Triscuits/Wheat Thin crackers, whole grain spaghetti/pasta, canned chicken/salmon/corn beef/Spam/Vienna sausages, Chef Boyardee Micro Meals, pudding cups, kids juice boxes, Ramen/Cup o' Noodles, Pop Tarts, Rice Krispie Treats, Hamburger Helper, Mustard/ketchup/mayonnaise, peaches 15 oz no sugar or in juice, baby wipes, diapers size 3 or 6, feminine hygiene products. Donations may be placed in the Mealbarrow.

## Activities for the Week of September 24, 2023

- Mon: 6:00 am Renovare Group  
9:00 am BOLD - FLC
- Wed: 9:00 am Book Group  
1:45 pm Bible Adventure  
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study - Room 14  
7:30 pm Adult Choir - Room 14  
7:30 pm Strategic Planning Town Hall - Sanctuary
- Thurs: 9:00 am Sisters in Christ Bible Study - Room 14  
10:15 am BOLD - FLC  
6:30 pm BOLD - FLC
- Fri: 9:00 am BOLD - FLC
- Sat: 7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room 14

## Next Sunday, October 1, 2023

- Worldwide Communion Sunday*  
*Change for Change Offering*  
8:15 am Morning Psalm Worship  
*"The Troubled Church"*  
Scripture: *Revelation 2:12-17*  
Pastor Kevin Richardson
- 9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages  
10:30 am SonLight Worship

***Join us on  
Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 1  
for LOVE FEAST.  
We will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm  
for a time of spiritual preparation.  
Please plan to participate!***



***"Do this in remembrance of me."***

# Core Values

## ***Unconditional Love***

- † "Come as you are"
- † A welcoming family
- † An inviting family
- † A friendly family
- † Romans 12:13; I John 4:7

## ***Faithful Service***

- † Giving (Time, Talent & Treasure)
- † Local & global outreach
- † Matthew 10:42; James 2:14-17

## ***Developing Disciples***

- † Small Groups
- † Children and Youth ministries
- † Caring and learning together
- † Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:42

## ***Jesus Centered Worship***

- † Prayer
- † Biblical preaching
- † Praise
- † Glorifying God
- † Colossians 3:15-17

## ***Lifestyle Witness***

- † Living the example of Jesus
- † Teaching about Jesus
- † I Peter 3:15; I John 2:5-6
- † I Corinthians 6:19

## ***Anabaptist Heritage***

- † Brethren New Testament beliefs (believers' baptism, Love Feast, Anointing, Peace)
- † Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.
- † Matthew 5:9; Hebrews 12:1-2; James 5:13-15

## **Our Mission**

We, the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren, seek to glorify God through worship and to nurture the Body of Christ. We are dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and will share the promise of Salvation through words, deeds, and actions.

## **Our Vision**

To glorify God through Jesus-centered worship and to take His Love into our local and global community through our faithful service, giving and outreach. While affirming our unique Brethren heritage of New Testament beliefs, we welcome all to "come as you are." We believe that by nurturing believers, striving to be more like Jesus, and witnessing with our lifestyle, we will learn and grow together as disciples.

## **Additional Staff**

Mary Etta Reinhart, Volunteer  
Pastor of Congregational Care  
email: MaryEttaR@mgcb.org

Rhonda Heidinger  
Administrative Assistant  
email: Rhonda@mgcb.org

Lori Holzhauer, Volunteer  
Music Coordinator

Rita Carter, Volunteer  
Pastor of Visitation  
email: RitaC@mgcb.org

Email: Church@mgcb.org

Aliza Kraynak  
Children's Outreach Administrator  
email: AlizaK@mgcb.org

Ed Heidinger II  
Technology Coordinator  
email: EdH@mgcb.org

Sharon Davis  
Custodian