

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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April 14, 2024

MORNING PSALM WORSHIP ~ 8:15AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gottschalk

“Holy Spirit, Love Divine”

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pad

Camp Swatara Presentation

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Screen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

“Can I Trust the Bible?”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NT pg. 204

CHILDREN'S STORY

*HYMN

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Screen

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Two Cent a Meal Offering is our opportunity to share from our abundance with those who never have enough. The offering jar is on a table in the gathering area for your contributions. Funds go to the Global Food Crisis Fund.

Prayer

Offertory

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Bach

*HYMN

“Standing on the Promises”

Screen

*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”

Goss

Please stand if you are able

Can I Trust the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. We can trust the Bible because it is _____. It is _____ . v 16
2. We can trust the Bible because it will _____ as it _____ .
vs 16-17; Isaiah 55:10-11
3. We can trust the Bible because it has _____ the _____ of _____ . Matthew 24:35
 - A. _____ the big _____ of _____ .
 - B. _____ different _____
 - C. Written by _____ different authors
 - D. Various _____ and _____ backgrounds
 - E. Over a period of approximately _____
 - F. _____ were separated _____
 - G. Written in _____ different _____
4. We can trust the Bible because _____ it was _____ . John 17:17; Psalm 119:105

John 20:30-31

April 7, 2024 - Financial Report

General Offering	\$10,504.00	In Person Attendance	205
Online Offering	\$140.00	Sunday School	137
Building Maintenance Fund	\$106.00	Online Attendees	18
Strategic Vision	\$10,540.00		

2024 Offering envelopes are available in the office for those wishing to use them.

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GATHERING SONG

“Unashamed Love”

WELCOME

*SONGS OF WORSHIP

“Your Name”

“Forever”

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Offering & Prayer

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“Ancient Words”

KID'S SERMON

****Children in grades K-1 are dismissed to Grow Groups****

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE


“Can I Trust the Bible?”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NT pg. 204

*CLOSING SONG

“Make Room”

*CLOSING PRAYER

 <p>EveryDay Foundations</p>	<p>THIS WEEKS FAMILY THEME: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE</p>
<p>ROOT TEXT: EXODUS 12:1-42</p>	<p>DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION: DISCUSS WITH YOUR FAMILY, OR WITH A CLOSE FRIEND, SOME OF THE SIMILARITIES YOU SEE BETWEEN THE PASSOVER SACRIFICE AND JESUS' ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.</p>

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher:	Kevin Richardson
Worship Leader:	Philip Johnson
Organist:	8:15 Joanne Hershey
Pianist:	8:15 Sheri Johnson
Children's Story:	Jess Bledsoe
Camp Swatara:	Zach Busch
Sound Tech:	Jeremy Shelley
Streaming:	8:15 Travis Heidinger
	10:30 Michael Herr
Welcomers:	8:15 Ed Reinhart & Ken Herr
	9:30 Dennis & Glenda Findley
Greeters:	8:15 Doris Snyder & Sharon Kreider
	10:30 Chuck & Carol Groff
Nursery:	10:30 Linda Frank & Brooklyn Sagers
Ushers:	8:15 Earl Mull, Scott Mull
	Paul & Charlotte Trimble
	10:30 Lars & Peggy Rasmussen
	Dave & Nancy Wimer
Praise Team:	Phil Hershey, Jake Holzauer, Lori Holzauer, Ellie Mankin

We can all be



happy and support our Youth Roots at the same time!

Discounted tickets are being sold as a fundraiser for their mission trip to Alaska this summer. More information and order forms are available in the Gathering Area.



Membership Classes will start April 21 for those who wish to become members. If you're interested, contact Pastor Kevin.

Child Dedication is planned for Mother's Day, May 12. during the 10:30 service. If you would like to have your child(ren) dedicated, contact Pastor Kevin or Janae McMichael.

MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

The **Metzler family** needs our help. They are currently looking for another vehicle. If you wish to give, there is a basket with envelopes in the office. Checks should be made payable to COM. The Metzler family is very appreciative of the support shown to them by Mechanic Grove.

Members will receive a letter this week giving an update on the **Strategic Vision Project**, along with a pledge card. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. We appreciate those that have already donated/pledged funds for this project.

The Finance Committee ~

Ken Rutt, Earle Hershey, Linda Bledsoe and Diane Herr

Due to anticipated changes with the upcoming building project, the library (by room 14) will be eliminated. Please help yourself to any books you would like to have. The remainder of the books will be donated May 1. Contact the Nurture commission with questions.

COMING EVENTS

Hiking Group will meet **TODAY** at 2 pm at Ferncliff Wildlife Preserve, Bald Eagle Rd, Drumore. All are welcome! Contact Connie Rutt with questions.

Join us on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 for an Intergenerational Mission Night. The Witness Commission has partnered with Solanco Neighborhood Ministries to collect snacks for S.W.E.E.P. and the Mennonite Central Committee to collect hygiene items. We will assemble each into bags. Our goal is to collect enough snacks for 300 bags and enough hygiene items for 250 bags. Information regarding snacks and hygiene items needed can be found on the table in the Gathering Area. Please have your items to the church by Sunday, April 14. Thank you for supporting these outreach opportunities.

OAKS River Hills Road Trip with lunch at John Wright's Restaurant April 18. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

Book Group will meet April 24 at 9:30 am at the home of Pam Platt. Discussion on "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James

ANE Older Adult Luncheon will take place May 1 at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland. See the OAKS bulletin board for more information and to select your entrée. Cost is \$23/person. **Deadline to register is April 21.**

Brethren Disaster Ministries Trip - November 9-16. Check your calendars and join us! A location has not been chosen. Any questions, contact Rick Graver @717.940.0828

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.

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

Announcements for the bulletin are due **by 12 Noon on Wednesdays**. They may be placed in the **Office** mailbox or e-mailed to **church@mgcb.org**. *Announcements may be edited. Items for projection* during the service **are needed by 12 NOON Friday**. This will ensure enough time for copyright analysis if needed.

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

CD's of both worship services are available upon request. Contact Ed Heidinger II (717.344.4177) or Sharon Davis (717.468.4552), for digital copies contact Ed Heidinger II.

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: mayonnaise, pudding/applesauce cups, Cheerios (yellow box), Triscuits/Wheat Thins, juice boxes, seafood chowder/soup, reduced/no sodium soups, oatmeal (boxes of individual packs), diapers (sizes 5 & 6 and pull-ups). Donations may be placed in the Mealbarrow.

Let Us Pray & Praise Together



We Praise God for...

- Judy Becker's eye surgery went well. She is not experiencing as much pain in her back.
- All that participated in the Jr High Roots Lock-in here Friday to Saturday.
- Dan Baughman Jr. had successful heart surgery on Monday.

We Pray for...

Needs in our congregation:

- Brianna Davis will have open heart surgery April 25 to repair a recently diagnosed congenital heart defect.
- Dennis Findley will have back surgery on Monday.
- Kay Swarr will have knee surgery on Thursday.

Beyond our Congregation

- Melissa Leidy, Raleigh Osborne's niece, had a liver transplant one year ago and has continued health challenges and complications.
- The Muelenberg family, friends of Dave & Nancy Wimer, have a one-month-old son Clyde who is undergoing treatment for sarcoma.
- Nancy Findley (Dennis' mom) is in the end stages of pancreatic cancer.
- A friend of many in our congregation has asked for prayer for her great niece, Abby Lynn Robinson, who is on life support following a fatal accident in North Carolina. Abby was with five other students traveling from prom to post-prom when the accident occurred.

Children's Outreach Ministries:

Richie Metzler: Huge praise that Richie is home! The transition is hard for him, he misses his friends and children that he has lived with for almost a year and is a little sad. If people would still like to send him cards of joy and encouragement it would be appreciated. The family is still in need of nurses for PM shifts, please pray God would provide the staffing There are many financial obstacles they are facing, please pray for their needs to be met.

COM Dad Bryan Getshall has been battling stage 4 colon cancer. There is a fundraiser June 1 to raise money for his bi-weekly chemo treatments. If anyone is interested in donating or purchasing tickets, contact Brendan @ 610.842.1261 or Duane @ 484.877.7535.

- Unspoken COM family and staff requests.

COM Staff: Joan Cutler ~ Childcare Director

Those with Ongoing Health Issues:

Kate Valentino- friend of Kirk Niels
Ron Davis- friend of Rufus Kreider
Lena Adams - Ben Wenger's renter
Steve Keen -friend of Dave Wimer

Carson White
John Manges
Scott Welch
Ryan Kelbaugh

Willow Valley, Lakeside: Jim Kreider

Willow Valley, The Glen: Emma Dubble, Mel Shaub

Quarryville Presbyterian: Anna Jane Glisson, Charlie & Edna Wagner

Brethren Village: Donna Kreider

Oak Leaf Manor North: Glenn and Anna Mary Kreider

Those Ministering Beyond Our Congregation:

Joyce Wagner – Jennersville
Rita Carter – Mennonite Home
Mary Etta Reinhart - Wilmington

Others in Our World:

County & Local Government officials
CLASP program
Wee Friends Preschool
Missionaries throughout our world
Peace in the Middle East
Persecuted Christians worldwide

We lift up the Global Church of the Brethren ~ Dominican Republic

15 churches, 10 fellowships, 2,800 members

Asking for prayer for the growth of churches, that the older churches are able to plant new churches, and that there would be a revival in their congregations.

2024 ANE District Prayer Calendar:

We pray for...Myerstown ~ Myerstown, PA

Church praying for us...Conewago ~ Hershey, PA

*****All prayer and praise requests should be given to the church office*****

2024 April 8, 2024, Church Board Highlights

- Thirty of thirty-five members present.
- Commission reports were given with the following highlights.
 - Nurture:
 - ✓ Positive feedback on the 5th Sunday intergenerational Sunday School activities, which were held on Easter Sunday.
 - ✓ Volunteers still needed for Bible Belles event. If interested in volunteering talk to Kerri Kreider.
 - Property:
 - ✓ Spring lawn cleanup was successful.
 - ✓ Obtaining bids for lawn care services due to a 20% price increase in our previous mowing contractor
- Witness:
 - ✓ Planning an intergenerational mission activity for Root's Night on April 17.
 - ✓ Church will be sponsoring a family from the Congo. Watch for more details on how we can help with furniture and household items.
- Committee Reports
 - Deacons
 - ✓ Served Love Feast on March 28 to 96 participants.
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - ✓ Meeting with Risk Construction on 4/9/24 to finalize drawings/pricing.
 - ✓ Plans to start work mid to end of May and be completed by September to coincide with school schedule.
 - ✓ Update to be given to the congregation Sunday, 4/14/24.
- There was no Old or New Business items to report.
- Pastor's Reports
 - Pastor Kevin
 - ✓ Thanks to the Deacons and Janae for planning and implanting the recent Digging Deeper Lenten Bible Study. It was well received.
 - ✓ Working with Janae on choosing a new logo for the church.
 - Janae
 - ✓ Recently attended a D6 conference with a group from the church and looking forward to sharing the info they obtained with the congregation.
 - ✓ Meeting with Adult Sunday School teachers to make plans for the summer. Info to follow soon.
- Pastor Mary Etta
 - ✓ Invited everyone to be a part of the Share and Prayer meetings, via Zoom, on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM.

***Spring Congregational Business Meeting is
Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:00 PM.***

Activities for the Week of April 14, 2024

- Mon: 6:00 am Renovaré Bible Study
9:15 am BOLD - FLC/Nursery
7:00 pm Share and Prayer - ZOOM
7:00 pm Men's Work - Room 14
- Tues: 10:00 am Painting Group
10:45 am LIFT - Room 33
6:00 pm Pickleball - FLC
7:00 pm Care Group - Room 14
- Wed: 1:45 pm Bible Adventure
5:45 pm Roots Meal
6:30 pm Family Service Night
6:30 pm Praise Team
7:30 pm Adult Choir
- Thurs: 10:00 am OAKS River Hills Road Trip
10:15 am BOLD - FLC/Nursery
10:45 am LIFT - Room 33
6:30 pm Adult Bell Choir - Room 26
6:30 pm BOLD - FLC
- Fri: 9:15 am BOLD - FLC/Nursery
Sat: 12:00 pm FLC/Gathering Area RESERVED

Next Sunday, April 21, 2024

Mealbarrow Sunday

8:15 am Morning Psalm Worship

Great Questions! Sermon Series

"Do My Prayers Matter?"

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-13

Pastor Kevin Richardson

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages

10:30am Worship Service

10:30 am Grow Groups grades 2-3

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.

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