

# Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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**September 17, 2023**

## MORNING PSALM ~ 8:15

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WORDS OF WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Holden arr. Birchwood

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF GATHERING

\*HYMN

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*“The Apathetic Church”*

Revelation 2:1-7 NT p 235

CHILDREN’S STORY

HYMN

*“O Power of Love”*

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PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Stewardship Challenge

*Mealbarrow Sunday* is the Sunday set aside to bring items for our local food bank to benefit those in need)

Offertory

Stebbins arr. Glyncannon

*“I’ve Found a Friend”*

Offertory Prayer

\*HYMN

*“Christian, Do You Hear the Lord?”*

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\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE

# The Apathetic Church

## Revelation 2:1-7

1. Ephesus was an \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. vs 2-3  
A. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ephesus had become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
v 11
3. Jesus calls the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.  
vs 5-6  
A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus promises all who \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_. v 7

### I John 5:11

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#### Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher:	Kevin Richardson
Worship Leader:	Janae McMichael
Organist:	8:15 Mary Etta Reinhart
Pianist:	8:15 Lori Holzhauer
Special Music:	Brooklyn Sagers
Children's Story:	Janae McMichael
Sound Tech:	8:15 Philip Johnson 10:30 Joshua Auker
Streaming:	8:15 Ed Heidinger II 10:30 Jackson Houghton
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 Donita Reimold & Laurie O'Donnell
Ushers:	8:15 Ed Reinhart, Brooklynn Sagers Bob Wagner & Don Kreider 10:30 Brent & Amanda Grumbling Jerry & Laurie O'Donnell

#### September 10, 2023 - Financial Report

Mission Offering	\$5,516.00	In Person Attendance	170
Online Offering	\$730.00	Sunday School	
Building Maintenance Fund	\$131.00	Online Attendees	11

WORDS OF WELCOME

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CHILDREN'S STORY

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

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE AND PRAYER

***Mealbarrow Sunday*** is the Sunday set aside to bring items for our local food bank to benefit those in need)

\*SONGS OF WORSHIP

Rise for the song as you receive the offering plate

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

*"All Who are Thirsty"*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*"The Apathetic Church"*

Revelation 2:1-7 NT p 235

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING SONG

*"Love the Lord"*

\*CLOSING PRAYER

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**"Fighter Verse" to memorize this week:** "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Flowers today** are in honor of Mike & Melissa Houghton's 20th wedding anniversary.

## MESSAGES FOR THE BODY

**It is a remarkable** help to be part of a loving, caring, praying church fellowship. Thank you all for your prayers and expressions of support and concern. I give thanks for the skill of the doctors that treated me, and most particularly for our God of love and healing; Cille and I are very appreciative of your prayers and support. ~ Glenn Wenger

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.

## COMING EVENTS

**Youth Roots** are looking for your help in the Solanco Milkshake Stand on Wednesday, September 20th! Sign-up in the Gathering Area or online.

**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.

LBPC **Women's Fellowship Meal** is September 26 at 6:30. The speaker is Lori Gill and music provided by the LBPC bell choir. **RSVP to Doris Snyder by TODAY**. There is no cost for the meal, but a basket will be passed.

**The book group** will meet Wednesday, September 27 at 9 am at the home of Ellie Holzhauer. The book to be discussed is Under the Magnolias by T.I Lowe. For more information, contact Mary Etta Reinhart at 717.786.4323 or maryettar@mgcb.org

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

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**New Hope** is looking for a store manager and associate for the Community Closet in Quarryville. Details are on the bulletin board across from the family mailboxes.

### 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.

*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."*



**ROOT  
TEXT:** JOHN 3:1-21

**THIS WEEKS FAMILY THEME:**  
**JESUS GIVES NEW LIFE**

**DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION:**  
DISCUSS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS HOW WE SHOULD  
TRUST IN JESUS FOR SALVATION AND RESPOND TO  
GOD'S LOVE WITH FAITH, OBEDIENCE, AND SHARING  
THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS.

From Church Board meeting on 9/11/23:

- December 24th - We will have one morning worship service at 10:00 am (Sunday School at 9:00 am)
- On Wednesday, September 27 and Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 pm the congregation is invited to preview plans for the church building modifications that will be presented at November Congregational Business Meeting
- Septic System update - Boring underneath parking lot will occur in late September/early October with new system to be installed mid-October
- Security Committee met and made list of top 5 needs
- Wednesday, November 8 at 7:30 pm – Congregational Business Meeting

### **Activities for the Week of September 17, 2023**

- Mon: 6:00 am Renovare Group  
9:00 am BOLD - FLC
- Wed: 9:00 am Youth ROOTS Milkshake Stand SLC Fair  
1:45 pm Bible Adventure
- Thurs: 10:15 am BOLD - FLC  
6:30 pm BOLD - FLC
- Fri: 9:00 am BOLD - FLC  
Disaster Relief Auction - Lebanon Fairgrounds
- Sat: Disaster Relief Auction - Lebanon Fairgrounds

### **Next Sunday, September 24, 2023**

#### *Birthday Offering*

- 8:15 am Morning Psalm Worship  
*"The Persecuted Church"*  
Scripture: Revelation 2:8-11  
Pastor Kevin Richardson
- 9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages  
10:30 am SonLight Worship  
Grow Groups grades 4-5

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# 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

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