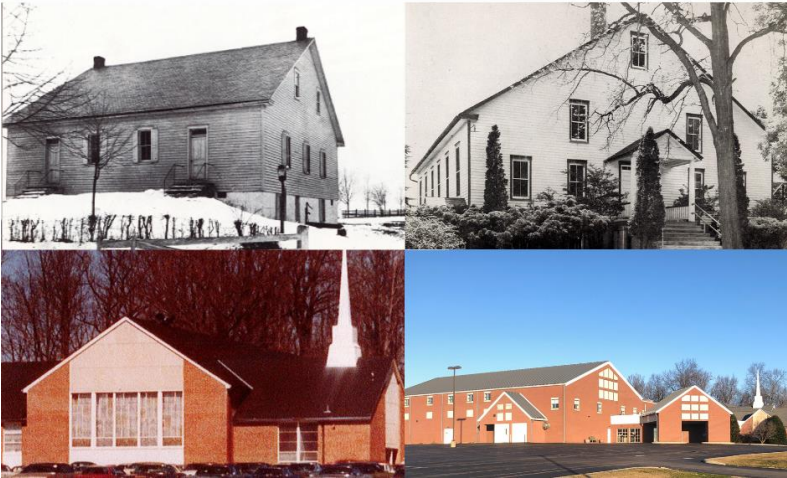


# Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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## 125 Years



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Pastor of Visitation

**Janae McMichael**  
Director of Family Ministries

**October 16, 2022**

## COMBINED WORSHIP ~ 10:30

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### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

Smith

*“The Power and the Glory”*

#### COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

##### \*HYMN

*“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”*

No. 8

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sisters aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?

Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?

Brethren, join your cries to help them, sisters, let your prayers abound!

Pray, oh pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

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##### \*UNISON PRAYER

God of all ages,

we thank you for the heritage

which is the foundation of our faith.

We affirm the faith we have received

and those who nurtured us along the way.

We thank you for the faithful prayers of our mothers

and the caring examples of our fathers.

We thank you for those heroes of faith

who have gone before,

living by their beliefs

and dying for their convictions.

We thank you for our everyday models of uprightness,

who guide us into truth  
by forthright witness and gentle affirmation.  
We thank you for those who found loyalty costly  
and those who are devout in the midst of ease.  
May we walk worthily of those  
in whose unseen presence we live.  
Save us from cowardly surrender to the world,  
that the faith we proclaim will be strong and true,  
boldly affirming your return  
to receive the faithful unto yourself  
for all eternity. Amen

~ Arlene M. Mark *Words for Worship #92*

## SHARING IN SONG AND STORY

Special Music

Older Generation Kreider Quartet

Personal Reflections

Special Music “*If We’re Honest*” Younger Generation Kreider Trio

## SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1 NT p. 216

## \*PRAISE SONGS

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

*Chorus*

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

*Chorus*

In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
I am who you say I am  
(repeat)  
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

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### Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so, so, good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so, so, kind to me

#### Chorus

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God  
When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

#### Chorus

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down coming after me (repeat)

#### Chorus

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32 NT p. 74

### SERMON

“A Time to Celebrate”

### CHILDREN’S STORY

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### Stewardship Challenge

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

\*HYMN

“*For Christ and the Church*”

No. 416

For Christ and the church let our voices ring,  
let us honor the name of our own blessed King.  
Let us work with a will in the strength of youth,  
and loyally stand for the kingdom of truth.

*Refrain*

For Christ, our dear Redeemer,  
for Christ, who died to save,  
for the church his blood has purchased,  
Lord, make us pure and brave.

For Christ and the church be our earnest prayer,  
let us follow his banner, the cross daily bear.  
Let us yield, wholly yield, to his Spirit’s power,  
and faithfully serve him in life’s brightest hour.

*Refrain*

For Christ and the church, willing off’rings make,  
time and talents and gold, for the dear Master’s sake.

We’ll remember the best we can bring to him,  
the heart’s wealth of love that will never grow dim.

*Refrain*

For Christ and the church let us cast aside,  
by his conquering grace, chains of self, fear, and pride.  
May our lives be enriched by an aim so grand,  
then happy the call to the Savior’s right hand.

*Refrain*

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\*PARTING WORDS & BLESSING FOR THE MEAL

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE

“*Triumphant Finale*”

Bliss

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## **Serving Our Congregation Today**

Preacher:	Kevin Richardson
Worship Leaders:	Bob Kettering, Gerry Godfrey, Jim Rhen
Children's Story:	Kevin Richardson
Special Music:	Older Generation Kreider Quartet Everett Kreider Jr., Ralph Kreider, Troy Snyder, Kyle Wenger Younger Generation Kreider Trio Hannah, Kennedy & Charlotte Kreider
Organist:	Carolyn Wenger
Pianist:	Sheri Johnson
Personal Reflections:	Earl Ziegler, Misty Wintsch
Sound Tech:	Joshua Auker
Streaming:	Jackson Houghton
Welcomers: 10:30	Hans & Tina Herr
Greeters: 10:30	Mary Manges & Ruth Clark
Nursery:	Linda Frank, Janae McMichael
Praise Team: 10:30	Jake Holzhauer, Lori Holzhauer, Phil Hershey, Caitlyn Mauger

## **October 9, 2022 - Financial Report**

General Offering	\$10,278.00	In Person Attendance	172
Online Offering	\$770.00	Sunday School	97
Building Maintenance Fund	\$35.00	Online Attendees	8

## **Next Sunday, October 23, 2022**

Birthday Recognition Sunday  
8:15 Morning Psalm Worship  
"Where Are We Going" ~ Pastor Kevin Richardson  
Scripture: Mark 5:1-20  
9:30 Sunday School for ALL Ages  
10:30 SonLight Worship

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

### **MINISTERING BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION TODAY OCTOBER 16:**

JOYCE WAGNER

**WILLOW VALLEY, LAKESIDE:** BETTY GRIFFITH, JIM KREIDER

**QUARRYVILLE PRESBYTERIAN:** ANNA JANE GLISSON

**BRETHREN VILLAGE:** AMOS CUNNINGHAM, DONNA KREIDER

**CANCER PATIENTS:** KATE VALENTINO, VICKIE RAISTRICK, RON DAVIS, MARK STANTON, ,  
BARBARA FITZGERALD, MEGAN RUTT, LENA ADAMS, BILL PUGH, COURTNEY GEIB, ELLIE  
HOLZHAUER

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Please be sure to grab a name tag** the next few weeks as Pastor Kevin and Ruth get to know us.

**The special music today** is provided by descendants of the original Kreider Quartet. They were a well-liked and sought-after singing group for worship services, weddings, funerals and various church functions, not only here at Mechanic Grove, but throughout the community for many years.

**The flowers today** are in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Mel & Ruth Mae Lapp on October 20 and are given by their children.

## **MESSAGES FOR THE BODY**

### **2022 Atlantic Northeast District prayer ministry:**

Church we are praying for: Iglesia Berith, Oasis De Esperanza  
(Lebanon, PA)

Church praying for us: Alpha & Omega (Lancaster, PA)

**October Is Pastor Appreciation Month** ~ Pastor Appreciation Month was established in 1991 and is officially celebrated the second Sunday in October. The mission was to uplift and encourage pastors, missionaries and religious workers by providing physical, emotional and spiritual support. Join us this month as we celebrate and give thanks to our pastoral team here at Mechanic Grove: Pastor Bob, Pastor Kevin, Pastor Mary Etta and Pastor Rita (and their spouses). We are blessed to have them among us.

**To: The Ministry Commission and the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren** ~ On behalf of the staff, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your pastor appreciation gifts shared with the staff last Sunday. We are blessed to serve such a loving and generous congregation. Each week at our staff meetings, we spend time praising God for you and how privileged we are to be in ministry together for Jesus Christ and His Church. Your expressions of appreciation, many gifts and prayers throughout the year mean so much to us. I am reminded of Hebrews 13:16 which says, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Thank you for sharing your blessings with us. ~ Pastor Kevin Richardson

**Articles for the November newsletter are due October 20.**

**2023 Telephone Directory:** Please stop by the table in the Gathering Area and check the information currently on file. Please make changes as necessary.

**From our One Year Bible reading email group this week:** As I'm reading Jeremiah, I feel like I can hear Jeremiah shouting at us! Jeremiah 5:30-31 in The Message: "*Unspeakable! Sickening! What's happened in this country? Prophets preach lies and priests hire on as their assistants. And my people love it. They eat it up! But what will you do when it's time to pick up the pieces?*"

**Treasurers for all church groups** are asked to turn in their recent financial records (checkbook register and bank statements, etc.) to the church office by **today October 16** for their annual review by our Mechanic Grove Financial Review committee. Contact Mary Etta Reinhart for questions. 717-786-4323.

**Anyone interested in contributing** to the expenses of the African Church of the Brethren pastoral teaching seminars being conducted by Marla Abe and Bob Kettering from October 26 to November 13 can earmark a contribution to Brethren World Mission or send it directly to Brethren World Mission; PO Box 393 Manheim, PA 17545 with designation: African Seminars.

**We are in need of** a few Sound Technicians for both the 8:15 & 10:30 worship services. You would be volunteering for one Sunday per month on a rotation. If you are interested, please see Ed Heidinger II or contact him at Edh@mgcb.org or 717.344.4177

**Volunteers needed** to help with the Roots Meals. If you are able to help setup tables and chairs, tear down, wash dishes, bring desserts and/or drinks or if you are interested in cooking a Roots Meal, please contact Bobbie Davis. Meals are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's each month through April 2023.

**Join us for programming for ALL ages** for Roots Night on Wednesday, October 19th. ALL are welcome for the meal and devotions at 5:45pm. Join us for activities for all ages following the meal...

- Adult Bible Study: Kingdom Heroes, led by Mary Etta Reinhart in Room 14
- Adult Small Group Discussion Groups: Table Talk, led by Brittney Holzauer in the Gathering Area
- Kids and Youth will be dismissed for Dig N' Grow Activities



**It's that time of year again!** We are collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 13th. There is information on a table located in the Gathering Area. Papers with gift ideas are available on the table for the different age groups (2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs, 10-14 yrs). Girl ideas are listed on one side of the paper and boy ideas are listed on the other side. Contact Mike, Tracy or Caitlyn Mauger with any questions. Suggested donation is \$10/shoebox. This helps with the packaging and sending. Last year our church contributed 95 shoeboxes that brought the love of Jesus to 95 children. Awesome!!

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Men's Work will meet** Monday, October 17 at 7 pm in Room 14. Ever wonder what we do? Join us to find out! Men of all ages welcome!

**An evening to support New Hope** Counseling Center October 20, 2022 from 5 - 8 pm at Providence Church, 269 Cinder Road New Providence, PA 17560 Adult \$20; Child under 12 \$10; Family \$60 Order tickets online at [newhopeministry.info](http://newhopeministry.info) or call (717) 786-2802 Drop in between 5 and 8 p.m. Enjoy dinner from local restaurants, bid on silent auction items, enjoy entertainment from Jesse Rothaker and Glenn Hough, and discover what the Hope Chest is all about. See you on October 20, 2022!

**ANE Older Adult** Coffee House October 27 from 2 – 3:30 pm at Lancaster COB. Gathering at the Water Hole ~ Unique Biblical Storytelling by Liz Bidgood Enders. No Reservations required! Free coffee, tea and cookies.

**All are invited to attend** the 2022 Contributors' Dinner at Camp Swatara on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. Two mealtimes are again offered, at 12:30 and 6:30, with seating times beginning 1/2 hour prior to each meal. Questions and/or if interested, please contact Doris Snyder at 717-284-3389. **Reservations will be accepted until October 24.**

**When you are grieving** a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. We are once again offering: Surviving the holidays on November 5 at 9:30. This two-hour seminar will help in dealing with your emotions, what to do about traditions, will provide helpful tips for surviving social events and show you how you can find hope for the future. Your facilitators are Pastor Rita Carter and Pastor Brian Berkey. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church for further information and to register for the seminar.

**A Child Dedication** service is being planned for November 13. If interested, see Pastor Kevin or Janae.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFO**

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

**Attention Sunday School Teachers:** Please place your attendance booklets in the Sunday School Secretary's mailbox after class. It is located near the pastors' mailboxes.

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

**Solanco Food Bank Needs:** 4 pack toilet paper, boxed instant oatmeal (individual serving), tissues, boxed cheesy & regular scalloped potatoes, mayo, Nissan cup o noodles, snack pack size applesauce, Hi-C juice boxes, granola bars, Chef Boyardee micro cups, Individual pancake pouches, saltine crackers, cooking oil, size 5/6 diapers, 8 pack variety breakfast cereal, Snack Pack pudding, jello or fruit and baby wipes. Donations may be placed in the Mealbarrow.

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.**

**CDs or digital 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.

**Looking for events for the Mechanic Grove Youth?** Find our youth calendar online at <https://www.mgcb.org/youth>, join us in GroupMe <https://bit.ly/MGCOBYouth>.

**New address:** Hannah Wood – Box 1375  
Lycoming College  
1 College Place  
Williamsport, PA 17701

## **Activities for the Week of October 16, 2022**

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- Mon: 6:00 am Renovare via ZOOM  
9:00 am BOLD - FLC  
10:00 am BOLD - FLC  
7:00 pm ZOOM Share & Prayer Time  
7:00 pm Men's Work – Rm 14  
7:00 pm Commissions Meet  
8:00 pm Church Board followed by Executive Committee
- Tues: 9:00 am LIFT - Rm 33  
7:00 pm Care Group – Rm 14
- Wed: 1:45 pm Bible Adventure  
5:15 pm Junior Bells – Rm 26  
5:45 pm ROOTS Meal  
6:30 pm Various ROOTS activities  
6:30 pm Praise Team  
7:30 pm Adult Choir – Rm 14
- Thurs: 9:00 am Women's Bible Study – Rm 14  
9:00 am LIFT - Rm 33  
6:30 pm BOLD – FLC
- Fri: 9:00 am BOLD – FLC
- Sat: 7:00 am Men's Bible Study – Rm 14

## **Core Values**

### ***Unconditional Love***

- † "Come as you are"
- † A welcoming family

### ***Jesus Centered Worship***

- † Prayer
- † Biblical preaching

- † 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

- † 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**

Lori Holzhauer  
Music Coordinator

Sharon Davis  
Custodian

Aliza Kraynak  
Children's Outreach Administrator

Ed Heidinger II  
Technology Coordinator

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