Mechanic Grove
Church of the Brethren

REVELATIONS

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February 2023

Something New

In just a few weeks, on February 22, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is typically defined as an annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 weekdays to Easter.

A typical custom for many of us is giving up something ("fasting from something") for Lent. People find many different kinds of things to give up for Lent. I know people who tell me that they give up chocolate for Lent. Or they give up dessert for Lent. Some people give up going to Starbucks (or maybe the Daily Grind?) for their favorite coffee or other hot beverage during Lent.

I would like to suggest that this year, for Lent, we begin a different custom. This year, let's not "give up" something for Lent. Instead, I would like to suggest that we begin "something new". If there is something that you have been wanting to do and just never have gotten started, let's consider starting that "something new" for Lent. When we begin something new for Lent, we have the possibility of starting a new "Holy Habit" that may stay with us. Here are some ideas for "something new" you might want to start for Lent:

Bible Reading: If not doing this already, set a time to read the Bible at the same time every day (morning or evening?)

Join a small group: Our congregation has several small groups where folks meet to learn and challenge each other to grow in their faith.

Sunday school: If you are not already a part of a Sunday school class, consider joining one. If you are already a part of a Sunday school class, then commit yourself to preparing ahead of time for Sunday school (or a small group) so you will be better prepared to participate in that class.

Daily praise: Plan to listen to Christian music in the car or while working at home. This will allow God to speak to you as you are going about your regular day's activities.

Prayer: Pray for and send a card to one person from the Prayer and Praise list each day

Generosity: Give the same amount of money that you spend on a personal treat (Starbucks coffee or Hershey chocolate) to a charity like Solanco Neighborhood Ministries.

Outreach: Make a call every day (or once a week?) to a lonely neighbor or friend. Maybe make a list of 7 lonely neighbors and friends and call one of them each day of the week.

The list could go on. I would like to challenge each of us to try something new for Lent. This "something new" may become a "Holy Habit" that continues in our life after Lent has ended. When we "give up" something for Lent, we usually return to enjoying the "habit" that we have given up during Lent. But, if we start "something new" during Lent, we may be starting a new "Holy Habit" that we can continue all through the coming year. What Holy Habit will you be beginning this year in the season of Lent?

~ *Mary Etta Reinhart,* Pastor of Congregational Care

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES 8:15am and 10:30am

Date	Title/Scripture	Speaker
	Series: Simply Jesus! ~ based on the Gospel of Luke	
February 5	Sermon Title: "Lord of the Sabbath" Scripture: Luke 6:1-10	Pastor Kevin Richardson
February 12	Sermon Title: "Where Did that Come From?" Scripture: Luke 7:1-10	Pastor Kevin Richardson
February 19	Sermon Title: "Grace on Display" Scripture: Luke 7:36-50	Pastor Kevin Richardson
	Lenten Series: Journey to the Cross	
February 26	Sermon Title: "Focused on Calvary"" Scripture: Luke 9:51-62	Pastor Kevin Richardson

SERVING THE CHURCH

Welcomers/Greeters/Ushers

Welcomers:	8:15 am	Ed Reinhart
	10:30 am	Dave & Nancy Wimer
Greeters:	8:15 am	Howard & Judy Hendrickson
	10:30 am	Joyce Robins & Linda Frank
Head Ushers:	8:15 am	Earl Mull
	10:30 am	Dave Holzhauer, Chuck Groff
Ushers:	8:15 am	Vince & Judy Becker Don Trimble, Brooklynn Sagers
	10:30 am	Youth

Nursery for SonLight Service

February 5	Esther Lloyd	Tina Herr
February 12	Amy Graver	Rick Graver
February 19	Melissa Houghton	Deb Krantz
February 26	Amanda Grumbling	Katherine Tshudy

Attendance & Giving

Date	Worship	Sunday School	General Offering	Online Giving	Budgeted Difference
January 1	162	44	$7,820.65	$270.00	-$3,773.35
January 8	193	80	$17,209.86	$770.00	+$6,115.86
January 15	219	136	$11,252.10	$770.00	+$158.10
January 22	208		$7,661.00	$270.00	-$3,933.00

Building Maintenance Fund	$5,334.00	2 Cent-a-Meal	$10.00
Benevolence/ Birthday	$13,200.00	SNM/ Food Bank	$50.00
Change for Change	$5,000.00	Christmas Offering	$19,233.11

* $11,864.00 is the weekly amount needed to meet the 2023 Budget

OUR COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

8 Barry & Meg Axe
14 Walt III & Heidi Cunningham
18 Steve & Gail Grosh
20 Mark & Kris Welk
25 Merv & Nadine Keener

OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

2 Craig Chubb
Charlotte Kreider
4 Ellie Grasty
5 Summer Landis
7 Nathan Kreider
Charlotte Trimble
9 Brad Davis
Lisa Heisler
11 Cleo Freese
12 Linda Bledsoe
14 Randy Hart
Elijah Reimold
Mel Shaub
15 Anna Mary Kreider
Jenn Nolt
16 Jennifer O'Connell
17 Dave Herr
18 Sam Glick
Travis Heisler
Herb Kreider
Bob Wagner
19 Amy Housekeeper
22 Karl Auker
23 Dave DeLong
24 Logan O'Donnell
25 Jacey Hershberger
Earl Mull
26 James Landis II
27 Kennedy Kreider
28 Mary Manges
Raleigh Osborne

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

CANCELLATION OF SERVICES & ROOTS ACTIVITIES

The decision to cancel Sunday morning church services will be made by the Board Chair and the Pastor. Any decision to cancel will be announced on WDAC, 94.5 radio, the church website home page (www.mgcb.org), church Facebook page and the church answering machine. If services are not cancelled and you feel it unsafe to get to church for you or your family, please worship with us online in your own at home!

For ROOTS Wednesday cancellations, we will follow cancellation or early dismissal decisions determined by Solanco School District. If school has been cancelled or dismissed early, **there will be no ROOTS activities**! There may be other occasions when we need to cancel ROOTS before Solanco makes its decision. In those cases, we will do so by 1 pm on Wednesday. A message will be placed on the church website and church answering machine.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

Attention ALL Men of Mechanic Grove: Our annual banquet for this year is being held on March 31 at 6:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors and even your coworkers to our church. They will enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by the women, followed by entertainment by Leo Goodman, a priest from Harrisburg who will entertain with illusions and magic for those of all ages. Reservation forms will appear in your church mailbox. Just complete and return with payment to the basket marked "Men's Banquet" in the church office. Any questions, contact Dave DeLong at 717.786.2957.

Thank you so much for your gift of $2,739.50 to the Lancaster County Food Hub.

Your gift ensures that the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter in our Lancaster community are met. Many of our neighbors are especially vulnerable during this time of uncertainty.

All of these core services are rooted in faith and compassion and delivered by a passionate and dedicated team, as well as amazing volunteers who serve our clientele with dignity and respect. Thank you for walking beside us in this journey of service.

With our grateful thanks for your kind and generous support in this new year!

With Gratitude,
Paige McFarling
Executive Director

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event

This is the eighth year and the event is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, March 24-26 at Willow Street Mennonite Church, Willow Street, PA. 1,500 volunteers will pack 300,000 meals to help alleviate world hunger.

If you are age 5-205, WE NEED YOU!!! You will work 2-hour shifts to pack 300,000 meals in three days. To sign up you may do so (*mid February*) at the following link:
https://give.fmsc.org/campaign/2303-022mi-willow-street-pa-lancaster-counry/c415663

Packing times are as follows:
Friday, March 24 1:30-3:30 pm, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, March 25 9:00-11:00 am, 12:00-2:00 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm, 5:00-7:00 pm
Sunday, March 26 1:30-3:30 pm, 4:40-6:30 pm

We ask that you also bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Lancaster County Food Hub. They have requested the following items: peanut butter (1 lb containers), canned meats (tuna/chicken), rice (1 lb bags white or brown), canned fruit (in juice/light syrup), pasta (whole wheat preferred), meal helpers (Hamburger Helper, rice, sides, etc), breakfast cereal (low sugar) and soups (low sodium).

MECHANIC GROVE

ROOTS

NEW FOR 2023

WHAT'S GROW GROUP?

G: GOD'S WORD > INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY, TECHNIQUES, AGE-SPECIFIC

R: RELATIONSHIPS > DISCUSSION, ACCOUNTABILITY, CELEBRATIONS, ADULT MENTORS

O: OUTREACH > SERVICE, OFFERINGS, MISSIONS

W: WORSHIP > SONG, PRAYER

PURPOSE: TO ALLOW LIL' ROOTS STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN AGE-SPECIFIC "BIBLE STUDY" THROUGH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, INDUCTIVE STUDY TECHNIQUES, PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

LIL' ROOTS GROW GROUPS

FORMALLY CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SCHEDULE

10:30AM SERVICE ONLY

GROUPS DISMISSED AFTER OFFERING & PRAISE TEAM SONGS

1ST SUNDAY - OFF

2ND SUNDAY - K-1ST

3RD SUNDAY - 2ND-3RD

4TH SUNDAY - 4TH-5TH

5TH SUNDAY - OFF

LIL' ROOTS GROW GROUPS WILL MEET IN ROOM 8 (OLD AUXILIARY ROOM, BESIDE THE ART ROOM/OLD KITCHEN)

THEY WILL HAVE 30-45 MINUTES, ONCE A MONTH WITH THEIR AGE GROUP FOR A AGE-APPROPRIATE BIBLE STUDY, LED BY A LEADER PAIR THAT WILL STAY WITH THEM FOR THE YEAR.

THE TOPIC THEME FOR 2023 IS "A 6-CHAPTER GOSPEL"

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LIL' ROOTS

ROOTS NIGHTS - DIG N' GROW:

- FEBRUARY 1ST, 15TH
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS:

- PARABLES OF JESUS
- BIBLE HEROES (WEDNESDAY NIGHT)

HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR US:

- PRAY FOR THE LAUNCH OF LIL' ROOTS GROW GROUPS! (THE NEW VERSION OF CHILDREN'S CHURCH!)

YOUTH ROOTS

PAST EVENTS:

- SR. HIGH SKI RETREAT
  - CHECK BACK NEXT MONTH FOR PICTURES!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ROOTS NGHTS - DIG N' GROW
  - FEBRUARY 1ST, 15TH
- GATHER EVENT - FLIGHT ON ICE
  - FEBRUARY 25TH

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING:

- PARABLES OF JESUS
- 5 SOLAS

HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR US:

- THAT WE WOULD OPEN, RECEPTIVE AND BOLD IN HOW WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH

BOLD

www.becomebold.org

Rides Lately...

We spent the month of December focusing our classes on the true meaning of the Christmas season. We have also have had quite a few new women coming to our classes along with a great turn outs for our evening class.

Classes

MON - 9:15 & 10:00 AM
THURS - 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
FRI - 9:15 AM

Christmas Eve Rides

We had an awesome turn out for the Christmas Eve rides!

We had a 6:15am and a 7:00am class.

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

We are seeking youth and adult volunteers (our branches) to support our Strong Lil' Roots through a series of small notes and gifts beginning on March 5, 2023. It is our hope the children will feel encouraged and supported by their church family. We will conclude by hosting a brunch on March 26, 2023. The theme of our brunch will be "dig" as the children will be spending the spring quarter "digging" through Paul's letters in the Bible. We encourage the volunteers to work alongside the children and read through some of the letters themselves and share what they learn!

Please see the bulletin to sign up to support a child.

All Lil' Roots parents will receive a letter in January asking about your child's interest in participating. Please see Katherine Tshudy if you have not received a letter. Please kindly respond by February 12.

This will be organized similar to the traditional MGCB Secret Angel Tea.

WIDE BRANCHES STRONG LIL ROOTS BRUNCH

We desperately want to stay faithful in these times, but we know we can't muster up the faith all on our own. At IF:2023, we get to gather and remind each other that God is who we need. God is who will provide. We gather for two days of worship, with our Bibles, and we ask God to move.

JOIN US FOR IF:2023

March 3-4

Friday 7:00PM - 10:00PM
Saturday 10:00AM - 5:00PM
(Lunch by donation)

Register online (preferred) or in person!
Registration Cost: $19
https://tinyurl.com/IFMGCB23

We are in need of a few Sound and Live Stream 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

Women's Ministry 2023 Calendar

- February 11 – Valentines Brunch
- March 3-4 – IF:Gathering
- May 6 – Favorite Things Party & Ice Cream Social
- June 4 – Prayer Partner Launch
- August 3 – Garden Tour
- October 21 – Flavor Fest
- December 9 – Christmas Social

Join Us For A Night of Bluegrass Featuring

The Po' Ramblin' Boys

Friday, March 10, 2023

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For tickets, call Bobbie at 717-826-1896

$20 for ages 12+, $10 for ages 5-11

(ages 4 & under free)

Or Order Online at https://mechanic-grove-youth-roots.square.site/

Doors open at 5:00pm, Concert begins at 7:00pm

Food available before the concert and during intermission –
benefits the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren Youth Group

Camp Happenings. . .

Fighter Verses™ CHURCHWIDE for **February**

Feb 5	Psalm 56:3–4	"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?"
Feb 12	Psalm 62:5–7 [8]	"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God."
Feb 19	Romans 8:1	"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
Feb 26	1 John 2:15–17	"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world– the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life –is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

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