

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR: (Week of 3-2-25)

- **BARB** – eye surgery on Thursday, March 6.
- **BRUCE** – is having medical tests and awaiting answers.
- **CAROL** – EmmaJane Davis' sister; is battling with the return of breast cancer. She will find out on March 7 about what stage and what treatment will be prescribed.
- **DAN** – Mike's dad; is back in his room in the Health Care unit at Landis Homes. He is still very weak.
- **DARLENE** – Marion Maxwell's sister; is in the ER at LGH with chest pain.
- **JENN** – Connie Bear's daughter; eye surgery March 19.
- **MARION** – having a total knee replacement on March 6.
- **MARY** – Continue to lift her up in your prayers as she still has headaches from her fall 4 weeks ago. She will be going to Willow Street for Concussion Rehab on Wednesday, March 5.
- **PATTY & DAVID** – Mary Reheard's friends from Washington; David is still bleeding from his surgery and is still concerned about caring for Patty. Continued prayers are appreciated.
- **RON & JAN** – friends of Vaughn & Debbie Nissley; Ron has brain cancer, and Jan is his caregiver.
- **Those impacted by the fires in California.**
- **The 52 churches in our conference involved in the disaffiliation process.**
- **Those in war-torn areas**
- **The persecuted church**
- **BRIELLA** – still some lingering issues, but much improved.
- **KAREN** –
- **LINDA** – struggling with neck pains.
- **MINDY** – still getting a shot every 4 weeks for cancer, but doing very well.
- **SUSAN** –
- **Our staff and their families**
- **Our Sunday school teachers and helpers**
- **Our neighbors**
- **Our military**

PLEASE NOTE: Names on the prayer list will be taken off after two weeks unless there has been a change or a family member asks to keep their name on the list. To add or remove a name, please Email: gumcprayerchain01@gmail.com or Phone: 717-653-4717 (leave a message on the answering machine with the information). **The office must receive updates no later than noon on Friday.**

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK: Jackie Peifer is the homebound member of Glossbrenner featured this week. Please take a moment to drop a note or card in the mail or make a call to let Jackie know we are thinking about her.

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Homebound Members: Mark Buller, Irene Dennis, Karen Elslager, Frank Geib, Peggy Lahr, MaryAnn Miller, Gerald Ney, Betty Ober, Judy Orey, Jackie Peifer, Romaine Showalter, Vivian Yingst



March 2, 2025

GLOSSBRENNER CHURCH

713 Church Street, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania 17552
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MARCH 2, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY – HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome to worship, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God’s grace nurture and strengthen you today.

“” in the bulletin indicates that you should rise if you are able.*

WE GATHER IN AWE AND PRAISE

Welcome – *Pastor Heather*

Prelude “Jesus Shall Reign” arr. R. Boud

* **Call to Worship** – *Barb Thompson*

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
 That it is not we who chose Christ,

People: but Christ who chose us,

Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness

People: but because of Christ’s grace,

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained

**People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind,
 and strength.**

* **Hymn** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”No. 158

* **Opening Prayer (Unison):** – *Barb Thompson*
Comforting God, amidst the distraction and drama of the world around us, focus our hearts and minds on you and your love. When we look past you and depend on human efforts, awaken us to your presence. When we feel uncertain and unsettled by change, remind us of your blessing. When events upset us and leave us adrift, give us the confidence of being loved. Reassure us now with your everlasting love and mercy. Amen.

* **Hymn** “I Love to Tell the Story”No. 156

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” arr. D. Wood
 (Refer to text #398)

* **Doxology**.....No. 95

* **Prayer of Dedication** – *Barb Thompson*

WE LISTEN TO GOD SPEAKING

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 – *Barb Thompson*

New Testament Scripture: Mark 1:1-11– *Barb Thompson*

Children’s Sermon – *Pastor Heather*
Children through 6th grade dismissed for Kidz Church.

Anthem “Is This the King?” Joseph M. Martin

Sermon “Do You Know Jesus?”

WE REFLECT AND RESPOND TO GOD

Prayer – *Pastor Heather*

Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. A gluten-free option is available on the table at the sanctuary entrance.

* **Hymn** “Lord of the Dance”No. 261

WE GO OUT IN UNITY

* **Benediction**

Postlude “Postludium II” R. Boud

CHURCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS	
ACOLYTES:	Iris Rockey, Silas Rockey
CHILDREN & YOUTH DIRECTOR:	Jessica Rockey
GREETERS:	Melinda Myers, Dick Ryder
LITURGIST:	Barb Thompson
MONEY COUNTERS:	Marcia Brooks, Cindy Forry, Pat & Steve Spence
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Justine Madonna
NURSERY:	Debbie Nissley, Donna Smith
ORGANIST:	Loine Bert
OUTSIDE GREETERS:	Joe Davis, Don Musser
SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA:	Dave Eichler, Mark Myers, Andy Ober, Chad Ober, Ken Ober
HEAD USHER:	Wayne Kennedy
USHERS:	Connie Bear, Joe Davis, Mike Doughton, Molly Hart, Wayne Kauffman, Deb Kennedy, Russ Miceli, Vaughn Nissley, Bonnie & Ken Ober

Building Strong Families
Growing Vibrant Communities
Together in Faith

RECURRING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(FOR GUESTS & NEWCOMERS-REMINDERS FOR THE REST OF US!)

FROG (Fully Rely On God) CAFÉ: From 9:15 a.m. to just before church starts, come and fellowship. Enjoy a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL: The chapel is open for prayer at 9:30 a.m.

THERE ARE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES:

Preschool through 2nd Grade – Room #3; 3rd through 6th Grade – Room #4; Youth 7th through 12th Grade – Youth Room; IGNITE (Young Adult Group, age 18 to early 40s) – (FROG Café); SPIRITUAL JAVA (adult class) – Room #9 (next to the Youth Room); KOINONIA adult class – Parlor; ALL STARS adult class – Room #1.

GREETING CARD MINISTRY: If you know of someone who is in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or would appreciate receiving a card from us, please call Tori Hans at 717-618-2679 or Deb Ziegler at 717-799-0434.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS for Giant and Weis are available to purchase in the FROG Café Sunday mornings before and after the worship service.

HERSHEY PARK VOLUNTEER SHIFTS are available. The hourly rate of \$8.00 goes to the church; volunteers receive tickets. Contact Betty Robinson for information: 717-366-4549 or blrmrj@comcast.net

PRAYER GROUP GATHERINGS: Join us for our twice-a-month prayer time in the chapel the **2nd and 4th TUESDAY** of the month at **11:00 a.m.** All are welcome to pray in silence or pray out loud if the spirit moves you.

Pastor Heather Hammel

Cell Phone: 717-809-9636 - Email: heather@glossbrenner.net

(NOTE: Office hours for the week are posted outside the office door, and are updated on Sunday mornings.)

Jackie Roberts, Secretary

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday – 10 AM to 3 PM

Church Office - 717-653-5683 - Email: jackier@glossbrenner.net

(Jackie's Cell Phone: 717-413-5787)

NEW WEB SITE: <http://www.glossbrenner.net>

Jessica Rockey, Children & Youth Director

Cell Phone: 717-517-4967 - Email: jrokey@glossbrenner.net

Justine Madonna, Music Director

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TO ACTIVATE GLOSSBRENNER'S PRAYER CHAIN

Email: gumcprayerchain01@gmail.com or Phone: 717-653-4717 (Leave a message on the answering machine with the information.)

Greeting Card Ministry: Betty Robinson – 717-366-4549

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/2/25

“CONNECT CARDS”

Just a reminder that the registration pads have been replaced with “Connect Cards” which are in the pew holders. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. This helps us to connect with our guests and to know when people are absent for a few Sundays and may need a call to let them know they have been missed.

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. A Love offering will be collected during the regular offering. (Love offering envelopes are in the Narthex/Lobby.) The money collected for this offering will be used, at the discretion of the pastor, to ease the burden of a member of our church community who is in need of our love.

DECORATE FOR LENT

On Tuesday, March 4th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Decoration Committee will decorate for the Lenten season, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. All are welcome to come and help with the decorating!

ASH WEDNESDAY/LENTEN SERVICES

The Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will begin the season of Lent—the Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting March 12 until April 9 will be held in the Chapel. The theme for Wednesday Lenten services is honoring the **past**; as we see the needs of the **present**, we provide blessings to **future** generations (*just like Jesus did*). We will use the Easter Offering envelopes for the Lenten offerings, which will not go into the General Fund, but will go to special projects that are beyond our budget but have a 2025 impact (Welcome Team supplies for visitor gifts, Church pens, Historical nameplates on wooden plaques and portrait in the Chapel, FROG Café update, Classroom Coffee Stations updated, Youth Room update.

WILLS WORKSHOP – A WORD OF THANKS

Andy Ober should have been included on last week's Wills Workshop volunteer list. Sorry for the slip. Greg Kline

THE UPPER ROOM

Copies of *THE UPPER ROOM* for MARCH and APRIL 2025 are available in the lobby/narthex.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you notice something in **MARCH** that the trustees should take care of, please contact Wayne Kauffman at 717-940-3259. Thank you, Bob Waters, for your dedicated service in February!

SURVEY FOR EVERYONE

Because many hands make light work and because we are a congregation actively serving our members and greater community, we are asking you to complete a survey, either by scanning the QR code below or by filling in one of the printed copies in the Narthex/Lobby. We all have been blessed with spiritual gifts that are to be used for the good of others and to the glory of God. We also each have special talents, interests, training, and experiences that, when shared and partnered with others, can impact our families and community in powerful ways. Please complete the survey by St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Return printed surveys to the church office or to Pastor Heather.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

A group from Glossbrenner church volunteers on the **third Tuesday of each month from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at Blessings of Hope in Leola. The volunteer day has recently changed from the third Thursday to the third **Tuesday**. Volunteers repackage food to manageable sizes and organize it for distribution. We encourage you to check out the Blessings of Hope website at <https://blessingsofhope.com> to learn more about the efforts of this organization to help people struggling either from the lack of food or from the financial burden that food costs create.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2025

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar please, call the church office (717-653-5683) and give Jackie the date, type of flowers (REAL or SILK), and what will be printed in the bulletin.

AARP TAX AIDE

The AARP Foundation TaxAide is preparing income tax returns at Glossbrenner on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To schedule an appointment to have your income tax return completed at no cost, call 717-478-3712.

EASTER PLANTS

The Commission on Worship will be offering Easter plants again this year which will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20th. (Hyacinths and Lilies will be placed outside.) A tear sheet will be included in next Sunday's bulletin for you to place an order.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (3-2-25 to 3-9-25)

Today:	9:15 am	FROG Café – Fellowship Time
	9:30 am	Chapel open for prayer
	10:00 am	Worship Service-Live, Livestreamed & Recorded
	11:15 am	Sunday School
Monday:	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	2030 Group
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	Decorate for Lent
	6:30 pm	Confirmation class
Wednesday:	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Thursday:	6:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Saturday:		Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour!
Next Sunday:	9:15 am	FROG Café – Fellowship Time
	9:30 am	Chapel open for prayer
	10:00 am	Worship Service – 1 st Sunday in Lent
		Praise Band - Food Bank Sunday
	11:15 am	Sunday School
		<i>(Daylight Saving Time Begins)</i>

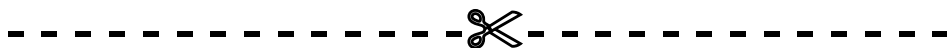
Attendance for February 23, 2025	In-person Worship:	98
	Livestream views:	9
	YouTube views:	45
	Sunday school:	51

CHILI COOK-OFF/DESSERT BAKE-OFF

Saturday, March 15 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Dust off those chili recipes for the Chili Cook-off scheduled for **Saturday, March 15, from 4 to 6 pm** for a chance to win the coveted Mexican sombrero. For those who prefer the sweeter side of the food chain, you will want to bake your favorite dessert for a chance to win the chef's hat. Below is a tear sheet to sign-up to enter your chili and/or dessert. You can place your tear-sheet in the offering plate, give it to Pam Miceli, put it in her mailbox or give her a call at 717-598-8668 and leave a message.

If you aren't cooking or baking, you will want to come to enjoy an evening of tasting chili and desserts and voting for your favorites. Tickets (\$1.00 each) can be purchased at the door. You may purchase as many tickets as you would like (one ticket per vote). So, mark your calendars to come and bring a friend or family member for an evening of fun and fellowship while supporting the missions of Caring Hands and Hearts.



_____ I will make chili for the chili cook-off on March 15

_____ I will make a dessert for the dessert bake-off on March 15

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Easter Pie Sale

I would like to order the following pies for my Easter celebration:

No. of Pies

- _____ Apple Crumb
- _____ Shoofly
- _____ Cherry Crumb
- _____ Pecan
- _____ Blueberry

Name _____

Phone Number _____



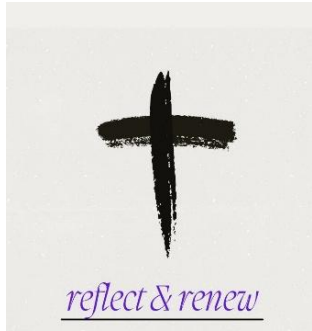
Easter Pie Sale

(Apple Crumb, Cherry Crumb, Shoofly, Blueberry, and Pecan)

Caring Hands and Hearts will be taking orders for Pies from Forest View Bakery for your Easter celebration. You won't want to miss out on these great-tasting 9" pies for only \$12.00 each. You can pay for your pies when you place your order or when they are picked up on **Saturday, April 19th** (the day before Easter) from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

To Order Your Favorite Pies Before Wednesday, April 9th:

Fill out the tear sheet above or place your order with EmmaJane Davis in the narthex before or after the worship services, or you can give her a call at 717-685-1476.



You are invited to join us for Lent as we prepare to fully celebrate Easter. We confess our harmful behaviors, forgive those who have harmed us, seek to experience God's grace, and recognize the impact of Jesus's sacrifice for each of us. We are all loved by God. We all have value and worth and an invitation to an eternity of peace with our awesome God. We hope you will journey with us.

What is Lent?

Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday – What it’s all about

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ashes are an ancient symbol. In Genesis, we read that God formed human beings out of the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7). After expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the first human beings are told by God, “you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19 NRSV). The Hebrew word translated dust, is occasionally translated ashes elsewhere. Throughout scripture, ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sin (see Numbers 19:9, 17; Hebrews 9:13; Jonah 3:6; Matthew 11:21, and Luke 10:13, among others).

The imposition of ashes on the heads of Christians to mark the beginning of Lent can be traced at least to the 10th century. Marking the forehead with the sign of the cross is a more recent adaptation.

United Methodists first adopted an official ritual for Ash Wednesday that involves the use of ashes in the 1992 Book of Worship. Prior to that time, Methodists either had no official service at all for this day (through 1964) or an “ashless” Ash Wednesday Service (1965 Book of Worship). The use of ashes remains optional in the current Book of Worship, and, indeed, in all rites for this day.

Where do the ashes come from?

On what we now call Palm Sunday, Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem while people waved palms and cheered him on. Less than a week later, Jesus was killed. The palms that were waved in joy became ashes of sorrow. We get ashes for Ash Wednesday by saving the palms from Palm Sunday, burning them, and mixing them with a little oil. It's symbolic.

What do we do with ashes in worship?

At an Ash Wednesday service, people are invited to come forward to receive the ashes. The pastor will make a small cross on your forehead or hand by smudging the ashes. While the ashes remind us of our mortality and sin, the cross reminds us of Jesus' resurrection (life after death) and forgiveness. It's a powerful, nonverbal way that we can experience God's forgiveness and renewal as we return to Jesus.

Holy Week – Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday

The Great Three Days—sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch—from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden. They should be seen as a great unified service beginning with Holy Thursday and concluding with the services of Easter Day.

Resources: UMC Book of Worship, <https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/ask-the-umc-faqs>, <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/lent-101>