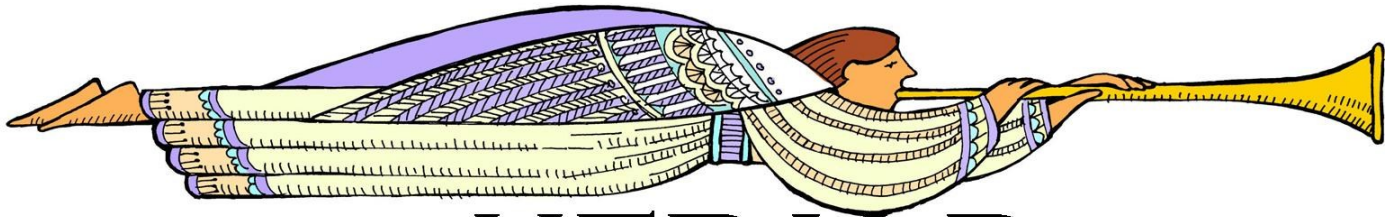


Glossbrenner Church



The HERALD

March 2025

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Personal Gifts, Talents, Skills, Interests

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 the printed copies to the church office or to Pastor Heather.



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reflect & renew

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.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

- ◆ FROG Café Fellowship Time - 9:15 am
- ◆ Chapel Open for Prayer - 9:30 am
- ◆ Worship Service - 10:00 am
(Live in the Sanctuary; also Livestreamed and recorded - see website)
- ◆ Sunday School - 11:15 am

MONDAY:

- ◆ Women's Bible Study - 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY:

- ◆ Lenten Services - 6:30 pm (Ash Wednesday, March 5)

THURSDAY:

- ◆ Praise Band rehearsal - 6:00 pm (March 6 & 13)
- ◆ Choir rehearsal - 6:00 pm (March 20 & 27)

DATES AHEAD

- APRIL 10: ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
- APRIL 13: PALM SUNDAY
- APRIL 16: MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER
- APRIL 17: HOLY THURSDAY
- APRIL 18: GOOD FRIDAY
- APRIL 20: EASTER
- APRIL 26: FREE MOVIE NIGHT



*Dear Glossbrenner Church,
Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,259 to UNTO's Maximum Impact Fund. Your generosity is making an impact in some of the toughest places on earth, relieving suffering, restoring dignity, and revealing hope. Just recently I was speaking with one of our Field Strategists and he was sharing about the incredible opportunity his*

team had to share the gospel in a closed country. He said, "Aid opened the door for that." And I'm thankful for partners like you providing the Aid to open those doors. Serving together, Faith Kidd

Our mother (MaryAnn Miller) thoroughly enjoyed all the Christmas cards received from her Glossbrenner family. Thank you for keeping our mother in your thoughts and prayers!

Patty, Kathy, MaryAnn, & Danny

Thank you, everyone, for the cards, visits, phone calls, and meals after my surgery. It was greatly appreciated.

Shirley Geib

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9, 2025!
Remember to set your clocks AHEAD!



This Lent

*We honor our past
We recognize the needs of the present
We provide blessings to future generations
(just like Jesus did)*

reflect & renew

To live out our theme this Lent, we will have Easter offering envelopes available for a special offering that provides for projects that are beyond our budget but have a 2025 impact.

Will you give of yourself as we look at our past, present, and future?

Projects include:

- Welcome Team Supplies for Visitor gifts
- Historical nameplates
- Youth Room update
- FROG Cafe update

EASTER EGG HUNT!



From the Children & Youth Director

We are looking for donations of small wrapped candy to be able to stuff the plastic Easter eggs as well as bigger candy for prizes or other prizes for children for Easter Sunday,

April 20, for the annual egg hunt. Please put in the red bin in the lobby! Thank you!

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH":

Wayne Kauffman is the trustee in charge during the month of March. If you notice something that should be taken care of by the trustees, please contact Wayne at 717-940-3259. Thank you Bob Waters for your dedicated service in February!

DEADLINE FOR APRIL *HERALD* IS THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

Think about dates in April for meetings, special events, etc. and hand in to the office by the 20th of March.

Remember you can e-mail articles to: **jackier@glossbrenner.net**

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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.

Palm Sunday Service at 10 AM on Sunday, April 13 (60 minutes)

We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and claim him as our King. Sunday School for all ages will be held at 11:15 AM.

Special Service on the Messiah in the Passover at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 16 (90 minutes)

Discover Jesus through the elements, narrative, and promises of Passover. We will experience a demonstration of the Passover Seder to help us connect God's work in the Old Testament to Jesus in the New Testament.

Maundy Thursday (or Holy Thursday) Service at 7 PM on Thursday, April 17 (60 minutes)

On this night we celebrate the moment when Jesus shared his final Passover with his disciples, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet (John 13:1–17) and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26–29; Mark 14:22–25; Luke 22:13–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25). We will partake in Holy Communion together.

Good Friday Service at 7PM on Friday, April 18 (60 minutes)

On this night we remember the pain, suffering, and death as Jesus is hung on a cross and dies. We leave the service in silence as we experience the darkness we must journey through to experience the life that is found on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday Service at 10 AM on Sunday, April 20 (60 minutes)

We celebrate the good news that in Christ's death and resurrection we, and all creation, are continually being made new by God's love and saving grace.

Then join us on Saturday, April 26 at 6 PM for a free showing of the movie *Risen*, which depicts the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the Roman investigation into the missing body and empty tomb. This movie is rated PG-13.

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>





CARING HANDS & HEARTS CORNER

(Hands that Serve...Hearts that Care)

Chili Cook-off and Dessert Bake-off

Mark your calendars to attend the Chili Cook-off and Dessert Bake-off on **March 15th, from 4 to 6 p.m.** 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).



There is still time to enter your chili and/or dessert in the cook-off and bake-off by completing the tear sheets found in Sunday's bulletins through **Sunday, March 9th** and placing them in the offering plate or by calling Pam Miceli at 717-598-8668 by **Wednesday, March 12th** and leaving a message. You can set-up/decorate your table before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the event.

Easter Pie Sale

Do you plan on serving a pie or taking along a dessert to your Easter Celebration? Caring Hands and Hearts is offering the following great tasting 9-inch pies from Forest View Bakery for \$12.00 per pie. You can pay for your pies when you place your order or when they are picked up.



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

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

- Complete a tear sheet, that can be found in weekly Sunday bulletins.
- Give your order to EmmaJane Davis on Sundays before or after worship services.
- Give Emma Jane a call at 717-685-1476.

Pick Up Your Pies:

On **Saturday, April 19th** (the day before Easter) from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at the church.

Volunteering at Blessings of Hope



A group from Glossbrenner Church volunteers 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 organizes it for distribution. Blessings of Hope receives food from 200+

sources, repackages it and delivers the equivalent of 2 million meals every month allowing regional ministries, churches, disaster relief organizations and food banks to serve their local communities through feeding the hungry and sharing the love of Jesus. We encourage you to check out their 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.

Volunteers receive a voucher each time they volunteer that can be used to purchase food and other items at their Ministry Selection Center in Lancaster for big savings. The vouchers can also be given to someone else to use.

If you are interested in volunteering with the group or receiving additional information, contact Debbie Nissley at 717-951-4313.



- 1 Crystal Gebhart
Ben Heishman
- 3 Maeve Binkley
Kirstin Gebhart
Anna Mary Paglia
- 4 Martin Hinkley
- 6 Mark Myers
Jim Smith
- 7 Debbie Morris
- 8 Sharry Longenecker
Iris Roberts
- 9 Josh Binkley
Tristen Bowers
- 10 Marc Hollister
- 11 James Carroll
Alma Hollister
- 12 Charlotte Killian
- 13 Tori Hans
Rick Hopple
Bob Ricedorf
- 14 Andrew Longenecker
- 16 Parker Cole
Louis Stehman
- 17 Michelle Bowers
Ephraim Roberts
Trey Smith
- 18 Cole Elder
- 19 Richard Conner
Molly Hart
- 20 Bonnie Engle
- 21 Aiden Davis
Barb Thompson
- 22 Storm Murray
- 24 Bob Waters
- 25 Sean Roberts
- 27 Kiersten Sangrey
- 28 Erin Bender
Bradley McKee
- 30 Lynn Keepports
- 31 Maggie Eichler

Homebound - In Rehabilitation Retirement Community Members

The following is a list of the homebound members - or those living in retirement communities - of our church. A card or phone call would probably be appreciated very much by these people who are unable to attend worship services on Sunday mornings.

Mark Buller
Lancaster Nursing & Rehab Center
Room 708 NW-1
900 East King Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Irene Dennis
c/o Sandy Waltz
2148 Sheri Lane
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Irene is a resident at Hamilton Arms,
Lancaster)

Karen Elslager
1734 Schwanger Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Phone: 717-575-4376)

Frank Geib
Brethren Village - Room 243
3001 Lititz Pike
Lititz, PA 17543

Peggy Lahr
c/o Debbie Nissley-Martin
712 Church Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Peggy is a resident at Paramount
Senior Living, Maytown)

MaryAnn Miller
Ephrata Manor - Room 131B
99 Bethany Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

Gerald Ney
415 Trout Run
Trillium Place
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

Mary "Betty" Ober
Room #311, Autumn House West
914 West Market Street
York, PA 17401
(Phone: 717-928-3087)

Judy Orey
213 Keinath Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Phone: 717-653-5051)

Jackie Peifer
705 Bruce Avenue
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Phone: 717-653-5289)

Romaine Showalter
Oak Leaf Manor North - Room B8
2901 Harrisburg Pike
Landisville, PA 17538
(Phone: 717-898-2026)

Vivian Yingst
Phoenix Center
Room 307C
833 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460
(Phone: 717-962-0097)



MARCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

MONTH OF MARCH

SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA TECHS:

Dave Eichler
Mark Myers
Andy Ober
Chad Ober
Ken Ober

MONEY COUNTERS:

Marcia Brooks
Cindy Forry
Pat & Steve Spence

HEAD USHER:

Wayne Kennedy

MARCH 2 - TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY COMMUNION

ACOLYTES:

Iris Rockey
Silas Rockey

GREETERS:

Melinda Myers
Dick Ryder

LITURGIST:

Barb Thompson

NURSERY:

Debbie Nissley
Donna Smith

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Don Musser

USHERS:

Connie Bear
Joe Davis
Mike Doughton
Molly Hart
Wayne Kauffman
Deb Kennedy
Russ Miceli
Vaughn Nissley
Bonnie Ober
Ken Ober



JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED

MARCH 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY - 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)

GREETERS/USHERS:

Debbie & Vaughn Nissley
Deb & Joe Ziegler

NURSERY:

Dave & Sue Kopp



AshWednesday

MARCH 9 - 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

PRAISE BAND - FOOD BANK SUNDAY

ACOLYTE:

Danteé Whitcraft

GREETERS:

Bonnie Ober
Lisa Ober

LITURGIST:

Justine Madonna

NURSERY:

Cassie Evans Hoffman

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Ron Blechinger
Joe Davis

USHERS:

Flo Arndt
Ron Blechinger
Bonnie Engle
Linda Gockley



FirstSunday
IN LENT

MARCH 12 - LENTEN SERVICE - 6:30 pm (Chapel)

GREETERS/USHERS:

NURSERY:

Dave & Sue Kopp

MARCH 16 - 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT PRAISE BAND - JOYFUL NOISE

ACOLYTE:

Briella Hoffman

GREETERS:

Jessica Eidemiller
Kelly Nissly

LITURGIST:

Tyler Beazley

NURSERY:

Kathy Binkley
Mabz Smith

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Molly Hart

USHERS:

Greg Kline
Kathy Kline



SecondSunday
IN LENT

Dave Kopp
Mark Rorabaugh

MARCH 19 - LENTEN SERVICE - 6:30 pm (Chapel)

GREETERS/USHERS:

NURSERY:

Dave & Sue Kopp

MARCH 23 - 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

ACOLYTE:

Faith McClellan

GREETERS:

Molly Hart
Maribeth King

LITURGIST:

Mark Rorabaugh

NURSERY:

Marcia Brooks
Heather Sangrey

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Debbie Nissley

USHERS:

Chad Ober
Barb Thompson



ThirdSunday
IN LENT

Dick Thompson
Bob Waters

MARCH 26 - LENTEN SERVICE - 6:30 pm (Chapel)

GREETERS/USHERS:

NURSERY:

Dave & Sue Kopp

MARCH 30 - 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

ACOLYTE:

Jonathan Miller

GREETERS:

Deb & Wayne Kennedy
Bob Waters

LITURGIST:

Jessica Eidemiller

NURSERY:

Kelly Nissly

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Doug Hackley

USHERS:

Dave Cole
Joe Davis



FourthSunday
IN LENT

Alex Kreischer
Debbie Nissley



MARCH 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Transfiguration Sunday HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am FROG Café 9:30 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School	3 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm 2030 Group	4 6:00 pm Decorate for Lent	5 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday service	6 6:00 pm Praise Band rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group	7 World Day of Prayer	8 <i>Remember to set your clocks AHEAD ONE hour!</i>
9 1st Sunday in Lent PRAISE BAND FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:15 am FROG Café 9:30 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	10 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Caring Hands & Hearts meeting	11 11:00 am Prayer Group 7:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting	12 6:30 pm Lenten service (Chapel)	13 6:00 pm Praise Band rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group	14	15 4:00-6:00 pm Chili Cook-Off/Dessert Bake-Off
16 2nd Sunday in Lent BAPTISM PRAISE BAND JOYFUL NOISE 9:15 am FROG Café 9:30 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School	17 10:00 am Women's Bible Study Saint Patrick's Day	18 12:30-3:00 pm Volunteering at Blessings of Hope	19 6:30 pm Lenten service (Chapel)	20 6:00 pm CHOIR rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group April Herald Deadline	21	22 6:00 pm Movie Night
23 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:15 am FROG Café 9:30 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School	24 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Commission on Worship meeting	25 11:00 am Prayer Group	26 6:30 pm Lenten service (Chapel)	27 6:00 pm CHOIR rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Finance Committee	28	29
30 4th Sunday in Lent 9:15 am FROG Café 9:30 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School	31 10:00 am Women's Bible Study					

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*Building Strong Families,
Growing Vibrant Communities,
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MARCH 22 AT 6 PM

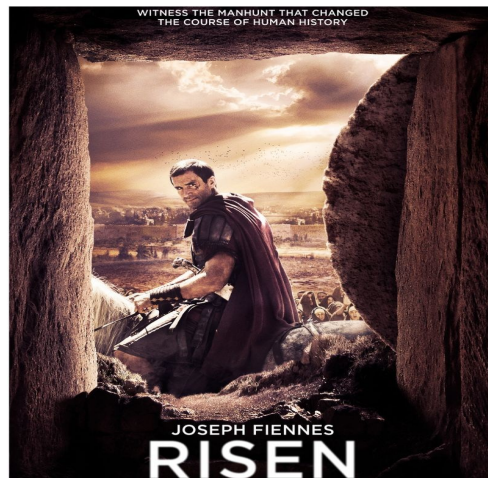
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APRIL 26 AT 6 PM

Enter the building
using the back door