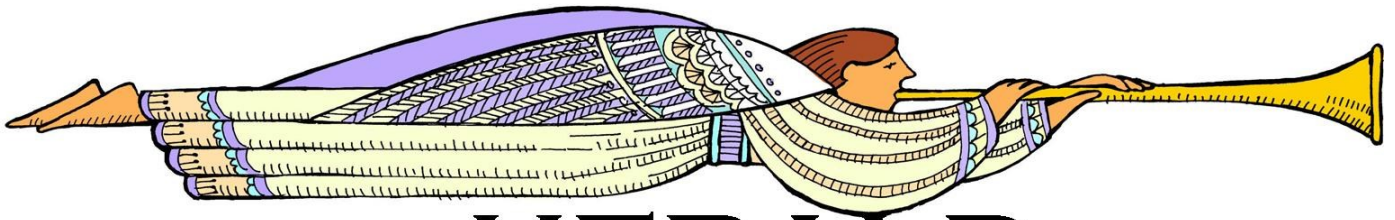


# Glossbrenner Church



## The **HERALD**

**April 2026**

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Phone: 717-653-4717 (leave message)

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Deb Ziegler: 717-799-0434

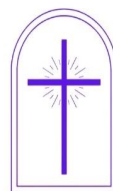
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# Holy Week

at Glossbrenner Church

- 3/29 - Palm Sunday Cantata, 10:00 AM  
Children will have Kids Church
- 4/2 - Holy Thursday Meager Meal & Service with Communion, 7:00 PM  
In Fellowship Hall - family friendly
- 4/3 - Good Friday Service in Sanctuary, 7:00 PM
- 4/5 - Easter Sunday Service, 10:00 AM
- 4/5 - Easter Sunday Egg Hunt for infants through teenagers  
after the worship service at the Church Street Entrance



**GLOSSBRENNER  
CHURCH**

713 Church Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552



## 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

### THURSDAY:

- ◆ Choir rehearsal - 6:00 pm (except April 2)
- ◆ Youth Group - 7:00-8:15 pm (except April 2)

## DATES AHEAD

- MAY 10: Mother's Day
- MAY 17: Ascension / Armed Forces Sunday
- MAY 20: Administrative Board Meeting
- MAY 24: Pentecost / Memorial Day Sunday
- MAY 31: Graduate Recognition
- JUNE 14: Picnic / Outdoor Worship Service
- JUNE 21: Father's Day

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES "TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH"

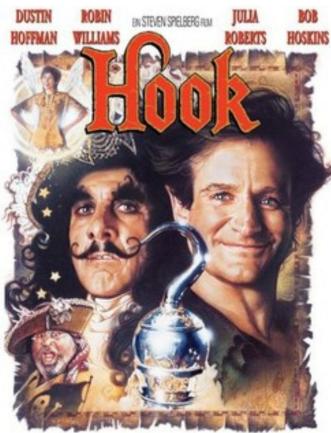
During the month of April, if you notice something that should be taken care of by the trustees, please contact Wayne Kauffman at 717-940-3259. Thank you Bruce Stone for your faithful service in March!

The Trustees are asking for assistance with weeding the flower beds around the Church property. Mulch, Preen and other weed sprays will be purchased and applied by the



Trustees. If you see an area that could use some TLC just come out and weed whenever you can - as often as you can! Thank you!

# Free Movie Night



**APRIL 25  
AT 6 PM**

Invite a friend and join us for this fun movie about a classic tale

**BRING A CHAIR OR PILLOW TO GET "COMFY"**

**ENTER THE BUILDING USING THE BACK DOOR**

**SNACKS PROVIDED**



## BUS TRIP

Chiques Methodist Church extends an invitation for anyone from Glossbrenner to join them on a Bus Trip to visit the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. The date is Saturday, May 2nd leaving from Chiques Methodist Church in Mount Joy at 6:00 am and will return to the church at approximately 6:00 pm.

The cost is \$125.00 per person which covers everything, the bus, the entry to the museum, and lunch. Lunch menus are as follows: (Includes couscous pasta salad, bottled water & condiments) Smoked Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Havarti or Classic Caesar Salad or Grilled Veggie Wrap.

For those who would like to attend, please call Chiques Methodist Church at: (717) 653-5175. Payment must be made by April 2nd. (If you pay and cannot attend, the trip cost is transferable, but not refundable)



*Thank you for your cards, love, and prayers during our health issues the past two months. It's comforting to know you have a great church family who cares and keeps you in their thoughts and prayers.*

*Bill and Judy Baker*



## From the Children & Youth Director

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages (infants to 18 years-old) will take place immediately after the worship service in the grass area on Church Street. All are welcome to stay after and watch the fun.

### SAVE THESE DATES BEFORE YOU BOOK YOUR SUMMER VACATIONS!



VBS decoration day is June 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Help turn our church into a castle for our medieval themed VBS, KINGDOM CHRONICLES, STANDING STRONG IN THE BATTLE FOR TRUTH !

VBS, our biggest outreach program of the year, will be held from Sunday, August 2, to Thursday, August 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:15 p.m. every night. We will be learning how to put on the armor of God as we stand in the battle for the truth! Our VBS celebration Sunday with a luncheon will be August 9th.

Let Jess Rockey know if you plan on being part of "Kingdom Chronicles" to the wonderful children in our community!

We are always in need of new or gently used stuffed animals to give out to the children as prizes at the end of the week, so be on the lookout at spring yard sales and thrift stores! Any kind and size of stuffed animal is appreciated, including beanie babies.

On Saturday morning February 14th our Thursday night youth group took time out of their day to volunteer at UNTO ministries in Mount Joy. They worked hard to sort through many bins of clothing and fold it to get it ready for packaging to send to some of the toughest places on earth. UNTO does not take any government funding so that they can be sure to freely give the good news of the gospel around the world as they work to relieve suffering, restore dignity, and reveal hope to those with the greatest needs.



### CHILI COOK-OFF / DESSERT BAKE-OFF WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of the Chili Cook-off:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Barb & Dick Thompson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – James Murray
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Diane Rorabaugh

Congratulations to the following Dessert Bake-off winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Danteé Whitcraft
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ashley McDonnall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kadence Bowers, Jonathan Miller, and Iris Rockey

A total of \$730 was raised. Many thanks to all who participated, either by making chili or a dessert, or who came and tasted and voted for their favorite!

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 31, we will honor the graduates of high school, college, technical schools, etc., during the morning worship service. If you or someone you know will be graduating (or has graduated within the past year), please e-mail the graduate's name, school/college, date of graduation, degree earned, and the subject of the degree. i.e., Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, and future plans to [jackier@glossbrenner.net](mailto:jackier@glossbrenner.net) by **May 1**. Please include a picture of the graduate.

## Comparison of United Methodist Church and Global Methodist Church

Topic	United Methodist	Global Methodist
Mission Statement	The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world	The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.
Vision Statement	The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.	Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the Earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.
Authority of Scripture	<p>“The Holy Scriptures... contain all things necessary to salvation.” (¶104; Art. V)</p> <p><i>“Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason.” (¶ 105)</i></p>	<p>“The Holy Scriptures... contain all things necessary to salvation.” (¶105; Art. V ¶106)</p> <p>“The Holy Scriptures... are the sufficient rule both of faith and practice. (¶101.2)</p> <p>There is no mention of Wesley’s Quadrilateral (scripture, tradition, experience, reason) in the GMBODD.</p>
Human Sexuality	<p>Removal of “incompatible with Christian teaching” language - Removal of bans on same-sex weddings and LGBTQ ordination</p> <p>“as a sacred gift and acknowledge that sexual intimacy contributes to fostering the emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of individuals and to nurturing healthy sexual relationships that are grounded in love, care and respect.” (¶162.C)</p>	<p>“We believe that human sexuality is a gift of God that is to be affirmed as it is exercised within the legal and spiritual covenant of a loving and monogamous marriage between one man and one woman” (¶302.7)</p>
Marriage	<p>“a sacred, lifelong covenant that brings two people of faith, an adult man and woman of consenting age, or two adult persons of consenting age into union with one another” (¶ 162.D)</p>	<p>“We believe that God has ordained marriage to be a covenant between one man and one woman.” (¶ 201)</p>
Clergy Rights Regarding Weddings/ Marriage Ceremonies	<p>Clergy have full discretion in determining which couples for whom they will or will not conduct a marriage ceremony (¶340.2.a.3)</p>	<p>Closest comparison:                      “Global Methodist Church clergy shall not officiate at same-sex weddings or unions, nor shall such ceremonies be conducted on church property.” (¶ 417)</p>

<p>Bishops</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishops are: Elected for life (until retirement) Assigned to episcopal areas</li> <li>• Function: Ordain clergy Appoint pastors Provide spiritual and administrative oversight</li> <li>• Limited by: Conference accountability Judicial Council rulings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishops are: Initially selected through transitional processes; now elected Serve term-based or reviewable leadership (depending on conference decisions)</li> <li>• Function: Doctrinal enforcement Church multiplication Leadership accountability</li> <li>• Limited by: Term limits</li> </ul>
<p>Trust Clause (Building Ownership)</p>	<p>All properties of United Methodist local churches and other United Methodist agencies and institutions are held, in trust, for the benefit of the entire denomination, and ownership and usage of church property is subject to the Discipline. This trust requirement is an essential element of the historic polity of The United Methodist Church or its predecessor denominations or communions and has been a part of the Discipline since 1797. It reflects the connectional structure of the Church by ensuring that the property will be used solely for purposes consonant with the mission of the entire denomination as set forth in the Discipline. The trust requirement is thus a fundamental expression of United Methodism whereby local churches and other agencies and institutions within the denomination are both held accountable to and benefit from their connection with the entire worldwide Church. (§2501)</p>	<p>" There is no trust clause for property held by local churches, annual conferences, connectional commissions, or any other entities of the Global Methodist Church. Each local church, Annual conference, or connectional commission shall designate in its corporate records how its property shall be disposed of in the event of the entity's dissolution. (§1002)</p>
<p>Structure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Conference (top legislative authority)</li> <li>2. Jurisdictional Conferences (U.S.) / Central Conferences (global)</li> <li>3. Annual Conferences</li> <li>4. Districts</li> <li>5. Local Churches</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Conference (primary legislative authority)</li> <li>2. Annual Conferences</li> <li>3. Transitional or Provisional Conferences (as needed)</li> <li>4. Local Churches</li> </ol>
<p>Resource</p>	<p><i>United Methodist Book of Discipline 2020/2024</i></p>	<p><i>Global Methodist Book of Doctrine &amp; Discipline 2024 edition</i></p>



## CARING HANDS AND HEARTS

*(Hands that Serve – Hearts that Care)*

### Easter Pie Sale

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for Easter pies!

Your support helps further the missions of Caring Hands and Hearts, and we are truly grateful for your support.

If you ordered pies, they can be picked up at the church on **Saturday, April 4, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.**

### Soft Pretzel Fundraiser

Caring Hands and Hearts is excited to offer another delicious way to support our ministry. During the months of April and



May, we will be selling Dutch Country Hand-Rolled Soft Pretzel coupons in the narthex before and after worship services.

**Cost:** \$12.00 per coupon.

**What you Get:** 4 soft pretzels for the price of 3

**Expiration Date:** November 1, 2026

**Where to Redeem the Coupons:** Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels, 26 West Main Street, Mount Joy.

(Without a coupon, you get 3 soft pretzels for \$12.00 – this coupon gives you an extra one FREE).

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support needs within our church, our church family, and our surrounding communities in the name of Christ. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us share Christ's love.

Many of us have noticed how much turmoil there is in the world right now. Division feels like it's everywhere. It can be easy to become so loyal to a political party or candidate that, even when their views change, we continue to defend them simply because they are "our side."

But there is One who never changes. One who is always consistent. One whose love never fails.

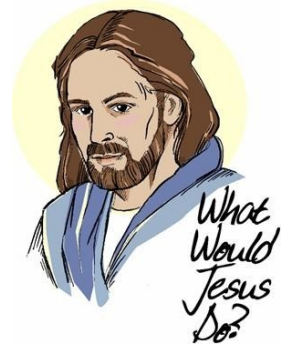
### Jesus Christ.

Scripture tells us that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8)

In a season where it feels like everyone is choosing sides, maybe the most important question we can ask ourselves is:

### What would Jesus do?

Many of us remember the "WWJD" bracelets that were popular years ago. Maybe it wouldn't be such a bad idea to bring that reminder back—not as a trend, but as a way to keep our focus where it belongs.



Our calling as followers of Christ isn't to win arguments or divide people. Our calling is to **reflect Jesus**.

So the question becomes:

How do we glorify Jesus without pushing people away?

How do we bring Jesus to people - and people to Jesus?

It starts with remembering something incredibly important:

Every single person we encounter matters.

Every person is created in the **image of God**, and Jesus died for **every one of them**. When we treat others with love, humility, and grace, we reflect the heart of Christ.

I truly believe God has good plans for Glossbrenner. Scripture reminds us that *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."* (Philippians 1:6)

If we keep our trust in Him and keep our focus on Jesus, He will continue to lead us forward.

Anonymous

### CHURCH OFFICE HELP NEEDED

I will be taking some time off at the end of April. If you could help with some office work, answering the phone, etc., please contact me.

Thanks! Jackie Roberts





## April Birthdays

- 1 Tami da Silva
- 3 Jennifer Shawley  
Gracin Smith
- 4 David Cole
- 5 Wayne Kauffman  
Brooke Kreisler  
Scott Myers  
Davon Whitcraft
- 6 Ron Blechinger
- 7 Hazel Hackley  
Susan Mooney
- 8 Stephanie Kalbach  
Patty Jo McKee-Stone  
Mary Jane Reed
- 9 Mindi Marks
- 10 Nettie Gerber
- 11 Holly Kreisler
- 12 Dave Eichler  
Judy Turbedsky
- 14 Ben Kamide  
Jody O'Neal
- 15 JR McClellan  
Zachery Nissley  
Danteé Whitcraft
- 18 Steph Smith
- 19 Dalton Garrett
- 20 Marcia Brandt
- 21 Tim McKain  
Owen Retallack
- 22 Cassie Evans Hoffman
- 23 Carol Hostetter
- 25 Dave Kopp
- 26 Harold Buller, Jr.
- 28 MaryAnn Miller  
Matthew Sharp
- 29 Brian Albert
- 30 Leslie Alleman

## Homebound/In Rehabilitation

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

Rose Bliss  
Susquehanna Health & Wellness Center  
745 Old Chickies Road  
Columbia, PA 17512  
705 Florin Avenue  
Mount Joy, PA 17552  
(Phone: 717-928-4135)

Shirley Bowers  
Hamilton Arms Center  
336 South West End Avenue  
Room 150-D  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
**OR** 666 Jane Avenue  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Mark Buller  
Lancaster Nursing & Rehab Center  
Room 704 E  
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

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  
Susquehanna Health & Wellness Center  
Room #3  
745 Old Chickies Road  
Columbia, PA 17512  
(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)



Remember  
our Homebound



# APRIL WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

## MONTH OF APRIL

### SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA TECHS:

Dave Eichler  
Mark Myers  
Andy Ober  
Chad Ober  
Ken Ober

### OFFERING COUNTERS:

Aaron Binkley  
Amos Lichty  
Jackie Roberts

### HEAD USHER:

Richard Ryder

### APRIL 2 - HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE - 7:00 pm

#### NURSERY:

Jess Eidemiller  
Kelly Nissley

### APRIL 3 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 7:00 pm

#### (Sanctuary)

### APRIL 5 - EASTER - PRAISE BAND

#### ACOLYTE:

Silas Rockey

#### GREETERS:

Connie Bear  
Bonnie Engle

#### LITURGIST:

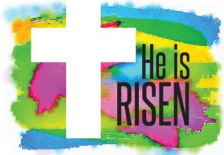
Michael Hammel

#### NURSERY:

#### OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Ron Blechinger  
Joe Davis  
Matt Binkley  
Dave Kopp  
Don Musser  
Chad Ober

#### USHERS:



### APRIL 12 - 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

### HOLY COMMUNION - FOOD BANK SUNDAY

#### ACOLYTES:

Danteé Whitcraft  
Davon Whitcraft

#### GREETERS:

Jim Kreiser  
Thelma Kreiser-Hartman

#### LITURGIST:

Cindy Forry

#### NURSERY:

Kathy Binkley  
Marcia Brooks

#### OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis  
Debbie Nissley

#### USHERS:

Deb Kennedy  
Wayne Kennedy  
Debbie Martin  
Melinda Myers  
Debbie Nissley  
Vaughn Nissley  
Carol Rorabaugh  
Bob Waters

### APRIL 19 - PRAISE BAND - JOYFUL NOISE

#### ACOLYTE:

Miles Tucker

#### GREETERS:

Doug & Hazel Hackley

#### LITURGIST:

Debbie Nissley

#### NURSERY:

Dave & Sue Kopp

#### OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Connie Bear

#### USHERS:

Joe Davis  
Flo Arndt  
Connie Bear  
Bradley McKee  
Patty McKee-Stone

### APRIL 26

#### ACOLYTE:

Jonathan Miller

#### GREETERS:

Bertie & Wayne Kauffman

#### LITURGIST:

Doug Hackley

#### NURSERY:

Bonnie Ober

#### OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Chad Ober

#### USHERS:

Joe Davis  
Doug Hackley  
Ron Blechinger  
Doug Hackley  
Pat Spence  
Steve Spence

**GLOSSBRENNER CHURCH**



# YEP with Pizza

*Your Evening with the Pastor*

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**APRIL 22**  
EVERYONE WELCOME  
**PIZZA PROVIDED**

DROP IN AND CHAT WITH PASTOR HEATHER  
YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH,  
SCRIPTURE, LIFE, CHURCH OR  
WHATEVER IS ON YOUR MIND

# APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 pm Decorate for Good Friday	2 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm Meal & Service	3 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm Good Friday service	4 4:00-5:00 pm Pick Up Pies 5:00 pm Decorate for Easter
5 EASTER PRAISE BAND 9:15 am FROG Café 9:30 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 11:15 am Sunday School	6	7	8	9 6:00 pm CHOIR rehearsal 7:00-8:15 pm Youth Group	10	11
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

APRIL 2026



Early on the  
first day of the week ...  
Mary Magdalene came to  
the tomb and saw that the  
stone had been removed  
from the tomb.

John 20:1, NRSV

*Building Strong Families,  
Growing Vibrant Communities,  
Together in Faith.*

**Deadline for the  
MAY HERALD is  
Tuesday,  
APRIL 14, 2026**  
You can e-mail articles to:  
[jackier@glossbrenner.net](mailto:jackier@glossbrenner.net)

MY  
REDEEMER  
LIVES!