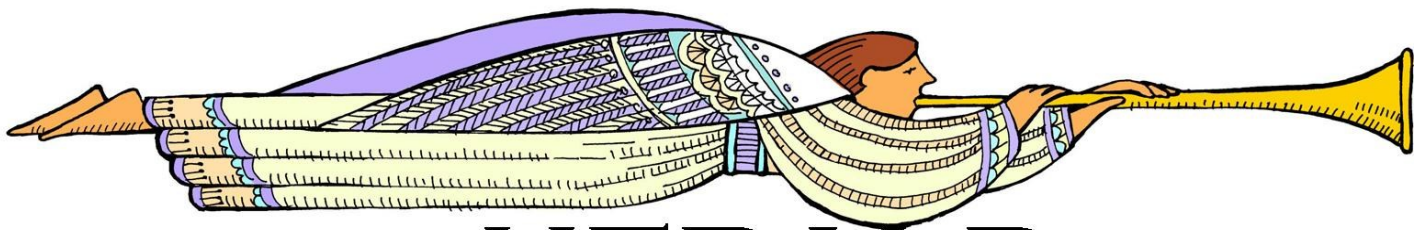


Glossbrenner Church



The HERALD

July 2026

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CHURCH WEB SITE:
www.glossbrenner.net

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Deb Ziegler: 717-799-0434

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 2 - 6
6:00 to 8:15 PM

VBS is our biggest outreach program of the year. 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.

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 yard sales and thrift stores! Any kind and size of stuffed animal is appreciated, including Beanie Babies. We can also use Giant Gift Cards to help offset the costs of the luncheon and VBS snacks!

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)
- Sunday School - 11:15 am

DATES AHEAD

AUGUST 2 - 6: VBS
AUGUST 9: VBS Sunday



FREE DINNER & SHOW A FUN WAY TO EXPERIENCE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS



The Difference by Alan Grant

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier became each task.
"Why doesn't God help me," I wondered;
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me;
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence.
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:

Vaughn Nissley is the trustee in charge of routine duties and responsibilities for the month of **July**. If you notice something that should be taken care of by the trustees, please contact Vaughn at 717-517-1323. Thank you, Vaughn, for your faithful service during the month of June.

WEEDING:

The trustees are looking for volunteers to weed the flower beds at the church. If you see an area that could use some TLC just come out and weed whenever you can - as often as you can!



Here are some dates about events and training opportunities for our congregation.

West District Day at Gretna Glen August 29th

This will include an outdoor worship service (weather permitting) along with lunch and fun activities for the entire family. All are invited.

Registration is open for Laity Academy and MissionU:

The **Laity Academy** is an annual training event organized by the Eastern PA Conference, UMC who recognizes that lay members play a crucial role in the ever-changing landscape of congregational life. They seek to empower lay members within the church, provide opportunities for everyone who wants to serve Christ to enhance their skills, deepen their understanding of various aspects of ministry; equip lay members with knowledge and practical tools to support their pastor and their church's ministries; and encourages participants to explore their personal ministry paths and discover how and where they can contribute effectively.

Participants choose from a variety of courses, including:

- the BASIC COURSE: which provides foundational knowledge;
- SPEAKING: which enhances communication skills for preaching and teaching;
- LEADING: which equips participants to lead various aspects of church life;
- CARING: which focuses on pastoral care and empathy.

Participants benefit from instruction and the opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with others who share the same passion.

This training will be held at: Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087.

Friday: July 31, 2026 Laity Academy - Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Rd, St Davids, PA 19087, July 31-August 1. <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceid=1044&profileid=1824>

· EPA MissionU Virtual Event - 4 sessions on July 15, 16, 22, and 23 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each day. <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=876410&>

· EPA MissionU In-person Event - July 24-25, Chester Hotel in Exton, PA <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=876410&>

Cindy Forry
703-785-7939

PRAYER CHAIN LEADER

Bertie Kauffman has graciously volunteered to manage Glossbrenner's Prayer Chain. If you would like to receive the Prayer Chain to join us in praying for one another or to add a prayer request, you can either email gumcprayerlist@gmail.com or call Bertie at 717-824-9751. If you are on the Prayer Chain and have not been receiving prayer requests recently, please check your spam folder and let Bertie know you are not receiving the emails. Please be patient, this is a new learning experience for all!





YEP with Pizza

Your Evening with the Pastor



6:00 – 7:30 PM
JUNE 10 & JULY 1
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



*Dear Friends,
We want to express our gratitude for your prayers, cards, texts, and notes during my recent open-heart surgery, and last year's illness too. I have begun cardiac rehab and am hopeful of getting my strength back as I work on the program. God's blessings to everyone,*

Tim & Julie Anderman

Thank you to those who sent all the cards to our mother, Irene Dennis, while she was at Hamilton Arms Center. Also, we would like to thank everyone who remembered us with cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy at the time of her passing. Your kind thoughts are so much appreciated.

Sandy Waltz and Sue Rineer

*Dear Church Family,
On behalf of our family, we would like to express our gratitude for the prayers, cards, kind words, and meals you provided following the passing of Eric Metzler. Your love, support, and compassion have been a great comfort to us during this difficult time. We are especially appreciative of the support provided by Heather, Jackie, Pam, and the volunteers who helped during the service. With sincere appreciation,*

Marion Metzler and Family

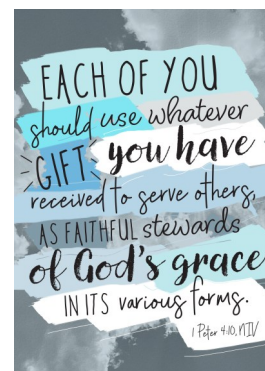


**FROM
PASTOR
HEATHER**

Have you ever considered how a church functions? The true answer is that The Church functions when people share their gifts to share God's grace with others.

The Church is not the building or a weekly event. The Church is you and me. When we

become part of a church community, we commit to being connected. Sometimes we face seasons when we need people to connect with us because we don't have the strength or capacity to connect with others. But all of us can pray for one another and for God's will to be done. And many of us know someone who is looking for connection and meaning in their life.



Looking for a place to serve?



So this month we're going to be looking for where God is nudging us to share some-

thing. Maybe it's our time, our skill set, our mind-set, our talents, our dreams, our ideas, our work ethic, our leadership, our willingness to follow Jesus beyond our comfort zone. We are also looking for who God has placed in our paths, in our lives, in our circles, who is quietly longing to be invited into a community of amazing grace-filled people.

One of my favorite aspects of the local church is how we come together in small groups, sometimes called teams, to share the responsibilities of being a Disciple of Jesus and in doing so we experience fun, fellowship, often food, work, belonging, and growth. Where is God nudging you? Let's talk about it!

With joy and grace, Pastor Heather

By the way, there are at least 50 ways to serve God and others at Glossbrenner Church! Check it out! (see Page 5)



In preparation for VBS and Sunday School, volunteers are asked to attend a Safe Sanctuary and Volun-

teer training session. This can be for first timers or a refresher for those who have served previously. Dates for the training are as follows: (the same training will occur on each date – you need only attend one!)

Saturday, July 18, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 26, beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Places to Serve at Glossbrenner Church (July 2026)

1. Liturgist (read scripture and help lead in worship service)
2. Musician (vocal and instrumental)
3. Nursery Attendant
4. Greeter
5. Usher
6. Communion Preparation Team
7. Communion Clean Up Team
8. Altar Guild (altar preparation, decoration, banners, candles)
9. Acolyte
10. Sound Board Operator
11. Slide Operator (in worship service)
12. Livestream Operator
13. Welcome Team (greet and connect with visitors, prepare visitor bags)
14. Outside Greeter
15. Coffee & Snack Steward
16. Sunday School Teacher
17. Sexton (unlock building, turn on lights, re-lock building and turn off lights)
18. Trash Collector (gather building trash and put out on the curb on Tuesdays)
19. Trash Can Collector (put outdoor trash cans away on Wednesday after trash is taken)
20. Weekly Building Walk-Thru (checks toilets, lights, doors, etc.)
21. Youth Group Assistant (Adult)
22. Children's Church Assistant (Adult)
23. VBS Volunteer
24. Organizing Spaces
25. Sorting Files
26. Data Entry for Teams and Database
27. Webmaster
28. Social Media Poster/Steward
29. Visitation Helper (Shepherd)
30. Greeting Card Ministry
31. Cleaning (rooms, etc. in the building)
32. Finance Secretary (input database of giving and donations - accounts receivable)
33. Finance Team (oversees budgeting, investments, payables, etc.)
34. Maintaining Our Flowerbeds
35. Leading Bible Studies
36. Leading Community Events
37. Community Outreach Planning Team
38. Planning Church Meals
39. Cooking/Preparing Food for Events
40. Mowing
41. Trimming Shrubs and Trees
42. Snow blowing
43. Shoveling/Salting Sidewalks, etc.
44. Leadership Development
45. Church Camp Advocate
46. Small Group Leader/Facilitator
47. Prayer Team Coordinator
48. Worship Team (plans services and worship events)
49. Lay Leader
50. Grocery Gift Card Sales Coordinator



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

2026 Summer Bible Challenge

June 7 - Sept 6

Children, teens, and adults can be intentional in getting to know the Bible and God better this summer. The challenge is to track each day that you spend time in scripture through reading, listening, or playing games. Participants can keep motivated by reaching different milestones and getting a gift from Pastor Heather's "Box of Encouragement" (with a variety of free activities and prizes).

There is no required amount of time for each day. Consistency is the key as you create a spiritual discipline of getting into God's Word and maybe even more time in prayer each day.

There are no penalties for being human and missing a day. You can get a "Comeback Kid" bonus when you get back on track! Special Blessings and Encouragements will be shared each week throughout the summer so stay connected on Facebook (Glossbrenner Church) and our website (glossbrenner.net). There will be updates in the Sunday bulletins as well beginning June 21st.

2026 Summer Bible Challenge - Resources

You choose what works for you.

Here are some recommended resources for your exploration of God's Word. Contact Pastor Heather if you need more ideas!

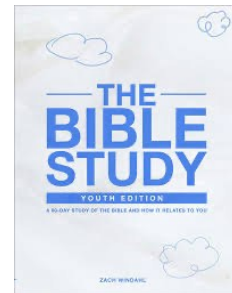
Game (Manna)

<https://www.themanna.app/>



In Print (available in the church lobby)

The Bible Study by Zach Windahl



The Good and Beautiful Bible Study from Alabaster



Online (or get the app):

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/>



<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/13-bible-in-90-days>



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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, 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

Shirley Bowers
c/o Steve Bowers
501 Donegal Springs Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Shirley is a resident at Hamilton Arms,
Lancaster, PA - Room 150-D)

Mark Buller
Lancaster Nursing & Rehab Center
Room 704 SE
900 East King Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

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

Molly Hart
Autumn House East
2618 East Market Street
York, PA 17402
(Phone: 717-493-0591)

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

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)



JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

MONTH OF JULY

SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA TECHS:

James Hammel
Matthew Hammel

MONEY COUNTERS:

Cindy Forry
Linda Gockley
Jackie Roberts

HEAD USHER:

Russ Miceli

JULY 5 - HOLY COMMUNION

ACOLYTES:

Jonathan Miller

GREETERS:

Pam & Russ Miceli

NURSERY:

Marion Metzler
Debbie Nissley

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Dick Thompson
Joe Davis
Wayne Kauffman
Wayne Kennedy

USHERS:

Dave Kopp
Sue Kopp
Barb Miley
Debbie Nissley
Vaughn Nissley
Barb Thompson
Dick Thompson



JULY 12 - PRAISE BAND-FOOD BANK SUNDAY

ACOLYTE:

Silas Rockey

GREETERS:

Bonnie Engle
Marion Metzler
Jessica Eidemiller
Kelly Nissly

NURSERY:

Joe Davis

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Mike Doughton

USHERS:

Joe Davis
Debbie Martin
Vaughn Nissley
Bob Waters



JULY 19 - JOYFUL NOISE

ACOLYTE:

Parker Cole

GREETERS:

Mike & Pam Doughton

NURSERY:

Donna Smith
Mabz Smith

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Russ Miceli
Bonnie Engle
Linda Gockley

USHERS:

Jackie Roberts
Diane Rorabaugh



Joyful Noise

JULY 26 - PRAISE BAND

ACOLYTE:

Miles Tucker

GREETERS:

Debbie & Vaughn Nissley

NURSERY:

Linda Gockley
Sue Kopp

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

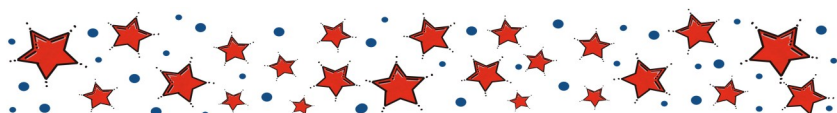
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Jim Kreiser
Barb Miley
Mike Doughton
Wayne Kauffman
Wayne Kennedy

USHERS:



ONLINE GIVING

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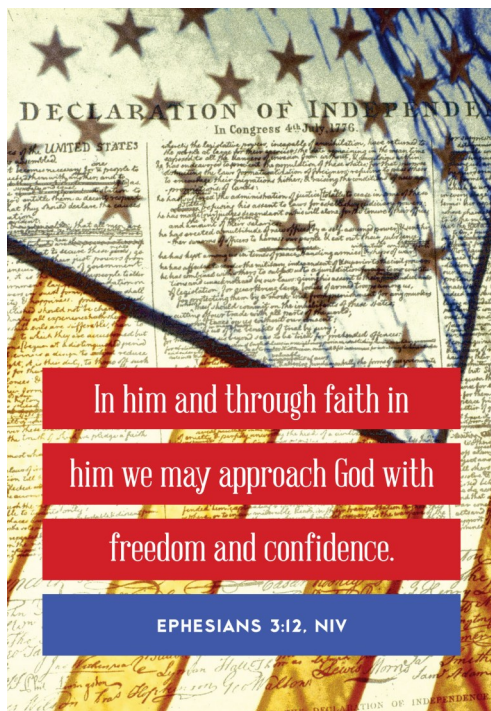
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MOUNT JOY, PA 17552

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JUNE 2026



*Building Strong Families
Growing Vibrant Communities
Together in Faith*

**DEADLINE FOR AUGUST *HERALD*
IS SUNDAY JULY 19, 2026.**

**Think about dates ahead in AUGUST
for meetings, special events, etc. and
hand in to the office by the 19th of July.**

Email: jackier@glossbrenner.net

