

February 15, 2026

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Red Hymnal 56

\*Opening Hymn "O Come Let Us Adore Him" Red Hymnal 69

\*Centering Prayer

**O Lord, our God, you are worthy of all our praise. You are the God who never fails to keep his promises. We thank you that in Jesus' life, death and resurrection we see your love, justice, mercy, provision and victory. You are the God who lifts up those who are weighed down. You are the God who provides for your children. Our desire is to praise you as long as we live. Enjoy our praises as we gather together today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

\*Worship Songs Praise medley On screen, guitar

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 24:7-10 Pew Bible 787

Offering Meditation

**God, we thank you that you care about us and come to help us when we're afraid. We pray as we consider how to give back to you what you have placed in our care, that you keep us from worry and that you help us with wisdom and love to carefully consider what we do. We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

Prayer of Blessing

Children's Story Lisa Konopinski

Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the kids come forward

Remarks by District Moderator Nicholas Wingert

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn "Jesus What a Friend" Red Hymnal 205, v. 1

Morning Prayer

Special Music "Love Is Our Theme" Choir  
Directed by Bob Long

Scripture Isaiah 33:22 Pew Bible 1020

Message

"Our Saving King"

Pastor Mark

\*Hymn of Response

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Red Hymnal 51

\*Benediction

\*Sending in Praise

Closing chorus

On screen

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## VISITORS

*Welcome to our service today!*

*We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.*

*Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).*

*The Calm Room in the back of the sanctuary is available for families to use if you need a quiet, private space for children.*

## Please Uplift in Prayer

**Hanover Hall**

Esther Brown, Rm 117A

**Spring Creek Rehab**

Sonja Bankert

**Country Meadows**

Bonnie Berwager, Apt 311

**Brethren Home**

Mary Kate Henry, PC Rm 2918

Dolores Beard, PC Rm 4931

Mary Ann Dissinger, Brookside Rm 210

Miriam Mills, HC Rm 2179

**Utz Terrace**

Evelyn Dickensheets, Rm 422

**Others:** Danielle Smith, Carl Stremmel, Eileen McKinley, Family of Bob Worley

**1<sup>st</sup> day of Lent – February 18<sup>th</sup> - What is Lent?** Lent is a time of repentance and preparation for Easter. Forty days are set aside to focus on worshipping and praising the Lord. It is to be a time when we Christians develop a deeper personal relationship with the Lord. “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with your whole heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

**2<sup>nd</sup> day of Lent – February 19<sup>th</sup> - When Did the Observance of Lent Begin?** Church records show that in the second century AD, the Church began to celebrate a feast called “The Paschal Mystery of Christ”, a time of remembering Jesus making restitution for sin of mankind through His death, resurrection and ascension. “And after he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

**3<sup>rd</sup> day of Lent – February 20<sup>th</sup> - When did Lent change from a one-time celebration to a longer time?** Generations passed down the one or two-day preparation to become a Season of Lent, which by the fourth century, early Christians easily incorporated this time of spiritual preparation into their guidelines for the Christian year and designated 40 days as the Lenten Season. “So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12

**4<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – February 21<sup>st</sup> - Why 40 Days?** The 40 days are symbolic of the 40 days Jesus spent in preparation in the wilderness. The time was to coincide with Ash Wednesday through Good Friday, not counting Sundays. “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.” Matt 4:1-2

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday during Lent – February 22<sup>nd</sup> – “Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 97:6-7a**

**5<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – February 23<sup>rd</sup> How does Fasting Relate to Lent?** The practice of Fasting has been as part of Jewish faith. Moses instructed Israelites to prepare fast for The Day of Atonement. As atonement was to rid the people of sin, fasting in preparation of Easter can easily be related. “This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month, you must deny yourselves (fast) and not do any work—whether native-born or a foreigner residing among you - because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you.” Leviticus 16:29

**6<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – February 24<sup>th</sup> - I Thought Only Catholics Observed Lent?** That is not accurate. Many Protestant Churches have observed Holy Week as a time of preparation for Easter. The Church of Brethren has its roots in being a Pietist Church. Piety, meaning the quality of being reverent and devoted to God, so Lent is a long-time practice. “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.” Hebrews 12:28

## Announcements

**Newsletter Article Deadline:** Today, February 15.

**Over 60's:** Wednesday, February 18 at 12 pm.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** February 18 at 7 pm.

**Pastor's Schedule:** Pastor Mark will be out of the office from Thursday, Feb 19 through Tuesday, Feb 24.

**Craft Group:** Meets every Thursday at 9:00. Join us!

**Bible Study:** Fridays at 11 am. Cancelled for February.

**Two Day Yard Sale:** March 20 and 21. Please bring your items through Wednesday, March 18. Help needed- please see Amy.

**Thank You:** Thanks so much to the team who stapled the 2026 church directories. It was a great help and very much appreciated! *Shal*

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday School - 34 Worship - 64

### Giving Last Week

General - \$2,185 Building Rental - \$240  
Community Aid Bin - \$20  
(*Budget Need Per Week - \$4,202*)

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### Activities This Week

Sunday, Feb 15

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am  
Newsletter Article Deadline

Monday, Feb 16

Tax Prep - 7 am

Line Dance - 6 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

Tax Prep - 7 am

AA - 8 pm

Over 60's - 12 pm

Line Dance - 2 pm

Ash Wed - 7 pm

Crafts - 9 am

Newsletter Assembly - 9 am

Tuesday, Feb 17

Wednesday, Feb 18

Thursday, Feb 19

Friday, Feb 20

### Upcoming Activities

Sunday, Feb 22

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Tax Prep - 7 am

Line Dance - 6 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

Tax Prep - 7 am

AA - 8 pm

Line Dance - 2 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Crafts - 9 am

Tuesday, Feb 24

Wednesday, Feb 25

Thursday, Feb 26

### Assisting Us

Worship Leader

Music Director/Pianist

Organist

Deacon of the Month/Welcomer

Head Usher

Bulletin Board

Brooklyn Kneller

Roxie Schloyer

Bev Wolf

Pat Conrad

Roger Bollinger

Kim Smith