

March 29, 2026

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship Blue Hymnal 659

*Opening Hymn Blue Hymnal 172, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6
"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

*Centering Prayer Blue Hymnal 757

Offering Meditation

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn Blue Hymnal 307, v. 2
"Will You let me be Your Servant"

Morning Prayer

Special Music "Oh How Blessed is He" Choir

Special Presentation "Messiah in the Passover"
Delora Neuschwander of Chosen People Ministries

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn Blue Hymnal 427, guitar
"You Shall go out with Joy"

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: Robert & Betty Stockslager

Lent – Easter Week

37th Day of Lent – April 1st Station 11 – Criminals speak to Jesus –

Two criminals, one on the right and one on the left. Both guilty, yet their response is so different, one angry, hurling insults and making demands; the other acknowledging his sin, repenting and asking Jesus for forgiveness. Ask ourselves, “Which side would I be on?” “One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Luke 23:39-42

38th Day of Lent – April 2nd Station 12- Jesus speaks with Mary and John –

Jesus in agonizing pain, dying, still takes the responsibility of the oldest son and to make sure His mother is provided for with someone He knows and trusts. “Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.” John 19:25-27

39th Day of Lent – April 3rd Station 13 – Jesus dies on the cross.

Jesus, God in human form, dies just like all humans’ bodies die. When He breathed His last breath, the temple curtain was torn from top to bottom. Now the sin that separated God and human sin was no longer there. The perfect sacrifice had been made. “It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.” Luke 23:44-45

40th Day of Lent – April 4th Station 14 – Jesus is laid in the tomb.

For the disciples and other followers of Jesus, it had all ended. All they hoped for was no longer a possibility. What Jesus had told them, all He had promised, felt like it was in that cold dark tomb with the bolder rolled in front of the entrance. “Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.” Matthew 27:59-60

EASTER CELEBRATION – April 5th

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”
Matthew 28:5-6

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” Mark 16:6

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ Luke 24:6-7

Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) John 20:8-9

Announcements

Love Offering: Please consider adding a love offering for our speaker, Delora, this morning. Checks can be made out to Chosen People Ministries. Thank you.

April Newsletter: Pick one up in the lobby.

Easter Candy: Please pick up your candy in the fellowship hall today after the service.

Communion Bread Making: Wednesday, April 1 at 5 pm.

Maundy Thursday Service: With lovefeast, April 2 at 7 pm. For special dietary needs, contact Sue Ambrosius at 717-451-8613.

Easter Eggstravaganza: April 4 at 10 am.

Sunrise Service: With coffee and pastries, April 5 at 7 am.

Game Night & Ice Cream Social: Saturday, April 18 at 6 pm.

Council Reports: Due Sunday, April 12.

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

Bible Study: 6-week study on Galatians. Starting Tuesday, April 21 at 11 am and running through Tuesday, May 26.

Picture Directory: To sign up for a photography appointment, go to www.ucdir.com. Church Code: **PA1257** Password: **Bible**

Membership Class: There will be a membership class coming up after Easter. If you are interested in exploring membership here at Hanover Church of the Brethren, please see Pastor Mark.

Easter Cantata: The Village Choir at Cross Keys Village will be presenting their annual Easter Cantata on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Nicarry Meetinghouse. This year's cantata is "God So Loved" by Pepper Choplin. The Village Men's Quartet will also be performing. All are welcome to come.

Attendance Last Week

Sunday School – 32 Worship – 83

Giving Last Week

General - \$2,296 Building Rental - \$127

Lawn Mowing - \$10 Flowers - \$240.50 Yard Sale - \$3,494

(Budget Need Per Week - \$4,202)

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Activities This Week

Sunday, Mar 29

Monday, Mar 30

Tuesday, Mar 31

Wednesday, Apr 1

Thursday, Apr 2

Saturday, Apr 4

Sunday, Apr 5

Monday, Apr 6

Tuesday, Apr 7

Wednesday, Apr 8

Thursday, Apr 9

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

Communion Bread - 5 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Crafts - 9 am

Maundy Thursday with Love Feast - 7 pm

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Assisting Us

Worship Leader

Music Director/Pianist

Organist

Deacons of the Month/Welcomers

Head Usher

Bulletin Board

Andy Bowman

Roxie Schloyer

Bev Wolf

Ed & Jackie Swartz

Roger Bollinger

Kim Smith