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WORSHIP—10:30 AM

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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

The Great Relief

What if you owed someone \$1,000,000 with no realistic way to pay it back? Philip Yancey tells the story of a man who borrowed \$1 million from a venture capitalist to start a new ecotourism business. His target country was Iraq since he had in mind the rebuilding of the famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon. This was a year or so before Operation Desert Storm in 1990.

He ordered up a series of expensive TV ads that would air during golf tournaments and other shows where well-heeled folks would be watching. He made all the necessary travel and accommodation plans. Unfortunately, soon after making his investment and preparing for the first trip, Desert Storm broke out and all travel was cancelled!

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Titus 2:11



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Church Mission Statement

"Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God."

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Please Take Note



Inclement Weather Policy For Sunday Service

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be sent out by email, recorded on the church's answering machine, and published on the TV 8 website. Please see Pastor Mark with questions.

Harvest Home Service November 15



We will sing and give thanks, and pass on a special offering of canned goods, anything from the garden, and a monetary gift to those in need through New Hope Ministries. Current needs include cereal, canned soup, pasta in a can, Hormel meals (shelf stable), canned and fresh vegetables, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, shampoo, toilet paper, and household cleaners.



Stewardship Report

September 2026

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	29	71
Budget Goal (\$4,202 per week)		\$ 218,492
Need to-date (39 weeks)		\$ 163,878
Budget Giving to Date (84%)		\$ 137,661
Designated Giving to Date		\$36,939.50
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE		\$174,600
Budget Giving for September		\$ 9,498
Designated Giving for September		\$ 5,400
Building Rental		\$ 671
Camp Eder		\$ 100
Car Show		\$ 10
Disaster Relief		\$ 340
Lawn Mowing		\$ 45
Sunday School Books		\$ 90
Wood Trim		\$ 80
Yard Sale		\$ 4,064.50

Renewal Services 2026

November 20-22 at 7 pm

Ice Cream Social: Saturday at 6:00 pm

The Four Disciple-making Invitations of Jesus

Friday, November 20: "Come & See" John 1:35-39a, 43-46

Saturday, November 21: "Follow Me" Matthew 9:9, 16:24

Sunday (during morning Worship), November 22: "Follow Me and I'll make you Fishers of Men" Matthew 4:18-20, Mark 1:16-18

Sunday Evening, November 22: "Go and Bear Fruit" John 15:1-8, 16

About the Speaker



Ryan Braught is the Church Planter/ Pastor of the Veritas Community in Lancaster, PA as well as the Program Manager of the 'Part Time Pastor: Full Time Church' program

of the Church of the Brethren. He also works as a Circuit Rider within the program as well as being a barista at Slate Cafe in Lititz, PA and a Snowboard Instructor at Roundtop Mountain Resort in Lewisberry, PA.

Ryan is the husband of Kimberly for over 30 years, father to Kaiden who is 22 and a student at Messiah University, and father to Trinity who is 19 and a student at Indiana University of PA. In his free time Ryan likes to read, watch movies, listen to music and podcasts, snowboard, and hang out with his family.



In Our Church

Hanging of the Greens



Hanging of the Greens will take place after church on November 29. Join us to help make the sanctuary festive and beautiful!



It's never too early to get into the Christmas spirit!

Join The Women's Fellowship for our annual Christmas Craft Show, and kick off the holiday season with a day of shopping, fun, and festive cheer.

The show will be on Saturday, November 14 from 8 am to 2 pm. We serve breakfast and lunch. There will also be free coffee and popcorn.

Please come to see what the vendors have to offer. We are always looking for volunteers. We welcome donations for the show: baked goods, craft items, silent auction items, and donations of share-a-meal.

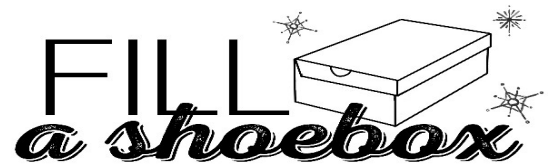
Finally, be sure to procure your chicken-corn soup or ham-and-bean soup before it sells out.

Please come and see a wonderful selection of handmade gifts. Come and support talented local crafters and enjoy a great day with family and friends!



**Wednesday,
November 18
Noon to 2 PM**

The Over 60's group will meet in the Fellowship Hall on November 18 at 12 noon to hear Aaron Bowyer talk about the history of photography and antique cameras. Remember to invite a friend and bring a covered dish to share.



It is almost time for the Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child.

Shoeboxes filled with gifts are given to children all over the world. Operation Christmas Child shows children that God loves them and that you love them too.

Shoeboxes will be available in the narthex beginning November 8 (you can take more than one). Simply fill the boxes with gifts of toys, hygiene items, or school supplies. Brochures are available explaining how to pack a shoebox, and there are labels to identify if the box is for a boy or girl and for what age group. The boxes will need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 22.

Also, do not forget to pray for the lucky child who will receive your box.



From the Desk of Pastor Mark continued

The man began to ponder a sobering fact: he owed \$1 million (about \$2.5 million today) with no foreseeable way to repay it. Glumly, he drew up a pitiful repayment contract (basically the rest of his life and his kids'). He would realistically only be able to pay the interest plus a little more each month. It would take longer than he had to pay it off!

Reluctantly, he approached the venture capitalist. "Repay!" said the man in surprise, "You don't have to repay me! I'm a venture capitalist! I win some; I lose some. Don't worry about it!" Well, his sense of relief was profound, as you can imagine!

Yet that sense of relief should be nothing compared with our relief at being forgiven for all our sin; and passing, as Jesus said, from death into life (John 5:24)! We owe Him more than we have. We owe a debt that could not be paid in all of eternity! Yet HE willingly went to the cross for us so we could have the greatest sense of relief possible.

So when you remember that thing you did that you so deeply regret, or that thing you just can't seem to stop doing - remember too that all of these are FORGIVEN in Jesus Christ! And believe it or not, that knowledge is the beginning of our getting better!

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

So there it is! By grace we are eternally and radically saved, and by grace we are getting better. Let that be a great relief to you today!

Pastor Mark



Pastor-Congregation Relations Support Team

The Ministry and Worship Commission, with the approval of the Board, decided to create a support team for the pastor and the congregation to aid in the resolution of any conflicts that may arise. The appointed team members are Bob Long, Dick Ambrosius and Angie Ruth. The Ministry and Worship Commission will oversee the team. Please contact one of the members of the team or the Ministry and Worship Commission if you feel you have not been able to resolve a conflict on your own. It is the Commission's hope that any areas of conflict can be resolved without hurt feelings. As the body of Christ, it is imperative that we work together to keep our church healthy.

-Ministry & Worship Commission





11/1 Wendy Reynolds	11/22 Susan Bressler
11/2 Helen Osborne	11/23 Pat Boyer
11/5 Jessica Huiet	Jordon Weaver
Karen Snyder	11/26 Frank McDonald
11/8 Brenda Kneller	Jeremy Mowery
Liam McMaster	11/28 Bruce Stambaugh
11/10 Daniel Stonesifer	11/29 Angie McMaster
11/12 Lance Rusinko	Nancy Yingling
Rebecca Sowers	11/30 Margie Morelock
11/17 David Brodbeck	
11/18 John Molison	
11/19 Bleigh Duckworth	

11/14 Paul & Shirley Marshall	(56)
11/16 Don & Wendy Reynolds	(30)
11/21 Greg & Pam Hammond	(39)
11/24 Steve & Kim Shue	(17)
11/29 Dean & Janie Bowman	(46)



Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the December/January Newsletter is Sunday, 15 November .



Please sign up to decorate the bulletin board for a month. The sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who picked a month and decorated our church bulletin board in 2026.



Uplift in Prayer

Listed here are those with ongoing concerns, recuperating from surgery or procedures, recently hospitalized and/or have been shared through our prayer chain. Your thoughts and prayers are always appreciated.

Eileen McKinley & family, Katie & Kim

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown, Rm 117A

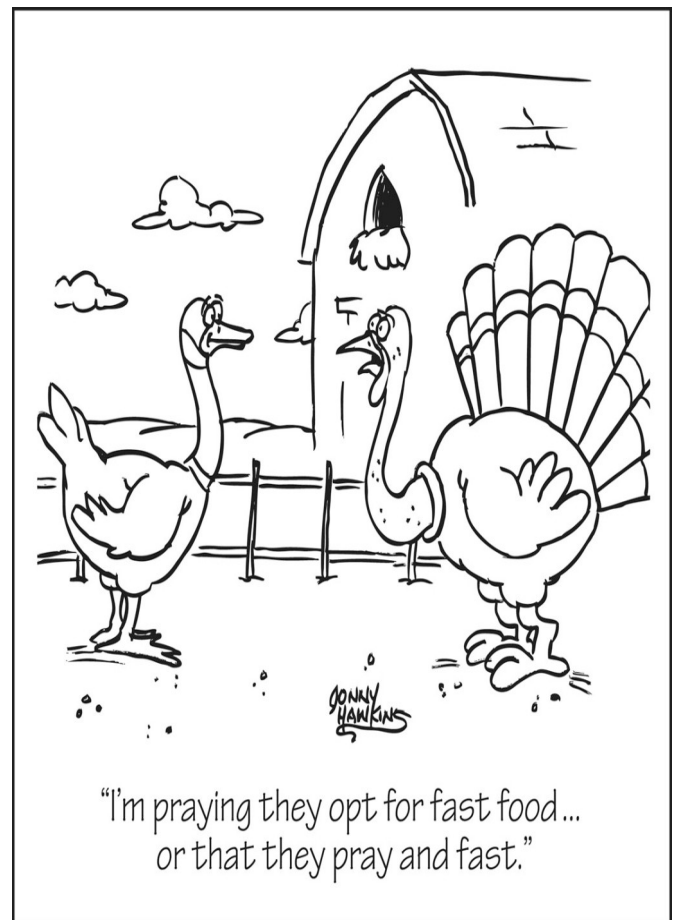
Spring Creek Rehab

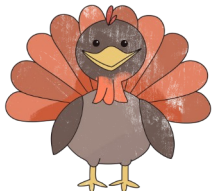
Sonja Bankert

Brethren Home

Mary Ann Dissinger, BR Rm 210

Dolores Beard, PC Rm 4931



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	2 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	3 11 am Bible Study 8 pm AA	4 7 pm Choir	5 9 am Crafts 6 pm Bread of Life	6	7
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