

Our Mission

-A family of God growing in Christ, empowered to serve -

Worship
January 4, 2026
9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. L. Leatherman

Call to Worship *Micah 6:6-8 (NIV)* Judy Witter

One: With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?

All: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

One: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

All: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Prayer

*Hymn

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (#216)

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

All Is Well Robin-Faust Hambright
(Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick, arr. Carol Tornquist)

Offering Prayer

Offertory

March in G J. Dixon

*Sung Response to Offering

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated (#534)

Teaching Scripture

Luke 10:25-28 (NIV)

Sermon

What Does God Want from Me? Pastor Mark

*Sending

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (#434)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Brightest & Best of the Stars of the Morning*

J. Harding

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Director of Music and Organist
Worship Leadership

Pamela Wert
Judy Witter

Today, January 4th

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, as well as during the Sunday School hour. Nursery/Toddlers (age 0-2) are in room #4 on the lower level. Pre-school/Kindergarten (age 3-5) are in room #6 on the lower level.

Contemporary Worship Service TODAY at 10:45am! "Coffee Corner" will be open 15 minutes prior to that time for fellowship and light refreshment. While we see this service as a mission to reach young adults and families, it will relate to all ages. The short sermons speak to real life experiences, and the hands-on interactions help make faith personal and build community. If you do not attend Sunday School, come join us at 10:45 am in the Brethren Life Center.

Children's Church Today and every Sunday - 9:30 AM-10:30 AM & 10:35 – 11:45 AM. Grades 1st through 8th. Join Jessica Madden, Youth Director, as she leads the Children's Church!

Please take note that the next newsletter will combine the months of January/February. Deadline for January/February Pastor's Pen is TODAY, January 4th. Please submit all information to the church office.

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has surrounded my family with such love during this difficult time. To my church family, thank you for praying over us, checking in, and showing up in ways that reminded me of God's comforting presence. Your kindness has carried us in moments when we needed it most. To the preschool committee, your generous donation and your prayers touched me deeply. In the middle of grief, your thoughtfulness felt like God's gentle hand reminding me that we are not walking this alone. And to my preschool parents—thank you for every message, every hug, every kind word. I have read each one with joy in my eyes. Your encouragement has been such a blessing, and I am truly grateful for the way you have held my family in your hearts. Your love has reflected Christ's care, and my family and I are so thankful....**Amy Kobie & Family**

The Deacons Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship & Recreation Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Table Games are held each week on Wednesdays from 1 to 4PM in the Brethren Haus. YOU are invited to join us. Games played vary but are chosen once we meet. We are always willing to learn a new one if you bring it. Snacks are welcome, but not necessary.

Mid-Week to Go.....plan to join us on Wednesday, January 7th between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a meal delivered to your car! First come-first served basis.

The Church Board Retreat will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Bread and Cup Communion will be served at both worship services on Sunday, January 11th. Please join us.

4th Street Youth Movie Night will be held on Wednesday, January 14th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Showing – *Unsung Hero*. Join us for an awesome evening filled with popcorn, candy, and hot chocolate bar. Bring your friends, a comfy blanket, and get ready for a night of laughs, snacks, and good vibes!

2026 Flower Chart – A New Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex for altar flowers for worship. Altar arrangements are \$45.00.

Church Board Minutes from the meetings held December 2, 2025 and December 9, 2025 are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

Smart Cookies Preschool is looking for several people who can be Substitute Teachers and/or Substitute teacher's Assistants in our program. Our staff is rarely ill, but when they are we need a list of willing and able subs. When you substitute, you are paid for your time. To apply please email Amy.Kobie@chambcob.org, or call the church office to express your interest.

Bus Trip to see Joshua at Sight and Sound! - A Bus Trip is planned to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see "Joshua" on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Depart church at 8:00 a.m. with show time at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a family style meal at Riehl's Quilts and Craft Shop, an authentic Amish Home beginning at 2:15 p.m. Departure for home at approximately 4:15 p.m. Cost for bus, tickets, and meal is \$170 for Adults and \$109 for Children (ages 3 thru 12 yrs.) Payment is due upon sign-up and payable to Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. If you are unable to attend after signing up, you are responsible for getting a replacement. Sign-up in the Brethren Life Center lobby.

Needed: Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrel located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated.

Church Closing Schedule January – Terry Gibbons; February – Sam Wingert

To give online, please scan



December 28, 2025

Worship – 86 Sunday School - 26

Unified Budget Needed to Date	\$509,994.72
Actual Income through 11/30/25	\$411,781.68
Actual Expenses through 11/30/25	\$448,945.23
Net as of 11/30/25	\$ -37,163.55

Senior Pastor: Mark Baliles

Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert

Director of Youth Ministry: Jessica Madden

Director of Music and Organist – Pamela Wert

Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM - Sunday School – 10:30 AM

Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday – Friday – 8:00 AM – 12 Noon - Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

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