

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

Worship
December 28, 2025
9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *Gloria* arr. J. Payne

Call to Worship John 1:1-5, 10-14 (NIV)

One: Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

All: Let earth receive her King!

One: Let ev-ry heart prepare Him room.

All: Let heav'n and nature sing!

*Hymn *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* (#181)

*Prayer

Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (#215)

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* arr. A. Fedak

*Sung Response to offering
Child in the Manger (#189) vs. 1,3

Pastoral Prayer

Teaching Scripture Mark 1:1-3 (NRSVUE)

Sermon *Preparing the Way* Kendal Trader

*Sending *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* (#217) vs. 1,2,4,5

*Benediction

*Postlude *And Now the Christmastide Is Nigh at Hand*
arr. L. A. Koch

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Director of Music and Organist

Pamela Wert

Worship Leadership

Nadine and Tim Monn

Today, December 28th

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.

Pastor Mark and Reba will be on vacation with their family over the Christmas and New Year holidays, December 25 - January 1. If you have a need, please contact a Deacon or the church office, or you may reach Pastor Mark by phone, text, or email, and he will seek to coordinate emergency pastoral assistance.

Missions and Service Commission will meet TODAY, December 28, 2025 following first service in the Library.

Contributions for 2025 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 29th. Any giving received after December 29th will be credited to 2026 giving.

No Table Games will be held on Wednesday, December 31st due to New Year's. We will resume playing on Wednesday, January 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of New Year's. Happy New Year!

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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 – December – Donald Lehman; January – Terry Gibbons; February – Sam Wingert

To give online, please scan



December 21, 2025

Worship – 164 Sunday School - 45

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– Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.*

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