

PLEASE NOTE: Names on the prayer list will be taken off after two weeks unless there has been a change or a family member asks to keep their name on the list. To add or remove a name, please Email: gumcprayerchain01@gmail.com or Phone: 717-653-4717 (leave a message on the answering machine with the information).

**LET US REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS AND CARDS:** (Week of 12-18-22)

- **STAFF & ALL THEIR LOVED ONES** – for spiritual protection; if Satan can't get to the person, he will attack their family.
- **JASON BOWERS** – Shirley Bowers's grandson; is in the hospital for tests.
- **IRENE DENNIS** – has been transferred to Hamilton Arms Center, room 210, 336 S. West End Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603.
- **HOWIE ELSLAGER** – in the hospital, possible COVID.
- **KAREN ELSLAGER** & her son-on-law, **JERE** – tested positive for COVID.
- **FRANK GEIB** – is at Paramount Senior Living in Maytown, will be there for at least a month.
- **BRIAN HACKLEY** – Doug's son; is in the hospital in Cleveland having tests and preparing for a heart valve repair surgery on Thursday, December 16. Brian lives in Knoxville.
- **YVONNE McNAUGHTON** – Betty Robinson's daughter; hip replacement Thursday, December 15.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Karen and Mark Moore and the family of Karen's father, The Rev. Kenneth Dearstyne, who passed away on Friday, December 9, 2022. Also, our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Deanna Marshall who passed away on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK: Judy Orey is the homebound member of Glossbrenner featured this week. Take a moment to drop a note or card in the mail or make a phone call to let Judy know we are thinking about her.

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**ONGOING**

- UKRAINE
- Persecuted Church
- Our Homebound Members: Joyce Baker, Elmer & Irene Dennis, June Hostetter, MaryAnn Miller, Betty Ober, Judy Orey, Karen Reynolds, Vivian Yingst
- Janice Barber, Annette Bubacz, Kayleigh Bubacz, Karen Elslager, Karen Moore, Mindy Neideigh, Rev. Joe Puckhaber, Linda Reheard
- Elected officials

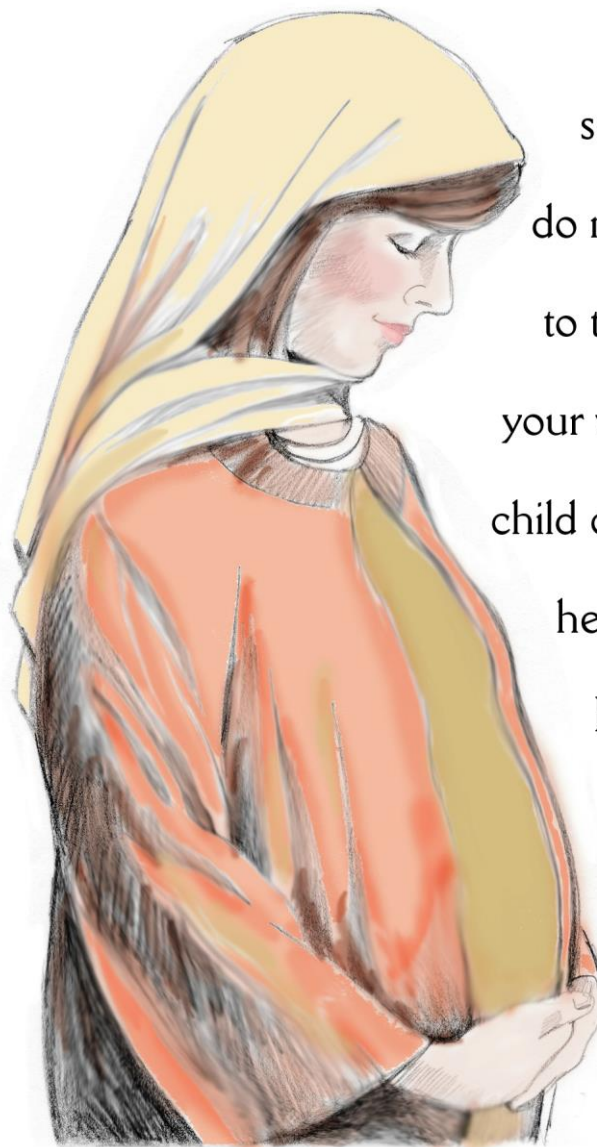
**GLOSSBRENNER MISSION STATEMENT**

**GROW • PRAISE • SERVE**

Grow in Our Christian Faith

Praise God through Worship

Serve Others to Glorify God



“Joseph,  
son of David,  
do not be afraid  
to take Mary as  
your wife, for the  
child conceived in  
her is from the  
Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:20,  
NRSV

**December 18, 2022**

**GLOSSBRENNER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**DECEMBER 18, 2022 – Happy Hour is 9:30 A.M.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**PRAISE TEAM – STARLIGHT – JOYFUL NOISE**

"... and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23, NRSV). What message is more comforting and praiseworthy? Welcome to worship.

"\*" in the bulletin indicates that you should rise if you are able.

**GREETINGS, JOYS & CONCERNS**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to Our Internet Viewers**

\* **INVOCATION**

**STARLIGHT DANCERS**

**LIGHT ADVENT WREATH** – *Children of Glossbrenner*

**SUNBEAMS** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\* "Sing We Now of Christmas"

\* "Do You Hear What I Hear"

\* "What Child Is This"

**PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER (unison)**

**RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**JOYFUL NOISE**

"Drummer Boy" - *Tom Breneisen & Praise Band*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CHILDREN DISMISSED**

*All Children (Preschool age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be dismissed.*

**MESSAGE**

*"This is Unbelievable"*

Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 7:10-16

\* "O Come All Ye Faithful"

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* "Joy to the World"

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In lieu of cut flower arrangements, a donation to the General Fund has been made by Cynthia Forry to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Ruth and Albert Forry and Nicole Elslager.

**CHURCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

ACOLYTE: Faith McClellan

CHILDREN & YOUTH DIRECTOR: Jessica Rockey

GREETERS: Eric & Marion Metzler

MONEY COUNTERS: Linda Gockley, Joe & Deb Ziegler

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Justine Madonna

NURSERY: Kathy Binkley, Thelma Kreiser-Hartman

OUTSIDE GREETERS: Joe Davis, Dave Kopp

PASTOR: Brian Albert

PRAISE TEAM: Barbara Albert, Brian Albert, Tyler Beazley, Tom Breneisen, Dave Eichler, Cindy Forry, Melinda Myers, Jackie Roberts, Desiree Whitcraft

SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA: Barbara Albert, Dave Eichler, Mark Myers, Andy Ober, Chad Ober, Ken Ober

HEAD USHER: Ron Blechinger

USHERS: Mike Doughton, Greg Kline, Kathy Kline, Dave Kopp

Attendance for December 11, 2022

In-person Worship: 104

Livestream views: 18

YouTube views: 57

Sunday school: 61

Amount received for December 11, 2022-----\$8,089.00

Total amount received as of December 11, 2022-----\$293,271.36

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK** (12-18-22 to 12-25-22)

Today: **8:45 am** FROG Café – Fellowship Time  
9:15 am Prayer in Chapel  
9:30 am Worship Service-Live, Livestreamed & Recorded  
10:45 am Sunday School  
**7:00 pm CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Tuesday: 6:00 pm Clean Chandeliers  
6:30 pm Youth Group

Wednesday: No Bible study  
6:30 pm Bell Choir rehearsal  
7:45 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday: 3:00 pm Easy Christmas Eve service/Communion  
7:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve service

Next Sunday: **10:30 am** Christmas Day Worship Service  
No Sunday School

## RECURRING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REGISTRATION:** All who are present please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance registration pad (located at the end of the pew closest to the center aisle).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children 3 years old to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meet in Room #2. Those in grades 4-8 meet in the room next to the Youth Room. The All Stars meet in Room #1 (across from the Nursery); the Koinonia class meets in the Parlor. NEW CLASS: Young Adult – currently meeting in the Youth Room.

**FROG (Fully Rely On God) CAFÉ:** From **8:45** a.m. to just before church starts, come and fellowship. Enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Hope to see you there!

**PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL:** Please join us at 9:15 a.m. to pray for the worship service.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the “Prayer Request” sheets placed in the registration pad folders and place it in the “Prayer Request” box on the table in the lobby. Extra sheets are available beside the box.

**GREETING CARD MINISTRY:** If you know of someone who is in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or would appreciate receiving a card from us, please call Betty Robinson at 717-366-4549.

**GROCERY GIFT CARDS** for Giant and Weis are available to purchase in the FROG Café Sunday mornings before and after the worship service.

**HERSHEY PARK VOLUNTEER SHIFTS:** Hershey Park Attractions and Food & Beverage shifts are available for volunteers. The hourly rate is \$8.00 which goes to the church; volunteers still receive tickets. Contact Betty Robinson for information: 717-366-4549 or [blrmrj@comcast.net](mailto:blrmrj@comcast.net)

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### TO ACTIVATE GLOSSBRENNER'S PRAYER CHAIN

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Greeting Card Ministry: Betty Robinson – 717-366-4549

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Kathy Binkley – 717-653-2791

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – 12/18/22

### ADVENT CANDLES

Thanks to all those who took part in the worship service with the lighting of the Advent candles: Mary Lou Grace & Bill Garber, Dave & Shannon Cole, Ron Blechinger, Barrett Borry, Don Musser, Bob Waters and the Children of Glossbrenner.

### STARLIGHT

Thank you to the Starlight praise dancers, Miss Nancy and Desiree Whitcraft for their participation in this mornings' service. They will be dancing to “Bethlehem”.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

TODAY is the deadline to bring in Christmas cards for the homebound. Caring Hands & Hearts is asking for help to deliver the bags to the homebound. You can pick them up at the end of the worship service or after Sunday school today and deliver sometime this week. Thank you for helping us spread a little Christmas cheer to our homebound friends!

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

This evening at 7:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir will be presenting “Ceremony of Candles” a cantata for Advent and Christmas by Joseph M. Martin. The Light of the world had come and the people who had walked in darkness began to see the glory of the Lord revealed in the shining eyes of a child named Jesus. Soon his Light would pour from a Bethlehem cave and disperse the shadows of illness, hatred and sin. Even the darkness of death would surrender as Christ light burst from a sealed tomb bathing the world in glorious grace. And now from this one perfect Flame we light our candles of hope and carry them into the shadows of our own time and declare to the darkness once again, “Let there be Light.” Come, and experience this wonderful Light!

**PLEASE NOTE!! Winter weather is coming. We will try to keep the church doors open for worship if we can. If you feel it is unsafe to travel, PLEASE STAY HOME. If we cancel worship, or delay it, we will try to contact people through group mail, Facebook notifications, and prayer chain. Be safe.**

### JOYFUL NOISE

The children will gather coins today for their “Joyful Noise” service project - “Dress a Girl Around the World”. For 2023, if you have any suggestions of a charity that is near and dear to your heart – preferably local – please contact Jess Rockey.

### CHANDELIER CLEANING

The trustees plan to drop the last four chandeliers for cleaning on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They also need to drop five others to change light bulbs. All and any help to assist with cleaning the globes will be very much appreciated!

### CHURCH FALL CLEANING

Fall church cleaning has been extended through the month of **DECEMBER**. The narthex/lobby and areas around the lift site will need to be cleaned thoroughly after the work on the project has been completed. If you would like to help with the cleaning, you may come anytime when it is convenient for you. Cleaning supplies are available in the closet next to the women’s restroom, however, if you can bring a bucket and a few rags it would be great! Your help is greatly appreciated! Many thanks! Desireé Whitcraft (717-330-4559)

### MUSIC REHEARSALS

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR BELL CHOIR AND ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS. **6:30 for Bells and 7:45 for choir. NO PRACTICE NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 28.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Two services are being planned for Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24. The early service with Communion will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service with the Starlight praise dance, special music, and bell choir begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will be livestreamed for those who are not able to attend (and also taped for later viewing!). There will be candle lighting but no communion at this service. Nursery care will be provided for the 7 o’clock service. Come and celebrate our Savior’s birth!

**THE UPPER ROOM** for **JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2023** is available in the lobby/narthex. Free!

### CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Next Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, the morning worship service will begin at **10:30 a.m.**; there will be no Sunday school classes.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you notice something that should be taken care of by the trustees in DECEMBER, please contact Jim Miller at 717-653-4654.

### 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

We have not received the 2023 Offering Envelopes yet. The company hopes to have them shipped so we will receive them by Christmas. If that does not happen, you can use one of the pew envelopes; write your number (or your name if you don’t remember the number) and if it is for something other than your regular offering, please specify what it is for.


### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2023

The altar flower calendar for 2023 has been posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway. Check the calendar for available dates and fill out a “Reservations for Altar Flowers” form (info and prices are on this form) and place it in the “completed forms” envelope.


### *Thank You!*

*Thank you for all the kind hearted souls that contributed their God given talents to our “family Christmas night” it’s truly beautiful when we all come together to reach out to the community! Jess Rockey*

*Caring Hands and Hearts, Thank you for the card and gift card. We are thankful the church family continues to remember us!*

 *Ruiz Family*

*Dear Caring Hands & Hearts, Thank you so much for the continued support, love and prayers! By no means has this deployment been an easy one, but it makes me so filled with joy and happiness that my friends (you guys) are with me through and through. You are what’s worth fighting for.*

 *Love and prayers, my friends*

*Dylan Bowers*