

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). **For updates to be printed, the office must receive them no later than 12 noon on Friday.**

LET US REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS AND CARDS: (Week of 10-1-23)

- **STAFF & ALL THEIR LOVED ONES** – for spiritual protection; if Satan can't reach the person, he will attack their family.
- **JOE DAVIS** – surgery scheduled for this month.
- **MARY REHEARD** – knee surgery scheduled for October 17.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Bill and Judy Baker and the family of Bill's brother, Richard Baker, who passed away on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

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

Brethren Village – Room 243
3001 Lititz Pike
Lititz, PA 17543

ONGOING

- UKRAINE
- Persecuted Church
- Karen Elslager, Karen Moore, Mindy Neideigh
- Our Homebound Members: Joyce Baker, Elmer & Irene Dennis, Karen Elslager, Frank Geib, June Hostetter, MaryAnn Miller, Gerald Ney, Betty Ober, Judy Orey, June Whalen, Vivian Yingst
- Elected officials

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (10-1-23 to 10-8-23)

Today:	9:15 am	FROG Café – Fellowship Time
	9:45 am	Prayer in Chapel
	10:00 am	Worship Service-Live, Livestreamed & Recorded
	11:15 am	Sunday school
		2024 Budget needs deadline
Monday:	6:30 pm	2030 Group
Tuesday:	6:30 pm	Senior High Youth Group
Wednesday:	6:15 pm	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Bell Choir practice
	8:15 pm	Choir practice
Thursday:	6:00 pm	Praise Band practice
Saturday:	5:00-7:00 pm	FALL FESTIVAL
Next Sunday:	9:15 am	FROG Café – Fellowship Time
	9:45 am	Prayer in Chapel
	10:00 am	Worship Service-Praise Band, Food Bank Sunday
	11:15 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Mt. Gretna Hike
	7:00 pm	Prayer Service @ Hempfield UMC (disaffiliation)



Luke 22:15-16

I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

October 1, 2023

GLOSSBRENNER CHURCH

713 Church Street, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania 17552
gumcmj.net

**OCTOBER 1, 2023 – Happy Hour is 10:00 A.M.
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
18th SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**

As we gather for worship on this World Communion Sunday, let us join our brothers and sisters around the world who are also receiving the sacrament. Let us show our oneness in Christ by welcoming one another with love and joy.

“” in the bulletin indicates that you should rise if you are able.*

GREETINGS, JOYS & CONCERNS *Bob Waters*
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR THEIR CHURCH
All Children (Preschool age through 8th grade) will be dismissed.

PRELUDE “How Firm a Foundation” *arr. R. Boud*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From the ends of the earth, God had called his people to gather around Christ’s holy table.

People: We respond to God’s call to come and feast on God’s grace.

Leader: We pray that God would have mercy on his church, troubled and divided.

People: We come to be refreshed, to be encouraged and to celebrate being born again believers.

*** INVOCATION**

*** HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”.....No. 139
(verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

OPENING PRAYER (Unison): O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together, and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of our many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love. Redeem restore and remold us until we are made anew. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM “Come to the Water” *arr. Jack Schrader*

PASTORAL PRAYER - LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “My Jesus, I Love Thee” *arr. T. Fettke*

*** DOXOLOGY**.....No. 95

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN** “In Christ There Is No East or West”.....No. 548

MESSAGE “What Makes it Holy Communion?”
Exodus 12:21-36
Luke 22:14-23

CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION (page 72 liturgy)

*** HYMN** “Jesus Shall Reign”.....No. 157
(verses 1, 3, 5)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Prelude in g minor” *J.S. Bach*

CHURCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES: Caige Cole, Jonathan Miller
CHILDREN & YOUTH DIRECTOR: Jessica Rockey
GREETERS: Dick & Mary Ryder
LITURGIST: Bob Waters
MONEY COUNTERS: Sue Kopp, Vaughn & Deb Nissley, Carol Rorabaugh
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Justine Madonna
NURSERY: Jessica Eidemiller, Cassie Evans
ORGANIST: Loine Bert
OUTSIDE GREETERS: Joe Davis, Don Musser
PASTOR: Brian Albert
SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA: Barbara Albert, Dave Eichler, Mark Myers, Andy Ober, Chad Ober, Ken Ober
HEAD USHER: Ron Blechinger
USHERS: Aaron, Binkley, Kathy Binkley, Marcia Brooks, Joe Davis, Mike Doughton, Molly Hart, Russ Miceli, Don Musser, Melinda Myers, Barb Thompson, Dick Thompson

Who am I in Christ? 1 Peter 1:23 says: “I am born of the incorruptible seed of God’s word.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS –10/1/23

DISAFFILIATION

- A hearing for the disaffiliation from the UMC has been scheduled at the Montgomery County Courthouse at 9 AM on October 10 and 11. This hearing will concern the injunction and the validity of the litigation. The judge will determine whether or not the injunction moves forward AND whether or not the litigation concerns more than merely ecclesiastical matters. **IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO PRAY AND ATTEND IF POSSIBLE. *Imagine a judge hearing an argument in an empty courtroom!*** It would convey the idea that the plaintiffs were not fully invested in the outcome. We are going to organize a group from Glossbrenner to attend the hearing on Tuesday, October 10. We would meet at Glossbrenner at 7:00 AM at the upper parking lot and carpool to the courthouse. One car will be designated for those who need to return early in the afternoon. Please let me know if you can attend this hearing with the group. Email Mark Rorabaugh at mrorabaugh832@comcast.net. For those who cannot attend, we would like a group meeting in the chapel to hold a prayer session for everyone involved in the hearing. I would like for someone to lead that session. For those who cannot attend please take some time that day to pray for this important event.
- Also, on Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Hempfield UMC there will be a Prayer Service for the hearing. Rev. John Longmire, pastor at Hempfield, will most likely be involved as a witness at the hearing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

There are classes for all ages. The new Preschool class (2 years old – pre-kindergarten) meets in Room #3; Children in Kindergarten – 4th grade (“Praying Pigs”) meet in Room #2. “Praying Turtles” (5th – 8th grade) will start meeting in Room #4 (next to the FROG Café). The Young Adult “Ignite” class meets in the Youth Room. The All Stars meet in Room #1 (across from the Nursery); the Koinonia class meets in the Parlor and the Ambassadors for Christ class meets in the FROG Café.

Thank You!

We would like to thank our friends from Glossbrenner Church who sent us cards and for the kind words on the passing of Mary’s mother, Mary Lou Nagy.

Dick and Mary Ryder and Family

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today we join Christians worldwide as we all gather at the table of Christ and celebrate his gift of life that he has entrusted to us. Please join us. A Love offering will be collected during the regular offering. The money will be used at the discretion of the pastor, to ease the burden of a member of our church community who is in need of our love. (Love offering envelopes are in the holders on the back of the pews.) All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2024 BUDGET

The finance committee will be working on next year’s budget. All committees, classes, etc. with budget needs must have the numbers handed in **TODAY**. Give your information to Wayne Kennedy or bring it to the church office.

CONSECRATION OF TIME & TALENT

Copies of the Time & Talent surveys will be handed out today and next Sunday and will be collected on October 15th. All of us are “Called to grow as ministers in our Christian faith and glorify God by serving others.” As members we are all called to present as an offering: our PRAYERS, our GIFTS, our PRESENCE, and our SERVICE. Where is God calling you to serve Jesus Christ in 2024?

KOINONIA CLASS

James Bible Study: Many believe that because Martin Luther called the book of James an “epistle of straw”, he wished to remove it from Scripture. Too many believe that salvation is by faith alone. Today this has come to mean a get-out-of-jail-free card. Join us in the parlor during the Sunday school hour.

CONSECRATION OF FINANCIAL GIVING

Pledge Cards were collected last Sunday. If did not receive a pledge card see an usher or if you weren’t able to hand it in last Sunday you may do so today – place it in the offering plate. A pledge helps prevent financial stress and makes the church perform more effectively.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL FEST STILL NEEDED!

Fall Fest volunteers please come by 4:30 p.m. If some of you are able to come around 2:30 and help set up the tables and chairs and the games it would be appreciated. We can use more volunteers to be able to rotate in and out of the stations at Fall Fest on Saturday, October 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

MT. GRETNA HIKE

(RAIN DATE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 @ 3 PM)

Sunday, October 8, at **3:00 p.m.** all are welcome to meet at 3283 Pinch Road, Lebanon, PA (in Mt. Gretna) for a nice hike up to the Governor Dick Tower (climbing that is optional) which is around 1.5 miles. This hike is easy enough for children to come with their parents and for people in their golden years. Please let Jess Rockey know if you can attend.

“Sour godliness is the Devil’s religion.” – John Wesley

CRAFTING FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

We have just a few weeks left to work on crafts to sell at the Country Fair & Market. We will get together at the home of Marcia Brooks on the following dates for the final crafting sessions: **Monday, October 9th, and Wednesday, October 25th, at 9:30 a.m.** Everyone is welcome and the crafts are easy to make. Thank you to those crafting at our sessions and for those creating items at home. All your efforts make a difference and are greatly appreciated. A **display table** with some of the items that will be available for sale at the Country Fair & Market will be in the narthex starting Sunday, October 15th. If you have any items that you crafted at home, we would love to include them on the display table. Please drop them off at the church (narthex) or give them to Marcia Brooks by Sunday, October 8th. But, don’t stop crafting; items will be accepted Monday through Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. the week of the event.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you notice something in **OCTOBER** that the trustees should take care of, contact Mark Myers at 717-587-4686. Thank you, Bob Waters, for your faithful service in September!

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board will meet Thursday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Room #1 (across from the nursery). Board members are encouraged to attend. Non-board members are welcome. You may voice an opinion, concern, or suggestion; however, only board members may vote.

LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday will be on October 15 and the theme is “Worship, Love, Witness Boldly”. We are looking for members of the congregation who would like to participate in the service. You can lead a prayer, read scripture, introduce a song, or give a personal testimony that fits into the theme. If you are interested, please contact Mark Rorabaugh TODAY. (mrorabaugh832@comcast.net or 717-653-4717)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Four Sundays in October and all Sundays in November are open to place flowers in the church; check the flower calendar for availability. Also, **October 15** and **December 3** are available if you are interested in placing the **second** vase of cut flowers. Fill out a “Reservations for Altar Flowers” form (more information is on this form) and place it in the “completed forms” envelope or call the church office at 717-653-5683.

YARD SALE COORDINATOR NEEDED

Every year in late spring, early summer, and every other year during the Country Fair & Market Caring Hands & Hearts has hosted a Yard Sale. We are looking for someone to coordinate the Yard Sale beginning next year. Contact EmmaJane Davis at 717-685-1476.

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

Why do inclusive persons want to call God the Father “He/She”, but are perfectly content to call the devil a “he”?

COUNTRY FAIR AND MARKET

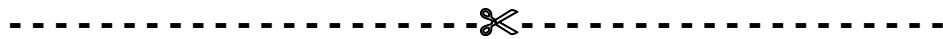
The 2023 Country Fair and Market will be held on **Friday, November 3, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We are pleased to offer an eat-in or take-out potpie dinner on Friday; chicken corn soup, hamburger BBQ and hot dogs on Saturday; homemade bake goods; crafts, a yard sale and we can't forget the apple dumplings.

Preparing for our biggest event of the year is always a busy time and many hands are needed to make it a success. If you are able to volunteer in any way, please complete the tear sheet below, sign up in the narthex before or after worship services, or contact EmmaJane Davis at 717-685-1476.

Monetary donations or grocery store gift cards will be greatly appreciated to help with the cost of preparing the meals. Your donations can be given to Pam Miceli.

Don't forget to save those gently used items you no longer need or want for the yard sale. They can be dropped off at the church the first week of November. We are unable to accept any items prior to that time.

Caring Hands and Hearts thanks you for your support and appreciates all your help!



_____ I can help organize items for the yard sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on one or more of the following days (circle days that apply) Monday – Tuesday - Wednesday – Thursday

_____ I will bake something for the baked goods table

_____ I can help at one of the areas (**baked goods, crafts, kitchen, and yard sale**) on Friday (**circle one**)

_____ I can help at one of the areas (**baked goods, crafts, kitchen, and yard sale**) on Saturday (**circle one**)

_____ I can help clean up on Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

NAME _____

RECURRING ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION: All who are present please take a moment to sign the attendance registration pad and pass it to the person next to you.

FROG (Fully Rely On God) CAFÉ: From 9:15 a.m. to just before church starts, come and fellowship. Enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL: Join us at 9:45 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 for Hershey Park Attractions and Food & Beverage are available. The hourly rate of \$8.00 goes to the church; volunteers receive tickets. Contact Betty Robinson for information: 717-366-4549 or blrmrj@comcast.net

Pastor Brian Albert

Cell Phone: 717-673-7657 - Email: bgalbert2@gmail.com

Jessica Rockey, Children & Youth Director

Cell Phone: 717-517-4967 - Email: jrocker@gumcmj.net

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday – 10 AM to 2 PM

Church Office - 717-653-5683 - Email: jackier@gumcmj.net

(Jackie's Cell Phone: 717-413-5787)

WEB SITE: www.gumcmj.net

Justine Madonna, Music Director

Cell Phone: 717-572-6274 - Email: justine@gumcmj.net

Desiree Whitcraft, Sexton

Cell Phone: 717-330-4559 – Email: desireewhitcraft903@gmail.com

TO ACTIVATE GLOSSBRENNER'S PRAYER CHAIN

Email: gumcprayerchain01@gmail.com or Phone: 717-653-4717 (Leave a message on the answering machine with the information.)

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

Attendance for September 24, 2023

In-person Worship: 95

Livestream views: 16

YouTube views: 32

Sunday school: 54

**Worship passionately.
Love extravagantly.
Witness boldly.**

APPLE DUMPLINGS

Caring Hands and Hearts is happy to be offering regular and sugar-free apple dumplings from the Amish-owned Forest View bakery. Orders can be picked up in the fellowship hall during the hours of the Country Fair and Market (**Friday, November 3, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**).

The cost is \$4.00 per dumpling. To place your order you can complete the tear sheet below and place it in Sue Kopp's mailbox (or the offering plate) or contact Sue Kopp at 717-471-6022 **before Wednesday, October 25.**



I would like to order the following apple dumplings for pick up during the hours of the Country Fair and Market.

_____ # of **REGULAR** dumplings
(\$4.00 per dumpling)

_____ # of **SUGAR-FREE** dumplings
(\$4.00 per dumpling)

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 15, 2023

(DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: OCTOBER 8, 2023!)

Name _____

attending _____

Phone # _____

YES, I will need transportation



OCTOBER 15, 2023

GOLDEN RECOGNITION

LUNCHEON

We will celebrate Golden Recognition on Sunday, October 15, 2023. A luncheon is being hosted on the 15th for the ENTIRE congregation which will take place DURING the Sunday school hour. This is a great time for fellowship and fun – and food – with church family! Please fill out the tear sheet above and place in the offering plate or Pam Miceli's mailbox. (For those needing transportation to the church on the 15th, please check the box above.)