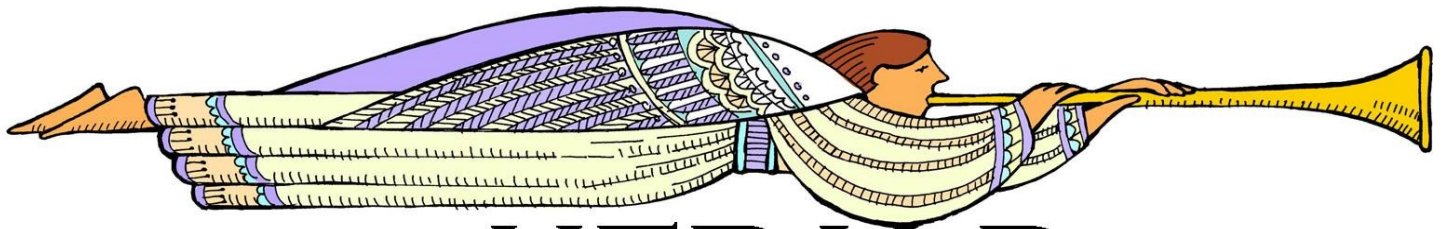


# Glossbrenner United Methodist Church



## The HERALD

December 2023

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## Family Christmas Night



**GLOSSBRENNER  
CHURCH**

**FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS  
NIGHT**

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
PHOTO, HOT  
CHOCOLATE BAR,  
COOKIE  
DECORATING,  
CRAFTS, WRAPPING  
STATION,  
FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP!**



**SATURDAY DEC 9 5-7PM**

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FAMILY  
FUN**



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY:

- ♦ FROG Café Fellowship Time - 9:15 am
- ♦ Prayer in the Chapel - 9:45 am (except December 10 & 17)
- ♦ Worship Service - 10:00 am  
(Live in the Sanctuary; also Livestreamed and recorded - see website)
- ♦ Sunday School - 11:15 am

### TUESDAY:

- ♦ Senior High Youth Group - 6:45 pm (except December 26)

### WEDNESDAY:

- ♦ No Bible Study in December
- ♦ Bell Choir practice - 6:30 pm (December 6 & 13)
- ♦ Choir practice - 7:15 pm (December 6 & 13)  
No music rehearsals December 20 & 27

## DATES AHEAD

### JANUARY 1:

Epiphany (worship service starts at **10:00 am**)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Bruce Stone will be the Trustee in charge of routine duties and responsibilities during the month of December. If you notice something that should be taken care of by the trustees, please contact Bruce at 717-413-2409. Thank you Wayne Kauffman for your faithful service in November!

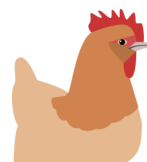


## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board will meet Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #1 (the All Star classroom). All those interested in the business/well-being of the church – in addition to board members – are invited and encouraged to attend.

## AUSCULTATION BRASS AT GLOSSBRENNER

A benefit concert for the Alzheimer's Association will be presented by The Auscultation Brass Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The event is hosted by Harry's Heroes. A freewill offering will be taken. For details call Linda Reheard at 717-394-2038 or Mary Reheard at 717-394-6455.



*One service is being planned for Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during the service as well as the traditional candle lighting. Nursery care will be provided. The service will be Livestreamed for those who are not able to attend (and also taped for later viewing!). Come and celebrate our Savior's birth!*





## Pastor's Ponderings

"Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the Lord- rejoice in his presence! Father to the fatherless, defender of widows- this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy." --- Psalm 68:4-6

Merry Christmas greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. As this month proceeds, we will be surrounded with "Christmas Joy" in the name of "Holiday Cheer". I love the comment about "Season's Greetings": It's like saying "Hello. It's Winter!" I hope you will be bold enough to wish a **Merry Christmas** to everyone you meet. Along with the visual displays of the season, there will be music everywhere. I'm writing this before Thanksgiving, but I heard that there is at least one radio station that is already playing all Christmas music.



Along with Frosty the Snowman, I hope you have the opportunity to get reacquainted with the Christian version of "Celebrating the Season". There is some wonderful and wonder-filled music dedicated to the Christ child and his birth. I pray you will have the opportunity to hear some of the excellent choirs and orchestras that give the music new life. Music has such an almost magical influence on people. Remember, the prophets in the Old Testament often had music played before they prophesied. The ability to appreciate music is one of the many gifts that God gave us. Whether you like Country, Rap, Classical, or Contemporary, there are many Christian artists out there who can bless your soul with their offerings.

May you be especially blessed this Advent and Christmas Season, and may music fill your soul

with delight. I think I can safely say that from the entire staff at Glossbrenner, "We wish you a Merry Christmas. We wish you a Merry Christmas. We wish you..."



WE WISH YOU A  
**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**



*Thank You!*

*To my friends at Glossbrenner:  
How many ways can I say  
thank you? I am so very ap-  
preciative of your prayers,  
many, many cards, calls,  
meals, flowers, and visits. I felt  
the love and your prayers*

*brought me through this. I  
started outpatient PT and am  
working hard. I am doing extremely well  
all because of your support. I felt your love  
as I opened each card. And thank you to all  
of you who supported me for the Walk to  
End Alzheimer's. We WILL find a  
cure. Thank you, Pam and Russ, who joined  
our team. In Christ's love, Mary Reheard*

*To Everyone at Glossbrenner,  
I want to thank all of you for the prayers,  
the many cards, phone calls, visits, and  
meals. Also, thank you to Caring Hands &  
Hearts for the beautiful flowers delivered  
by Wayne and Bertie. Love to you all and  
God bless!  
Hazel Hackley*

*To our church family,  
Joe and I would like to thank you for all the  
prayers, calls, and cards during Joe's recent  
cancer surgery; the cancer is all gone and  
he is getting his strength back. We also  
want to thank Debbie and Vaughn for the  
flowers and meals they brought and for the  
visit with us. Also, thank you to Caring  
Hands & Hearts for the flowers and visit  
by Hazel and Doug and the food they  
brought us. Thank you to those who gave us  
money or gift cards to get meals. We are so  
blessed to have such a wonderful church  
family. Joe said that he felt all your pray-  
ers and love the whole time. God bless you  
all. With our love and blessings,*

*EmmaJane & Joe Davis*



## DRAGU FAMILY ROMANIA UPDATE

Greetings!

I hope you are doing well and are enjoying some tea during the beginning of this cold season! Thankfully here we are still enjoying warm temperatures that I'm sure will not last much longer.

Thank you for your continued prayer for my headaches. I still get migraines, but they are less frequent! This is a huge blessing for me!

In the last few months, we have been seeing an increase in the youth that have a desire to help out and serve the other kids. What a big encouragement for us, and a big help! I have always hoped that this day would come in Roseti. What a blessing to see the ones we helped learn to read now desire to first of all remain in the church but then also help others.



We are also encouraged by Cosmin, and the growth that he has shown. In the last few months, he has been the one doing almost all of the lessons in youth group, with us there alongside him helping if he doesn't know something or adding to what he is teaching. Cosmin was also accepted into college this fall and he is attending online classes. He plans to become a history teacher. So, you can also pray for him that he will keep God at the center of his life, and He would equip him to excel in his education.

We are encouraged still by Malica and Petre as they continue to serve the Lord and grow in him daily. It's such a rare blessing in ministry to be able to see some fruit from the seeds that you Dragu Family Missions planted. Often times one plants the seed, another waters and the Lord makes it grow, but in their



lives, we have been able to be there for the whole process. Yet another great blessing for us.



Olivia has begun to have some awful night terrors, that has been robbing her and us of anywhere from a half hour to two hours of sleep almost every night, we are praying daily over her and our home and we also do not allow her to have screen time, so I do not know what is causing her to have such terrible dreams but, we would greatly appreciate any extra prayers for her!

Thank you for supporting us and I hope your hearts are also encouraged by the work that the Lord is doing here in Romania.

Your prayers and financial support mean a lot to us. Truly without you we would not be able to do what God has placed on our hearts to do. Thank you and may God richly bless you during the holiday seasons of thankfulness and also celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





## FROM THE CHILDREN & YOUTH DIRECTOR

Did you know Glossbrenner's doors are open and running throughout the week and not just on Sundays, in more ways than one to help spread the gospel message of Jesus into our community?! I want to focus on the YOUNGIN youth group that was started here this past summer. We have over 16 different members ranging from 6th-8th grade, all from the Donegal School District. Half of these awesome kids come to church here Sundays, the other half attend other churches already, and for some this is the only church experience they get. This is a great outreach program to extend the love of Jesus to a hurting world. Being a pre-teen/teen is hard enough! And in today's world of social media and confusing lies that flood our culture from every angle makes it even harder. Justine Madonna, Shannon Cole (who are my amazing assistants) and I have been so blessed by this group. To see this young generation ASKING to open up an ACTUAL bible to read a verse, answer questions in such deep profound ways, and to NOT be afraid to share their doubts and their own questions about God and His word gives us so much hope in a dark world. This group would NOT be possible without your support. We have a beautiful, yet large and OLDER Church that we need to keep up and running so we are able to offer these programs here. I challenge you to ask yourself how you can step up in ways of giving and supporting Glossbrenner this up and coming new year. By doing so you are also supporting the children and youth in our community. I have found in my own life, the more I give, the more I receive in ways that are at times unfathomable how the Lord can provide. I want to leave you with this verse from Psalm 34, may it stir your soul!

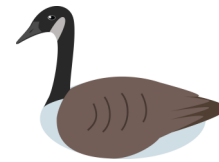
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.  
Fear the Lord, you his holy people,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
The lions may grow weak and hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.  
Come, my children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Jessica Rockey



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS NIGHT HELP WANTED

To be able to offer a FREE Family Christmas Night to our community we are in need of donations of GIANT gift cards. We are also in need of more people to help during our event on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and for some to stay after to help clean up. Please see Jess Rockey if you can help in any of these ways!



## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are looking for more help with the counting of the offering on Sunday mornings. We have a core team of counters but need additional people to assist and to allow others to attend Sunday school more often. The money counters know which Sundays they are to count money and this is listed in the bulletin. If you are interested, please let Wayne Kennedy know.

## 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

We will be distributing the 2024 offering envelopes in December. We ordered fewer envelopes for 2024 because for the past several years we have had many boxes left over. Therefore, your envelope number will be changing. If you did not receive envelopes but would like to (you don't have to be a member), please see Jackie or call the church office at 717-653-5683.



# Caring Hands & Hearts Corner

## COOKIE WALK

Who doesn't love cookies, especially at the holidays?? You will want to mark your calendars to attend the Cookie Walk at the church on **Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 until cookies are gone.** Come and fill a container from a large variety of home-made delectable cookies for only \$12.00 per container.



If you have not already signed up to bake cookies for the Cookie Walk and would like to do so, please contact Sue Kopp at 717-471-6022.

Cookies can be dropped off at the church on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm.

Thank you for your support of this event.

## THANK YOU!!

Because of the support of the Glossbrenner family and community, nearly \$7,000.00 was netted from this year's Country Fair and Market. It takes many hands to pull-off a successful event and we can't thank all those enough who helped make this event a huge success. Along with all the work done by many, there was a lot of fun and fellowship happening within our church family and community.

All funds raised by Caring Hands and Hearts (with your support) are used to help with church and church family needs and needs within the community and other charitable organizations.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

## CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND

Caring Hands & Hearts is collecting Christmas cards for the homebound of Glossbrenner. You can bring your cards and place them in the basket on the mailbox counter **on or before December 17.** Thank you for helping us spread a little Christmas cheer to: Joyce Baker, Elmer Dennis, Irene Dennis, Karen Elslager, Frank Geib, June Hostetter, MaryAnn Miller, Gerald Ney, Betty Ober, Judy Orey, and Vivian Yingst.



## NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.



## Christmas Concert "Advent Celebration"

Sunday, December 17  
at 6:00 p.m.





- 2 Camryn Tesch
- 3 Emily Brown  
Wes Nauman
- 5 Barbara Miley  
Patti Miller
- 7 Paige Geiman
- 8 Linda Ricedorf  
Jess Stoner
- 9 Kathy Brandyberry
- 10 Amos Lichty
- 12 David Deimler
- 13 David Gebhart  
Mark Rupp
- 15 Logan Nauman
- 16 Bill Garber  
Bev Kaylor  
Bill Ober
- 18 Harold Elslager
- 20 John Sullivan
- 21 Austin Kennedy
- 23 Aaron Binkley  
Brian Van Zandt
- 26 Natalie Rorabaugh
- 27 Matthew Johnson  
Romaine Showalter
- 30 Patricia Bender  
Emma Kennedy  
Tyler Kreisler  
Deb Ziegler
- 31 Rita Schompert

## Homebound/Retirement Community Members

The following is a list of the homebound members - or those living in retirement communities - of our church. A card or phone call would probably be appreciated very much by these people who are unable to attend worship services on Sunday mornings.

Joyce Baker  
414 Trout Run  
Mennonite Home Communities  
1520 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
(Phone: 717-490-8466)

Elmer Dennis  
Elizabethtown Healthcare & Rehab Ctr.  
141 Heisey Avenue  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Irene Dennis  
c/o Sandy Waltz  
2148 Sheri Lane  
Mount Joy, PA 17552  
(Irene is a resident at Hamilton Arms,  
Lancaster)

Karen Elslager  
1734 Schwanger Road  
Mount Joy, PA 17552  
(Phone: 717-575-4376)

Frank Geib  
Brethren Village - Room 243  
3001 Lititz Pike  
Lititz, PA 17543

June Hostetter  
2692 Roosevelt 2  
600 Freemason Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3180  
(Phone: 717-361-5479)



MaryAnn Miller  
460 Fairview Road, Apt. 2  
Mount Joy, Pa 17552  
(Phone: 717-653-6296)

Gerald Ney  
415 Trout Run  
Mennonite Home Communities  
1520 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Mary "Betty" Ober  
Room #311, Autumn House West  
914 West Market Street  
York, PA 17401  
(Phone: 717-928-3087)

Judy Orey  
213 Keinath Street  
Mount Joy, PA 17552  
(Phone: 717-653-5051)

Vivian Yingst  
Emerald Rehab  
320 South Market Street  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
(Phone: 717-962-0097)



Remember  
our  
Homebound



## DECEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### MONTH OF DECEMBER

#### SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA TECHS:



Barbara Albert  
Dave Eichler  
Mark Myers  
Andy Ober  
Chad Ober  
Ken Ober

MONEY COUNTERS: Marcia Brooks  
Jackie Roberts  
Pat & Steve Spence

HEAD USHER: Wayne Kennedy

### DECEMBER 3 - 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### COMMUNION

ACOLYTES: Caige Cole  
Iris Rockey  
GREETERS: Bonnie Ober  
Lisa Ober  
LITURGIST: Mark Rorabaugh  
NURSERY: Linda Gockley  
Kelly Nissly

OUTSIDE GREETERS: Joe Davis  
USHERS: Bruce Stone  
Bill Baker  
Ron Blechinger  
Marcia Brooks  
Mike Doughton  
Molly Hart  
Deb Kennedy  
Debbie Nissley  
Vaughn Nissley  
Bruce Stone  
Patty McKee-Stone  
Bob Waters



### DECEMBER 10 - 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### FOOD BANK SUNDAY - PRAISE BAND

ACOLYTE: Briella Hoffman  
GREETERS: Bonnie Ober  
Lisa Ober  
NURSERY: Debbie Nissley  
Donna Smith  
OUTSIDE GREETERS: Joe Davis  
Don Musser  
USHERS: Joe Davis  
Greg Kline  
Kathy Kline  
Scott Sangrey



### DECEMBER 17 - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### PRAISE BAND - JOYFUL NOISE

ACOLYTE: Tyler Kreischer  
GREETERS: Shirley Bowers  
Bonnie Engle  
NURSERY: Marcia Brooks  
Bonnie Ober  
OUTSIDE GREETERS: Ron Blechinger  
Joe Davis  
USHERS: Flo Arndt  
Linda Gockley  
Debbie Nissley  
Vaughn Nissley



### DECEMBER 17 - CONCERT - 6:00 PM

GREETERS/USHERS: *To be announced!*  
NURSERY: Lisa Ober  
Judy Turbedsky

### DECEMBER 24 - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ACOLYTE: Jonathan Miller  
GREETERS: Barb & Dick Thompson  
LITURGIST: Bob Waters  
NURSERY: Kathy Binkley  
Jessica Eidemiller  
OUTSIDE GREETERS: Joe Davis  
Mike Doughton  
USHERS: Bonnie Engle  
Alex Kreischer  
Debbie Martin  
Melinda Myers



### DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE - 7:00 PM

ACOLYTE:  
GREETERS: Doug & Hazel Hackley  
Dick Thompson  
LITURGIST: Thelma Kreiser-Hartman  
NURSERY: Chad Ober  
OUTSIDE GREETERS: Dave Kopp  
Don Musser  
Bonnie Ober  
Lisa Ober  
Vaughn Nissley  
Joe Ziegler






### DECEMBER 31 - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ACOLYTE:  
GREETERS: Shirley Bowers  
Maribeth King  
LITURGIST: Cindy Forry  
NURSERY: Holly Kreischer  
Heather Sangrey  
OUTSIDE GREETERS: Joe Davis  
Doug Hackley  
USHERS: Dave Cole  
Don Musser  
Barb & Dick Thompson



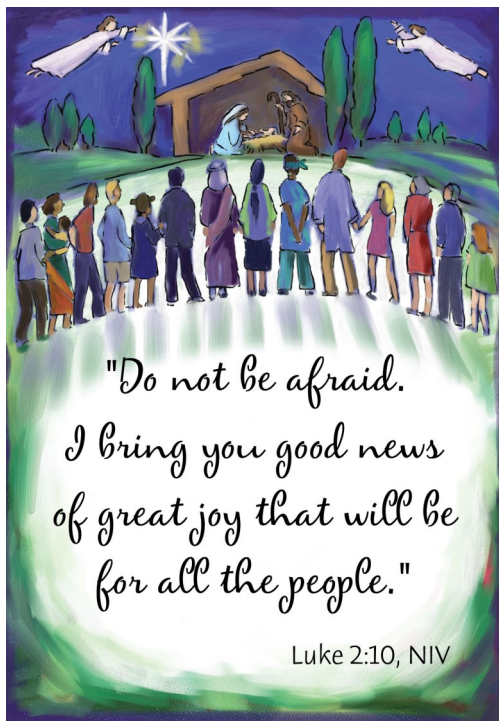
# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 am Church Christmas Decorating (Breakfast before)
3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am FROG Café 9:45 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School 3:00 pm Auscultation Brass	4 6:30 pm 2030 Group	5 6:45 pm Senior High Youth Group	6 No Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir practice 7:15 pm Choir practice	7 6:00 pm Praise Band practice	8 5-7:00 pm Cookie Drop-Off & Organize	9 9:00 am to ? Cookie Walk 5-7:00 pm Family Christmas Night
10 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> FOOD BANK SUNDAY PRAISE BAND 9:15 am FROG Café 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School	11	12 6:45 pm Senior High Youth Group 7:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting	13 No Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir practice 7:15 pm Choir practice	14 6:00 pm Praise Band practice 7:00 pm Administrative Board meeting	15	16
17 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> PRAISE BAND/JOYFUL NOISE 9:15 am FROG Café 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Advent Celebration	18	19 6:45 pm Senior High Youth Group <b>Herald Deadline</b>	20 No Bible Study No Bell Choir or Choir practice	21 7:00-8:00 pm Youngins 6th-9th Grade Youth Group	22	23
24 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 9:15 am FROG Café 9:45 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) No Sunday School <b>Christmas Eve</b> 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 	26	27 No Bible Study No Bell Choir or Choir practice	28	29	30
31 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:15 am FROG Café 9:45 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School <b>New Year's Eve</b>						

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DECEMBER 2023



*WORSHIP PASSIONATELY  
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY  
WITNESS BOLDLY*

**DEADLINE FOR  
JANUARY *HERALD*  
IS TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

**Think about dates in  
January for meetings, special  
events, etc. and hand in to the  
office by the 19th of December.  
(Email: [jackier@gumcmj.net](mailto:jackier@gumcmj.net))**

### **IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!**

There are a number of ways to receive your church newsletter.

1. Your church mailbox
2. USPS - mailed to your home address
3. Church Website
4. Emailed
5. Other (please specify!)

Please let us know which is best for you. If we do not receive a response (particularly those who receive a newsletter in the mail), we will assume you will go to the church website to view the newsletter. You can email the office at [jackier@gumcmj.net](mailto:jackier@gumcmj.net) or call the church office (717-653-5683). Also, if you are NOT receiving a printed copy and would like one, let us know. Thank You! (Large print copies are available.)