



The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

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A Message From The Pastor - Lean Into Lent

Did you know how the Methodists got their name? It was given by those trying to poke fun at John Wesley and others that were seeking to dedicate their lives to intentional holy living by promoting several methods or spiritual disciplines for Christian growth. And the name stuck.

Lent is the perfect time of the year to re-dig the wells of our rich heritage by seeking to become more intentional in living into the spiritual disciplines or methods that God has invited us to engage in. James 4:8 tells us to ‘draw near to God and He will draw near to you.’ While God’s Spirit lives within us as believers, when we choose to be intentional in living out the methods of Methodism, we can trust that His presence will be more fully felt and experienced in our lives. I trust that you want this as much as I do. We all have room to grow in our faith and walk with our Lord.

I challenge you, friends, to make this Lenten season count by doing something different than you normally do in your walk with God in pursuing growth. This could be fasting sometime during the week or praying for a longer time each day or coming to Sunday School or Bible Study. It could be reading along with the Bible book of the month or engaging in the Wednesdays in the Word devotional that are posed on our church’s Facebook page (and are also in the binder in the church lobby).

Now I admit that we as people are creatures of habit. We build good or bad habits by the choices that we make and bad habits can be difficult to break. One key to breaking bad habits is by building good habits. The spiritual disciplines are very good habits to help tend to the care of our soul. There are many more than the ones that I’ve listed above (including, but not limited to – Bible memorization, silence, simplicity (getting rid of excess stuff, lectio divina (which is the practice of meditating on Scripture), going unplugged (turning off electronic devices for a time). But whatever we do, let’s invite the Holy Spirit to do BIG THINGS in us during this time of preparation as we ready ourselves once again for the remembrance of Jesus’ passion and resurrection for us.

In Christ, Pastor Tim

Resources: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/spiritual-disciplines-strengthen-faith.html>, www.biblegateway.com



Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon – February 8

Our Souper Bowl event took place following Sunday's worship service. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event, and to everybody who brought in canned goods for New Hope Ministries. Approximately 30 were in attendance, and it was a great time of fellowship, fun, and delicious food!



Ash Wednesday – February 18

On February 18, we were blessed to gather with other churches in the community to begin the Holy Season of Lent together. The Ash Wednesday service began at 6:00PM here at Chestnut Grove Church with all 4 pastors taking part in the service (Pastor Mike Koppola, Pastor Lori Riggs, Pastor Tim Klein, and Pastor Thadius Sales – photo to the left). Pastor Thadius Sales of Calvary Church brought the message. There were approximately 114 in attendance!

Sermon Series

We will continue with *The Attributes of God* sermon series through May 10. These are some of the qualities or characteristics that made God who He is. I believe that this will help us to better appreciate more fully how good our wonderful Triune God is. Additionally, Dr. Doug Buckwalter will be bringing God's Word to Chestnut Grove on March 29.



Bible Study

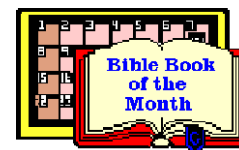


Bible Study

Our group of 8 – 12 people continues to meet Thursday mornings at 10:00AM. We are currently studying the book of **Genesis**. We would be glad to have you join in the conversation any or every week.

March Bible Book of the Month – 1 Samuel

Our Bible Book of the month for March is 1 Samuel. This book begins with the birth of the prophet Samuel, a great man of God and Israel's last judge. While the Lord Himself desired to be known and recognized as Israel's King, God reluctantly yielded to the people's demand to have a king like the other nations around Israel (See 1 Samuel 8).



At God's direction, Samuel anoints Saul to be King over Israel. Saul's story is a tragic one. While he started off well, he became proud and envious of others. He also became more focused on pleasing people than on obeying God. God then has Samuel anoint David to be the next king of Israel.

1 Samuel also traces David's rise from an anonymous shepherd boy to the soon-to-be king over the nation. David is shown to be a man after God's own heart (See 1 Samuel 16:7). 1 Samuel reveals the huge contrast between Saul and David.

The main question that is given to the reader is this – am I following in the footsteps of Saul or David? Everyone is capable of either. The key to following in the footsteps of David and being someone after God's own heart is by living in humble devotion to God. We do this today by surrendering to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and actively yielding our lives to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

As you read this riveting inspired book, may you sense God's calling for you to live as someone after His heart. For the month of **April** we will be in the book of 2 Corinthians.

Wednesday's In The Word



We are posting, on our Facebook page, Pastor Tim's bible reflections based on the "Bible Book(s) of the Month". Feel free to "like" and/or comment on these posts!

New Life For Girls – March 8

Hi! We look forward to coming to share about our ministry. I (Meagan Harrison) will be coming to speak to Chestnut Grove Church, and I will also be bringing our ladies in the program to the service that day. When our ladies in the choir aren't at churches singing and sharing their testimonies, we like to take them to different churches that support our ministry. So we thought that it would be the perfect time to attend your church! I am the Public Relations Coordinator at New Life for Girls. I live on the property in a house with my husband, our 18 year old and 2 year old daughters, and our cat Rio. I myself came through the New Life for Girls program in September of 2018 after finding myself struggling with an abusive relationship, a drug problem, and the feeling of loneliness and defeat. New Life for Girls (along with Jesus of course) saved my life. I graduated from the program October 2019, volunteered for 4 months, and was offered a position to stay on and work with women who have gone through similar situations as I. I am honored that you have asked me to come share more about our ministry and look forward to meeting you all on Sunday March 8. I will be bringing along the ladies from our program as well, so feel free to stop us at the end of the service and say hi.



2026 Directory



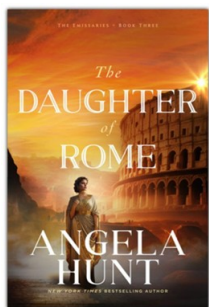
Please look at the Directory (draft) in the lobby before **March 15** to be sure you and your family's contact information are correct (please add email addresses and updated cell phone numbers). Feel free to not only update your contact information, but also other changes that you know of for any of the members/non-members listed in this directory. This is a valuable tool for many, so we'd like to get it as accurate as possible before going to print. The final/updated 2026 directory will be in the lobby and available for pickup sometime late March/early April! If your contact information changes during the year, please email Deb at omcgumc@gmail.com or call the office 717-432-8243 with your contact information.

Book Study Group

Our remaining schedule for 2026 will be meeting in March, May, Sept, and Nov. With less to read, we hope more people can participate. Chestnut Grove's Book Club is now holding their book gathering discussions at the **Dillsburg Library from 10:15-11:30AM.**

Our book study for **March 16, 2026** will be **"The Sisters of Corinth"** (by Angela Hunt). The second book of the Emissaries series explores the lives of early believers in Corinth, a bustling city known for cultural diversity, wild entertainments, and lavish lifestyles. When the new provincial governor arrives in Corinth, capital of Achaia, chief magistrate Narkis Ligus is delighted. The new governor's firstborn son is ready to take a wife, and Narkis has two unmarried daughters. The magistrate's family would be blessed by the gods if the two houses were united, and Narkis would rise in power and fortune. Mariana, Narkis's stepdaughter, is a believer in Yeshua, so she is not eager to marry a man who worships the gods of Rome. Prima, Mariana's stepsister, would do anything to marry a man of wealth and position, but the gods do not always obey requests from those who worship them.





Our book study for Monday, **May 11**, will be ***“The Daughter of Rome”*** (by Angela Hunt). In Nero’s Rome, Calandra helps her father, a renowned sculptor, complete the most significant commission of his career. But when an unforeseen tragedy nearly destroys the imperial city, Calandra finds herself dependent upon people who are unlike any she has met. Who are these Christians, and how can they worship the Son of an invisible God? Her mistrust of the outsiders gives way to appreciation when they help her and her father return to life as they once knew it. Though Calandra cannot forsake the gods of Rome, her Christian acquaintances become dear friends.

When the emperor begins building his Golden House, the people of Rome grow resentful, suspecting that Nero set a devastating fire in order to clear the land for his immense palace. When the emperor needs a scapegoat, he points at those who follow the Jewish Messiah, forcing Calandra to make an impossible choice between right and wrong, friends and family, love and death.

If you need help obtaining or ordering either of these books, let Pastor Tim know asap. Also, please contact Pastor Tim if you are interested in attending any of the book studies or would like more information. We would love more folks to be a part of this group at the Dillsburg Library!



Youth & Children Update

The youth group meets each Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour and has been studying the Gospel of Luke. Also, there are four youth that continue to be exploring the foundations of the faith through the Confirmation class that I am leading after worship on select Sundays.

Additionally, there continues to be a faithful team of volunteers that serve in teaching children’s Sunday School. These ministries are very important and prayers for the children, youth, and teachers are all very appreciated. Also, if you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to help in some way in regards to children and/or youth ministry, please contact the church office. We would love to have others serving in these ways, as it would strengthen the teams that serve and would also give leaders an occasional break.

Dr. Doug Buckwalter

Pastor Tim’s New Testament professor from seminary, Dr. Doug Buckwalter, has been rescheduled to bring the message during Chestnut Grove’s worship service **March 29**. Pastor Tim will be here to introduce him, and he really hopes you can be present to hear this humble man who understands the New Testament as well as anyone.

Holy Week - I am looking forward to celebrating Holy Week with you this year.

- Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday (March 29)** as we remember Jesus Christ entering the city of Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday (April 2) 7:00PM** Service - Please come to worship the Lord to learn about our *God of Love*, and to share in the meal of Holy Communion together. Our scripture for this service will be from 1 John 4:7-21 & Zephaniah 3:17.
- **Good Friday (April 3) 7:00PM** Service - The message for this service will be *God of Justice* with scripture from John 19:28-30 and 1 John 1:9. All of us need the blood of Christ to wash us clean from our sins. It is not about our performance in life, but about our trust that God’s justice to atone for humanity’s sin was satisfied in the Passion of Jesus.





Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4

Easter is a great time of the year to reach out to our community in sharing the good news that we have a risen savior! The Outreach Committee is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the community Saturday, April 4 beginning at 10:00AM for children in 5th grade and younger. We are looking for help with this outreach event and donations as follows:

- Small wrapped candy (no hard candy) - There will be a table in back of the sanctuary for donations.
- Monetary donations to purchase prizes - Give to Dee Gerber
- Help filling eggs after worship Sunday, **March 22**.
- Helpers/greeters/guides/egg hidiers needed the day of the event (please contact Dee Gerber @ 717-497-1491 or [email gerb6@verizon.net](mailto:gerb6@verizon.net))

Invite your family, coworkers, friends, and neighbors to our fun and impactful Easter Egg Hunt event!

Easter Sunday Worship – April 5

On **Easter Sunday (April 5)**, we will joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

- There will be an Easter Sunrise service at 6:30AM - Please come celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at our special Easter Sunrise Worship. This service will focus on *The Cradle, The Cross, and The Crown* --- A Poem from Mother Mary's perspective with scripture from John 19:25-27.
- Following the sunrise service we will share in a fellowship breakfast together.
- And lastly, we will have our traditional Easter service with communion at 10:10AM that day. The message for this service will be *God of Wisdom* with scripture from Proverbs 3:19, Matthew 28:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:6-8, and Proverbs 9:10. We will gather with joy this day as we remember Jesus' resurrection. We know He is not only our living God and Savior, but that He loves us and invites us to know Him and be in a beautiful relationship with Him forever.



A Night Of Worship

We are planning a Night of Worship for Friday, **May 8, 2026**; so keep your eyes open for more details to be announced soon. We do know that Johnathon Shuey will be leading the worship service.

Vacation Bible School – July 12-16

We are still in the planning stages for VBS. Mark your calendar for **July 12-16** (Sunday through Thursday) from 6:30PM - 8:30PM. The theme for VBS this year is "**Snowball Mountain**". As we work out all the details, we will be sharing that with you in our weekly bulletins and in the next May/June Newsletter issue.



Newsletter Copies – Even though the newsletter is emailed, and copies are mailed to those unable to attend worship regularly, a few copies are available for pick-up in the lobby. If you would like a pastoral visit and a newsletter brought along, please contact Pastor Tim.

2nd Mile Missions for 2026 - Below is the entire list of 2nd Mile Missions for Chestnut Grove for 2026 which are posted weekly in the bulletins:

Jan – Testament

Feb – Sanctity of Human Life Services

March/April – New Life for Girls

May/June – Samaritan Fund

July/Aug – A Compassion Child

Sept/Oct – Operation Underground Railroad

Nov/Dec – New Hope Ministries

**March**

1 – Sophia Burns-Kline
 2 – Wendy Bargo
 2 - Mike Donnelly
 5 – Anna Klein
 8 – Jake Crone
 13 – Larenda Souder
 15 – Joshua Brooks
 23 – Holly Michael
 28 – Marlaina Strayer
 29 – Ken Schoffstall
 30 – Stephanie Reynolds

April

2 – Chris Strayer
 8 – Jean Zeigler
 9 – Dawn Barshinger
 10 – Betty Putt
 12 – Alan Miller
 13 – Jason Miller
 15 – Robbin Pugh
 22 – Bryan Crone
 29 – Craig Mowery

May

9 – Joel Doherty
 12 – Courtney Conner
 12 - Audree Bush Hemming
 14 – Krystle Doherty
 15 – Kendall Myers
 15 – Samantha Clayton
 19 – Emmeleine Clayton
 20 – Tyson Michael
 24 – Millie Ann Strayer
 25 – Mya Klein

Vision/Mission Statements

- **Chestnut Grove Church**: Our Vision as Chestnut Grove Church is to be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ, by following Jesus (The SON) through Service, Outreach, and Nurture!
- **The Global Methodist Mission Statement**: The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.



Thank You Corner

Hello CGC,

Thank you for your generous support over the past year! OUR Rescue thanks you for standing with us in the important fight to end sex trafficking and child exploitation. Total contribution gift in 2025 was \$505.00. We could not continue this work without you. Your compassion, commitment, and generosity provide resources, safety, and hope.

With sincere appreciation,

Jeff Bird, VP Advancement – OUR Rescue



We thank you for your kind and generous gift of \$610.00 received on 1/7/2026. Because of you, we're able to serve close to 30,000 people in a year's time who rely upon our life-sustaining and life-changing programs and services every day. Your loving support ensures that every guest at New Hope Ministries has their need met for today and in the months to come – what a gift!

Gratefully, Eric Saunders, Exec Director
 New Hope Ministries

Time Change - Get ready for the time change! Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. on **March 8**. Change your clocks before you go to bed Saturday, March 7, so you arrive at the correct time to church Sunday morning.



Word Search Fun (Answer key on page 9)

WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH JESUS WORD SEARCH

Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal,
forward or backward, and may overlap.

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| ALPHA | CRUCIFIXION | INCARNATION | RESURRECTION |
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| BETHLEHEM | ETERNAL | KING | SHEPHERD |
| BETRAYED | HEALING | LAMB | SINLESS |
| CAPERNAUM | HOLY | NAZARETH | TEACHER |
| COMPASSION | HUMAN | PREACHING | |
| CREATOR | IMMANUEL | REDEMPTION | |

2026 Teller Schedule

| Date | Head Teller | Assistant Teller |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 3/1/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Carolyn Myers |
| 3/8/2026 | Wendy Bargo | Angie Thompson Chiricos |
| 3/15/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Carol Mowery |
| 3/22/2026 | Wendy Bargo | Betty Jane Diven |
| 3/29/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Carolyn Myers |
| 4/5/2026 | Wendy Bargo | Angie Thompson Chiricos |
| 4/12/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Carol Mowery |
| 4/19/2026 | Wendy Bargo | Betty Jane Diven |
| 4/26/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Carolyn Myers |

2026 Cleaning Schedule

| Date (Sat.) | Volunteers |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 3/7/2026 | B. Minnich & P. Kellison |
| 3/21/2026 | C. Clayton & P. Rittle |
| 4/4/2026 | Brian/Dee Gerber |
| 4/18/2026 | Tammy Strayer |
| 5/2/2026 | B. Minnich & P. Kellison |
| 5/16/2026 | C. Clayton & P. Rittle |
| 5/30/2026 | Brian/Dee Gerber |
| 6/13/2026 | Tammy Strayer |
| 6/27/2026 | B. Minnich & P. Kellison |

2026 Soundboard/PowerPoint

| Date | Soundboard | PowerPoint |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3/1/2026 | Bryan Crone | Dee Gerber |
| 3/8/2026 | Blain Bargo | Bryan Crone |
| 3/15/2026 | Bryan Crone | Dee Gerber |
| 3/22/2026 | Blain Bargo | Sue Mowery |
| 3/29/2026 | Bryan Crone | Dee Gerber |
| 4/2/2025 (Thurs) | Bryan Crone | Sue Mowery |
| 4/3/2025 (Fri) | Blain Bargo | Bryan Crone |
| 4/5/2026 | Bryan Crone | Dee Gerber |
| 4/12/2026 | Blain Bargo | Sue Mowery |
| 4/19/2026 | Dee Gerber | Bryan Crone |
| 4/26/2026 | Bryan Crone | Dee Gerber |

2026 Liturgist Schedule

| Date | Liturgist |
|------------------|--------------|
| 3/1/2026 | Dee Gerber |
| 3/8/2026 | Keith Albert |
| 3/15/2026 | Kyra Gerber |
| 3/22/2026 | Blain Bargo |
| 3/29/2026 | Dee Gerber |
| 4/2/2025 (Thurs) | Keith Albert |
| 4/3/2025 (Fri) | Pastor Tim |
| 4/5/2026 | Kyra Gerber |
| 4/12/2026 | Blain Bargo |
| 4/19/2026 | Dee Gerber |
| 4/26/2026 | Keith Albert |

**2026 Children's
Sunday School Teaching Schedule**

| Date | K-2 nd Grade (Sonfish) | 3-6 Grade (Sharks) |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 3/1/2026 | Kara Klein | Dee Gerber |
| 3/8/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Kara Klein |
| 3/15/2026 | Kara Klein | Tammy Strayer |
| 3/22/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Dee Gerber |
| 3/29/2026 | Dee Gerber | Tammy Strayer |
| 4/5/2026 | Dee Gerber | Kara Klein |
| 4/12/2026 | Tammy Strayer | Dee Gerber |
| 4/19/2026 | Kara Klein | Tammy Strayer |
| 4/26/2026 | Dee Gerber | Kara Klein |

Communion List - 2026

| Date | Name |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| March | Betty Jane Diven Dee Gerber |
| 4/2/2026 (Maundy Thurs) | Shirley Fetterolf |
| April | Angie & Tom Chiricos |
| May | Jean Zeigler Shirley Fetterolf |

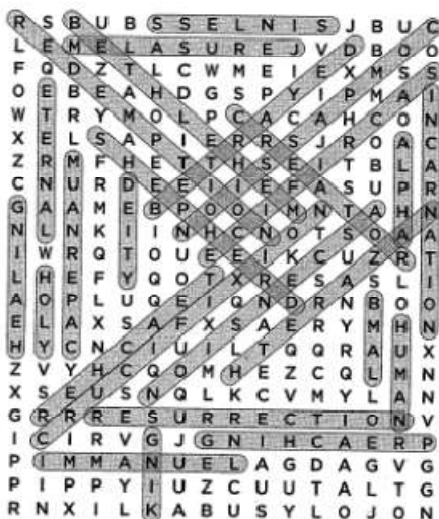
Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

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| Sunday | 3/1 | After Worship | Confirmation Class |
| Thursday | 3/5 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Sunday | 3/8 | 10:10AM | New Life For Girls Guest Speaker |
| Thursday | 3/12 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Sunday | 3/15 | After Worship | Confirmation Class |
| Sunday | 3/15 | After Worship | Outreach Team Meeting |
| Monday | 3/16 | 10:15-11:30AM | Book Study @ Dillsburg Library |
| Thursday | 3/19 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Sunday | 3/22 | After Worship | Stuff Easter Eggs |
| Thursday | 3/26 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Thursday | 3/26 | 6:30PM | Leadership Team Meeting |
| Sunday | 3/29 | 10:10AM | Dr. Doug Buckwalter Bring The Message |
| Sunday | 3/29 | 10:10AM | Palm Sunday and Communion |
| Thursday | 4/2 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Thursday | 4/2 | 7:00PM | Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion |
| Friday | 4/3 | 7:00PM | Good Friday Worship Service |
| Saturday | 4/4 | 10:00AM | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Sunday | 4/5 | 6:30AM | Easter Sunrise Service |
| Sunday | 4/5 | after Sunrise Svc | Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday | 4/5 | 10:10AM | Easter Worship Service & Communion |
| Thursday | 4/9 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Sunday | 4/12 | After Worship | Confirmation Class |
| Thursday | 4/16 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Thursday | 4/23 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Thursday | 4/23 | 6:30PM | Leadership Team Meeting |
| Sunday | 4/26 | 10:10AM | Communion |
| Sunday | 4/26 | After Worship | Confirmation Class |
| Thursday | 4/30 | 10:00AM | Bible Study |
| Thursday | 4/30 | 6:15PM | HH School Board Meeting |



Word Search Fun (Answer Key)

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