



The Post Newsletter Pastor Tim Klein

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GLOBAL METHODIST CONGREGATION

A Message from The Pastor - Worship

What is worship? Have you ever thought about it?

We do it weekly together as a community of believers in Jesus Christ. And we should worship everyday in our daily devotion to the Lord.

But what is worship? The word worship is derived from the word “worth-ship.” In other words, to worship something is to see great worth or value in someone or something and to act on it in response through actions of dedication or commitment.

Whether people admit it or not, everyone worships something. This is because we are all made to worship. It may be a job or a hobby or money or a relationship with another human being that people worship. But the simple truth is that whatever one places of highest worth is what they worship.

Friends, we are created to worship God! This means that God must be our highest treasure and the One to whom we ascribe highest importance and worth.

This month I would like to challenge you to think about how you are approaching worship. Are you approaching worship to the LORD with a focus on receiving or on giving? Many times, people think of worship as a passive time of receiving, but worship is meant to be active and focused on giving and blessing. When you come to worship on Sunday mornings or at our Night of Worship on Friday September 12th, I challenge you to come, first and foremost, seeking to bless God and ascribe to Him the praise and honor that are due His Name.

I believe that when we approach worship (both public worship as well as individual private worship) towards our great Triune God in this way, we will not only bring Him great glory, but we actually will be blessed ourselves far more in the process.

What can we do to actively worship God together? We do this by offering every part of ourselves unto Him as worship. We are to bring it all to the LORD and lay it at His feet. Let us bring all our emotions and turn them into worship. Let us worship by offering our minds to the glory of God. Let us worship by presenting our bodies as living sacrifices.

Let us worship as an active event and worship as a regular lifestyle. Brothers and sisters, we were made to worship. Let us choose to worship our great God passionately in all that we do.

Pastor Tim



Vacation Bible School - July 13-17

Our Road Trip VBS took place July 13-17 (Sunday-Thursday). It was a wonderful week sharing God's word with the children in the community. We had 28 total children attend this year. It was a fun road trip adventure where the travelers (children) explored exciting destinations. The green light bible verse was "God is with us wherever we go" Joshua 1:9. Each day highlighted how God guides, protects, and provides through engaging Bible stories, creative crafts, fun games, and tasty snacks.



Each night the children had the chance to put an offering in the funnel drum. We collected \$231.10 for our Heavenly Hands Early Learning Center.



Thank you to all of our volunteers; this community outreach cannot be done without all of your help! We appreciate the gifts you offered of your time, talents and service. Thank you Congregation for your prayers and support! We look forward to what next year's VBS theme will be. Thank you!

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Outdoor Worship and Picnic - Sunday, August 3

It was a perfect weather day for our outdoor worship service this year. It was such a blessing to have everybody here for this special service; 54 were in attendance. Thank you, Paul Miller for the beautiful music you provided for us; you are very talented, and we were so blessed that you took time from your busy schedule to lead us in worship. Thanks also to all who helped with the food preparation and planning of our picnic that day, and to everybody who brought a food item to share with us!





Back To School Prayer

As the school year begins, we remember that You, our Lord Jesus Christ, increased in wisdom and stature, and You listened to your teachers and asked them questions. Bless those who learn that they may grow in the knowledge of You, their Maker, Redeemer, Life-giver, and also in Your glorious world. Bless those who teach, that they may share the wisdom they have received from above and that they may do their work with patience and love that reflect your mercy that endures forever. Amen.

Sermon Series - Paul's Final Message - 2 Timothy

As people, we are constantly speaking with others. But if we know that it may be the last time that we may speak with someone, this side of glory, we will certainly seek to choose our words very carefully.

What we have in Paul's letter we call 2 Timothy is very much akin to a final message to a very dear friend. Paul knew that his execution would likely be soon and there was uncertainty if he would see his spiritual son, Timothy, in this life. And so, in this letter Paul chooses to lovingly pour into his friend, by leaving him with words to hold on to after he has gone to be with Jesus. It is truly a very emotional letter.

As Chestnut Grove Church we are taking a journey together in exploring this important heart-felt letter from Paul to Timothy. The following are the titles of my upcoming messages related to this powerfully inspired book. May God bless our journey through these weeks ahead.

1:1-5 – From Prison with Love
 1:6-14 – Fan into Flame
 1:15-2:2 – Passing the Torch
 2:3-13 – Sharing in Suffering
 2:14-21 – Handling the Truth
 2:22 – Fleeing and Pursuing

2:23-26 – Teaching Well
 3:1-9 – The Last Days
 3:10-17 – To Be Continued
 4:1-5 - A Charge to Ministry
 4:6-8 - Finishing the Race

4:9-11 – Loving the World or Loving the Lord
 4:13 – Keep Learning and Growing
 4:14-22 – By My Side



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!

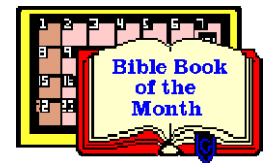
September - Bible Book of the Month - Deuteronomy

If you like sermons, then you should love the Book of Deuteronomy! Deuteronomy is basically Moses' farewell sermon to the people of Israel. It is a massive sermon to the new generation, inviting them to choose faithful obedience and loyalty to the good and loving God who chose them to be His covenant people.

Many sermons include reviewing important, but familiar material with one's listeners. Deuteronomy is no exception. Many of the chapters include reviewing events already described in earlier books of Scripture. But many sermons also challenge the listeners to respond with personal applications. Again, Deuteronomy does just that.

May our reading and mediation of this book not only remind us of all that God did in rescuing Israel from slavery and offering them a life of blessing, but may it remind us of God's dealings with us and His invitation to us to choose loyalty and faithfulness to God as well.

October's Bible Book of the Month will be Acts.



Instruction for Parents and Grandparents: Word Search

Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-7 ESV

Now this is the **COMMANDMENT** – The **STATUTES** are the **RULES** – that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you,...that you may fear the **LORD** your God, you and your son, and your son's **SON**, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your **LIFE**, and that your days may be **LONG**.

HEAR, O Israel: The LORD our **GOD**, the LORD is one. You shall **LOVE** the LORD your God with all your **HEART** and with all your **SOUL**, and with all your **MIGHT**. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall **TEACH** them **DILIGENTLY** to your **CHILDREN**, and shall **TALK** of them when you **SIT** in your house, and when you **WALK** by the way, and when you **LIE** down, and when you **RISE**.

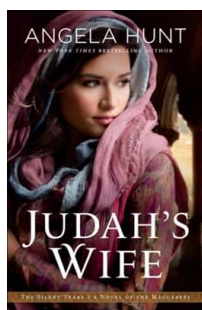
Find the bolded words in the puzzle. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, forward or backward, and may overlap.

(Answer key on page 9)



Book Study Group

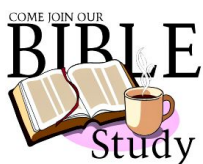
Our remaining schedule for 2025 will be meeting in September and November. **We will meet at The Dillsburg Library, 204 Mumper Lane, Dillsburg, from 10:15-11:30AM to discuss the book chosen for that month. Hope to see you there! All are welcome to join this group!!**



Our book study for **September 8** is **“Judah’s Wife”** (by Angela Hunt). A story of the courageous Maccabees told through the eyes of Judah’s wife Leah. Having grown up with a cruel father, Leah yearns for a future of peace, safety, and protection. When she marries Judah Maccabee a strong and gentle man, she feels she can rest. The king issues a decree requiring all Jews to conform to Greek laws, customs, and religion. Devout Jews surrender their lives under torture than disobey the Law of Moses to worship Greek gods. Judah’s father dies because he won’t surrender to the king’s laws. Before he dies, he commands Judah to continue the fight. Leah struggles with her husband’s decision.

Our book study for Monday, **November 10** will be **“King’s Shadow”** (by Angela Hunt). Two women occupy a place in Herod's court. The first, Salome, is the king's only sister, a resentful woman who has been told she's from an inferior race, a people whom God will never accept or approve of. The second woman, Zara, is a lowly handmaid who serves Salome, but where Salome spies conspiracies and treachery, Zara sees hurting people in need of understanding and compassion. Powerful and powerless, Idumean and Jew, selfish and selfless--both women struggle to reach their goals and survive each day within Herod the Great's tumultuous court, where no one is trustworthy and no one is safe.





Bible Study - Bible Study group meets **Thursday** mornings at 10:00AM.

- We will wrap up studying the book of Mark on **September 11**.
 - We will begin watching "The Chosen" Season 5 on Thursday, **September 18**.
- All are invited to join us!

Night Of Worship - Friday, September 12

On Friday, **September 12**, at 7:00PM, Chestnut Grove Church will host a Night of Worship. We welcome The *Evidence Worship* Band who will lead us in worship that night. We will provide some light refreshments to care for our physical nourishment as everyone comes together for this special worship night. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will anoint this time together as the surrounding communities and churches join us.

- If you are able and willing to contribute cookies for this event, please reach out to **Carol Clayton** and let her know.
- Also, if you are available to be a greeter, usher, or traffic control volunteer for the service Sept 12, please reach out to **Blain Bargo** and let him know.
- Lastly, there will be a "love offering" basket at the back of the sanctuary Sunday, September 7, for any donations the congregation would like to give towards the *Evidence Worship* band's travel expenses and time with us.

Chestnut Grove Church
presenting
a night of praise and worship with

Friday, September 12, 2025
7:00 pm
Chestnut Grove Church
450 Chestnut Grove Road
Dillsburg, PA 17019

Evidence
worship

There is evidence of God everywhere. You can see His greatness in the vast, breathtaking universe... in the beautiful, deep night sky... in the amazing, majestic mountains... in the precious miracle of a new born baby... in the way he changes the hearts of those who seek Him... from the inside out.

Evidence is a 4-piece band that is living evidence of God's grace, mercy, love, and power. Evidence leads and delivers original and pop-culture worship. Combining solid musicianship with light vocal harmonies and arrangements encompass the band's trademark sound.

Evidence functions as a traveling guest worship ministry to numerous fellowships and ministry venues throughout the northeast.
Contact: chris@evidenceworship.com 717.554.2829

Join us for a night of worship and fellowship. Invite is open to all, please share with friends and family.
Light refreshments will be provided.

Fall Festival and Car Show - September 27



There is a lot to be done in planning our 6th annual Fall Festival and 5th Annual Car Show! This year we will hold this event on Saturday, **September 27**, from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. There will be a lot of free food and fun for all to enjoy!

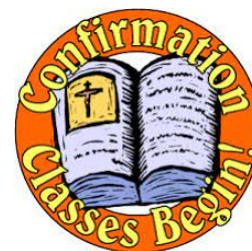
There will be a chili cook-off again this year, so get your recipes tuned up for this fun competition! There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks, desserts provided for free. Additionally, we will have kids games, a cake walk, music, and more fun things to do.

If you know somebody who would like to enter their car into the car show, please let them know the date of our event now so they don't miss it.

We will also be collecting canned goods at the Fall Festival for New Hope Ministries pantry!

New Confirmation Class!

I am excited to announce that Chestnut Grove Church will be offering a new Confirmation class **beginning in October** and concluding in the Spring of 2026. The group will be meeting right after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you know a youth that you think may be interested in exploring the foundations of our faith by being a part of this group, please contact the church office in order to help us to be in touch with them. Most importantly, I invite your prayers for this class. May our Lord bless the time and everyone involved. Amen.



All Saints Sunday - November 2

November 2 is All Saints Sunday and we will be remembering all who passed away since last All Saints Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024. We remember them in our prayers, and give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.



Congregational Turkey Dinner - November 2



Mark your calendars for our annual turkey dinner which will be held Sunday, **November 2**, after our All Saints Day worship service. Carol Clayton will be setting out a sign-up sheet in the lobby closer to the event. The turkey, filling, and gravy will be provided by the church.

Thank You Corner

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting families served by Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Phila Region with your donation of \$356.00 and \$100.00 in July... When you support RMHC Philly, you bring comfort and hope to families as they focus on what matters most; their child's health and well-being.

With gratitude, *Laura Van Tassell (Director of Development)*



2025 2nd Mile Missions Giving

Jan and Oct – Samaritan Fund
(Jan \$300.00)

Feb – Sanctity of Human Life Services (\$665.00)

March and April – New Life for Girls (\$650.00)

May – The Chosen (\$405.00)

June and July – A Compassion Child (\$580.00)

Aug and Sept – Operation Underground Railroad

Nov and Dec – New Hope Ministries



Vision 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 Vision Statement: Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Prayer Chain

To share a prayer need with the email prayer chain, contact Pastor Tim at 717-600-6139 or tkleinpastor@gmail.com.



Contact Information

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Pastor Tim's email: tkleinpastor@gmail.com

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Heavenly Hands Daycare phone: 717-432-2082

Heavenly Hands Early Learning Center email: heavenlyhands5@verizon.net

2025 Teller Schedule

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
8/31/2025	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
9/7/2025	Wendy Bargo	Angie T. Chiricos
9/14/2025	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
9/21/2025	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
9/28/2025	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
10/5/2025	Wendy Bargo	Angie T. Chiricos
10/12/2025	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
10/19/2025	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
10/26/2025	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery

2025 Liturgist Schedule

Date	Liturgist
8/31/2025	Blain Bargo
9/7/2025	Dee Gerber
9/14/2025	Keith Albert
9/21/2025	Kyra Gerber
9/28/2025	Blain Bargo
10/5/2025	Dee Gerber
10/12/2025	Keith Albert
10/19/2025	Kyra Gerber
10/26/2025	Blain Bargo

2025 Soundboard/Powerpoint

Date	Soundboard	Powerpoint
8/31/2025	Bryan Crone	Dee Gerber
9/7/2025	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
9/14/2025	Dee Gerber	Sue Mowery
9/21/2025	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
9/28/2025	Bryan Crone	Dee Gerber
10/5/2025	Blain Bargo	Sue Mowery
10/12/2025	Bryan Crone	Dee Gerber
10/19/2025	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
10/26/2025	Dee Gerber	Sue Mowery

2025 Cleaning Schedule

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
9/6/2025	Tammy Strayer
9/20/2025	B. Minnich & P. Kellison
10/4/2025	C. Clayton & P. Rittle
10/18/2025	Brian/Dee Gerber
11/1/2025	Tammy Strayer
11/15/2025	B. Minnich & P. Kellison
11/29/2025	C. Clayton & P. Rittle
12/13/2025	Brian/Dee Gerber
12/27/2025	Tammy Strayer

**2025 Children's
Sunday School Teaching Schedule**

Date	K-2 nd Grade (Sonfish)	3-6 Grade (Sharks)
8/31/2025	Tammy Strayer	Kara Klein
9/7/2025	Dee Gerber	Tammy Strayer
9/14/2025	Tammy Strayer	Kara Klein
9/21/2025	Dee Gerber	
9/28/2025	Kara Klein	Tammy Strayer
10/5/2025	Dee Gerber	Kara Klein
10/12/2025	Dee Gerber	
10/19/2025	Tammy Strayer	Kara Klein
10/26/2025	Dee Gerber	Tammy Strayer

Communion List - 2025

Date	Name
September	Jean Zeigler Shirley Fetterolf
October	Patsy Kellison Shawna Crone
November	Betty Jane Diven Dee Gerber
December	Angie & Tom Chiricos

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Monday	9/1	Holiday	Office and Daycare Closed
Thursday	9/4	10:00AM	Bible Study
Monday	9/8	10:15-11:30AM	Book Club @ Dlsbg Library
Thursday	9/11	10:00AM	Bible Study
Friday	9/12	7:00PM	A Night of Worship
Sunday	9/14	After Worship	Nominations Team Meeting
Monday	9/15	6:15PM	HH School Board Meeting
Thursday	9/18	10:00-11:30AM	<i>The Chosen</i> (Season 5 – E1)
Sunday	9/21	10:10AM	Worship led by Rev. Cathy Boileau
Thursday	9/25	10:00-11:30AM	<i>The Chosen</i> (Season 5 – E2)
Saturday	9/27	10:00AM-2:00PM	Fall Festival/Car Show
Sunday	9/28	10:10AM	Communion
Monday	9/29	6:30PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday	10/2	10:00-11:30AM	<i>The Chosen</i> (Season 5 – E3)
Sunday	10/5	After Worship	Confirmation Class
Thursday	10/9	10:00-11:30AM	<i>The Chosen</i> (Season 5 – E4)
Sunday	10/12	10:10AM	Worship led by Rev. Dr. Dennis Otto
Sunday	10/12	After Worship	Outreach Team Meeting
Thursday	10/16	10:00-11:30AM	<i>The Chosen</i> (Season 5 – E5)
Sunday	10/19	After Worship	Confirmation Class
Thursday	10/23	10:00-11:30AM	<i>The Chosen</i> (Season 5 – E6)
Thursday	10/23	6:30PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday	10/26	10:10AM	Communion
Thursday	10/30	10:00-11:30AM	<i>The Chosen</i> (Season 5 – E7)
Sunday	11/2	10:10AM	All Saints Sunday
Sunday	11/2	After Worship	Turkey Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	11/23	After Worship	Annual Church Conference Meeting



September

- 5 – Dennis Bush
- 19 – Candace Gerber
- 25 – Deborah Bell

October

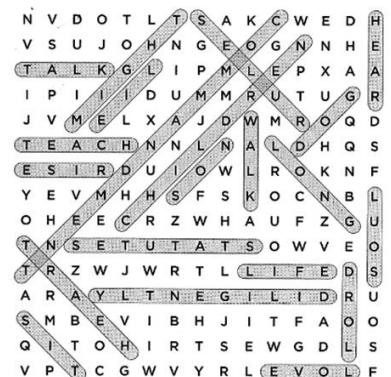
- 2 - Leota Negley
- 3 – Bruce Trostle
- 15 – Paul Hoffman
- 15 – Jonathan Angell
- 22 – Kara Klein
- 25 – Charlie Darr
- 26 – Keith Albert

November

- 12 – Sue Mowery
- 18 – Tom Chiricos
- 18 – Shawna Crone
- 21 – Shirley Fetterolf
- 21 – Shirley Jones
- 30 – Angie T. Chiricos



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