



# The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

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## A Message from The Pastor

### The Discipline of Memorization

Did you know that the Bible was written to be memorized? In fact, until the invention of the printing press a few hundred years ago, having personal copies of the Bible was a rare thing among many Christians. Consequently, people valued memorizing stories and learning them by heart much more than they do today especially in places like America.



Many Jewish people in the time of Jesus memorized large portions of Scripture and some individuals memorized the entire Bible (what we would call the Old Testament). Today, however, with so much greater access to Scripture, not just in paper form but even now in electronic form as well, the discipline of Bible memorization has become increasingly less common. While it is undoubtedly a great blessing to have much greater access to the Bible today, it also means that we must be more intentional in choosing to practice Scripture memorization.

In my own experience, I have never regretted when the LORD has put it on my heart to be intentional in practicing memorization Scripture. Even if it is just a verse here and a verse there, the more that God's written Word becomes internalized in our hearts, the more the Lord can easily prompt us to hear His voice.

Beginning with this newsletter, I am including at least one memory verse from Scripture. I encourage you to pray this verse over yourself and practice saying it until you can say it without looking at it. I am confident that God will speak to you through this verse in His time.

Pastor Tim

## PA NE GMC International Leadership Institute Training – March 23 & 24, 2026



The International Leadership Institute is a global movement of men and women who are passionate to change history by training and mobilizing leaders of leaders to reach people with the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each year, more than 600 leadership conferences equip men and women around the world with the Eight Core Values of the most effective Christian leaders who are fulfilling the Great Commission to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

**We wrapped up our PA Northeast Global Methodists International Leadership Institute Module 1 Training** for leaders in five districts. We had a blast together, and felt the Spirit moving as we fanned the flames of leadership. Thanks to the Presiding Elders, Bishop Leah Gregory, and Bishop Mark Webb for helping lead us, along with the hospitality of Wesley Forest Camp and Retreat Center.

Pastor Tim

*-Conference Superintendent Rev. Steven Taylor*



### Dr. Doug Buckwalter – March 29 (Palm Sunday)

Chestnut Grove was blessed to have Dr. Doug Buckwalter lead worship on Palm Sunday! He also led the children’s message with a powerful visual of how Jesus took our sins upon himself to set us free from sin’s power over us. Mya helped tie up Pastor Tim for this powerful message.

### 2026 Directory



If you have not picked up your 2026 copy of the Church Directory, there are a few remaining copies in the lobby. If your contact information changes during the year, please email Deb at [omcgumc@gmail.com](mailto:omcgumc@gmail.com) or call the office 717-432-8243 with your updated contact information. Thanks in advance for your support and cooperation in helping to keep this valuable resource up-to-date.

## Egg Hunt – April 4, 2026

We had a beautiful sunny day for our Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. We were blessed with 19 children and their families. It was a time filled with a message from Pastor Tim, kiddos finding lots of eggs and a great time of fellowship. Thank you all who donated candy, monetary donations or gave of their time to help with this community outreach event.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Missions for 2026

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

Jan – Testament (\$335.00)

Feb – Sanctity of Human Life Services (\$400.00)

March/April – New Life for Girls

May/June – Samaritan Fund

July/Aug – A Compassion Child

Sept/Oct – Operation Underground Railroad

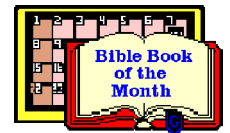
Nov/Dec – New Hope Ministries



## May Bible Book of the Month – 2 Samuel

Hello Sisters and Brothers. Throughout this month of May, our Bible Book of the Month is the Book of **2 Samuel**. This book is focused on one main individual, King David. The first section (chapters 1-10) of this book focuses on David's rise to the throne of Israel and his many successes and victories as Israel's king. Here, David is crowned king over all Israel, here David is seeing victory against all his enemies, and here God promises David an eternal house (Note: this would be ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who is the son of David and who reigns forever as King of Kings).

The tone changes drastically in chapter 11 of 2 Samuel. This chapter focuses on David's terrible sins against Bethsheba, Uriah, and God Himself. While David does genuinely repent and is forgiven by God, there would be



very serious consequences to his sin. Additionally, chapters 11-20 describe various trials and tribulations that David went through as a result of his sin and the sins of others.

Finally, in chapters 21-23 we see David preparing to finish his life strong. Rebellions were put down, wrongs were being righted, and David is again singing praise to God.

There are many lessons to be learned from this powerful book of Scripture. Some of them include the importance of humility, worship, and repentance. May your reading of the account of David's reign strengthen you to walk in greater humility, worship, and repentance as well.

For the month of June we will be in the book of **Galatians**.

## 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". Don't forget to "like" and/or comment on these posts when you are out on our Facebook page!

## Bible Study

Our group of 10 – 14 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. NOTE: With Pastor Tim being at the NE GMC Conference in Williamsport, we will not have Bible Study Thursday, June 11.



## Sermon Series



We will continue with *The Attributes of God* sermon series through May 17<sup>th</sup>. May 24 we will concentrate on Pentecost, and May 31 will be confirmation Sunday. A number of months ago we voted on which gospel to explore in great depth together. The winner was the Gospel of **John**! Beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the plan is to begin unpacking this amazing gospel account of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I invite your prayers for me as I prepare for this series.

## Who Said It? (Answer key on page 7)

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|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| A. David  | D. Jesus           | G. Paul    |
| B. Isaiah | E. Joseph          | H. Ruth    |
| C. James  | F. Moses and Aaron | I. Solomon |

1. "Your people will be my people and your God my God."
2. "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
3. "Let my people go."
4. "You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good."
5. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."
6. "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come."
7. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not boast, it is not proud."
8. "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary."
9. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."
10. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

## New Life For Girls Fundraiser – May 2



**FUNDRAISER 3 IN ONE  
CAR WASH  
FOOD AND BAKE SALE**

**BRING YOUR SMILES  
BRING YOUR APPETITE  
BRING YOUR CARS**

**Date: SATURDAY MAY 2ND  
Time: 9AM - 2PM**

**Place: CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
1425 S. MARKET ST. MECHANICSBURG**



## A Night Of Worship – May 8

Chestnut Grove is hosting another Night of Worship on Friday, **May 8**, at **7:00PM**. We welcome *Johnathan Shuey* who will lead us in worship that night.

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, 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, May 3, for any donations you would like to give towards Johnathan Shuey’s travel expenses.

## Mother’s Day – May 10

We will honor and celebrate all the ladies of the church with flowers on this special day.

Now is the perfect moment to honor and celebrate all the incredible women who embody the spirit of motherhood in our lives. Whether through birth or simply being there when needed most, remarkable moms shape our world through their love, guidance, and unwavering support.

To those who nurture, protect, and inspire—our appreciation of you reaches far beyond a single day of recognition.

For those remembering someone special, may your heart be filled with cherished memories.

### **ANIGHT OF WORSHIP**

**Chestnut Grove Church (450 Chestnut Grove Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019) presents a Night Of Worship with Johnathan Shuey Friday, May 8 at 7:00PM**



Johnathan Shuey was born, raised, and currently resides in Lebanon County. He started singing in church at the age of 5 in the kids choir. Church was the supporting force to give him the environment to cultivate his musical journey.

When Johnathan turned 16, his parents got him a keyboard workstation to be able to record his own arrangements of songs. His promise to his father was to use it for church. Flash forward to 2026 and Johnathan is the Contemporary Music Leader at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, PA. In fact, for the past 22 years, he has been leading churches with contemporary worship using arrangements he has created using the skills learned from that first keyboard.

Johnathan loves to spend time with his family. He married the love of his life, Laura, in 2001. They then were blessed to adopt their only child, Jack, in 2013 after a long struggle with infertility. This completes the Shuey trio.

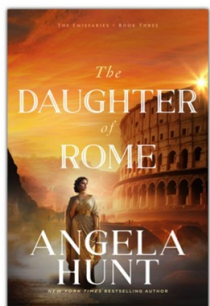
Through the mountains and valleys, God is always consistently there for each and everyone.

**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.**



## **Book Study Group**

Our remaining schedule for 2026 will be meeting in May, Sept, and Nov (normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10:15AM at the Dillsburg Library.



Our book study for Monday, **May 18**, 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 this book, 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!

We will be taking a short break for the summer months, and then get together again Monday, **September 14**. We haven’t decided yet which book we will be reading for the September 14 gathering, but as soon as we decide, it will be posted in the weekly bulletins and in the July/August newsletter.

## **Happy Birthday Church – May 24 - Pentecost**

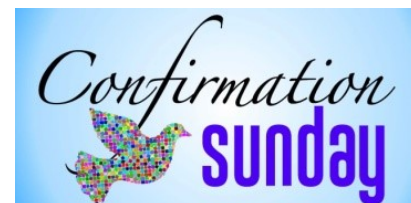


Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the church. It was on this day that Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit from heaven unto His followers. It was then that they were empowered to be witnesses for Him in the world. May 24<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday this year. Together, we will celebrate the birthday of the church and I will preach on the importance of living a Holy Spirit filled life. We also invite you to wear red on Pentecost, as “red” is a reminder of the tongues of fire that rested on the believers as they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

## **Confirmation Sunday – May 31**

Please mark your calendars for May 31<sup>st</sup> as this is Confirmation Sunday this year at Chestnut Grove Church. Our confirmands have met together with me since October of last year to discuss things such as who is God, what is the Bible, what does it mean to be a Christian, and what is the Global Methodist Church all about. The discussions have been meaningful

and I am proud of each confirmand for their commitment to learning and growing together. I hope that you will be present on Confirmation Sunday to not only celebrate the new professions of the Christian faith, but also to re-affirm your own confession of faith in Jesus as well. There will also be a reception following worship to celebrate this critical day in the lives of these young people.



## Father's Day – June 21

We will honor and celebrate all the men of the church with donuts on this special day. Here is a Father's Day poem from an anonymous author:



God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,

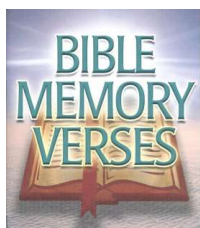
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
And so, he called it Dad.

## Vacation Bible School – July 12-16

Mark your calendar for **July 12-16** (Sunday through Thursday) from **6:30PM - 8:30PM**. The theme for VBS this year is **"Snowball Mountain Challenge"**. Our VBS is open to children from age 4 through 5th grade. Snowball Mountain Challenge invites kids to an exciting winter sports event where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. They will come to realize that with the strength God provides, they can share their gifts, be brave, give their all, pray, and hope. Invite your family and friends and Register today at <https://www.myvbs.org/cgcdillsburg/>.



## Memory Bible Verse of the Month



For **May** - Acts 2:38 - <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

For **June** - Ephesians 4:29 - <sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

## 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.



### Who Said It? (Answer Key)

1. H (Ruth 1:16); 2. G (Philippians 4:13); 3. F (Genesis 5:1; 10:3) They were quoting God when they said this; 4. E (Genesis 50:20 NKJV); 5. A (Psalm 23:1); 6. I (Ecclesiastes 12:1); 7. G (1 Corinthians 13:4); 8. B (Isaiah 40:31); 9. C (James 5:16); 10. D (Matthew 12:28)

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

June

2 – Sharron Lerew  
 3 – Hannah Bargo Henn  
 6 – Mike Strayer  
 7 – Paula Pyper  
 8 – Betty Jane Diven  
 9 – Lucy Leer  
 9 – Graham Michael  
 11 – Jeremy Henn  
 15 – Dolores Kirkland  
 17 – Emma Crone  
 19 – Karen Angell  
 20 – Emerson Clayton  
 22 – Elias Bargo  
 24 – Ethan Clayton  
 24 – Tina Miller  
 28 – Betty Wolf  
 30 – Ashlee Bargo-Davis

July

2 – Nolan Barshinger  
 2 – Ella Grace Clayton  
 5 – Lois May  
 9 – Damien Wardlow  
 13 – Lexi Bush  
 19 – Farryn Henn  
 28 – Bill Minnich  
 29 – Ralph Barshinger  
 29 – Kayla Klein

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Thursday	5/7	10:00AM	Bible Study
Friday	5/8	7:00PM	A Night of Worship (Johnathan Shuey)
Sunday	5/10		Mother's Day – Flowers
Thursday	5/14	10:00AM	Bible Study
Monday	5/18	10:15AM	Book Study Group Meets at the Library
Thursday	5/21	10:00AM	Bible Study
Monday	5/25		HH Learning Center and Office Closed
Thursday	5/28	10:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday	5/28	6:30PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday	5/31	10:10AM	Communion
Sunday	5/31	10:10AM	Confirmation Sunday
Thursday	6/4	10:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday	6/4	6:30PM	Heavenly Hands Graduation in the Sanctuary
Sunday	6/7	After Worship	Outreach Team Meeting
Thurs-Sat	6/11-13		NE GMC Conference in Williamsport, PA
Thursday	6/11	10:00AM	<b>No</b> Bible Study
Wednesday	6/17	5:30PM	Cookout for HH Staff & Families
Thursday	6/18	10:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday	6/18	6:15PM	HH School Board Meeting
Sunday	6/21		Donuts – Father's Day and Communion
Wednesday	6/24	6:30PM	Bible In A Year Gathering
Thursday	6/25	10:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday	6/25	6:30PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday	6/28	10:10AM	Blain Bargo Lead Worship
Sun-Th	7/12-16	6:30-8:30PM	Vacation Bible School



**2026 Teller Schedule**

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
5/3/2026	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson Chiricos
5/10/2026	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
5/17/2026	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
5/24/2026	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
5/31/2026	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson Chiricos
6/7/2026	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
6/14/2026	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
6/21/2026	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
6/28/2026	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson Chiricos
7/5/2026	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery

**2026 Liturgist Schedule**

Date	Liturgist
5/3/2026	Kyra Gerber
5/10/2026	Blain Bargo
5/17/2026	Dee Gerber
5/24/2026	Keith Albert
5/31/2026	Jonathan Angell
6/7/2026	Jonathan Angell
6/14/2026	Kyra Gerber
6/21/2026	Dee Gerber
6/28/2026	Keith Albert
7/5/2026	Blain Bargo

**2026 Soundboard/PowerPoint**

Date	Soundboard	PowerPoint
5/3/2026	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
5/10/2026	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
5/17/2026	Blain Bargo	Sue Mowery
5/24/2026	Bryan Crone	Dee Gerber
5/31/2026	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
6/7/2026	Blain Bargo	Dee Gerber
6/14/2026	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
6/21/2026	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
6/28/2026	Blain Bargo	Dee Gerber
7/5/2026	Dee Gerber	Sue Mowery

**2026 Cleaning Schedule**

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
5/2/2026	Bill Minnich & Patsy Kellison
5/16/2026	Carol Clayton & Patty Rittle
5/30/2026	Brian & Dee Gerber
6/13/2026	Tammy Strayer
6/27/2026	Bill Minnich & Patsy Kellison
7/11/2026	Carol Clayton & Patty Rittle
7/25/2026	Brian & Dee Gerber
8/8/2026	Tammy Strayer
8/22/2026	Bill Minnich & Patsy Kellison
9/5/2026	Carol Clayton & Patty Rittle

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

Date	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (Sonfish)	3-6 Grade (Sharks)
5/3/2026	Tammy Strayer	Dee Gerber
5/10/2026	Kara Klein	Dee Gerber
5/17/2026	Dee Gerber	Kara Klein
5/24/2026	Tammy Strayer	Dee Gerber
5/31/2026	Kara Klein	Tammy Strayer
6/7/2026	Tammy Strayer	Kara Klein
6/14/2026	Kara Klein	Dee Gerber
6/21/2026	Dee Gerber	Tammy Strayer
6/28/2026	Tammy Strayer	Dee Gerber

**Communion List - 2026**

Date	Name
May	Patsy Kellison Shawna Crone
June	Shirley Fetterolf Bill Minnich
July	Betty Jane Diven Patty Rittle
August	Angie & Tom Chiricos



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