

# Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren

March/April 2023



*Magnifying and proclaiming Christ; sharing His love.*

## Happy Easter!

As the Easter celebration rapidly approaches, let's review some of the glorious truths resurrection reveals about the Lord Jesus Christ!

He was sinless. 1 Corinthians 15:56 reveals that death's "sting" is contained in sin: "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law." The fact death had no hold on Christ proves there was no sin in him for death to "take hold of."

He actually died. Contrary to Islam's teaching that Jesus Christ was replaced by a proxy on the cross, the Jewish Sanhedrin, Pontius Pilate, Joseph of Arimathea, disciples, Jesus's mother, and Roman centurions who accomplished the crucifixion were all satisfied it was Jesus of Nazareth crucified and buried the eve of Passover. According to Matthew 28:11-15, chief priests and elders created the lie that Jesus's body had been stolen from its tomb (still circulated today), but never bothered saying someone other than Jesus had been crucified – no one would have believed it.



He was not idle. While Jesus's body was in the tomb three days, his soul was in the lower parts of the earth (Ephesians 4:9) – which contained both hell and paradise. He went through hell briefly, because that is where sin belongs and Jesus deposited the sin of all mankind there. As a result of his trip through hell, he now possesses the keys to death and hell – Revelation 1:18. Then he crossed the "great gulf," Luke 16:26, to paradise where he kept a promised appointment with the dying thief: "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise," Luke 23:43. He preached to the spirits in prison and the third day after his death rose from the dead, taking saints in paradise with him to heaven – Ephesians 4:8, Matthew 27:52-3.

We are made alive in him! John 7:38 speaks of abundant life in Christ, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." And he told Lazarus' sister Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25-6). In Christ, death becomes an irate bumblebee with no stinger (1 Corinthians 15:55) – comical, perhaps annoying, but no longer fearsome.

He loves us! Romans 5:8 says the crucifixion is proof of God's love: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

The story doesn't end there! Revelation 22:20 says, "He which testifieth these things saith, 'Surely I come quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Our sinless, crucified, risen, and ascended Lord is set to return soon! And so we echo the apostle John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

*Pastor Rob*

### Ministry Team:

Pastor: Robert Wolf  
Youth Directors: Josh and Liz Fabina  
Christian Education Director: Liz Fabina

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Secretary: Jessie Rager

# Joys/Concerns

**BERDIE RUDGE** - recent scope, continued prayers  
**LAUREN & DEVIN HORNBACE** - temporary move to ND  
**MARIA REIGHARD** - recovering from foot surgery  
**DEBBIE HELSEL** - palliative care  
**LEW LAZER FAMILY** - peace and comfort  
**BOB KASISKY** - aortic aneurysm  
**PEANUT** - dissolving blood clot, kidney continues to strengthen  
**TIM DUGAN (Jean Bush's request)** - health problems  
**KENNY GIBSON (Ken's son)** - recovering at home  
**SANDY HARRISON** - clean biopsy results  
**LISA (Bryan Williams's friend)** - pneumonia  
**NANCY WILLIAMS** - recovering in Crichton  
**SHELDON YERTY** recovering from stroke in hospital  
**LEE OAKS** - kidney stone  
**DAN MCKLVEEN** - cancer treatment  
**CAROL HILL** - stomach cancer surgery scheduled  
**BOBBI JO BISHOP** - knee therapy  
**HILDEGARD BERG** - recovering from surgery  
**ELLIE** - infant, recovering from meningitis  
**JOE PIZARCHIK** - cancer treatment  
**ROBERTA VATAVUK** - breast cancer, possible surgery  
**MELANIE DEVICO** - back pain, possible surgery  
**ALEXANDER DEVICO** - pancreatic cancer, treatments  
**KEN (Ginny Babal's brother)** - awaiting scan results  
**LORI SHUTZ** - recovering at home  
**JOANN PFEIL** - cancer shrinking, displaced hip  
**LINDA MULLEN** - cancer, on comfort care  
**WILMA WEBSTER** - responding well to treatment  
**MORGAN PHILIBIN** - 19, thyroid cancer  
**ANIYAH** - tumor shrinking, hoping for remission  
**KIM WADDELL** - successful surgery, further chemo  
**RICH RHODES** - long term hospice care  
**JACK OWENS** - severe headaches, back pain  
**BILL OWENS** - continued prayers  
**JUDY RHODES** - recovering in Lutheran Home

## SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

### 8:00 AM

March 5: Pam and Randy Nichols  
March 12: Trent and Vicki Roberts  
March 19: Greg and Patty Blue  
March 26: Jeff and Cindy Day  
April 2: Pam and Randy Nichols  
April 9: Easter Sunrise – Youth  
April 16: Bob and Vicky Lonsinger  
April 23: Jean Bush  
April 30: Roger and Donna Swick

### 10:30 AM

March 5: Rocky and Susie Kelley  
March 12: Adam Barr and Denise Natta  
March 19: Josh Fabina  
March 26: John and Chasity Cummings  
April 2: Odyssey Club  
April 9: Carl and Denise Teeter  
April 16: Eileen Nicholson and Michelle Saintz  
April 23: Norma Reighard and Kevin Reighard  
April 30: Gene and Debbie Paul

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, March 13

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING: Mon., April 24

## SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of LYNN HARRISON, who passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of EUGENE PAUL, who passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Eugene was the father of Gene Paul.

## MEMORIAL DONATION

A donation has been made to the Renovation Fund in memory of Ann and James Lepus by The Lepus Family, Michele (Weis) and Jim Jr.

Donations have been made to the Renovation Fund in memory of Lee Day by:

Bob and Maureen Kasisky  
Rich and Debbie Markum  
Donna Bowser and Loughner Plaza Council  
Bernadette Sheehan and Nick Simonton  
Rich, Wanda, and Isaac Webb

A donation has been made in memory of Lynn Harrison by Shirley M. Griffith and Martha Joanne Makin.

In lieu of flowers, and at the request of the family, a monetary gift is being made to the church renovation fund in memory of Lee Day, brother of Jeff Day and Vicki Roberts.

A donation has been made to the Renovation Fund in memory of Lee Day by Marianne Roberts.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much to the Odyssey and Youth who came Christmas caroling at my house in December. They brought me so much joy. Bob Hay

We cannot adequately express our gratitude for all the cards, food, gifts, and general Jesus Love our church family shared with us this Christmas season. May God draw us all nearer himself and bolder in our gospel witness as the day of Christ is close at hand.

Thanks and God bless, Rob and Theresa Wolf

Thank you to the Odyssey Club children and leaders for stopping by to say hello and for the thoughtful gift bag. Bob Hay

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with the Chili Cook-off for the Mission Team, especially the Jones and Yurkovich families. We appreciate everyone's assistance and support!

## NEW BABY GIRL

WINDSOR JADE HANDEL was born on Thursday, January 5, 2023. The proud parents are Joshua and Sarah (Perrine) Handel. Grandparents are Rick Perrine and Diane Metzgar.

**2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

New directories can be found in the vestibule. If you would prefer a digital copy, please contact the church office so that we can email one to you.

**SOUND BOARD HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for people willing to help with the sound board at both morning worship services (on a rotating basis, not every week). If you are interested in helping, please contact Liz Fabina and she will plan a training day.

**PLEASANT HILL BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

Our Church Board is in need of two members. We need a member for the Nurture Commission (congregational care, Christian education) and a church clerk who will take minutes at our board and congregational meetings. The Nurture Commission position is a three-year term and the church clerk is a one-year term. Please contact Jessie Rager or Theresa Wolf if you are willing to help.

**2 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION MARCH 5, APRIL 2**

The 2 Cents a Meal program is designed to help with the ongoing problem of world hunger. Families are encouraged to take a soup can and keep it in a handy place. As you sit down to eat each meal, please have each member of your family put 2 cents into the can, and also pray for people who don't have enough to eat around the world. The bucket is available once a month for you to deposit the contents of your can. All money collected will go to our local food pantries.

**PLEASANT HILL CHURCH**  
856 BENSHOFF HILL ROAD, JOHNSTOWN  
12:00-2:00 PM  
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

**(ALMOST) SPRING Fling**  
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

GAMES  
CRAFTS  
BIBLE LESSON  
TONS OF FUN!

TACO BAR FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT**

Moxham CoB is hosting a night of prayer and praise with New Life and Pleasant Hill CoB. Please join us Sunday, March 12, at 6:00 PM at 536 Grove Avenue, Johnstown.

# Easter Flowers

## Easter Sunday, April 9

_____ 4.5" Bluebells.....	\$5.50
_____ 4.5" Mini Daffodils.....	\$6.50
_____ 5" Gerber Daisy .....	\$7.00
_____ 6.5" Daffodils .....	\$12
_____ 6.5" Hyacinths .....	\$12
_____ 6.5" Tulips.....	\$12
_____ 6.5" Martha Washington Geraniums .....	\$13
_____ 6.5" Mums .....	\$14
_____ 6.5" White Lily Single Stem .....	\$15
_____ 8.5" White Lily Double Stem .....	\$28
_____ 8.5" Hydrangeas.....	\$24

Total Order Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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Orders are due by **Sunday, March 12**, and can be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Please make checks payable to Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren. This year we are ordering our flowers from **SEADS Garden Center** (Sustainable Employment for Adults with Disabilities).

**TRIVIA**

Trivia will be held on Sunday, March 19, at noon at the Middle Taylor Township Municipal Building. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy time with church family and friends!



**FIRE COMPANY MONTHLY SUB AND PIZZA SALE**

The Middle Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Company will be selling Koval subs and pizzas at the fire hall the second Saturday of every month. Subs are \$9 apiece and pizzas are \$8.

Child Evangelism Fellowship® presents:

# FEED MY LAMBS

Helping kids build relationships with God!

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 25, 2023  
9 am—3 pm**

at Ebensburg Evangelical Bible Church 130 Belair, Revloc, PA

**WORKSHOP TOPICS**

- Leading Children to Christ
- Creating an Effective Lesson
- Activities with Children
- Bible Study and Worship with Kids
- Staying Relevant to Today's Kids

**PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU'RE A ...**

- Children and Youth Ministry Staff
- Teacher in church or schools
- Volunteer with kids in any setting
- Small Group leader
- Parent, Guardian or Grandparent

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WORKSHOP TEACHES  
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SCAN TO REGISTER



FOR MORE INFORMATION or for email registration forms:  
Email: [cefcambriacounty@gmail.com](mailto:cefcambriacounty@gmail.com)  
Call/Text: 814-615-5032  
Jen Fultz, Local Coordinator  
CEF of Cambria County  
106 Clara St, Suite 3  
Ebensburg, PA 15931



### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

On Saturday, April 15, a Rummage Sale will be held at Pleasant Hill from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will be accepting donations of items for the sale; please do not bring televisions, computers, printers, or mattresses. You may bring donations to the church Monday, April 10 through Thursday, April 13. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ITEMS BEFORE EASTER. Please leave donations off to the side of the ramp inside the fellowship hall. We will place the items on the tables after we sort them. Concessions will be available at the sale. This will be a fundraiser to benefit the Renovation Fund. Thank you!

### SEDER DINNER

The District will sponsor a Messiah in the Passover Banquet at Camp Harmony on Sunday, April 16, at 5:00 PM. It will be led by Rev. Jeff Kipp from Chosen People Ministries. The evening will include a full traditional Seder Dinner hosted by Rev. Kipp. He will interpret how the elements of the Passover Dinner point to Jesus. The presentation takes about an hour and a half. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children and youth ages 6 to 18. There is no cost for children 5 and under. Reservations are required and should be made through Tina Lehman at the District Office (814 479-2181, [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)) by Monday, April 3.

### MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

We meet the first Sunday of every month from 6-8 PM. Topical focus each month is gleaned from a yearly Bible-reading schedule. Pastor Rob and guest teachers lead this study.

### USED SHOES NEEDED

We are continuing to collect gently used shoes to benefit the Orphanage in Honduras (Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel). You may bring your extra shoes to the chapel, or leave them at Lou and April Mackell's back door. Thank you for being a part of this project!

### PASTOR'S CLASS

Inviting all interested in baptism, church membership, or learning more about Brethren history. We are currently meeting in the parsonage Sunday mornings at 9:15. Our last meeting will be held March 26. Baptism candidates will be received Palm Sunday, April 2.

### EASTER NUT ROLLS

Camp Harmony is selling apricot rolls for \$15 apiece (2 for \$25) and nut rolls for \$12 apiece (2 for \$20). The rolls will be delivered to the church late in the day on April 4 and left in the refrigerator for pickup. Please let Ginny Babal know if you would like to order and give her your payment by March 26.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Children are invited to attend an Easter Egg Hunt at Pleasant Hill on Good Friday, April 7, from 2-4 PM. We are accepting monetary donations to help with the cost of supplies and candy to fill the eggs. Volunteers are needed, please contact Gloria Rager.

### TENEBRAE SERVICE

A "Service of Darkness" will be held on Good Friday, April 7, at 8:00 PM. If you are willing to help with this service, please contact the church office.

### EASTER SUNRISE

Our youth will lead a "sunrise" worship service on Sunday, April 9, at 8:00 AM. This worship time will truly help you rejoice in our Lord's triumph over sin and death.



DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE TRAPPED IN ADDICTION  
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THURSDAY NIGHTS 7 - 8:30 PM

For more information

[www.palgroup.org](http://www.palgroup.org) 480-300-4712



# Pleasant Hill Church Special Events

## *Springtime on the Hill: A Year of Prayer*

Please call the church office 814-536-3685 or email [pleasanthillcoboffice@gmail.com](mailto:pleasanthillcoboffice@gmail.com) for more info on any of these events.

Every Sunday: 8am Worship (Praise Music); 9:15am Sunday School for all ages; 10:30am Worship (Hymns)

# Springtime on the Hill 2023



Vacation Bible School:  
July 31st- August 4th  
9am-12pm Ages 3 thru  
6th grade!

**Sunday,  
March 5th**

12pm: (ALMOST) Spring Fling:  
Family Event & Lunch

**Sunday,  
March 12th**

6pm: Prayer and Praise Worship  
@ Moxham COB

**Friday,  
March 17th**

12pm: Senior Citizen and Junior  
Senior Citizen Lunch & Hymn Sing  
Ages 55+

**Sunday,  
March 19th**

12pm: Trivia Game & Potluck  
at Middle Taylor Twp Municipal Building

**March 29th-  
April 2nd**

March 29th, 30th, 31st: 5-9pm  
April 1st & 2nd: 9am-5pm  
Prayer and Praise Stations:  
Words of Jesus from the Cross

**Sunday,  
April 2nd**

8am: Palm Sunday Worship & Baptisms  
10:30am: Children-led Palm Sunday  
Worship & Baptisms

**Thursday,  
April 6th**

1pm: Bread and Cup Communion  
6:30pm: Love Feast and Communion  
8pm: 24-Hour Prayer Vigil begins

**Friday,  
April 7th**

2pm: Family Easter Event & Egg Hunt  
8pm: Prayer Vigil ends  
Tenebrae Good Friday Worship

**Sunday,  
April 9th**

8am: Youth-led Easter Worship  
9:15am: Sunday School for all ages  
10:30: Choir-led Easter Worship

**Saturday,  
April 15th**

8am-2pm: Spring Rummage Sale to  
benefit Church Renovation Fund

**Sunday,  
April 16th**

5pm: Seder Dinner Event @  
Camp Harmony

## March Birthdays

- 1 Jason Moschgat
- 2 Robert Lonsinger, Jr.
  - 2 Joe Ryan
- 4 Brynn Hyland
- 6 Terry Bouch
- 6 Jocelyn Hudson
- 7 Roger Browning
- 8 Joel Harmon
- 8 Caitlyn McKendree
- 8 Jana Moschgat
- 8 Abby Persio
- 8 Brian Smith
- 9 Aiden Perrine
- 10 Jay Carney
- 11 Jeremy Hobor
- 13 Noah Rager
- 14 Deloris Kehl
- 17 Jim McKendree, Jr.
- 17 Brooklyn McKendree
- 17 Jennifer Tarbay
- 18 Charles Berg
- 18 Heather Pudliner
- 19 Mark Tarbay
- 20 Cara Bintrim
- 20 Edward McKendree
- 20 Dawn Craft
- 20 Jessica Sojak
- 21 Tiffany Tarbay
- 23 Kim Dishong
- 23 Roberta Lonsinger
- 24 Quentin Metzgar
- 26 Greg Blue
- 26 Rich Denhard
- 26 Ava Finch
- 26 Shannon Perry
- 27 Vicki Roberts
- 27 Lisa Crynock
- 28 Cassie Cummings
- 29 Roberta Swick
- 29 Dalis Wolfe
- 30 Robert Craft, Jr.
- 31 Sally Houghton



## March Anniversaries

- 20 Shailen & Alison Sehgal
- 21 Richard & Debbie Sojak
- 27 Dick & Linda Oaks
- 27 Keith & Claudia Rager
- 30 Jeffrey & Jennifer Curtis
- 31 Roger & Jennifer Conley

## April Anniversaries

- 4 Trent & Vicki Roberts
- 8 Carl & Sally Allison
- 8 John & Melissa MacEwan
- 14 Bob & Bonnie Plunkard
- 20 Robert & Maureen Kasisky
- 23 John & Becky Hobor
- 23 Scott & Nikki Williams
- 28 Thair & Jean Bush
- 29 Roger & Kimberly Browning



## April Birthdays

- 1 Kimberly Browning
- 1 Lauren Hornbake
- 4 Becky Hobor
- 5 Nick Fabina Sr.
- 5 Raleigh Perrine
- 7 Carl Allison, Sr.
- 8 Joel Harmon
- 8 Bryon Berg
- 10 Melissa Demchak
- 11 Meredyth Demchak
- 11 Danny Rager
- 12 Julie McConaughy
- 12 Dan Kiser
- 13 Michael Hudak Jr.
- 13 Colleen Shaulis
- 14 Adam Barr
- 15 John B. Cummings
- 17 Wendy Bintrim
- 17 Alexis McKendree
- 17 Austin Pudliner
- 18 Sharon Allison
- 18 Joshua Swick
- 19 Greg Gossard
- 19 Barry Miller
- 20 Mollie Moschgat
- 20 Baylie Moschgat
- 21 Korey Roberts
- 21 Mary Lou Thomas
- 22 Jonathan Berg
- 22 Brenda "Jean" Bush
- 22 Debbie Paul
- 22 Taylor Plunkard
- 23 Sylvia Bintrim
- 23 Mindi Taylor
- 25 Robert Wolf
- 27 Payge Roberts
- 27 Peyton Roberts
- 27 Rory Roberts
- 28 Gloria Rager
- 29 Roger Conley
- 29 Ahlia Harchik
- 30 Ryan Berg