

Greensburg Church of the Brethren

April 2026



*“He is not here; he has risen, just as
he said. Come and see the place
where he lay.”*

--Matthew 28:6

Can They Hear You?

As a church family, we are blessed to witness the wonderful things Jesus is doing among us. Lives are being encouraged, prayers are being answered, and hearts are being lifted through fellowship, worship, and the love we share with one another. These blessings are gifts from God, and they remind us that His presence is alive and working in His church here in Greensburg.

But the good news we experience here is not meant to stay within these 4 walls. Jesus calls each of us to share His love and truth with others. Many people around us are searching for hope, comfort, and direction. When we tell them about Jesus and the good things He is doing here we are offering them the opportunity to experience that same hope and joy.

Sharing our faith does not have to be complicated. Sometimes it is as simple as inviting a friend to worship, telling someone how God has helped you through a difficult time, or speaking about the kindness and fellowship they can find here. Your story and your invitation may be exactly what someone needs to hear.

When we go out and speak about Jesus, we become witnesses of His love. Our words can open doors for others to come, to learn, and to grow in faith. The church grows stronger when we share the blessings we have received and welcome others into this family.

We have talked over the years about how we can grow the church. We hold meetings and sit and talk about what we can do to attract people to come to our services, our programs, our studies, and our worship. By doing all of this we're missing the fundamental things that Jesus wants us to do. That is to witness and tell others about Jesus, and about how He can change their lives. Take, for example, the Samaritan woman at the well. After Jesus talked to her, she went into town to witness to people that she had been avoiding for many years about Jesus being out at the well. This is the same town that the disciples were in just a short time earlier--they told no one. See the difference? When the woman witnessed, people came running to Jesus. When the disciples didn't witness about Jesus being out there, who came? Nobody from the town.

The events that are taking place here in this church should inspire everyone here to be witnessing to what Jesus is doing. Tell others about our choir going out to nursing homes and touching lives. Tell them about the outreach programs we have. And tell them how our friend Lynn was in so much pain for a very long time, sometimes in a wheelchair and walking with a cane. Tell them how she expected upcoming surgery shortly. During a recent service she was anointed and prayed over, and by the end of the service, Lynn was no longer in pain and needed no cane or surgery. These are the stories that need to be told if we expect to grow our church in numbers..

Nobody will know what Jesus is doing here if we don't speak out and we'll have the same problems year after year. It's time to be witnesses! That's why we are here--to help people come to Christ! Let us boldly and lovingly tell others about Jesus and the good things He is doing in this church. Through our voices and our actions, we can help bring more people into the joy, peace, and salvation that can only be found in Him.

If you don't tell them, who will?

God Bless,
Pastor Stephen

Sunday morning news

9:30 - 10:30 Adult Sunday School class - "The Chosen" - season 5
10:00-10:30 A Deacon and/or the Pastor will be available in the chapel every Sunday a.m.
!0:30 The worship service will be live-streamed every Sunday to the Fellowship Hall

Getting Ready for Easter

Love Feast Service

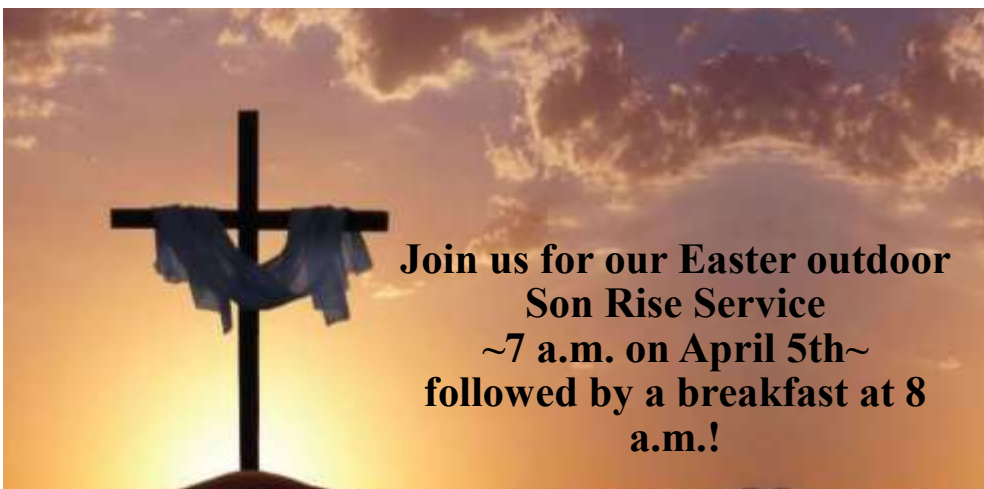
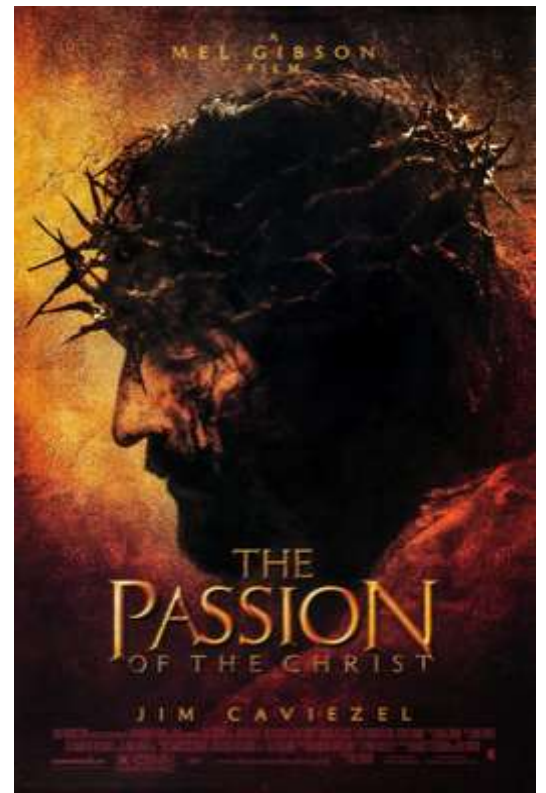
On Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m., we will be remembering the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples as we participate in communion and the practice of foot washing. Please plan to attend this very special service, an important part of our Church of the Brethren identity, and our personal relationship with the Lord.



Good Friday, April 3rd:

Prayer Session: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
(Meditation at 2:00 p.m.)

Movie Night
"The Passion of Christ"
6:30 p.m.



Join us for our Easter outdoor
Son Rise Service
~7 a.m. on April 5th~
followed by a breakfast at 8
a.m.!



Easter Worship Service
10:30 a.m.
April 5, 2026

What's Going On at GBGCOB?



"Snack Cake Sunday" - Please remember the need for snack cakes on the third Sunday of each month. We are now asking for packaged "snack cakes", i.e., Little Debbie, Tasty Cakes, etc. This makes distribution much easier for Meals on Wheels.

Women's Fellowship
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Applebees Restaurant, at noon,
Rt 30 by Westmoreland Mall
ALL women are welcome to join us
for good food and great fellowship.
We'd love to see you there!
Please bring something for the Blessing
Box to bless others...

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Thursday evening, April 16th at Panera Bread near Greengate Center at 6:30 p.m. All men are welcome!



Women's
Faith & Friendship Dinner
Thursday, April 16, 6:30
at the Boulevard
All women are welcome!

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. on Sundays
led by Barry Roddy (The Chosen - Season 5)



Carole Nedrow and family would like to thank our church family for all the love and support shown to us at the time of Paul's passing. Thank you for all the flowers, money, cards, phone calls, meals and other food items. We especially are grateful for your prayers that helped us through this difficult time.

Do you know someone who is graduating from high school or college this May/June or graduated this past December? We want to honor them on graduation Sunday on June 14th. Please let the Christian Education Team by May 13.



Women's Fellowship

Joyful blessings because He Lives!

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter flowers in honor or memory of those we love (52 in total). To those who plant bulbs, may you be blessed with their beauty each spring, as new life begins. Our sanctuary on Easter morning will be full of beauty and color as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

A few updates--

Ladies Luncheon - first Wednesday of the month, 12 noon at Applebee's Restaurant (Rt. 30 by Westmoreland Mall). We bring, if able, a non-perishable item for the Blessing Box. Please come when you can. We would love for you to join us for joyful Christian fellowship, devotions, prayer and a great lunch.

Snack Cakes - collected on the third Sunday of each month and delivered to Meals on Wheels. We are sharing some sweets with seniors in our community. Thank you to Elaine Farnham for being our delivery person. We so appreciate the card ministry being taken care of by Gail Francowic (until our friend Lori is healed and ready to return). We are blessed with wonderful women who help in so many ways!

We continue to serve our Lord and our church as we glorify God in all we do! Cards can be sent to our friend, Lori, at her home address: Lori Sabo, 32 Mt. Pleasant St., Greensburg, PA 15601.

Blessings,
Carole Giron



GREENSBURG CHURCH OF THE
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VBS 2026

Expedition
NORWAY

June 8th-12th 6pm to 8pm

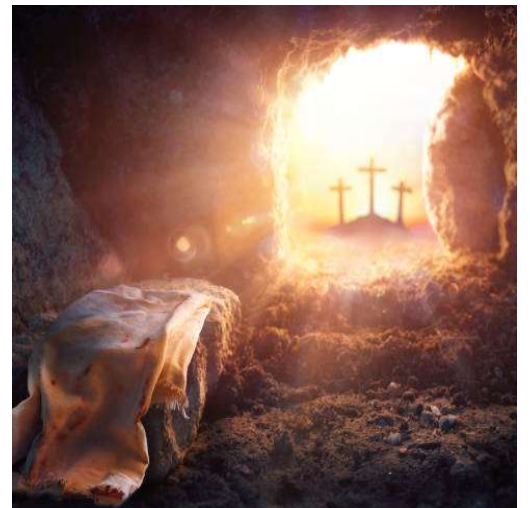
Register: www.gbpcob.org
Questions Call:
(724) 834-2130

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**VBS dates: June 8-12, 6 - 8 p.m.
Teachers and helpers are needed!
Please speak to Michelle Sipes if
you are able to contribute in some
way!**

Remember to check your mailboxes regularly. If you have not already picked up your leadership directory, you will find one there.

The quarterly devotional, "Our Daily Bread," is an excellent resource for starting off each day with the Lord. Copies of these can be found on the table below the mailboxes.



Honored Member of the Month - Wendy Wian

Wendy started attending Greensburg Church of the Brethren when she was in elementary school and was later baptized there by Reverend Brougher. As a young woman she was married to Don by Reverend Staufer in the old church building. They have now been married for 64 years!

She has great memories of a full church in which they raised their two sons and daughter. She remembers busloads of kids coming to the church to learn about Jesus when Reverend D'Amico was pastor.

Wendy was blessed to be a stay-at-home mom while her children were growing up. Later she was able to continue helping the community at the Hempfield Recreation Office, where she worked for 13 years.

In more recent years, they have welcomed 4 granddaughters and 3 grandsons into their lives.

Wendy has served our church in various ways over her time here, working at funeral dinners, coordinating Bible School crafts, and lovingly caring for babies in the nursery. She is much appreciated.

Her favorite Bible verse is Mathew 7:12: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Her favorite hymn is "How Great Thou Art."

Thought for the Month

Living for God means living as an example for others, for it is His Will that they be saved.

News and Notes from the Worship Team

I don't know about you, but I am loving the hints of spring. The grass is turning green, the daffodils and tulips are popping up, and the birds are singing sweetly, all of which point towards spring.

After such a hard winter our yards are reborn, just as at this time of year, we are reborn. Christ died for our sins, so we can have a fresh start "again."

I pray you will join us at Love Feast on April 2nd; the Good Friday prayer time, April 3rd, 1 - 3 p.m.; and on Easter, April 5th, the Sunrise service at 7 a.m., followed by a special breakfast at 8 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m.

It's a busy schedule, but how wonderful it is to share such a beautiful time with the church family as we celebrate our risen Savior Jesus Christ!

I hope, with all the extra things we do at this time, we will remember the reason for the celebration.

God bless,
Joy Sphon



SPOT LIGHT

Jim Blair

THE AUDIT TEAM

The Audit Team conducts an annual examination of the church financial records. The Audit Team confirms the financial position of the church. Among their other responsibilities are to assure that offerings have been deposited into appropriate bank accounts and that there is an executed voucher for non-recurring expenses. They also prepare an annual report to the Leadership Team and Congregational Forum. The Team consists of Diane Swartz, chairperson and Jim Blair. A third position is presently vacant. The Gifts Discernment Team is seeking a person to fill the vacant position. The term of office for the Chairperson is 3 years. The other members of the Audit Team serve 3 years, but they may succeed themselves.

Deacons Notes

The Deacons encourage anyone who feels the need to have prayer or anointing to see one of us at church or call any one of us anytime. We can be found in the chapel on Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

The Love Feast is on April 2nd at 7 p.m. Please come and participate with as much of it as you feel comfortable. This time includes both a time of sharing in communion, which Jesus instituted at the Last Supper, and a time of foot washing (or hand washing, if this is more comfortable for you). Remember that Jesus also modeled this for us on that special night by putting on a cloth and washing his disciples' feet.

Each month this year we are encouraging everyone to take time to pray for our pastor and other pastors in the community. Last month, we focused on praying for a listening heart. This month's theme is priorities.

a) In Capernum, Jesus had been healing and casting out demons all day. Early the next morning the disciples announced that many more people were needy and seeking his touch. But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom to other towns; that is why I was sent." Jesus knew what he must do, so he said "no."

b) It takes divine discernment for a much needed servant of God to daily sort out all the voices around him and determine what God is saying.

Let's be sure to lift up Pastor Stephen and all God's servants in prayer.

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Address Service Requested



COMMUNION
AT HOME

Please call
Pastor Stephen
if you would like
home
communion.

A photograph of a glass of red wine and a plate of bread on a wooden table, positioned in the bottom right corner of the text area.

Joyful Celebration

A group of colorful silhouettes of people dancing or celebrating, positioned in the center of the text area.

EVERY MONDAY, 5 PM