



Grace Notes

Gathering & Growing Together Through Faith

Serving our Lord since 1785

August 2026

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Hebrews 13:16 (NIV): "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased"

Flohr's Church Information

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The Church Staff:

Pastor Gene Tucker- Interim Pastor

Carrie McDannell - Administrative and Outreach Coordinator

Marie Quesinberry-Choir Director

Stella Jarvis, Sexton

The Congregation Council:

John Banaszek- President

Wayne Haifley -Vice President

Bob Dwyer- Secretary

Bill Bucher, Liam Dwyer, Ethan Nichols, & Eric McDannell

Bob Dwyer, Property Committee

Marie Quesinberry- Worship Committee

Janice Miller- Treasurer

Meagan Fleming- Financial Secretary

Vacant Chairs: Learning Committee, Fellowship Committee, Support Committee, Service & Witness

Ponderings of The Pastor

By Pastor Gene Tucker

A recurring column, dealing with various and sundry topics

THE "VISIBLE" CHURCH AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE "INVISIBLE" CHURCH

In this month's column, we'll explore the differences in the Church between its "visible" manifestation and its "invisible" makeup and reality.

The "Visible" Church

The "visible" Church is, perhaps, what most of us think of when we think of the Church, or when we encounter it in some way.

Simply put, it is the Church as an institution, like the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), or perhaps the United Methodist Church, or the Presbyterian Church, to cite but a few.

The "visible" Church is sometimes called "organized religion" (a term which no longer carries positive connotations in our day and time).

It is also made up of the many and varied "independent" churches, usually local churches which have no connection to a wider church body, and which might bear a name like "House of Hope" or "Christian Outreach Center", but which are organized in some way.

A growing phenomenon in our own time is the proliferation of churches which actually have a connection to a wider body, say a denomination or some association of churches, but which do not advertise that connection in their name. So, for example, we might have a church whose name is "Valley Christian Center", but which is a part of the Southern Baptist Church.

There is no way to know for sure just how many churches that are formally organized in some way there are. Some estimates put the number at about 34,000, world-wide.

The "Invisible" Church

The "invisible" Church is that body of Christian believers, all who claim the name of Christ, in whatever group or body they may be. Also, it's important to say that there are those who are members of this unseen group, but who are not members of any local group of believers, or any local Christian gathering.

This group is made up of people from every walk of life, of every racial grouping, of every nationality or ethnic grouping, of every background and calling. This group is without number: The Book of Revelation describes this gathering of Christian believers by saying, "After this, I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands..." (Revelation 7:9)

The makeup of the "invisible" Church, those who constitute the number of it, and those individuals who are members of it, are known to God alone.

How Does the "Visible" Church Relate to the "Invisible" Church?

The answer to this question is really quite simple (to my mind, anyway).

Ponderings of The Pastor

Continued

The “visible” Church’s task is to build up the numbers in the “invisible” one.

Put another way, the Church’s task is to “Introduce God to people, and people to God, and to nurture that relationship”. (OK, this is my own definition.)

The “visible” Church’s task isn’t to be an entity which dethrones God from His central and highest place in our worship, our thinking, or our study of the Holy Scriptures. It is tempting for the “visible” Church to become an agent for social change, or an advocate for environmental care, or to advocate for racial justice and reconciliation. One of my former Bishops described this sort of a church by saying it is a collection of “religious busybodies, running around doing ‘good stuff.’”) Each and all of these are important concerns for our society, and to some extent, that are rightful concerns for Christians to embrace.

But none of these causes must take the place of the Church’s reason-for-being.

The “visible” and “invisible” Churches’ most important activity is the worship of Almighty God. That one thing, worship, is the one thing the Church does that no other entity can do. Worship is what sets the Church apart from other things.

Worship involves coming into relationship with God through faith (or, as Martin Luther described it, we receive God’s grace through faith). We then enter the waters of Holy Baptism, and embark on a lifelong journey to come to know God and to know about God. Worship is part of this journey.

Flohr’s Church is an outpost in the frontier of settlers who need the ministries and the work of this congregation, so that the makeup of the “invisible” Church may be increased. (Isn’t that an interesting way to think of the purpose and the mission of our congregation?)

AN “INSTRUCTED” HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday August 30th during Service

When we celebrate the Holy Communion together, ever wonder why we do what we do?

On Sunday, August 30th, we will examine the various parts of the Communion prayer that we make use of, Sunday by Sunday.

The pattern of our worship comes to us from very ancient times. (The Protestant Reformers in the sixteenth century, including Martin Luther, were keenly aware of this history.) When we celebrate the Communion (or Eucharist, another name for the same Sacrament), we are joining with Christians down through time who have done pretty much the same things that we do each Sunday.

An “instructed” Eucharist will attempt to explain the purpose and the theology behind each part of the Communion prayer.

And, as an added bonus, this “instructed” Eucharist will take place of the Sunday sermon that day.

Prayer List

Those in need of healing and wholeness;
Helen Woerner
Miriam Musselman
Amanda Shank

Pray for those families mourning the loss of a loved one:
Eloise Topper

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers:
Grace Kidwell,
Geraldine Wetzel, & Miriam Musselman

Those in military service:
Marlee Dwyer

Financial News

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as
of June 2026

	Month	YTD
Income	\$16,930.24	\$113,034.91
Expenses	\$21,564.35	\$124,763.45
Excess (Shortfall)	(-\$4,634.11	(-\$11,728.54)

**Council
Meeting
Tuesday
August 11th
at 7pm**

Call Committee Meeting

2nd Thursday of Every
Month
August 13th
at 7PM

Money Market Specific Funds	PREV. BAL.	CONTRIB.	WITHDRWL	INTEREST	TOTALS
Resource Library	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,186.10		\$ 313.90
Funt (Building Improvements)	\$ 46,017.72				\$ 46,017.72
IMPROVEMENT	\$ 13,915.42	\$ 1,060.00			\$ 14,975.42
CHAIRLIFT-REPAIRS FUND	\$ 3,873.96				\$ 3,873.96
YOUTH	\$ 1,253.97				\$ 1,253.97
HELPING HANDS FUND	\$232.67				\$ 232.67
MUSIC FUND	\$1,860.13				\$ 1,860.13
PRAYER/MEMORIAL GARDEN	\$2,399.72				\$ 2,399.72
A/C REPLACEMENT-CHURCH	\$2,342.09				\$ 2,342.09
Pastors Discretionary Fund	\$2,133.00	\$250.00			\$ 2,383.00
TOTALS	\$ 74,028.68	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 2,186.10	\$ -	\$ 75,652.58

August 2026 Lay Assistants

Worship Assistant:

2	Gina Dwyer
9	Emma Rohrbach
16	Gina Dwyer
23	Janice Miller
30	Liam Dwyer

Lectors:

2	Dawn Six
9	Volunteer Needed
16	Kelly Haifley
23	Janice Miller
30	Volunteer Needed

Deacon:

2	Bill Bucher
9	John Banaszek
16	Liam Dwyer
23	Bob Dwyer
30	Eric McDannell

Ushers:

*Bill Bucher & John Banaszek
*Head Usher

Altar Guild:

Janice Miller

Financial Stewards:

Bill Bucher and Janice Millerr

Flower Sponsors:

2	Grace Kidwell
9	Darrell & Helen Woerner
16	Volunteer Needed
23	Volunteer Needed
30	Volunteer Needed

Bulletin Sponsors:

2	Grace Kidwell
9	Darrell & Helen Woerner
16	Volunteer Needed
23	Volunteer Needed
30	Volunteer Needed

Sacraments for Communion Sponsor:

Volunteer Needed

Worship Assistant Volunteers Needed for
August 2nd, Sept 6th, and October 25th

Lector Volunteers Needed for
August 9th, August 30th, November 1st,
and November 29th.

Thank you!!

August Birthdays

5th- Eric Rohrbach
6th- Aimee Rohrbach
17th- Dawn Six
17th- John Banaszek



August Anniversaries

15th- John and Alice Banaszek
30th- Gary and Victoria Deardorff

We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing lists of birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for helping to keep our lists current

**Flohrs
Church
Coffee Hour**
After Worship
Services



**Looking for Coffee
Hour Hosts!**
Hosting Coffee Hour is a wonderful way to
serve our church family. Simply make the
coffee using provided supplies and bring a
light snack for everyone to enjoy after the
service.



Sign up in Narthex



Bits & Pieces

FLOHRS HARVEST COMMUNITY DINNERS

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH AT 5:30-6:30PM

FEEL FREE TO STAY AND
PARTICIPATE IN OUTREACH
GROUPS OR JUST COME FOR
DINNER!



595 FLOHRS CHURCH RD
MCKNIGHTSTOWN, PA
717-334-3992
FLOHRSCHURCH@GMAIL.COM

YARD SALE COLLECTION

*Starting Sunday August 16th
until Sunday August 30th*

Please drop off Sunday Mornings or
during office hours Monday,
Wednesday and Friday 9AM-Noon

** Please no large furniture pieces!

Yard Sale VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up in the narthex to help with the
yardsale.
September 4-6th!



WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Sorting and setting up
- Help During the Sale
- Baked Goods to Sale
- Clean up Crew

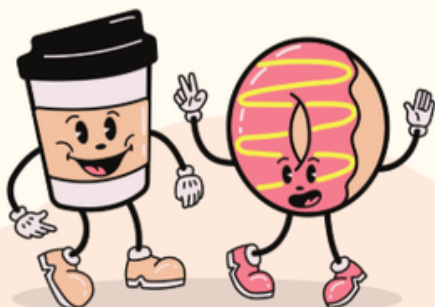
Please contact church office for more info!

Sign up forms in Narthex!



Your Invited

DEVOTIONS And Doughnuts



MONDAYS IN AUGUST FROM 9AM-
11AM

AT FLOHRS CHURCH
MCKNIGHTSTOWN, PA

EVERYONE WELCOME!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH AT 9AM DURING WORSHIP AT FLOHRS CHURCH

WE INVITE YOU TO BRING YOUR BACKPACK, WORK BAG, OR SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO BE BLESSED AS WE PRAY FOR A SAFE, SUCCESSFUL, AND FAITH-FILLED SCHOOL YEAR.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE WITH FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND ACTIVITIES AS WE CELEBRATE AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE PREPARING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE IF ABLE! SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX



Worship & Picnic In The Park

Sunday August 23rd at 10 AM

Carroll Valley Park (by the Library)
5685 Fairfield Road Fairfield, PA

There will be no worship service at Flohr's Church on Sunday, August 23rd, as we will be worshipping at with St John. We hope you'll join us there!

GODS WORK OUR HANDS MEETING

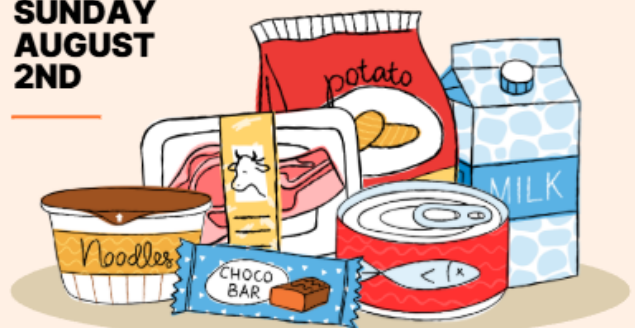


THURSDAY AUGUST 27TH 7PM

Flohr's Lutheran Church

BLESSING BOX FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY
AUGUST
2ND



Please bring a few non-perishables with you so we can continue to fill our Blessing Box! We will be trying to fill the back table!

DROP-OFF LOCATION

 Flohr's Lutheran Church
595 Flohr's church Road McKnightstown
PA

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned Food
- ▶ Fresh Meat
- ▶ Food & Vegetable
- ▶ Dry Cereals



KIDS

BIBLE ADVENTURE HOUR

AT FLOHRS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 3rd Thursday of each month from 6-7:30PM

Kids embark on a fun-filled journey through Bible stories, crafts, and games! Each month, they'll learn how to be brave, kind, and faithful just like the heroes of the Bible.
Starts July 16th

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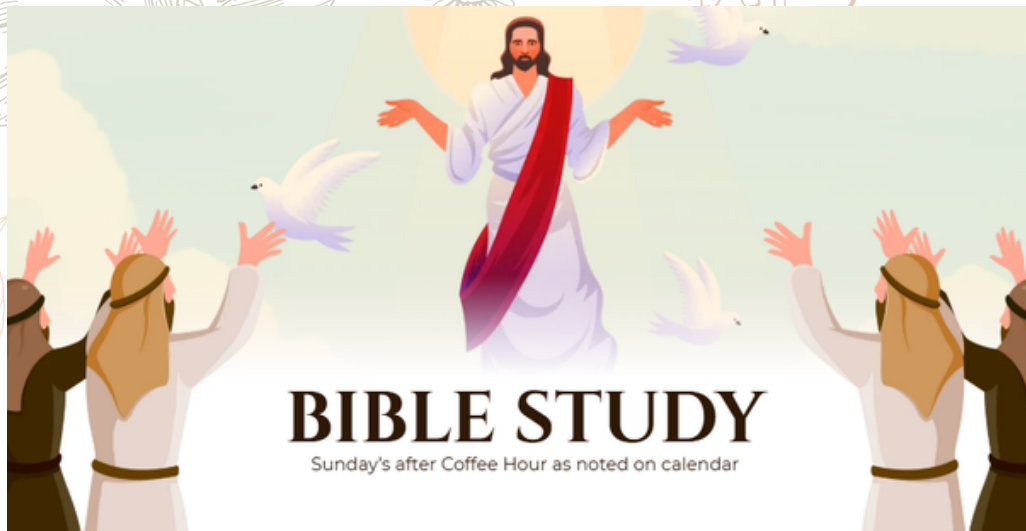
REGISTER HERE



FREE event! Registration Required.
 Contact floherschurch@gmail.com or
 717-334-3992 for more info
 595 Flohrs Church Rd. McKnightstown, PA



**WE RAISED
 \$107.92 AT OUR
 SPARE CHANGE
 SUNDAY FOR RELAY
 FOR LIFE**



BIBLE STUDY

Sunday's after Coffee Hour as noted on calendar

God's work. Our hands.



Wrap Someone In God's Love

For \$30, you can sponsor a handmade fleece blanket that will be made by our congregation on Saturday, September 12 and blessed during worship on Sunday, September 13 before being shared with someone in need.

Sponsor a blanket:

- In Memory of a loved one
- In Honor of someone special
- In Thanksgiving
- Anonymously
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Help us share God's love, comfort, and warmth, one blanket at a time.

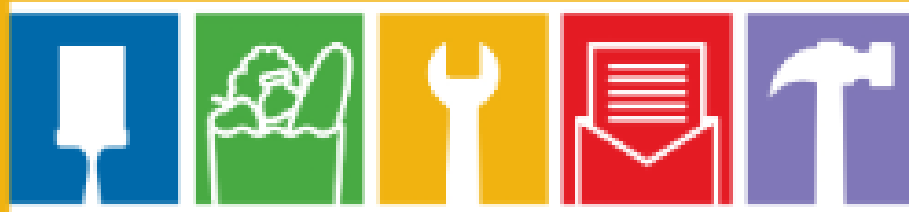
Sponsorship forms and donation envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please return completed forms to Carrie.

Blankets will be given to share with the Memorial Blanket Project

SAVE THE DATE : SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH FOR BLANKET MAKING DAY

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God's work. Our hands.



Blanket Sponsorship Form

Name _____

Email/Phone: _____

Number of Blankets Sponsoring: _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

This blanket is sponsored: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Name _____

Email/Phone: _____

Number of Blankets Sponsoring: _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

This blanket is sponsored: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Name _____

Email/Phone: _____

Number of Blankets Sponsoring: _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

This blanket is sponsored: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Whats Happening at Flohrs?



Our July Flohrs Harvest Picnic brought out about 50 of our neighbors!



Our Blessing Box has been being utilized and restocked 2-3x a week!



Donations are always welcome!

More Happenings!!

We held our first Kids Adventure Bible Hour.
We learned about Moses helping the Israelites to freedom!!



We attended Transitions Healthcare Yard Sale with a booth with free drinks and snacks. Many people picked up info on our church services and events!



Flohr's Church Congregational Survey

Please complete and return this form by mail or in the box in the fellowship room by
Sunday August 16th.

Our current budget is not able to accommodate a full-time pastor; would you prefer a part-time Pastor or a shared Pastor with another congregation?

- ☐ Part Time
- ☐ Shared with Another Congregation
- ☐ Either

Why do you attend Church?

- ☐ Sunday Experience
- ☐ The Fellowship/Community
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Love of Teaching
- ☐ Love of Music
- ☐ Ministry Offering
- ☐ Other:

Where do you feel our church could use the most improvement?

- ☐ First impressions and retention
- ☐ Connecting with Younger Generations
- ☐ Building Community
- ☐ Evangelism
- ☐ Worship
- ☐ Teaching
- ☐ Bigger Volunteer Base
- ☐ Other:

About our Future Pastor, what do you prefer to be the new pastor's top strengths? Choose 3

- ☐ Theologian
- ☐ Administrator
- ☐ Preacher
- ☐ Evangelist
- ☐ Counselor
- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Pastor
- ☐ Director
- ☐ Visionary

About our Future Pastor, what are your desired character traits? Choose 3

- ☐ Winsome and persuasive
- ☐ entrepreneurial and visionary
- ☐ Honest and Trustworthy
- ☐ Thoughtful and Pastoral
- ☐ Faithful and Steadfast
- ☐ Gregarious and people oriented
- ☐ Intentional and focused
- ☐ Prayerful and wise

About our Future Pastor, what are the most important leadership qualities of new pastor must possess? Choose 3

- ☐ Inspiring and challenging preacher and teacher
- ☐ Well loved leader and vision caster
- ☐ Passionate about reaching young people and young families
- ☐ Skilled and knowledgeable administrator
- ☐ Attracts and draws in new members
- ☐ Inspires generous stewardship of members time, money and resources
- ☐ Deals with conflict well

About our Future Pastor, what should their time/energy be focused on? Choose 3

- ☐ Staff Management
- ☐ Small Groups & Discipleship
- ☐ Attracting New Members & Retention
- ☐ Teaching & The Weekend Experience
- ☐ Professional Development & Continuing Education
- ☐ Outreach and Evangelism
- ☐ Meeting Physical Needs of Community
- ☐ Inspiring Generosity & Stewardship
- ☐ Pastoral Care
- ☐ Implementing Vision

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Flohr's Church Congregational Survey (Continued)

Please complete and return this form by mail or in the box in the fellowship room by Sunday August 16th.

In a sermon, which of these components are most important to you? Choose 3

- () Strong Biblical Knowledge/References
- () Application to Everyday Life
- () Challenging Intellect
- () Humor
- () Spiritual Nourishment
- () Illustrations
- () Challenge of the Staus Quo

What keeps people coming to our church?

What do you hope will be different/explanded/changed?

What else would you like to be considered as we prayerfully search for a new pastor?

Where do you envision our church in 5-7 years?

What do you believe our congregation is looking for in a new pastor?

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete our congregational survey.

Please place it in the box in the fellowship room.

If you have any questions please reach out to a call comittee member, Gina Dwyer, Liam Dwyer, Todd Boden, Janice Miller or Carrie McDannell

Scan the QR code on the right to be taken to this survey online and submit without using a paper form.

Contact Carrie for Questions!





Office Hours
M-W-F
9AM to Noon

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Pentecost 10 Worship 9 Am Coffee Hour Bible Study Blessing Box Food Drive	3  Devotions and Doughnuts 9-11	4  Flohrs Harvest Community Dinner 5:30	5	6	7	8
9 Pentecost 11 Worship 9 Am Blessing of The Backpacks Bible Study	10  Devotions and Doughnuts 9-11	11  Council 7pm	12	13  Call Committee 7pm	14	15
16 Pentecost 12 Worship 9 Am Bible Study Start collecting for Yardsale	17  Devotions and Doughnuts 9-11	18	19	20  Kids Adventure Bible Hour 6PM	21	22
23 Worship in the Park with St John 10 am	24  Devotions and Doughnuts 9-11	25	26	27  Gods Work our Hands Meeting 7pm	28	29
30 Pentecost 13 & Instructed Communion Worship 9 Am Bible Study	31  Devotions and Doughnuts 9-11					

Last Day to Collect
for Yardsale Items