

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Family

- Jean Alvisi – following her hospital stay

Mission

- James, Central Asia
- Andrea Martin, YWAM Montana Ending Bible Poverty Now
- Daniel & Marlene Martinez, Uruguay

Outreach

- Love INC
- New Life Mission Haiti (Zacharie & Stevie Estime)
- Oyate Hope Academy
- PACE Afterschool Program
- TNT Youth Ministries
- Woodcrest Retreat
- YWAM Lancaster

Next Sunday’s Service

- Pastor David Buch, Preacher
- Pastor David Buch, Worship Host
- The Congregation



Welcome to Alive Church Ephrata

An Anabaptist Congregation

To offer Hope, Life, and Love in Jesus

March 8, 2026

9:00 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL (Ages 2–Adult)

10:00 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Karen Beyer
Welcome & Announcements	Pastor Kevin Martin
Children’s Time	Wendy Deines
Pastoral Prayer	
Worship in Song	Ranee Zimmerman & Team
Message	Pastor Kevin Martin

“What Distracts You From God?”

Isaiah 44:6-22

Response Song	
Sharing	“James”
Benediction	

Greeters	Roy & Marlene Buch
Nursery Care Available	Janet High & Janey Martin

Pastoral Leadership Team
 David Buch, Lead Pastor
 Jeff High, Associate Pastor
 Kevin Martin, Associate Pastor
 Jean Martin, Congregational Care Coordinator
 Brian Martin, Bishop

Council of Ministries
 Calvin Zimmerman, Church Board Admin Chair
 Delmar Brubaker, Church Life Chair
 Josh Nolt, Mission Chair
 Ken Sweigart, Nurture Chair
 Ranee Zimmerman, Worship Chair



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Church Office Hours
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
 9 AM-1 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, 9 – PACE Family Meal

Wednesday, March 11 @ 7 PM – Prayer Time

June 14-18 – VBS with Metzler's at Alive

June 28 – Church Family Picnic at Woodcrest

July 24-26, 2026 -- Woodcrest Camping Weekend with Metzler's

BIRTHDAYS

March 8 – Warren Hoover March 9 – Bobby & Dawn Weaver
13 -- Alessandra Werner

ANNIVERSARIES

BIBLE QUIZZING

Bible Quizzing today at Calvary Monument with a time of worship at 6:15 PM and quizzing at 6:30 PM. More detailed schedule information can be found at amecquizzing.org/schedules.

YOUNG AT HEART BREAKFAST

Please meet us for breakfast at Oregon Dairy Restaurant on Saturday, March 21, at 9AM. RSVP to Janey Martin no later than March 15.

EASTER CHOIR

Our church choir will be singing one song on Easter Sunday – April 5th in the 10:00 AM service. We will have a short practice after our church service on March 8, 15, 22 and 29th. Please consider joining the choir. Practice will begin 10 minutes after the close of the service. If you have any questions, contact Ranee Zimmerman.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 5, 6:30–7:00 AM, Held under the church carport (please bring lawn chairs), Hot breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall

EASTER EGG HUNT

You are invited to Metzler Mennonite Church Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 AM. Free hot dogs and snacks will be served following the egg hunt.

GLOBAL DISCIPLES DINNER

Join Global Disciples for dinner and help write the next chapter. April 14 & 16 at 6:30 PM at Brick Gables, Lititz, or April 23 at 6:30 PM at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland. Register at globaldisciples.org/events or 717-290-7550 by April 7.

EMM'S SPRING KAIROS COURSE

This course will be held at Alive Church and is for Christians at any point in their journey with God, guiding each participant into a biblical worldview. It is not strictly a “missions” course but is an opportunity for all God's people to be transformed and aligned with God's heart for the nations. It uses a unique combination of facilitated introductions, reading, videos, group discussions, special activities, and prayer for unreached peoples. To register, go to emm.org/kairos. This course is also available in Spanish. The registration fee of \$95 per person (LMC member discount) covers materials, refreshments, and lunches on Saturdays. Registration deadline is March 20.

RELIEF SALE

PA Relief Sale Craft Stand coordinators are reminding you to be creating for the 70th annual sale to be held on the 3rd weekend of April, Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18, 2026, in the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg. All proceeds benefit MCC. We are seeking NEW quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium, including fancy soaps, candles, etc. Drop offs: anytime at Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring them to the Craft Stand during the sale. Also Needed: volunteers to help sell for an hour or two during the sale. Contact: Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008 jcpatton99@gmail.com

MDS OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Volunteer scheduling for April-August projects (including the Summer Youth Program) begins in February. Weekly Volunteers can see [Opportunities](#) on the website if interested in serving in the spring or summer or join the [Waitlist](#) for the fall projects! Contact Kaelan Swartley (kswartley@mds.org or 800-241-8111) with any questions or to schedule a week of service!

Leadership Volunteers - MDS will soon be scheduling our spring and summer projects once locations are finalized. We need leadership to support these projects as cooks and crew leaders specifically for the summer. We will have youth groups serving and would welcome skilled volunteers investing in the future of possible MDS volunteers! Please reach out to your volunteer coordinator if you can go for 2-4 weeks in the summer! Learn specific dates at each location by visiting mds.org/leadership-rv/. Contact: Jody Zorbaugh (800-241-8111 or jzorbaugh@mds.org).