

Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9 am – noon

Sunday School – 9:15am
Morning Worship – 10:30am

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3—Cindy Roman, Tyson O'Hara,
Luke Hoffman
4—Nathaniel Belton
5—Nancy Warshel, Ashley
Murchie
6—Raymond Crawford, Jr.
9—Jim Hayes, Keith
Gindlesperger, Marilyn Berkey,
Pam Stossel
17—Maylee & Marleigh Roman
18—Amy Berkey
21—Gary Caputo
20—Nykki Jo Roman, Christopher
Gnagey
28—Keith Warshel, Jane Shirk
29—Brett Hoffman
30—Chuck Madera

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

26—Steve & Shirley Karmendy
28—Ed & Cathi Lynn

Upcoming Sermons:

Easter Series: "Love Your Enemies"
4/6 -- "The Struggle to Love" -- Jonah
4/13 -- Children's Easter Program
4/20 -- "Jesus loves His enemies" -- Easter Sunday
4/27 -- "Jesus' followers love their enemies" -- Stephen

PURPOSE STATEMENT

"Linking young and old together to share the gospel and transform the world one life at a time."

VISION STATEMENT

"Relying on the Holy Spirit to develop mature disciples in a Christ centered environment that welcomes and encourages all people to actively participate and contribute to the life of the Church."

CORE VALUES

1) Biblical Teaching

- "The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation is our foundation and authority."
- Matthew 7:24-27; II Timothy 3:16-17

2) Fervent in Prayer

- "Prayer is not the last step but our first step."
- I Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 5:16

3) Christlike Service

- "Following the example of Christ who washed His disciples' feet, we embrace service as our lifestyle."
- John 13:1-17, Luke 10:30-37, Mark 10:45

4) Authentic Discipleship

- "Maturing to be like Christ through committed relationships and the unity of the Spirit."
- Luke 2:52, Hebrews 10:23-25

5) Radical Generosity

- "As God's stewards, with excellence we give more than we take that Christ may be glorified."
- Luke 6:38, I Corinthians 10:31, Romans 12:1-8

6) Faithful Witness

- "We love and live to show and tell the world the gospel of Jesus Christ."
- Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 4:19-20

7) Genuine Fellowship

- "Value and pursue life together to worship, serve and encourage one another as the beloved family of God"
- Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 4:1-6



March Offerings

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| 3-2-25 | \$3,231.00 |
| 3-9-25 | \$3,937.00 |
| 3-16-25 | \$1,674.50 |
| 3-23-25 | \$1,677.85 |
| 3-30-25 | \$2,614.75 |
| Total | \$13,135.10 |

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| Amount needed to meet the budget | \$14,415.35 |
| Difference | (\$1,280.25) |

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

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| <p>PRAYER CONCERNS</p> <p>SHORT TERM</p> <p>Jocelynn & baby Ferris Benko Ron Bimeal Lindsey Boyer Joe Canonni Carol Caputo Marie Chippie Audrey Coleman Sharon Custer Barb Dax Barb Frame family Eric Frazier Ernest Jerin Debbie Geisel Gethsemane CBC, Congo David Grata Isabella Harris Donald Hoenstine Paul Hofecker family Becca (Hoffman) Williams Brett Hoffman Kevin Kiser Ric Manges family Shawn Miller family Michelle Thiel-Craig Mitch Parker Daryl Pritt family Rick Roman Lucy Santichen Andrew Shroyer</p> <p>MISSION WORK</p> <p>Ben & Jessi Bock & Family, Spain</p> <p>Andrew Metcalfe, Samaritan's Purse, California</p> <p>Rumbavu CBC, Rwanda, Africa</p> | <p>LONG TERM:</p> <p>Jocelynn Berkebile Pauline Blough Ryan Creager Gary Caputo Wesley Donelson Donna Greig Larry Hartman Ann Hoffman Donna Johnson Tyler Kalp Elizabeth Karalfa AJ Kniss Jean Krug Ardyth Laney Chester Mickey Mac Newman Tammy Plows Ansley Stigers Cherry Thomas Timothy Wade Thomas Wade Pastor Erica Wellner April 8th transplant surgery Matt Wilson - deployed</p> | <p>LONG TERM –CANCER:</p> <p>Bryan Custer Dale Teresa Freeboy Jess Harclerode Jack John – Amy Berkey's uncle Joni Jim Kormanik Mike Delene Pluta Diane Podolak Bev & Tom Pomroy Ryan Pritt Rick Roman Debbie Shoemaker Susan Simmonds Pastor Val Tina Yinkey</p> |
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CBC Regional Church prayer partner

Within the region, our prayer partner church is Farmington Bethel CBC.



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Winter is over and spring has arrived!! New life will be bursting forth this month as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 20th! Leaves will come out again, flowers will burst forth, baby

bunnies will emerge, warmer weather is coming along with longer days and much more. All of these joys remind us of the new life that we have through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord who died for our sin and rose again conquering death. May each new bud and flower we see be a call to worship Him this spring!

This past winter, the Lord has led our church family through a season of transformation within the life of our church as we have undergone a major renovation project in the fellowship hall, we have revamped our Sunday morning worship service, and we have instituted our renewed and updated purpose statement, mission statement and core values. The focus of this transformation has been for God's glory to be revealed in our church family and for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be shared one life at a time through worship, ministry and fellowship with one another within our building and out in the community.

If you have not had a chance to see the renovated fellowship hall, we encourage you to come out and see it! I want to give a huge thank you to the Stewards Commission (Joe Denk, Lionel Berkebile, Scott Denk, & Kevin Kiser (served in 2024)) and Treasurer Denny Hoffman for all their hard work in planning and preparing and executing the renovation project. They assembled a large group of at least 25 brothers and sisters from our church who helped with the project contributing 315 hours of work. **THANK YOU** and may the Lord richly bless you!! I appreciate everyone's desire to make this space beautiful for God's glory and to be a space where gospel ministry and fellowship can happen! May we all be in prayer for ways we can utilize our building for the Lord's work in and through us. May each person who steps into the fellowship hall know the gospel love of Christ and encounter the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!

We also restructured our worship service this winter blending in more praise music with our hymns and moving the placement of the message to earlier in the service. The goal of our worship service remains the same: **to worship God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength** and **to make Jesus Christ and His gospel known** to all who gather with us in person or online to worship! If you have not been out to join us in person on Sunday morning in a while, we would love to have you join us in worshipping Christ and growing closer to Him with us!

Lastly, we renewed and updated our purpose statement, vision statement and core values. They are all listed on the cover of this newsletter. The primary passage in Scripture that these statements come from is Acts 2:42-47 which is a description of the church at its birth following the coming of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit fill us afresh as we seek as a church family to "link young and old together to share the gospel and transform the world one life at a time". We invite you to join in the Spirit's work in our midst and be a part of the transforming work the Lord is doing in and through us through Biblical Teaching, Fervent Prayer, Christlike Service, Authentic Discipleship, Radical Generosity, Faithful Witness and Genuine Fellowship.

We hope to see you this month for each opportunity for worship and fellowship as His church as we celebrate, stand in awe and worship our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In Christ's love, Pastor Mark

INTERCESSORY PRAYER -The power of prayer is vitally important in our individual lives as well as within the life of our church family and community. To make our church's prayer group more effective and efficient, starting immediately, please contact Gayle Denk, Prayer Group Administrator. You may either call (and leave a voice message if she doesn't answer) or text her at 814-244-4005. **Gayle will be sending any prayer concerns or praise announcements she receives ONCE a day at 7:00 p.m.** The only exception to this would be in the case of an emergency, then the concern would be communicated as soon as possible. This new format is being implemented in order to be sensitive to the time needed to communicate these messages by the prayer group administrator as well as to help in reducing the amount of notifications each prayer group member receives throughout the day. If you are not a part of our intercessory prayer group and would like to join, please contact Gayle. You are able to choose the format in which you would like to receive the notifications either by voice, email or text.

"Pray continually." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Baptism & Membership Classes

Pastor Mark will be offering Baptism and Membership classes in April and May. These classes are offered for three groups of people:

1) If you have believed in Jesus and asked Him into your heart, the next critical step to take is to be baptized. Baptism is a public confession that you have repented of your sin and put your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life and are stepping into the Lord's ministry for you within His church here at Scalp Level CBC.

2) Maybe, you haven't put your faith in Christ and received His salvation but you are seeking Him. Then these classes are for you too! Come discover Christ's love for you and what it means to follow Him!

3) This class is also for those who have already undergone believer's baptism and who wish to become a member of our church family. These classes will strengthen your faith and commitment to Christ as you become a member of our church family.

THANK YOU to everyone who generously blessed Pastor Erica Wellner. \$555 was collected at last Sunday's Soup & Sandwich luncheon to help with medical expenses. Please continue to pray for her as she faces kidney transplant surgery on April 8.

Ministry to Single Parents

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." – Psalm 34:8

We have a ministry to support single parents and caregivers by providing prepared meals and building relationships within our church family. Church members can prepare and freeze meals, placing them in the youth room freezer. Single parent families can pick up meals after morning worship or have them delivered by a church member. For more information, contact Dave & JoAn Oatman at (814) 421-3436. May this ministry help those who receive meals to taste and see that the Lord is good! Thank you!

Bella Gift Cards

Bella gift cards are available to purchase as a fundraiser for the United Churches of Windber. To purchase a card contact Mary Lou Berkebile (467-5206), Carol Caputo (467-9048) or Pastor Mark Murchie (814-467-8460)

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped set up, clean up, made soup and cookies, and helped serve last Sunday's luncheon. It was a beautiful time of fellowship and thanksgiving as we gave praise and glory to God for the completion of the Fellowship Hall renovation project.

ACTS 29 Youth Group

We will be meeting from 6:00-8:00 at our church on April 6th and at Rummel on April 13th. We will not meet on April 20th and on April 27th we will be at our church. Looking forward to seeking Christ together on Sunday nights!

Save the Date- This year's Bible School will be August 4th-8th 9am-11:40am for age 3 through grade 6. The theme will be Wonder Junction (a wild west journey through the life of Jesus).

Thursday Night Fellowship & Bible Study

Join us in the library every Thursday this month @6:00 as we continue to grow in Christ and study the book of Acts together. Discover Christ's kingdom mission for us, His church, and the presence of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us to empower us to accomplish His will and grow in our love for Him!



Windber Community Lenten Services

All are invited to come and worship Christ together on Wednesday's at 7:00pm.

April 2: Life Church, Come and see! "Jesus, Who Sacrifices"
 April 9: S.S. Peter & Paul, Miles Zdinak, "Jesus, Who Saves"
 The Offering for the services will go to support Pastor Erica Wellner of Calvary and Trinity GMC and her continuing medical expenses.

Easter Candy Donations Needed!

We are collecting candy for our Children's Easter Egg Hunt! If you would like to contribute, please drop off your donations in the egg-shaped box located in the church lobby. All donations are needed by **April 13, 2025**. Your generosity will help make the Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15am Easter Sunday a special and joyful celebration for the kids. Thank you!



Palm Sunday Worship & Children's Easter Program

Join us for worship on Sunday April 13th as we sing Hosannas and worship our King. The children will carry the palms forward during the service to lay them on the altar before the Lord. Also, the children have been practicing and preparing to lead us in worship on Palm Sunday. They will be sharing their program, *The Name of Jesus*. we hope you can be here to join with them in worshipping our Risen Lord & King!

Love Feast -- Maundy Thursday, April 17th

The deacons are excited to invite you to Love Feast & Communion on Thursday April 17th at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we pause, remember and worship our Lord & Teacher who washed us clean setting us free from sin to serve one another by His power in us. All are encouraged to come and participate or to observe the service. The nursery is available for those with young children. Please plan to join us!

Cross Walk, Good Friday, April 18th

The Windber Community Cross Walk is on Good Friday, April 18th from 12:00-2:30, starting and ending at Windber Calvary GMC. We will be carrying the cross through town and stopping at different places in the community to read scripture and pray for our town. Please join us as we remember our Lord and witness to His sacrifice for us!

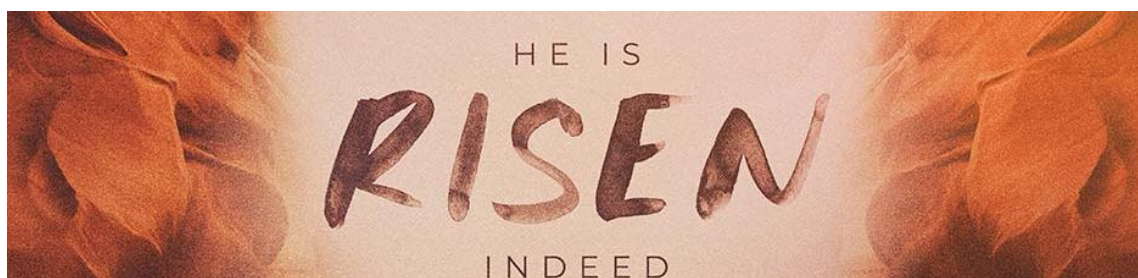


Easter Celebration

Come join us Easter Sunday @10:30 as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

Pastor Mark's message will be: "Jesus Loves His Enemies"

We look forward to seeing you there! Because He lives, by faith we live! Rejoice! Christ is Risen!!





EASTER FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to purchase flowers for the Altar for Easter Sunday, April 20th, please fill out the form below and return by **April 7th**

The cost is \$12.50 each

Please return the form along with payment to the Church office, place it in the offering plate or give to Chuck.

NAME _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

NO. OF LILIES (5 bloom) _____ \$12.⁵⁰

NO. OF TULIPS (6 bloom) _____ \$12.⁵⁰

NO. OF HYACINTHS (3 bloom) _____ \$12.⁵⁰

All flowers have a green foil wrapped based.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to
Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS: April 7th

THANK YOU

**SCALP LEVEL COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD**

March 17, 2025

The Church Board met at 8:00 p.m. on March 17, 2025. The following members were present: Zach Denk, Norma Creager, Mary Lou Berkebile, Amy O'Hara, Dave Oatman, Joe Denk, Scott Denk, Lionel Berkebile, Denny Hoffman and Pastor Mark.

Absent: Wanda Custer, Audrey Coleman

Zach Denk called the meeting to order and Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

Minutes from the February 17, 2025 meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received the February Summary Report by Month and the 2025 Budget Report to date.

1. During the month of February received the grant from the Don Weaver Charitable Trust for the fellowship hall project in the amount of \$23,531.55.

NURTURE COMMISSION: Norma Creager

1. Kindness Challenge for April will be "Giving With No Strings Attached".
2. Easter flower orders are due by April 7th. Easter flowers will be set up by Zach, Beth, Dominick and Jordon.
3. Patrick & Grace will facilitate the Palm Sunday processional with the children.
4. Amy Berkey & Carol Pecze will facilitate the children's Easter egg hunt.
5. Graduate Sunday will be held on June 1st. We have one high school graduate: Tyson O'Hara and two college graduates: Eryn Marsh and Joe Denk.
6. Finalized details for the Soup & Sandwich fellowship meal on March 30th.
7. Kitchen cleaning will be completed on Friday, March 21st. Thank you to all those that helped thoroughly cleaning the kitchen area and for all those that will help to keep it tidy and clean after use.
8. Encourage everyone to participate in the March Kindness Challenge.
9. Please pray for and encourage our College Student of the Month, Joe Denk.

WITNESS COMMISSION: Audrey Coleman

1. Chuck delivered the Kuddle Korner donations.
2. Discussed the possibility of blessing the Child Advocacy Center with donations sometime in the future.
3. Currently collecting donations for Windber New Day during the months of March and April.
4. Still looking into the possibility of hosting a Red Cross blood drive in November.
5. Discussing the possibility of putting QR codes with our church information on items that are donated to various organizations/groups.
6. Will be discussing Trail Life USA, a Christian based organization like the boy scouts, which is looking to starting a group in Windber and looking for a place to host it.

STEWARDS COMMISSION: Joe Denk

1. The only outstanding item to complete the fellowship hall project is a frame and lighting around the Shepherd mural.
2. A “new to us” water fountain has been installed in the fellowship hall.
3. Working on updating the rules and policies for those wishing to use the fellowship hall.
4. Received a breakdown of costs, to date, of the fellowship hall project.

DEACON REPORT: Denny Hoffman

1. The Deacons met last evening and finalized plans for our Maundy Thursday, Love Feast & Communion which will be held on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
2. Will be donating \$600.00 to each Compassion House, Windber Food Pantry and Windber Pantry Packs from the Deacon Fund.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Mark

1. The Men’s Group finished their Bible Study on March 1st. Will continue to get together for some Saturday morning breakfasts.
2. Liam Mihalko has been volunteering with the youth group and that seems to be going well. He will be given opportunities to share insights with the group.
3. Will be offering baptism/membership classes this spring.

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| <u>February Statistics:</u> | 25 | Visits (home, or hospital etc.) |
| | 4 | Prayer Meeting |
| | 12 | Bible Studies (taught or attended) |
| | 3 | Taught Sunday School |
| | 4 | Church meetings |
| | 2 | Other Ministry related meetings |
| | 1 | CBC Region Three Board Meeting |
| | 2 | Youth Group Meetings/Event |
| | 1 | Ministerium |
| | 4 | FCA |
| | 1 | Funeral (Paul Hofecker) |
| | | Numerous calls, text messages and emails |

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the reports

Viewed a RightNowMedia video “Habitudes – Checkers & Chess” with a brief discussion to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Brief discussion on the new order of worship. Comments were favorable.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$500.00 to Pastor Erica (who serves at the Methodist Churches) towards her ongoing medical expenses following a kidney transplant she will be having on April 8th.

APRIL MEETING will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN OUR TYPICAL MEETING NIGHT.**

Closing prayer by Zach.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Deanna Hoffman, Church Clerk

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Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church
Summary Report by Month
February 2025

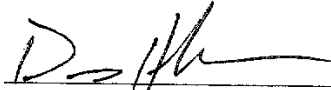
| | Feb 25 |
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| Income | |
| Deposit | |
| Envelopes | 10,178.35 |
| Fellowship Hall | 35.00 |
| Interest | 1.23 |
| Misc. | |
| Fellowship Hall floor project | 23,531.55 |
| Total Misc. | 23,531.55 |
| Sunday School | 116.00 |
| Total Deposit | 33,862.13 |
| Total Income | 33,862.13 |
| Expense | |
| 100 Outreach | |
| 101 COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH | 750.00 |
| 102 REGION 3 CBC | 500.00 |
| 103 CAMP HARMONY | 750.00 |
| 115Q FCA | 200.00 |
| Total 100 Outreach | 2,200.00 |
| 200 Executive | |
| 201A SALARY | 3,416.66 |
| 201D DISCRETIONARY FUND | 26.72 |
| 201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE | 200.00 |
| 203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | 966.00 |
| 206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES | 483.00 |
| 207 PAYROLL TAXES | 397.03 |
| 208 PULPIT SUPPLY | 75.00 |
| Total 200 Executive | 5,584.41 |
| 300 Nurture | |
| 305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES | 48.15 |
| Total 300 Nurture | 48.15 |
| 500 Stewards | |
| 501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT | 646.68 |
| 501PT | 438.39 |
| 505 FUEL OIL | 950.00 |
| 506 ELECTRICITY | 448.84 |
| 507 TELEPHONE | 238.75 |
| 508 WATER AND GARBAGE | 123.91 |
| Total 500 Stewards | 2,846.57 |
| Total Expense | 10,659.13 |
| Net Income | <u>23,203.00</u> |

BALANCE

33,904.88

SAVING ACCOUNTS

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| Deacon Fund | 3,421.48 |
| General Fund MM | 34,804.78 |
| Memorial Fund MM | 7,877.16 |
| Model Wealth Portfolios | 36,644.23 |
| Raymond James | 27,385.16 |
| Maintenance Fund | 20,371.42 |
| Jim & Denise Hayes Youth Fund | 11,937.74 |



Dennis Hoffman, Treasurer