We're excited to invite families in our community to join us for Catalyst Christian School's Preschool Storytime (formerly Lititz Area Mennonite); a fun and engaging morning for children ages 3 and 4. Each month, children will enjoy a story, participate in a craft, and share a snack together. For more information, check out the bulletin board in the foyer.

**The Lost and Found box is full!** Please check it to see if anything belongs to you. It is located in the church office. If things aren't claimed in two weeks, all items will be donated to Jubilee.

# **CONGREGATIONAL PRAISES & PRAYER NEEDS**

If you have an announcement or prayer request for the phone tree, please contact Donna H. or Pastor Lew.

- David pray that he will be assured of God's loving presence & care
- Rose recovering from a recent surgery to address an infection
- Tasha prayers for healing after her operation and that she will have no more seizures
- Our building project and fundraising efforts
- Pastor Lew and Omar Guzman as they settle into their roles as bishops
- Manheim Community Life Group
- Missionaries supported by our congregation: Garry & Ruth, Daryl & Jen & family, and Dayton & Jasmine & family

### PASTORAL & MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAMS

| Pastoral Team<br>Lead Pastor | Lew Wagner<br>(717) 917-5834<br>pastor.erbchurch@gmail.com           | Care Discipleship Missions Prayer    | rship Team (MLT) Jesse Long (vice chair) Mike Zimmerman (chair) Ray Ebersol Laren Weaver |
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| Administrative<br>Pastor     | David Schrock<br>(717) 618-2691<br>daschrock@gmail.com               | Stewardship<br>Worship               | James Stahl<br>Kenton Bucher   |
| Young Adult<br>Ministers     | Derrick & Becky Sensenig<br>(717) 989-6416<br>beckysue55@hotmail.com | Deacon Team<br>Deacon<br>Deaconesses | Loren Ressler<br>Reba Nolt<br>Janelle Ebersole   |
| Youth Pastor                 | Mark Stauffer<br>(717) 286-8503<br>ironhill1030@gmail.com            |                                      |  |

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# JOY That's Heard from Far Away



# **Erb Mennonite Church**

November 2, 2025

Our vision: Alive in Christ, we take Holy Spirit directed risks to expand the Kingdom of God here on earth!

# THIS MORNING

Greeters Vernon & Kim
Nursery Staff (2nd Service) Jill, Maria

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM – classes for all ages

Adult Sunday school lesson "Love"

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Worship Leader: Dwilyn

**Sermon** Messenger: David Schrock

Message: Joy That's Heard from Far Away

Nehemiah 12

# LOOKING AHEAD

**This week** Wed, Nov 5 MLT meeting, 7 PM

Wed, Nov 5 Youth Group Bible study, 7 PM Wed, Nov 5 Jr. Youth Group Bible study, 7 PM

Next Sunday Messenger: Lew Wagner
Nov 9 Text: John 20

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**Further Ahead** Nov 30 Fellowship Meal – sign up in foyer or on app

Happy Birthday: Chuck, Tyler, Lester, Jeriah, Connor, Austin, Bob, Donna,

Maria

Happy Anniversary: Troy & Lily, Marlin & Linda

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Operation Christmas Child** – Shoeboxes are available today! Please pick one or more up in the foyer and fill them. Filled boxes need to be back to church by November 16. If you have any questions, please see Ray Ebersol.

**Do you have an extra piece of equipment?** Could you pick up an extra shift for a season? Could your family make something? Do you have a valuable antique collecting dust? We want to start building The Family Life Center at Erb Mennonite Church! Please prayerfully consider creative ways to raise the funds so that we may begin work: Monetary Gifts, Investments, Retirement Transfers, Donor Funds, Trusts... maybe the sale of an Asset. Helpful Commitment Cards and a giving box are also provided on the foyer table.

A F.A.S.T team (Foster and Adoption Support Team) is being assembled to support Kenton and Emily and their family, as they start their foster care journey. If you would like to be a part of the FAST team or would like more information, please see Jesse Long.

**Bible2School**, a non-profit offering release time Bible classes to children in Lancaster County's public schools during their school day, is looking for a **Children's Ministry Coordinator** to join our team! This part-time, hybrid-remote position is a great fit for moms of school-aged children and retirees. Relevant experience may include working as a ministry coordinator, church leader, teacher, day care supervisor, summer camp coordinator or similar role. Interested candidates can find out more about the position and apply at bible2school.com on the employment page.

**Volunteer Day at Mennonite Resource Center (MRC)** – Erb Church is scheduled for volunteering at MRC Thursday, November 13. Men and ladies are welcome! You may come for half a day (9-12 noon) or the whole day from 9 AM - 3 PM. Pack a lunch if you plan to stay for the whole day. If you have any questions, please contact Ken or Faye.

**Christmas caroling** – As Christmas is approaching, Sunday school classes might be planning to carol to some of our members. Please coordinate your plans with Donna H. so that we all don't go the same night and so we don't miss anyone who would like some carolers!