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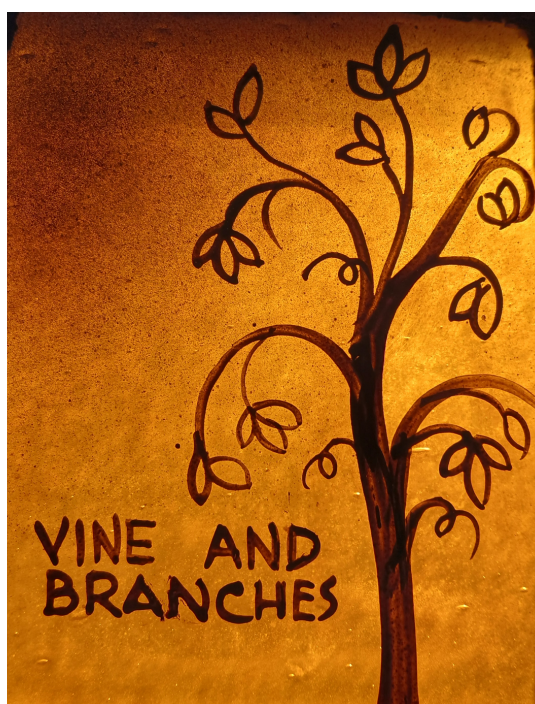
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THE LORD'S DAY August 23, 2026 - 10AM

Greeter
Preacher
Liturgist
Director of Music
Nursery
Children's Message
Deacon of the Day
Deacon of the Month
Pastor

Bonnie Barr
Brian Devereaux
Tim Eckhardt
Randall Curtis
Davis family
Krysten Devereaux
Tresa Gruber
Jackie Grisetti
The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

WELCOME.....Tim Eckhardt
*(Please fill out the friendship book on the side of the pew and pass it down.
Newcomers also please fill out a welcome card from the pew and put in the offering plate,
so that we know your name and have your contact information.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Tim Eckhardt

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Congregation stands as able.
(Amen not sung at the end of hymns.)*

PRELUDE -.....Jim Scanga, French Horn
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty“.....Joachim Neander

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 80:8-11.....Tim Eckhardt

One: You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

All: You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

One: The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

**All: Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.**

*(Please have children come to the front pulpit-side pew
by the start of the last verse of the response below.)*

*OPENING HYMN: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #392

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Krysten Devereaux
(Infant-8 yrs return with the attendants to the nursery downstairs.)

SPECIAL MUSIC –Jim Scanga, French Horn
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”arr. Phoebe Palmer Knapp

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Brian Devereaux

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Followed by silent confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Tim Eckhardt

PROPHETS - Read from p. 589 in the RSV Bible under the pew in front of you

Isaiah 5:1-7.....Tim Eckhardt

GOSPEL - John 15:1-17Sermon Text Translated from Greek by.....Brian Devereaux

¹ I am the true vineyard and my Father is the vine-dresser.

² Every vine in me not bearing fruit, he takes it away, and every one bearing fruit he prunes it clean, in order that it may bear more fruit.

³ Already you are clean through the word, which I have spoken to you.

⁴ Remain in me, and I in you. Just as the vine is not able to bear fruit from itself, if it does not remain in the vineyard, thus neither are you, if you do not remain in me.

⁵ I am the vineyard, you are the vine. The one remaining in me and I in him this one bears much fruit, because apart from me you are not able to do one thing.

⁶ If someone does not remain in me, he is thrown outside as the vine also withers and they gather them together and throw them into the fire and they are burned.

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, whatever you may desire ask, and it will happen for you.

⁸ By this my Father was glorified, in order that you may bear much fruit and become my disciples.

⁹ Just as the Father loved me, also I loved you; remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and I remain in his love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you in order that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I love you.

¹³ Greater love than this no one has, that anyone may lay down their life for their close friends.

¹⁴ You are my close friends if you do what I myself command to you.

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, because the servant does not know what the master does,
but I have called you close friends, because everything that I heard from my Father I made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not select me, but I selected you and I appointed you in order that you may go and may bear fruit and your fruit may remain, in order that whatever you may ask the Father in my name he may give to you.

¹⁷ These things I command to you, that you love one another.

One: The word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Jesus is the True Vineyard".....Brian Devereaux

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER with The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – "We Give Thee But thine Own" #515

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -.....Tim Eckhardt

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven & earth, and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING Tithes & Offerings.....Tim Eckhardt

OFFERTORY –Jim Scanga, French Horn
“What Wondrous Love is This”arr. Stephen DeCesare

*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Tim Eckhardt

SENT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

*SENDING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” #520

*BENEDICTION.....Brian Devereaux

*POSTLUDE

WELCOME BACK Brian Devereaux as our guest preacher for the morning and thank you to his wife Krysten for sharing the children’s message.

WE WELCOME Jim Scanga as our guest musician this morning and thank him for sharing his gift of music with us.

September 6, 9:00 a.m. & September 13, 9:30 a.m. adult Sunday School
Tom Brainard leads a 2-week study on prayer, in the chapel.

REMINDER – Kids of the Kingdom workday is tomorrow August 24 at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are welcome to finish getting preschool ready for the 2026-2027 school year!

WANTED: A few good men! Christian Education needs a small group of young men for our Sunday evening program. Please see a member of the Christian Education Committee for information.

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Media Team needs volunteers. No experience necessary! Please contact Terri Deist for more information.

ROOT INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

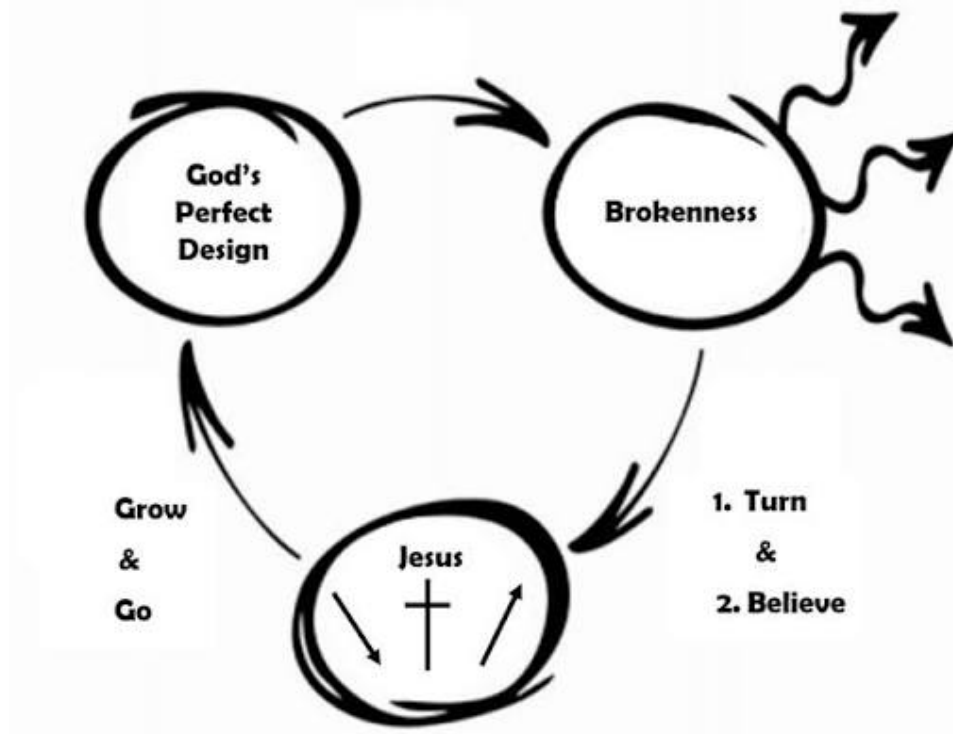
Printed lists of needed items are available on the donation box in the rear vestibule. Please help yourself to one and thank you in advance for your donations.

RIVERS OF LIFE PRESBYTERY GATHERING is September 12, 2026, at Meridian Presbyterian Church, 4150 Highland Avenue, Meridian, PA. 16001. Topic to be examined is “Developing Spiritual Leaders”, in partnership with Flourish Institute of Theology. Please see flyer on the parking lot bulletin board for registration instructions. Register by 9/6/26.

939 - PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

For positive relationships with teachers and coaches

PRAYER OPENS THE DOOR TO A GOSPEL CONVERSATION,
which is detected in hearing someone share a problem, issue, or concern.
If you can draw 3 circles, you can easily share the Gospel!



Pastor Janet is offering a time to practice "Sharing the Gospel"
@ 9:00 a.m. in Calvin Hall on **Sunday 8/30**.

GOOD SHEPHERD MONTHLY REQUEST for August
Breakfast Items
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23	8:15 a.m.	Deacons Mtg.
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Kadima Worship
Monday, August 24	9:30 a.m.	KOK Workday
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Mtg.
Tuesday, August 25	2:00 p.m.	PWCT Mtg./Conference Rm.
Wednesday, August 26	8:30 a.m.	Staff Mtg./Conference Rm.
	KOK	Get Acquainted Parties:
	9:30 a.m.	Pre-K
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool
Sunday, August 30	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Sermon Series – July thru September

<u>Sin Displaced</u>	-	<u>By the Fruit of:</u>
Fear		Love
Despair		Joy
Hostility		Peace
Exasperation		Patience
Cruelty		Kindness
Evil		Goodness
Disloyalty		Faithfulness
Harshness		Gentleness
Unrestraint		Self-Control