

Our Vision:

To be a living Body of Christ in today's world, doing Christ's work in Christ's way.

Our Mission:

Win to Christ,
Grow in Faith,
Send to Win.

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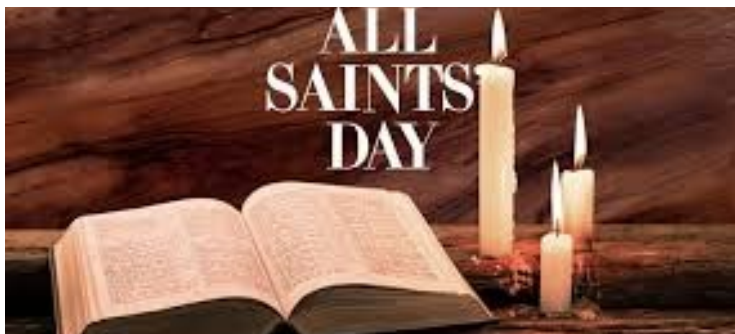
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66th Anniversary Sunday November 2, 2025
9:00am



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Larry Griest

Lorraine Henny

After the Anniversary Sunday Service
please join us in the Fellowship Hall for cake & punch.

PASTOR'S CORNER:

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From the Pastor's Pen
November/December

ARE YOU THIRSTY FOR MORE OF GOD?

Psalms 42: 1 "I thirst for the Living God, when can I go to meet with Him?"

The meaning of the Hebrew, scholars tell us, is "When may I come to appear in the presence of God?" They speculate that the Psalmist found himself in exile in the north and possibly held as a hostage. This we know; in desiring to "meet with God" he longed to return to Jerusalem, where he could worship in the courts of the temple on Mount Zion. David has a greater desire in this Psalm than just to return to Jerusalem; it is a personal yearning for communication with God Himself. Psalm 63 says, "I earnestly seek you in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water."

Today millions of onetime churchgoers now part-time, have reached the point where they not only avoid the sanctuary, but have lost all interest in God. God has become unreal to many in today's society and what a tragedy! Can you imagine not having a desire for God? The Bible tells us that in the last days, the love of many will grow cold and many will become indifferent for the things of God. What drives individuals away from God? From church? From having a personal relationship with God? I wish I had an easy answer to that question but there is none. Again, like the Bible says, it is the "little foxes that spoil the vine". It is very possible that little things begin to set in to the daily fabric of our lives and slowly but surely we are hindered and our walk with God becomes less and less.

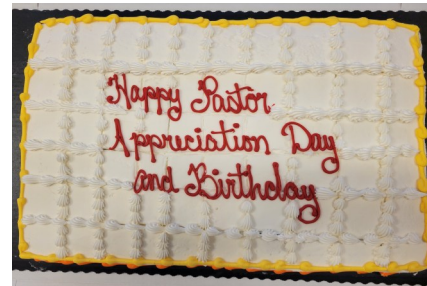
How do we create and maintain a thirst for more of God? It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that a thirst is created. We cannot on our own create a thirst for God; only He can cause that to happen within us. We maintain our thirst for God by working out what He has worked in. The Bible says it is "Christ in you the hope of glory!" Again, the scripture tells us "For if these things be in you and abound they make you that you shall neither be barren nor fruitful." It is our duty to activate what Christ has birthed within us through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

Today's society demands more time with God than ever before. The whole culture in which we live is changing, and changing at a rapid pace. World religions are coming to America like never before, end time events and last days living are

unfolding before our eyes. If we are smart we will redeem the times and stay afloat instead of sinking under. Daniel chapter 12:10 says concerning the last days "the wise will understand." Don't let last days living catch you unaware! Be on guard, be alert and be stable in Him!

Blessings to you and may His presence be with you all.

Pastor Doug



Special "Thank You" from the pastor!

Terrie and I are "Blessed" to be a part of Chiques Church! Sunday, October 12th was a special day for us. Being honored for Pastor Appreciation Day, along with birthday cards for me was not only humbling, but greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for what you did. We received a love gift of \$500.00! Thank you so much for your giving heart. I received numerous birthday cards along with other gifts.

God bless each of you!

You are in our thoughts & prayers!

Pastor Doug & Terrie

Historical Sketch

When was the church founded? The church was founded by God as the answer to human sin and its misery when He chose a people, Israel, to be His Own and to bring all men back to Him. But Israel as a nation failed her God in redeeming the race, and God commissioned prophets to call back the remnant that would obey.

Then in God's own time, He sent His only Son into this world of promise and misery to be the one-man Israel to redeem the world. When was the church founded? At three o'clock on the first dark Good Friday on a hill outside Jerusalem where a cross held the Son of God in agony.

Easter and Pentecost, the victory of Christ over death and the giving of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men, or earlier at the calling of the twelve disciples or the Last Supper, or later through Martin Luther and John Wesley, God founds His church, but always it is founded on the rock, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mount Joy Methodist Church

In the course of time the Mount Joy Methodist Church was founded as a class meeting in the home of Samuel Meldrum on David Street in 1834. In 1835 the church was added to the Susquehanna Circuit which included Marietta, Bainbridge, Safe Harbor, Millersville, and Washington Borough.

The first pastor was the Rev. T. B. Tibbals, who was sent to the circuit in the spring of 1835 and in his second year a building to house the congregation was begun and completed. In 1836 the Sunday School was organized under the leadership of Rev. Joshua M. Grandum, an ex-missionary to the Indians.

By 1847 the circuit was divided to include only Bainbridge, Marietta, and Mount Joy, and in 1852 Mount Joy became a separate charge. The present site was purchased and the present building erected. The first floor was furnished and dedicated on January 12, 1868.

In 1869 Mount Joy and Manheim became a circuit until 1881. 1873 was a happy year when two sons of the church entered the ministry. Israel M. Gable became a minister in the Philadelphia Conference, and Irvin Correll became a missionary of the Methodist Church.

In 1877 the church graveyard was emptied and the present parsonage was built. On December 4, 1881 the sanctuary was completed and dedicated.

During these years revivals periodically added new members to the church. Revivals under the preaching of Rev. O. R. Cook and his successor Rev. William Shoesmith were especially notable and resulted in the founding of the Salunga Methodist Church and the upper United Brethren Church at Florin becoming Methodist.

A tornado blew in the south gable of Mount Joy church on September 29, 1896, wrecking the sanctuary. It was repaired and reopened on July 11, 1897. Enough was subscribed at this time to install the stained glass windows and to add a two-story addition to the parsonage.

Disaster came again in 1904 when rain flooded the sanctuary while a new slate roof was in progress of being put on. Reopening services were held again on November 4.

In November 1912 the Florin church was sold. An Estey pipe organ was installed in September of 1922. Since March 1935 Mount Joy and Salunga have been on the same charge.

Salunga Methodist Church

The Salunga Methodist Church was founded in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Peifer on May 9, 1889. Rev. Oscar R. Cook and Rev. William Shoesmith, pastors of the Peifer family who were members of the Mount Joy church, had held prayer meetings and revival services in the same room during the two previous winters with a number of conversions.

Mr. Peifer gave a site for a church to be built upon and stone for the foundation. The corner stone was laid on June 23, 1889 and the finished church was dedicated October 27 of the same year.

In March, 1892, Salunga church was separated from the Mount Joy church and became a charge with Manheim.

Also in 1892 the Pennsylvania Railroad surveyed in order to straighten its track. It was found that the new line was to go through the center of the church. The railroad gave the present site and moved the church to it during the summer of 1893.

In November of that same year the Rev. William Ford was appointed to the charge. At this writing the Rev. Ford is still

Chiques Women In Missions Fundraisers

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Sub Sale



In the month of September we sold sub coupons to redeem delicious subs at Andy's Market in Columbia. We raised \$ 249.00.

Thank you for supporting our missions.

Apple Dumpling Sale



Thank you to all who preordered and prepaid.

We sold 214 Apple Dumplings from Countryside Bakery, a stand at Root's Market. A drive-thru pick up was set up out at the front doors on Tuesday, October 21st to be able to bring them fresh from Root's that day. We made a profit of \$456.00.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY is November 23, 2025



Poinsettia Orders: Order forms and envelopes will be in the lobby, starting November 23rd. Please drop your order in the box. The poinsettias will be displayed December 14th through Christmas Eve. After the service please pick up your poinsettia to take home. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 7th. The cost is \$9.50.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



**Total to
date = 392**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are in need of crocheters and knitters to make the prayer shawls. If anyone is interested please contact the office.



Veterans Sunday is November 9th. Please bring photos of the Veterans in our church family. Please bring them ahead of time so we can copy them and have them up on the screen as well as in the Narthex.

Advent Decorating—please come out to help Tom & Diane Breneman decorate the church for the Advent Season. They be will be getting things out of storage Friday November 28th and meeting whoever is willing to help Saturday morning November 29th at 9am. The more hands the less time it will take. Thanking you in advance.

-Tom & Diane Breneman



Please Sign Up at the Welcome Center

This may be one person or a family to light candles, read and pray.

Celebrations and Happenings

ANNIVERSARIES

11/23 William & Jane Alessi (6 years married)
11/29 Mike & Betsy Cook (45 years married)

November



11/5 Robert McMullen
11/7 Wendy Hirst
11/8 Sam Farmer
11/14 Linda Geib
11/23 Harry (Richie) Miley
11/23 Olivia Charles

ANNIVERSARIES

12/18 Bill & Susan Back (53)

December



12/1 Erma Herr	12/22 Tom Breneman
12/15 Bethany Leggore	12/25 Rick Hean
12/15 Kim Miley	12/27 Grace Myers
12/16 Carol Thomas	12/31 Rita Schompert
12/21 Dylan King	

Christmas Caroling

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Saturday, December 13th will be a time of Christmas Caroling. Plan to meet at the church by 1:00pm. A van has been provided so we can all travel together. Our travels will take us to Trillium Nursing Home then to Saint Anne's Retirement Community, followed by Paramount Senior Living. Our day will conclude with fellowship time at Pastor Doug & Terrie's home. Everyone is encouraged to join in. A signup sheet is provided to help us know how many to plan for.



Mount Joy Community Winterfest

Winterfest has been a part of the Mount Joy Community for more than 25 years. The Winterfest Committee is made up of community members from Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Voyage Mount Joy, and Friends of Donegal. Winterfest will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 2 to 5pm on Main Street. Chiques will have a table with a banner and we are looking for donations of Christmas candies. We are looking for volunteers to man the table. Any questions you may contact Debbie Henny.



Christmas Brunch

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Please make plans to attend our Annual Chiques

Christmas Brunch following the Worship Service.







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Church Outing Bowling 2pm Clearview Daylight Savings Fall back
2 66th Anniversary Sunday All Saints 50 year Members 9am	3 8pm AA	4	5 Bible Study 10am Trustees Meeting 5pm	6	7	8
9 Veteran's Sunday 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Sunday School	10 8pm AA	11 Ad Council 5:30pm	12 Bible Study 10am	13 Hempfield Sportsmen 7:15pm	14	15
16 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Sunday School	17 Charge Conference 5:30pm here at Chiques 8pm AA	18	19 Bible Study 10am	20 Chiques Women in Missions 3pm	21	22
23 Thanksgiving Sunday 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Sunday School 30 First Sunday of Advent 9am Worship	24 8pm AA	25	26 Bible Study 10am	27 Office Closed 	28 Office Closed	29 Advent Decorating 9am



Holy Communion will be held the first Sunday of the month at 9am



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Opportunities
for
Fellowship &
Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8pm AA	2	3 Trustees Meeting 5pm	4	5	6 Winterfest 2-5pm Property Use Fellowship Hall
7 Communion 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Sunday School	8 8pm AA	9 Ad Council 5:30pm	10	11	12	13 Christmas Caroling 2pm
14 Christmas Brunch 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Sunday School	15 8pm AA	16	17	18	19	20 Property Use Fellowship Hall
21 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Sunday School 	22 8pm AA	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm 	25  Office Closed 12/25—1/2/26	26	27
28 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Sunday School	29 8pm AA	30	31 			

Historical Sketch

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living in retirement in Philadelphia. During his pastorate the Epworth League was organized and the present bell installed.

In 1907 the Rev. W. J. Sayre was appointed to the charge and took as his bride, Miss Elizabeth Hiestand, a member of the church. They served in the New Jersey Conference with distinction for many years. Now Mrs. Sayre is again a member of our church.

In 1912 the relationship with Manheim church was terminated, and in 1913 Salunga and Broad Street church, Lancaster, became a charge until March 1916 when once again it became a separate charge.

Between March 1923 and March 1926 Millersville church became a charge with Salunga, and then in 1935 Mount Joy and Salunga were placed together as one charge.

A Hammond organ was presented to the church on Mother's Day, May, 1949, by Mr. Norman Baer in memory of his deceased wife, Martha, and the Eby family.

In 1956 Warren Bates, a member of the church, entered the Methodist ministry, and was appointed to Mt. Zion Church, Steelton.

Chiques Methodist Church

The Mount Joy and Salunga Methodist Churches voted to consolidate the two churches at Congregational Meetings held February 24, 1957. Rev. George K. Ludwig, who had gone into the Methodist ministry in 1953 as a member of Mount Joy church, gave pastoral leadership in making this important decision.

On November 7, 1957 both congregations approved a Plan of Consolidation and authorized their trustees to present Articles of Consolidation to the Lancaster County Court.

Eight acres of land were bought from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Breneman on March 11, 1958. The land is located north of Route #230 almost at the midpoint between the present buildings. A new church and parsonage will be built on this site in the future as God permits. Again God founds His Church.

History of Our Sanctuary

The sanctuary of our church is designed to make a living witness to the relevance of our Christian faith for the contemporary world. Believing that the forms of our church should express what the church really is, we sought what is most essential, and found it best defined in the Methodist Discipline, Article of Religion XIII, "The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance..."

The pulpit is central first as the place from which the Holy Scriptures – the Word of God which contains all we need to know for salvation – are read. Here, too, God's Word is proclaimed by those whom God has called and the church has ordained to the office of preaching. Carved in the front of the pulpit is the cross which in both scripture and preaching is the heart of God's self-revelation to man.

The Sacraments are represented by the Font to the right front of the congregation to signify their immediate availability to Christians by faith when rightly administered.

The Baptismal Font, symbol of cleansing from sin and the beginning of a new life in Christ, is the focal point of the semi-circular choir pews, accenting the importance of the Sacrament and balancing it architecturally with the Communion Table.

The Communion Table is the place of prayer, dedication, and personal communion with God both when the Sacrament is administered and when persons respond to the Invitation to Christian Discipleship. Provided with kneeling cushions, the table is large enough to accommodate twenty-five persons. The congregation kneeling around the table will recall on their knees the first Lord's Supper in the Upper Room and the fellowship of Christ and His disciples around it as they prepared for His death. Because our families gather about their home tables three times daily, even little children will recognize the significance of the fellowship of God's table as the church, the family of God, surrounds it.

May God bless with His Spirit this church in its task to meaningfully interpret the changeless good news of Jesus Christ.

Outreach Committee

Fall Fundraisers

Our Outreach Project for November is to collect baby items for Align Life Ministries. Last year, we supported them with a Baby Bottle Boomerang collecting \$845.00 to aid with providing free ultrasounds to abortion vulnerable women. Since 2022, 242 mothers decided to keep their babies after receiving a free ultrasound. We also provided needed baby supplies.

This year, we are only requesting donations of baby items such as diapers, baby wipes, formula, etc. A more detailed list will be forthcoming. We are pleased to announce that Sue Groff's sister, Joanne, has crocheted 23 baby hats and 4 head bands which she is donating to our project. Many thanks to Sue and her sister, Joanne. There will not be an Outreach Project in December.

We sincerely hope that everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas.



Chiques Women in Mission are sponsoring a collection of Christmas Cards to be sent to Veterans.

Please do not seal the envelopes,
sign your first name but don't add any identifying info about yourself.



October Outreach Project Update: We collected 21 Grocery Gift Cards for Weis, Stauffers, & Giant to give to Friends of Donegal who will distribute them to needy families in our area. The total amount of the cards is \$570. Many of you bought the cards from the church so you helped the church and the community, a double blessing.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee

Chiques Chronicle Newsletter Distribution

The Newsletter is emailed to everyone that has an email address. For those who do not have email please find your copy in your mail box in the Fellowship Hall.

Due to the increased cost of postage the newsletter and other mailings will be emailed or put in your church mail box located in the Fellowship Hall.

We are all trying to keep costs down. Visitors can ask for one at the Welcome Center.

If you would like a paper copy please see Audrey.

Financial Report, Week of October 26, 2025

Income - Tithes and offerings	\$ 3,615.00
Needed each week for budget	\$ 3,416.00
Difference	\$ 199.00
Difference Year to Date	\$ (6,131.00)

Kathy Gohn, Treasurer

This year Christmas Eve is Wednesday.

On Christmas Eve there will be one Candlelight service at 5pm.

We wish each of you a Merry Christmas.



Home Worshipers

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Please remember our Shut Ins by sending a card or calling or stopping in for a visit.

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66th Anniversary Sunday

November 2, 2025
9:00am
ALL SAINTS DAY



Lorraine Lewis
May 2, 2025



Elaine Bowersox
May 10, 2025



Pat Schaffner
May 20, 2025

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