

Baptized

--Pastor Doug Hinton

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **MATTHEW 28:18-20**

We will hold a service of baptism on May 29 as several youth respond to Christ's call to "Follow Me."

Do you remember when you were baptized? I was baptized in 1999 after encountering Jesus in a service at the Assembly of God on Chiques Hill in Columbia. After deciding to follow Jesus, I met with the pastor and we set a date to be baptized in the Susquehanna as one of our members had a property in Wrightsville that sat along the river. The man on the left, Huey, came alongside me, prayed with me, and helped make my decision definitive to follow Jesus. Pastor Bob, the man on the right, prayed over me with some other brothers the same day. Family members, brothers and sisters in Christ were in attendance and we shared a meal after.

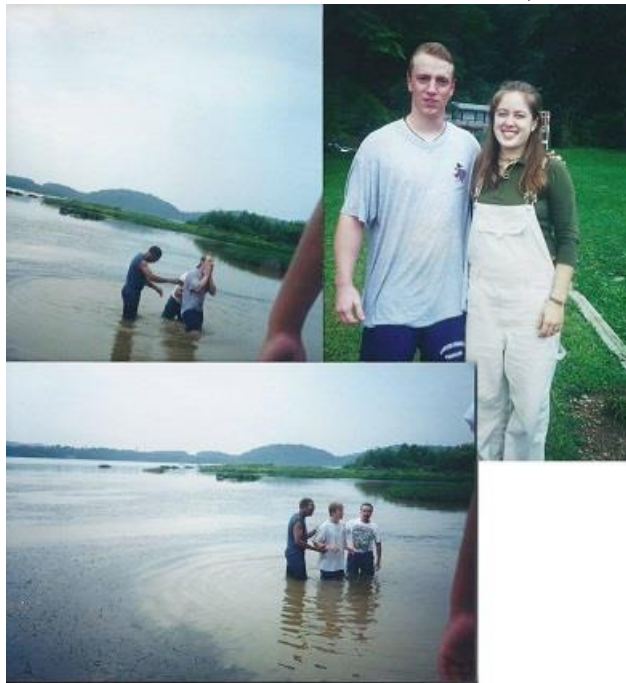
In the Church of the Brethren, we wait to baptize until a person is able to decide for themselves. According to brethren.org, "Jesus invites us to baptize one another as a marker along our journey of following him. Being baptized in public celebrates that we have received God's forgiveness. Baptism symbolizes our participation in the church, the body of Christ, the ways we share in what God is doing in the world through our gifts, talents, and whole life."

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34). Jesus' disciples baptized others (John 3:1-3; Acts 8:34-

40; Acts 10:44-48, etc) and Paul was baptized in Acts 9:18.

Though it may be an individual decision to be baptized, baptism is a public declaration and event as he or she is welcomed into a worldwide, multigenerational, community of believers.

Baptism represents a new birth, a washing away of sins into a new life with Jesus Christ (John 3:1-21; Rom. 6:3-4; Acts 22:16).



Early Brethren baptized in a stream or some form of running water because, through their study, it is written that Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. In recent times, ministers at Hempfield COB have used ponds, pools, and baptistery, like the one found at the front of our sanctuary. We will us this on May 29, baptizing the individuals three times forward through full submersion 'in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.'

For those new to the faith, this can be a scary step, causing anxiety or many questions to rise. To help answer some of those and ease some of this anxiety, I encourage you to

share your baptism story: when did you decide? When and where were you baptized and by whom? Have you participated in baptizing anyone? How did that go?

***One note: if you were baptized as an infant, but never made a public declaration of your faith to those around you and would like to do so, please contact Pastor Doug.

The Hempfield Herald: *Youth Edition*

By: Josh Fulmer, Youth Minister



the comfort of their childhood into the unfamiliar patterns of adulthood. There will be more growing pains. There will be mistakes made. Most importantly, there will be growth. The question that is on many minds of teens graduating is, “will there be grace?” What happens when they do stumble? What happens when college isn’t what they thought it would be? What happens when the job they wanted doesn’t pan out? Will there be people there to support them? Will there be a community to surround them? Who is to guide, counsel, and assist them through these challenging transitions?

We have a handful of teens in the youth ministry in this exact situation. I trust that these teens are excited for what is next, but what happens when they step out of the youth group, knowing that part of life is behind them? Where do they go now? Do they have a community that is not just cheering them on, but walking through life with them? Checking in on them weekly? Praying for them? Grabbing coffee with them? Processing through the challenges with them? Do they have the church going through life with them, and do the teens who will graduate in the years to come have the church with them as well?

My challenge for you reading this is to pick one of the teens in the youth group here at Hempfield CoB, and to make an effort to connect with them. A bunch of them attend here on a Sunday morning, but all of them should be here the first Sunday of June for Youth Sunday. Introduce yourself, ask them about their dreams, their goals, and what they like to do, and then pray with them. You never know when one interaction could shape into a life-on-life discipleship, where you can pour into a youth at the church.

We are very excited for the Youth Graduation Sunday service June 5th, and look forward to leading the body in worship. Pray for the youth as we prepare for the service, and pray that they would do well in the last month of their schooling!

Soli Deo Gloria





HCOB Children's Ministry Happenings

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt brought many new faces to our church on Saturday, April 9th. The weather that morning cleared in just the right time for us to be able to hold the Easter Egg Hunt outside, which brought about 60 children to participate. We originally had 88 kids registered. While they gathered the 2400 eggs around the property, we witnessed many smiles, giggles, and excitement. The raffle baskets were a big hit! Thank you to our ministry teams for donating supplies to create a themed basket. Many attendees were quite surprised by our church's generosity in the free basket raffle, prize table, and craft goody bags that were given out. The Good News was shared by Laura's interactive reading from The Jesus Storybook Bible. We also were able to share about our Camp Swatara scholarships available to those in the community. It was an amazing event. Thank you to all our helpers and for all those generous candy and plastic egg donations.

We are in need of more helpers for our upcoming VBS. This year's VBS will be Jerusalem: Market Place, which will be held June 6th- June 9th from 6 to 8 p.m. The children (ages 4 to finishing 5th grade) will get to experience Jerusalem as Jesus did. Due to the overwhelming positive feedback about holding VBS outside last year, we plan to do the same this year. We are in need of people who are willing to help at the various stations in the Market Place, lead our children in small group discussions (the questions are scripted), walk along with groups of children as an extra pair of hands, participate in the drama team, hand out snacks, and facilitate games. If you are willing to be part of this impactful program to share about Jesus to these children, please contact Emmy Schott or Laura Meiser. We have a place to serve for all of you!

We want to say "thank you" to all who serve in our Children's Ministry program, Children's Church and the nursery. Our children continue to grow in their knowledge of Jesus as we continue to learn about Him through the Bible. They become familiar with who you are, even when you aren't in the classroom. The love that you share with them is evident. You are making an impact in the lives of these little ones. We are excited about the upcoming baptisms and hope you know that you contributed to these decisions. Praise Jesus!

In Christ's Love,
Emmy Schott and Laura Meiser



**VBS 2022!! Join us for the Jerusalem Marketplace
June 6-9,2022**

Registration Link: vbspro.events/p/9cde03



Messages in May

May 1



Pastor: Doug Hinton

There is another way

Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-32

The apostle Paul opens this section imploring the Ephesian church to walk in a worthy manner of their call and later says, “Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one *of you* with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.” It seems the things that divide the church today are nothing new: politics, socio-economic class, ethnicity, nationality, political party or affiliation...just to name a few. Yet, Paul uses the word “one” seven times in three verses to remind the church who they are and whose they are. Do we need those reminders today? As Pastor Doug sat with Dave Bendit and Ray Hutchison to speak about the Relational Healing process, we will invite Pastor Robert L Corsey and Pastor Gerald Simmons to share their experience through this process.

May 8



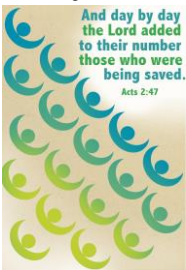
Pastor: Doug Hinton

Singing in chains, staying when free

Acts 16:22-40

While ministering in Thyatira, Paul and Silas are thrown in prison (for healing a girl of a demon) after being beaten with rods. While chained, they sing hymns. An earthquake, shakes the house they’re in, opening the doors and releasing their chains and they run away...well, not really....not at all – they stayed! But why? What would they have to gain by staying? What would God have to gain by them staying? How in their trial – their pain and unjust suffering – did they become Christ’s presence to those around them?

May 15



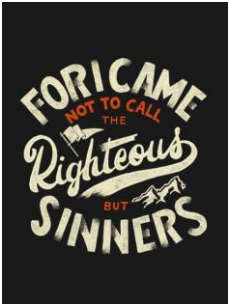
Pastor: Laura Meiser

For Christ and the Church

Acts 2:41:47

What comes to mind when you think of the early (Acts 2) church? On this Celebration Sunday we will explore exactly that. In the first days after Christ's resurrection and subsequent ascension, new believers were added to the assembly daily. What might it have been like to worship under the assumption that Jesus was going to return imminently? What did the believers have in common? How might we contemporary believers continue to rehearse the mighty acts of God with one another in community? As we unpack these things, we will experience a variety of musical offerings complete with the Sanctuary Choir and a good old fashioned hymn sing.

May 22



Pastor: Geoff Davis

It's Not a Joke!

Matthew 9:9-13, Matthew 8:5-13

Imagine starting any initiative with an IRS agent, a construction worker, and a member of the Proud Boys. Then imagine who you go to help. Not the people in your neighborhood or your church or even your family or friends but the poor, the homeless, the sick, the hopeless, and those whose morals are questionable. That's exactly who Jesus and his disciples sought out to help. Jesus healed the sick, delivered those who were oppressed by demons and by other people, challenged the authorities and traditions, and taught that God loved everyone. His disciples carried the mission "to the ends of the earth" and began a movement that challenged conventional thinking whose influence has been passed down from generation to generation.

Imagine that we, as part of Christ's Body, put aside our differences and focused on what we have in common. That no matter what our differences might be, that we were united in a single purpose. That we understood and were unafraid to share God's message and the way of living that he designed and that Christ taught us how to live. Imagine that we unbridled ourselves from the messages and strategies of the world and that, yoked to Jesus, we went into the neighborhoods and shared the Good News! What's keeping you from doing that? What might you try to get unstuck? What's more important?

May 29



Pastor: Doug Hinton

Born into New Life

Acts 8:25-40, Acts 10:34-48

We are surrounded by people in our daily lives: at work, home, school, church, sports outings, the mall, rail trails, restaurants, doctors' office...they're everywhere! How can we learn to listen to God and where He may be moving in a person's life? In a group of people? Along a trail...or any one of the instances mentioned above? And then, when a person responds to Christ's call to "Follow Me," what shall we do? Today, we look at Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch along with Peter and the Gentiles in Acts. How did they share the gospel? What and who was involved? How did these new followers mark their birth into this new life?

HCOB Family News



Recent Giving

04/03/2022

General Fund \$ 10,399.50

Building Fund \$ 100.00

04/17/2022

General Fund \$ 7,898.50

Building Fund \$ 100.00

04/10/2022

General Fund \$ 7,146.30

Building Fund \$ 450.00

04/24/2022

General Fund \$ 6,774.15

Building Fund \$ 100.00



It's that time of the year when we begin to consider those young people in our midst who are moving beyond their educational experiences. The Education Team offers opportunities for financial support for that next step.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT—The church, through the Education Team, is offering an Education Grant to individuals who are: (1) pursuing a career in Christian Ministry by attending a Christian college or university, or (2) attending a college that is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. Inquiring applicants can send a request for an application to Donna Reed, chairman of the Education Team, via the church mailbox or rdreed2@verizon.net. The deadline to receive the returned grant application is **May 7**.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP MINISTRY – The Outreach Team is sponsoring a Highway Clean-Up on **Saturday, April 30th at 9 am**. Please sign-up on the sheet on the narthex table. We'll meet at the Methodist Church along route 230 near Mount Joy at 9 am. We'll supply latex gloves, safety vests & trash bags. We need about 10 people to help!



Hempfield COB has been helping to beautify our community for over 14 years through the PA Adopt-A-Highway Program! We take care of a two mile section of Route 230 near Mount Joy from the Country Table restaurant to Sheetz. Here are just a few reasons why YOU should participate!

- Show love for our neighbors by helping our community
- Take care of God's beautiful creation
- Get some fresh air and exercise
- Enjoy fellowship with our church family!



Fellowship & Hospitality invites you to share some coffee starting at 9:00 a.m. on Easter morning. You may also pick up any leftover snacks or coffee after the morning service as you head off to great Bible Study opportunities. We would welcome your help! If you would like to make coffee and provide a treat, please contact Penny Kettering (717)875-5654 or Mary Lou Ruth (717)682-6488.



East Petersburg is having a Community Yard Sale **AND** Chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 4 from 8 am to noon at the East Pete Community Park. The Chicken BBQ is new to this event and volunteers are needed to help cook, package and distribute the meals. The BBQ Chicken will be available for pickup at 11 am. Please help our community by volunteering! Call Linda Rannels at 717.419.2457 if you can help or have questions. Thanks from the Outreach Team!

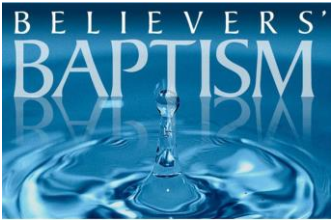
IF:GATHERING 2022

Saturday, May 21



REGISTER AT [IFLOCAL.COM](https://iflocal.com)

Ladies, please plan to join us for IF:Gathering 2022 to be hosted at HCOB on Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Join us for praise and worship, conversation and most importantly solid Biblical teaching. In this season in which darkness feels like it's pressing in, we can push back with courage in Jesus' name. We'll hear from speakers such as Jennie Allen, Jackie Hill Perry, Ann Voskamp, and more. The cost for this event is only \$10 and lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information, feel free to contact Laura Meiser (laura@hempfieldcob.org or 717.689.0465) You can register here: <https://watch.if2022.com/register/join-group?groupid=21932>



We will be holding a baptismal service on Sunday, May 29th during the morning service. If you have not taken this step of faith and would like to, please contact Pastor Doug.



ATTENTION!! Spring has sprung and that means it is time to play, play, play....SOFTBALL that is. Our church is, again, supporting a softball team playing in the Manheim Church League. We are very interested in you! If you would like to participate in some fellowship on the softball field, please speak to Ed Haldeman, or Doug Howard. **COME ON OUT!!**



The Outreach Team is planning to have an Ice Cream Social at Constitution Square in East Pete again and **YOU are invited to help serve ice cream to the community.** Mark your calendars for Friday, May 13 from 6 to 7:30 pm. We plan to serve free ice cream at three locations. Come and bless our neighbors and their kids. Contact Jen Houck at 717.951.7694 by May 6 if you want to participate or have questions.



Hempfield COB Creation Music Festival Trip.

Hempfield COB Youth have 20 tickets to attend the festival. It is a fun weekend of music, camping, and fellowship. If you are interested in joining us this year, please contact Josh Fulmer or Ed Haldeman.



The Worship Team would like to bless an organization with our old Songs for Praise and Worship books that are no longer used. If any of you would like a copy of the book, you may pick them up from the cardboard boxes that will be in the Fellowship Hall through the end of May.

DONATION INFORMATION To give your tithes and offerings to Hempfield COB, please send your checks to the church at PO Box 246 East Petersburg PA 17520.

If you wish to give to the Benevolence Fund, with which the deacons and pastors collaborate together to meet needs in our congregation and community, you may send your check to the church with "Benevolence Fund" in the memo line. This is also a tax-deductible donation and will help with urgent needs in the church and neighborhood.

Reminder: Only offering amounts received in church giving envelopes are recorded for end of the year contribution statements.

**Hempfield Church of the Brethren - Financial Report for Leadership Team 04/26/22
January 1 through March 31, 2022
Comparison to 2021 and to 2022 Budget**

	<u>Actual Jan-Mar 2022</u>	<u>Actual Jan-Mar 2021</u>	<u>Actual Under / (over) 2021</u>	<u>Jan-Mar Budget 2022</u>	<u>Actual Under / (over) Bdgt</u>
Sunday Offerings	\$107,792	\$113,181	\$5,389		
Interest	\$1	\$3	\$2		
	<u>\$107,793</u>	<u>\$113,184</u>	<u>\$5,391</u>		
100 · Finance	\$12,976	\$9,887	(\$3,089)	\$11,558	(\$1,418)
200 · Outreach Team	\$20,641	\$58,869 *	\$38,228	\$38,250	\$17,609
300 · Education Team	\$3,820	\$1,391	(\$2,429)	\$5,819	\$1,999
400 · Deacons	\$30	\$0	(\$30)	\$1,100	\$1,070
450-Care of Community Team	\$76	\$145	\$69	\$1,000	\$924
500 · Worship Team	\$7,727	\$8,852	\$1,125	\$9,683	\$1,956
600 · Leadership	\$44,618	\$43,367	(\$1,251)	\$44,937	\$319
700 · Stewards of Property	\$16,028	\$23,116	\$7,088	\$22,638	\$6,610
900 · Fellowship & Hosp Team	\$719	\$816	\$97	\$1,673	\$954
	<u>\$106,635</u>	<u>\$146,443</u>	<u>\$39,809</u>	<u>\$136,656</u>	<u>\$30,021</u>
2022 Actual % vs. Budget	78.0%				

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Sunday Offerings 1/1/22 to 4/24/22	\$140,101	\$147,718	\$7,617	5.2%

May Calendar

For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit
<http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Jr. High Wrestlers (Al Houck)	2 Pastor Doug's Day Off	3 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Deacons Meeting	4 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	6 Josh's Day Off	7
8	9 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:30 PM Worship Team	10 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sewing Group 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Education Team	11 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sewing 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Final Choir Rehearsal for the Season 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Stewards of Property	12 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	13 Josh's Day Off 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Ice Cream Social	14
15	16 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Outreach Team	17	18 HERALD DEADLINE 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Finance Team	19 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	20 Josh's Day Off	21 9:30 AM IF: Gathering
22 10:30 AM Care of Church Community Meeting	23 Pastor Doug's Day Off	24 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Leadership Team	25 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Quilting	26 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	27 Josh's Day Off	28
29 9:30 AM Baptism	30 Pastor Doug's Day Off	31	1 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Quilting	2 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	3 Josh's Day Off	4 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM ANE Annual Conference Briefing

Turn Your Face to the Son



The Shadows Fall Behind You



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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