

Faith, Story, & Dinner

Pastor Doug Hinton

“How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!””

ROMANS 10:14-15

I grew up going to church. When we lived in Willow Street, we attended the United Church of Christ with my mother. When my parents separated, we started attending the First Assembly of God in Columbia. Often times after church, we returned to my grandparent's or dad's house and have Sunday dinner. After dinner, I'd listen to stories from my grandfather in the unfinished basement or living room: on growing up, on death, on marriage, or lessons he gleaned in life through observance and experience. I listened to some of the same stories over and over and over again: not appreciated at the time, but thought of fondly now. We did this almost every Sunday. Week after week, month after month, year after year.

I started attending Millersville University after graduating high school. Even then, I typically attended the Assembly and returned to dad's for dinner. One Sunday stands out to me as being different: after 7 years of attending this church, an older couple in the body invited me to their house for Sunday dinner and to learn more about me and my walk. They lived in a

modest house. I remember it being dimmer inside than most houses I've been in. I remember the food being slightly different...good, just different than my normal Sunday dinner. Other than sharing a meal after being baptized at a brother's house, that's the only family that invited me into their home.

Sharing stories of life and faith, growing up and learning lessons, passing on wisdom and laughing in foolishness happen most naturally around a table in our homes. The safe guards we put in place can ease as we eat, listen, pray, and share life with one another. It takes a little time, a little planning, and a little patience, but can strengthen the community of believers and allow us to grow – both with one another and people who may not be connected to a community of Christ. *The feet of those who bring good news of good things* may share their stories of faith and deliverance (i.e. testimony) in homes around a table. This simple step can help us fulfill the call God placed on this body. Who will you invite to dinner?

The kind of community we aim to be...Jesus following, one another focused, loving God, neighbor, enemy, and self with the love we received in Christ, inviting others into the fold, proclaiming the excellencies of the One who called us out of dark and into His marvelous light.



The Hempfield Herald: *Youth Edition*

By: Josh Fulmer, Youth Minister

It's hard to believe this is my last Herald article. I never thought that this day would be here right now. It's definitely bittersweet – of course I am mourning stepping away from this role, these teens, and this body, but I am also very excited for how God is going to work in me and in Hempfield. When I think about my time to leave, I am reminded of when I first took the position three years ago to the day that this article is published. I was fresh out of Bible college, not even a year into my marriage, and so excited and nervous about this new position. To think that so much could happen in three short years is astounding. I really can't believe that it was only three years! It has felt like 30. Not only am I now many more years wiser in my marriage, but I am a father now, and God has shown me a lot about myself that I never knew. Some things were good, but some things are definitely works in progress. However, there is one thing that He taught me during this time: obedience.

From the moment the Lord called me into ministry, I have always wanted to be obedient to His direction. I attended Bible college, served at multiple churches, and then found myself at Hempfield. However, I never thought about obedience including leaving a ministry. My hope and goal was to plant deep roots and to spend years at one place, but when God began stirring in me that it was time to change, I dug my heels in. How could God be telling me to leave a ministry? It seemed counter-intuitive, yet, He continues to show His faithfulness in all things. I am reminded of two things when I think of this: Proverbs 3:5-6, and the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight."

Both of these remind me that He is the one in control of my life, and I can either fight it and try my own ways, or walk faithfully with Him as He has been faithful to me. Even though it is painful, we also know that there is pain in growth. I for sure am still growing, and I thank you for helping me grow these past 3 years.

Please know 3 things from the bottom of my heart: first, I am thankful for Hempfield and the chance you gave me to be a part of your journey in serving Christ. It has been a humbling experience, and has affirmed in me that God is still equipping those He calls. Second, I am praying for you! Hempfield has a great trajectory ahead of you, and as long as you listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, you will not go astray. Which leads me to my third thing: God has, and will, bring exactly who He wants and who you need to this body. You have incredible spiritual leaders here, and I know Doug, Geoff, Laura, and Emmy will continue to do what they do best: modeling Christ in all they do. He is not done with Hempfield. He will bring what He started to completion, because He is true to His word.

So, for one last time, to everyone at Hempfield.

Soli Deo Gloria





HCOB Children's Ministry Happenings

June brings the arrival of summer and summer events. On Sunday mornings, the children will start to sit in the beginning of the service to worship with the congregation again before being dismissed up to Children's Church. In addition, we will combine first through fifth grade children into one classroom for the summer session of Children's Church. The preschoolers and kindergarteners will continue to meet regularly in their classroom.

This summer children will also have the opportunity to gather together at VBS. VBS will be held June 6th through June 9th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The children will get to experience life as if they were living in Jerusalem during Holy Week. They will spend time in the synagogue and have the opportunity to visit various stands in the market place. They will learn that Jesus is King; Jesus showed God's love, Jesus loves us, and Jesus lives. Please pray that the children would have a fun and safe experience, as well as that their ears and hearts would be open to Him.

We are planning to have a few more fun experiences for kids and families this summer. We hope to schedule a group time at Bounce Kraze in July. There will be a "Tales and Treats" time at a local park in August. Look for more information and specific dates to come.

In Christ's Love,

Emmy Schott and Laura Meiser



Messages in June

June 5 Youth Sunday



Pastor: All Youth

Speaker: Kaiden Braught

God's Consistency in Changing Times

Luke 8:22-25, Hebrews 13:8, Romans 8:28

The storms of life will come. We are not promised a perfect life, or a life without struggle. What we are promised, though, is that God will be with us through all of it. As storms brew and the seas churn, we can trust that Christ will settle all of them. What in your life has changed? How well do you do with change? How can the promise of Christ being the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow bring peace during uncertainty?

June 12



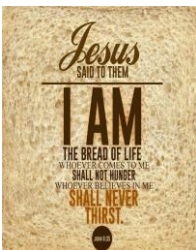
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I am Sent by I AM

Exodus 3:14; Matthew 17:1-8

To start off our series on the I AM statements; we must first look to the first big one: “I AM WHO I AM.” When Moses encountered a burning bush in the pastures where he kept his flock, he had no idea who he was going to talk to – or what his life was going to look like after this moment. When God reminded Moses of the covenant made with Israel’s forefathers, He then appoints Moses to lead the people into a new land, with a new covenant with God. Fast forward to today, and we are under an entirely new Covenant with God through Christ, yet the same God who sent Moses is sending us today. Here, we will look at our unchanging God, the call he places on His people, and how we who are washed by the Blood of Christ serve the same God as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses.

June 19



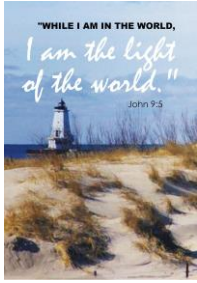
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Are You Hungry?

John 6:35-40

Through the summer, we are working through the “I am” statements of Jesus. As you think of eating, what comes to mind? Someone may eat because they are hungry, to bring temporary comfort, to gather with family or friends, to fuel their body, or any number of reasons. A couple hours after eating, we are often hungry again. Yet, Jesus says, “He who comes to Me will not hunger...” What does He mean by that? If we follow Jesus, will we eat less? Not likely. Is contentment in view then? Peace? Courage? Let’s dig into John 6 and learn what Jesus meant.

June 26



Pastor: Laura Meiser

I Am the Light

John 8:12, 9:5; Genesis 1:3

In John 8:12 we read, When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Light is clearly significant in the kingdom of God.

What was happening around Jesus as he shared this teaching? How does it tie into the idea of light in the Old Testament? And what benefit is it to us to be children of the Light?

HCOB Family News



Recent Giving

05/01/2022

General Fund \$ 6,089.50
Building Fund \$ 100.00

05/08/2022

General Fund \$ 6,851.30
Building Fund \$ 100.00

05/15/2022

General Fund \$ 8,604.50
Building Fund \$ 100.00

05/22/2022

General Fund \$ 6,629.50
Building Fund \$ 100.00



Tim & Sara Basom on the birth of their daughter, **Jordan Elizabeth** on Monday, May 9th! She was 7lbs, 1oz & 19 inches. Mom and daughter are doing well!



We will be collecting the “2-Cent-A-Meal” offering on Sunday, June 12th for the **Global Food Initiative (GFI)** program. This program is the primary way that the Church of the Brethren assists hungry people in developing food security around the world.

Global Food Initiative seeks to:

- invest in small-scale economic development
- join efforts to improve diet and health practices
 - champion soil conservation
- promote awareness-raising and advocacy on hunger issues.

On behalf of the Outreach Team and those that benefit from your giving, Thank You!"



The Stewards of Finance have some volunteer opportunities. Please consider ways that you may be able to fill these important roles in the life of the church.

#1. We are looking for 3 individuals to serve on rotating schedules as Offering Tabulators. This involves counting the weekly offering.

#2. We are in need of someone to serve as Assistant Treasurer. Claire Eshelman is retiring at the end of 2022 and we need to find and train her replacement.

Please consider either of these ways to serve the church. If interested, please contact Justin Kleinfelter at (jkleinfelter@fultonbank.com).

People are moving again! 2022 is experiencing active new home building and people moving to new communities. Now that Schools are closed for Summer break, more “New Neighbor” activity will surely follow. You could be that friendly face to welcome your new neighbor and we have plenty of gift cards to local businesses for you to give to your new neighbor, along with introductory material about Hempfield COB.



A gift bag, including:

- letter from Pastor Doug
- church brochure
- a small paperback gospel of John or a copy of the New Testament
- “Living” Stone*

and the aforementioned gift card are available by contacting Irene Hershey, Church Administrator. Please take advantage of this opportunity to “Welcome Your New Neighbor.” and introduce them to our church.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. – Hebrews 13:2

*The “Living” Stone concept was created by the Worship Team for Easter last year with 1 Peter 2:4-5 inscribed on the stone’s face. The text of this passage reads *“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. This passage forms the basis for our theme – **Living Stones, Building Bridges***



VIDEO UPGRADE FUNDRAISER: We are kicking off a fundraiser to upgrade our church’s video technology for live streaming and recording. With unanimous Leadership Team support, the congregation voted to approve the video upgrade at the April 24 Congregational Gathering.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000; \$10,000 will come from the Building Fund and \$10,000 will come from this special fundraiser. There is a possibility to receive a grant of up to \$5,000 from the Atlantic Northeast District’s Facilities Assistance Fund, therefore we may only need to raise \$5,000. The application for ANE funds was sent on May 25 and we’ll keep you informed of its status.

YOU can support this project by making a check payable to “Hempfield Church of the Brethren” and write “Video Upgrade Fund” on the memo line. You can place your check in the offering on Sundays or mail it to the church. Please include your offering envelope # if you want it recorded for your end of the year contribution statement. You can also make an offering on-line through Breeze by selecting “Give to Video Upgrade Fund”. Thank you for investing in these important communication tools of our times!

FAMILY FRIENDLY!

OPEN HOUSE!

CAMP SWATARA
June 4, 2022
Saturday
2-5pm

Info & RSVP:
www.campswatara.org




CAMP SWATARA

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS



MAY 14	2022	AUG 13
JUNE 11		SEPT 10
JULY 09		OCT 15

Info: www.campswatara.org



SATURDAYS 10AM-1PM

CAMP SWATARA EXPLORATION DAYS

RSVP 7 DAYS BEFORE TO GET A FREE GAME OF MINI GOLF!

JULY 9, 2022



- Mini Carnival Games
- Cupcake Decorating
- Potato Launching
- Canoeing
- Climbing Tower & Mini Golf

AUG 13, 2022



- Parachute Games
- Giant Bubble Making
- Butter Making
- Canoe Games
- Climbing Tower & Mini Golf

SEPT 10, 2022



- Family Adventure Games
- Rock Climbing Competition
- Craft Station
- Canoeing
- Climbing Tower & Mini Golf

OCT. 15, 2022



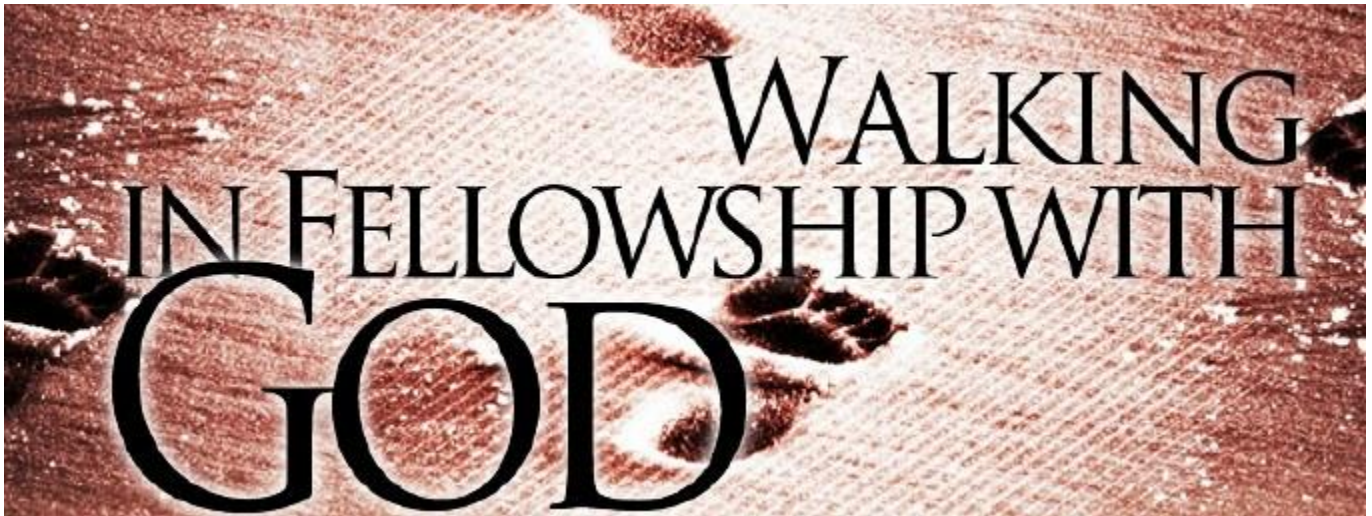
- Science Show with Jon!
- Parachute Games
- Caramel Apple Dipping
- Canoeing
- Climbing Tower & Mini Golf

\$10/CHILD OR \$25/FAMILY

INFO & REGISTER:
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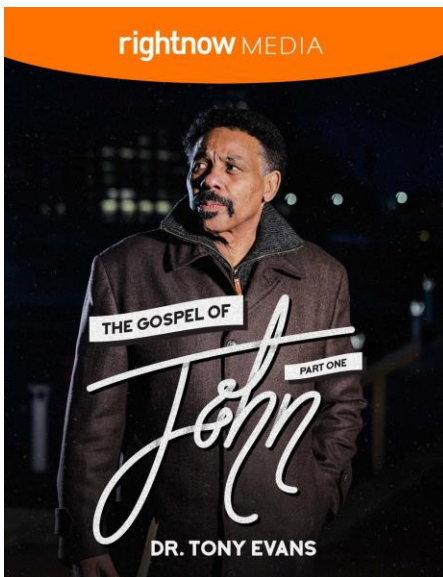
p.s. there's an outdoor movie night each evening of an Exploration Day! Start time: 8pm.



Gather with other believers as we study together.....

Beginning June 12th, Adult Bible Fellowships will be focusing on a study of the book of John. This study is led by Tony Evans found on RightNow Media and classes will be led by a variety of leaders. Classes begin following the close of the Sunday morning worship and plan to be completed each week by 11:30am.



“Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple’s book—that we would believe in Jesus and find life in his name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our savior, Jesus Christ. So join Tony for this twelve-session series that will draw you back to the essential truths of our faith and the life found in our king.”

For access into RightNow Media, you will need to contact Doug Hinton at doug@hempfieldcob.org

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 / Ministry Statement
January 1 through April 30, 2022
Year-to-Date Actual vs. Budget**

	Actual Jan-Apr 2022	Budget Jan-Apr 2022	YTD Under/(Over) Budget	2022 Full Yr Budget
General Fund Offerings 1/1 to 4/30	\$140,616	\$178,704	\$38,089	\$546,625
Designated Outreach Giving	\$4,251			
<u>Expenses</u>				
Finance	\$16,030	\$15,410	(\$620)	\$46,231
Outreach Team	\$23,690	\$51,000	\$27,310	\$153,000
Education Team	\$4,656	\$7,758	\$3,102	\$23,275
Deacons	\$30	\$1,467	\$1,437	\$4,400
Care of Church Community Team	\$141	\$1,333	\$1,192	\$4,000
Worship Team	\$11,166	\$12,910	\$1,744	\$38,730
Leadership	\$59,241	\$59,916	\$675	\$179,747
Stewards of Property	\$19,455	\$30,184	\$10,729	\$90,552
Fellowship & Hospitality	\$972	\$2,230	\$1,258	\$6,690
Total Expenses	\$135,381	\$182,208	\$46,827	\$546,625
2022 Actual % of Budget			74.3%	

Outreach paid through February

Checking Account as of 04/30/22 \$14,198

YTD Budget is based on the same amount for all 12 months

THANK YOU for supporting our ministries for Christ and His church!

June Calendar

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

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30am Baptism	30 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	31	1 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	2 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm - 7:30pm Softball Game - vs. Chiques Blue	3 Josh's Day Off	4 8:30am - 11:30am ANE Annual Conference Briefing
5 Youth/Graduation Sunday	6 VBS 9:15pm - 10:15pm Softball Game - vs. East Pete/Carpenter	7 VBS 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group	8 VBS 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property	9 VBS 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	10 Josh's Day Off 7:15pm - 8:15pm Softball Game - Manheim BIC Black	11 10:00am - 5:00pm Morgan Flick Event
12	13 2:00pm - 4:00pm Brethren World Mission 6:30pm Worship Team 9:15pm - 10:15pm Softball Game - Erb Mennonite	14	15 HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	16 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:15pm Softball Game vs. White Oak Gray	17	18
19	20 6:30pm - 8:00pm Outreach Team 7:00pm - 9:00pm Finance Team	21 6:30pm Education Team	22 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	23 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm - 7:30pm Softball Game vs. Manheim Brethren	24	25
26 10:30am Care of Church Community Meeting	27 7:15pm - 8:15pm Softball Game - White Oak Gray	28 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	29 Creation Festival 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	30 Creation Festival 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm - 7:30pm Softball Game - Manheim BIC Black	1 Creation Festival	2 Creation Festival



June

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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