

## Death, Baptism, & Graduation

Pastor Doug Hinton

“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.””

**John 3:3**

Deaths, baptisms, and graduations. Marked changes in our existence, our being, our life. And as of this writing, we are witnessing all three.

For our graduates, for many, it marks the first time in their remembrance where they are not obligated to be in school. Before them lays multiple paths of vocation, education, training, faith, travel, and relationships. For many of us, it's an exciting and intimidating time, a time of wonder and fear, opportunity and exploration, freedom and restraint. A time of mistakes and concrete choices away from the home, family, and church we belong. A time of joy and celebration as we begin to understand whom we are: in relation to God, to ourselves, and to those around us. We stand on the verge of a new beginning: all of our life, our upbringing, our training, and choices tested against the Word of God and the world which we live.

For those who have faced the death of a loved one, it marks the first time in their life navigating without that person: a mother or father, a brother, sister or friend, a son or daughter, grandparent or co-worker. For some, it means carrying the mantel, the legacy of a parent or child: living out what they taught you and blessing others with the gifts you've been given as your loved one blessed other people. For others, it may mean facing and beginning to heal from past pain or wounds inflicted by that person. For the person who died, it means being transferred into an eternity of

closeness with God or an unfathomable distance from God. In all instances, people stand at the hinge of a new beginning.

We've held baptisms in the last two services. Speaking to our members old and young, I'm asking you to share your stories of baptisms. One member was baptized in a spring, one in the Little Conestoga Creek, one in the baptismal font in the Church of God in Landisville, some at East Petersburg COB, some sprinkled in the Mennonite Church, some re-baptized to join the Brethren church, some in the Susquehanna River. Depending on the tradition, some members were baptized as infants, some as pre-teens or teenagers, some as adults. Some did it because it seemed the right thing to do or because a cousin or sibling received baptism. No matter the person, it marks a day in their life of a new beginning. A day when we acknowledge publicly that we will follow Jesus, seeking His way, and growing in His body. Until we are born of God, of His Spirit and truth, we will be unable to recognize His Kingdom. But when we do, He gives us His Spirit, His Word, and His body to walk with us to help us live 'on earth as in heaven.' Our eternity with Him has begun. Who have you shared your baptism story with in the last week? What prompted you to be baptized? Who walked with you before and after? Who are you walking with now? Pray and see who you might share your story with today.

*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.*

# 2022 Graduates

## Kaiden Braught Hempfield High School

Kaiden Braught, son of Ryan and Kim Braught, is a 2022 graduate of Hempfield High School. He will attend Penn State University Harrisburg for Statistics. During high school, he was involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track, and FBLA. In his free time, Kaiden loves all things sports – NBA, NFL, MLB, etc. – which is what led to his focus in statistics. He is very excited to continue in education, athletics, and faith in college.

## Mitchell Barnes Hempfield High School

Mitchell Barnes, son of Andy and Sheri Barnes, is a 2022 Hempfield High School graduate who will attend Penn State University Harrisburg for Agricultural Science. In school, he was the president of the Young Republicans club, as well as the Varsity Bowling team captain, where they went onto states, and soon to go to nationals! He enjoys woodworking, hunting, fishing, gardening, yardwork, and anything involving sports, including playing on the church's softball team. He does these things when he isn't working property maintenance for Bushong property group. At Hempfield CoB, he helped with friendship community day camp, painting the church pavilion, and helping with the sound booth. Mitchell looks forward to pursuing a future in the ag industry!

## Jordan Hoffman Hempfield High School

Jordan Hoffman, daughter of Jason and Hilary Hoffman, will attend Kutztown University for Art Education after graduating from Hempfield High School. She was a part of the Art Honor Society, and was involved in orchestra, anchor club, MiniThon, yearbook, and the biology club. Outside of school, she works as a resident dining aide at Brethren Village, and would play special music on her violin during Sunday morning services. Though she will miss high school, she is looking forward to her time at Kutztown!

## Avery Ebersole Manheim Township High School

Avery Ebersole, Daughter of Brenton and Angela Ebersole, is a 2022 graduate of Manheim Township High School. She will attend Virginia Tech enrolled in their Interior Design program. She is excited for the new experience, and looking forward to what God has in store!

## Mason Howard Hempfield High School

Mason Howard is the son of Doug and Tiffanie Howard, and a 2022 graduate of Hempfield High school. Mason plays on the church softball team with his family, and he will continue fighting fires and helping those who are in need at the Hempfield Fire Department.

## Jack Landis Hempfield High School

Jack Landis, son of John and Lori, and a 2022 graduate of Hempfield High school. Jack plays on the church softball team, and he will continue to work for Landyshade after graduation, using the CDL that he recently acquired.



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## HCOB Children's Ministry Happenings

“Who is this man named Jesus that I am hearing about in the market place?” This question was asked frequently throughout our week at VBS. It was amazing to hear children's responses such as: “He does miracles;” “He is God's Son;” “He died on a cross for us.” The week was full of storytelling, singing, meeting at the synagogue with Rabbi Kent, visiting the market place where they created an assortment of items, and playing games at the village playground. There were about 35 children who attended and 25 volunteers throughout the week. We want to say “thank you” to all who participated, who volunteered their time, who prepared or donated materials, and who prayed for the week. It was an incredible week to plant seeds and continue to reinforce these children's faith.

If you would like to have a “first row seat” to these experiences where children are being taught about Jesus, please join the Children's Ministry Team. It takes many hands to serve and love our children. You need not worry about knowing “all the answers” or what to do. We supply the lessons and prep your materials. You simply need to look over the lesson before the Sunday you teach or help a teacher (once a month) and be willing to interact and share your love of Jesus with them. There are no age limits to serving in Children's Ministry. We also have openings in our nursery. You'll watch over and care for our littlest church attenders (younger than 3 years old) during the service. Please consider joining our team; pray about it, and reach out to Laura or Emmy.

In Christ's Love,

Emmy Schott and Laura Meiser



# *Baptisms in June*

## Annabelle Schott

Daughter of David and Emmy Schott. When asked why she wanted to be baptized, she replied, “Because I believe in God. Jesus saved me from my sins by dying on the cross and rose again. I wanted to make that commitment.”

She gives appreciation to Calvary Preschool, church and home for her spiritual growth.

## Evelyn Schott

Daughter of David and Emmy Schott. When asked why she wanted to be baptized, she replied, “I want to be baptized because I want God to take the sin out of my heart and be clean. I believe that Jesus died on the cross to take our sins away and rose again.” She gives appreciation to VBS and the Good News Club for her spiritual growth.

## Penelope Schott

Daughter of David and Emmy Schott. When asked why she wanted to be baptized, she replied, “Because I believe in God and because He cares for me. I wanted to be baptized to show others I belong to Him.”

She gives appreciation to church, Good News Club, and reading her Bible for her spiritual growth.

## Katie Hinton

Daughter of Pastor Doug and Jen Hinton. When asked why she wanted to be baptized, she replied, “Because I want to follow Jesus.”

She gives appreciation to her mother and father for teaching her about Jesus.

## Sabrina Houck

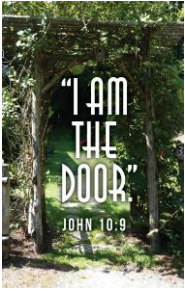
Daughter of Al and Jen Houck. When asked why she wanted to be baptized, she replied, “Really because I’m ready to show that I’m a Christian to the public. I always wanted to get more into Christ and I saw Maddie’s friend get baptized and I wanted to do it.”

She gives appreciation for learning about Jesus from her family: mom, dad and grandma. She also learned about Jesus at church and at Woodcrest (a summer camp) and all of her Sunday School teachers.

# Messages in July

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## July 3



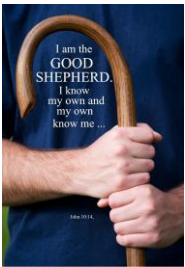
**Pastor: Doug Hinton**

**Come Knock on the Door**

John 10:7-10

Jesus calls Himself the door in this passage. He says the others before Him were “thieves and robbers...” Who is He talking about? Stepping through a door transfers a person from one space to another. Where does Jesus transfer His followers from and to? Jesus spoke in terms that allowed listeners to comprehend eternal principles. How can we do this today?

## July 10



**Pastor: Geoff Davis**

**I Am the Good Shepherd**

Exodus 3:13-14, Psalm 23, Isaiah 53:1-6, John 10:11-21

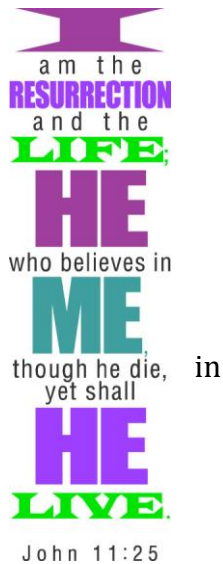
A farm boy who becomes king and a “crazy” old man write about sheep and shepherds, predicting the arrival of Jesus more than 1,000 years before his earthly mission. David wrote the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm using his understanding of the life of a shepherd and begins, “The Lord is my shepherd...” Isaiah writes, “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6) Prophetic words indeed.

During his ministry, Jesus heals a blind man (John 9) and when word spreads, the Pharisees investigate the healing. The man testifies, “If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” The Pharisees replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.” Jesus has healed a blind man. The proof is right in front of the Pharisees, yet they don’t believe and Jesus tells them that their unbelief will be their downfall. Jesus announces to the Pharisees, who would have been familiar with both the Psalms and Isaiah’s prophetic writings, “I am the good shepherd.” Not the hired hand but the one who “lays down his life” for his sheep; whose sheep are more than what is in this specific sheep pen; whose goal is to have all the sheep hear his voice and become one flock.

Is the Lord your shepherd? Have you “gone astray, turning to your own way?” What does a shepherd have to do with your life today? How might this good shepherd be the most important voice in your life?



**July 17**



**Pastor: Geoff Davis**

**I Am the Resurrection and the Life**

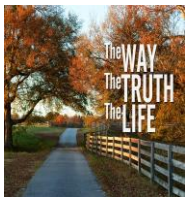
Isaiah 26:16-19; John 11:17-37; Revelation 1:9-18

We're all familiar with Mary and Martha. Martha is the controlling sister who has to make sure everything she does is perfect and is done "the right (*her*) way." Mary is more interested in relationships and conversation than making sure the meal is prepared and the house is clean. In John's recounting of Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead, there is a section that tells of Jesus' interactions with the two sisters – and the conversations couldn't have been more different – or more revealing.

"All-business" Martha goes out to meet Jesus as he's approaching their home and what appears to be an accusatory manner, criticizes Jesus for not coming sooner. Jesus simply says, "Your brother will rise again." And Miss-Know-It-All says, "*I know* he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." (emphasis mine). Jesus responds, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" I can only imagine that Martha's demeanor changed dramatically and her response of 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world' was spoken with newfound understanding.

When it comes to your faith, are you more like Martha, with everything having to be perfect and done "the right way" or Mary, with an emphasis on building relationships and sharing God's love? Have you had your "ah-ha" moment yet where you suddenly know how important understanding who Jesus really is to your life? Where are you looking for meaning in your life and how rewarding is that source?

**July 24**



**Pastor: Laura Meiser**

**Which Way?**

John 14:1-14

As Jesus is giving his disciples their last instructions, he tells them that he is preparing a place for them, reminding them that they know the way. Thomas is confused, saying, "Lord, we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way." Jesus kindly reminds Thomas that he alone is the way. Jesus didn't come to point out which path his believers should take. Rather he himself became the way, the one path to the Father. What significance did this message have for Jesus' disciples and what does it mean to us today?

**July 31**



**Pastor: Doug Hinton**

**The Vineyard at Hempfield**

John 15:1-11

I worked at Olive Garden for a short stint after college. As part of our training, we learned about wine: body, scent, texture, taste, color, and which wines paired best with the different meals. These stemmed from the fruit of the vine: grapes. In our passage, Jesus says, "I am the vine" and that those who abide in Him will bear much fruit. What kind of fruit does a believer bear? What kind does a body of believers bear? Do our being, words, and actions have a certain flavor, taste, texture? What does pruning look like in our lives and what purpose does it serve?

# HCOB Family News



## Recent Giving

**05/29/2022**

General Fund \$ 13,041.50  
Building Fund \$ 400.00

**06/05/2022**

General Fund \$ 6,617.41  
Building Fund \$ 200.00

**Video Upgrade Fund \$ 1,200.00 (to date: \$9,180.25)**

**06/12/2022**

General Fund \$ 8,029.53  
Building Fund \$ 100.00

**06/19/2022**

General Fund \$ 4,825.50  
Building Fund \$ 100.00

**2 Cent a Meal \$727.30 (to date)**



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](mailto:jkleinfelter@fultonbank.com)).



**WOMEN'S CAMP** will be held this year at Camp Swatara on Friday afternoon, August 19 through Saturday, August 20, 2022. Our theme this year is "An Invitation to the Feast" and our Speaker is Jeanne Davies, Executive Director of the Anabaptist Disabilities Network. The Women's Cabinet is planning a meaningful and enjoyable time together! We hope to see you there! More information will be coming soon!



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:** WOW, thank you for your support for the upgrade of our church’s video technology for live streaming and recording. In three short weeks we have raised almost \$8,000. To God be the glory!

**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!

We have also submitted an application to receive a grant of up to \$5,000 from the ANE’s Facilities Assistance Fund. We should know if the grant is approved by the end of June and we’ll communicate this to you as soon as possible. Many thanks from the Media Team.

**New Donation Station at HCOB for Church World Service (CWS)** – we are launching a new Household Donation Station on July 1 to support CWS Lancaster and their refugee and immigrant resettlement program. With many refugees arriving with little or no belongings, our donations of household items helps to offset some of the home costs for a new refugee neighbor making a home and rebuilding their life here in Lancaster.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

You can help by donating household items on CWS's list of items that they accept (shown below). Please closely follow their list. You can place your donations in the brown wheelbarrow in the narthex or coat closet. (**Food donations** will now be placed in the **shopping cart** in the coat closet.) CWS's donation list will also be attached to the brown wheelbarrow. The Outreach Team will regularly deliver donated items to CWS's donation hub on East King Street.

**Here is a list of items that CWS accepts:**

HYGIENE ITEMS (NEW ONLY)	
• Soap	• Brush/Comb
• Shampoo	• Sanitary Pads
• Deodorant (Female & Male)	• Band-aids/First Aid
• Toothbrush	• Thermometer
• Toothpaste	• Bath Towel
• Razors & Shaving Cream	• Washcloth

KITCHEN ITEMS (IN GOOD REPAIR)	
• Glasses	• Knives
• Dinner Plates	• Cutting Board
• Cereal Bowls	• Baking Dish
• Serving Bowls	• Tea Kettle
• Can Opener	• Cooking Utensils
• Rice Cooker	(Serving Spoons, Spatulas, etc.)
• Pots & Pans Set	

CLEANING ITEMS (NEW ONLY)	
• Dish Soap	• Broom
• Sponges/Scrubbers	• Vacuum
• Dish Rack	• Toilet Paper
• Trash Bags	• Toilet Brush
• Kitchen Trashcan	• Shower Curtain & Rings
• Bucket	• Laundry Detergent
• Floor Cleaner (Pine Sol)	• All Purpose Cleaning Spray
• Mop	

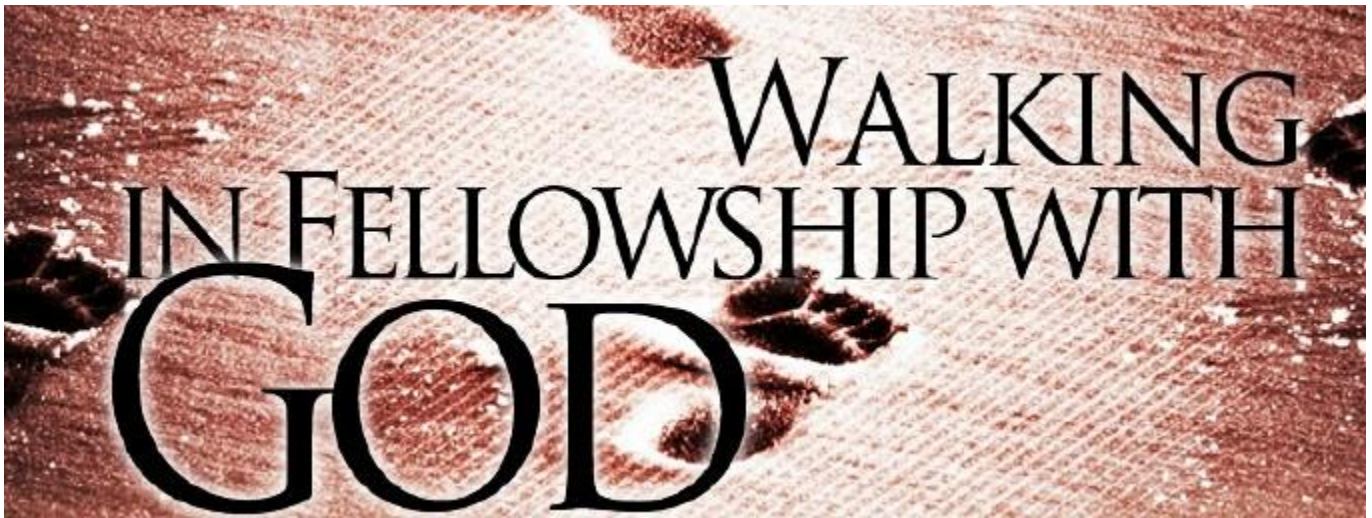
SMALL APPLIANCES (IN GOOD REPAIR)	
• Microwave	• Blender
• Coffee Pot	• Rice Cooker

SEASONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	
• Snow Shovel	• Baby Wipes & Diapers
• Fan	• Blankets (New Only)
• Lawn Mower	• Winter Coats, Gloves & Hats
• Umbrella	• Socks & Long Underwear (New Only)
• Car Seat (New Only)	
• Pack & Play	
• Stroller	

FURNITURE (IN GOOD REPAIR)	
• Small Dresser	• Kitchen Table
• Sofa (32 inches on its shortest width dimension)	• Kitchen Chairs
• Upholstered living room chairs	• Coffee Table
	• End Table

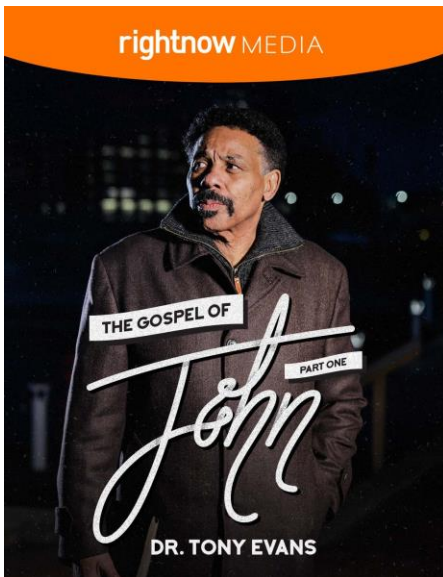
**We also accept Target and Walmart gift cards to share with refugee neighbors in need to help offset costs as they rebuild their lives here in Lancaster.**

CWS is not able to accept Futons, Mattresses, Bed Frames, Box Springs, Sleeper Sofas, Recliners, Heavy Furniture above 70 pounds, Entertainment Centers, Desks, Loose Lids for Pots & Pans, and Clothing (please donate clothing to local clothing banks). Hempfield started this journey for CWS's refugee resettlement program in December when together we raised over \$8,600. Now we continue to serve our new neighbors in need by accepting donations of household items. **THANK YOU!**



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

**Beginning June 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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 May 31, 2022  
Year-to-Date Actual vs. Budget**

	Actual Jan-May 2022	Budget Jan-May 2022	YTD Under/(Over) Budget	2022 Full Yr Budget
General Fund Offerings 1/1 to 5/31	\$177,056	\$231,264	\$54,208	\$546,625
Designated Outreach Giving	\$4,751			
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Finance	\$19,993	\$19,263	(\$730)	\$46,231
Outreach Team	\$38,281	\$63,750	\$25,469	\$153,000
Education Team	\$4,853	\$9,698	\$4,845	\$23,275
Deacons	\$30	\$1,833	\$1,803	\$4,400
Care of Church Community Team	\$141	\$1,667	\$1,526	\$4,000
Worship Team	\$13,364	\$16,138	\$2,774	\$38,730
Leadership	\$73,732	\$74,895	\$1,163	\$179,747
Stewards of Property	\$23,531	\$37,730	\$14,199	\$90,552
Fellowship & Hospitality	\$1,134	\$2,788	\$1,654	\$6,690
Total Expenses	\$175,059	\$227,760	\$52,701	\$546,625
2022 Actual % of Budget			76.9%	

**Outreach paid through March**

Checking Account as of 05/31/22      \$18,162      (Includes \$7,100 toward  
Video Upgrade Fund)

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

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

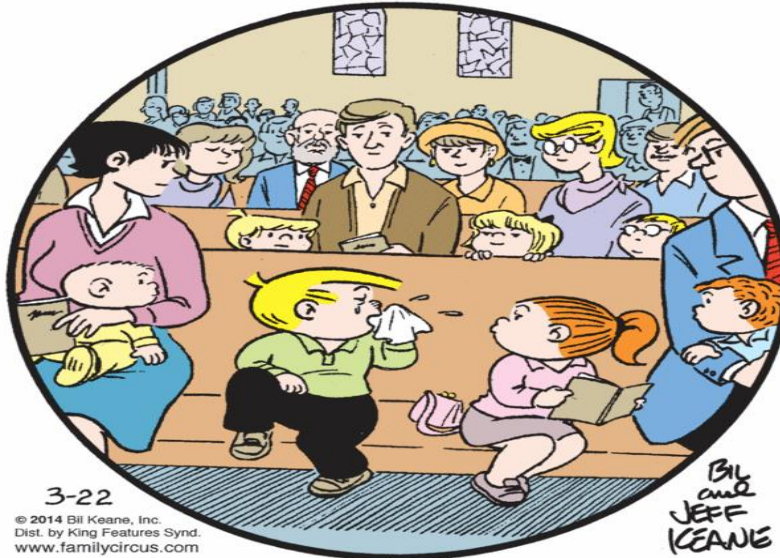
# July Calendar

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

**July 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 10:30am Care of Church Community Meeting	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Worship Team 7:15pm - 8:15pm Softball Game - White Oak Gray	<b>28</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	<b>29</b> Creation Festival 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	<b>30</b> Creation Festival 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm - 7:30pm Softball Game - Manheim BIC Black	<b>1</b> Creation Festival	<b>2</b> Creation Festival
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	<b>7</b> 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:15pm - 8:15pm Softball Game vs. Manheim Brethren	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group	<b>13</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property	<b>14</b> 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm - 7:30pm Softball Game vs. Manheim Brethren 7:15pm - 8:15pm Softball Game - Erb Mennonite	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Education Team	<b>20</b> HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 3:00pm - 5:00pm Kid's Bounce Kraze	<b>21</b> 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30am Care of Church Community Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	<b>27</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	<b>28</b> 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:00pm - 9:00pm Metzler Family Reunion
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	<b>3</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 6:30pm - 7:30pm Treats and Tales	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>5</b> WORDD FELLOWSHIP	<b>6</b>





**"Whenever you sneeze here  
you never have to worry  
about gettin' a 'Bless you.'"**



**RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED**

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