

GROWTH & GRACE IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE

Pastor Doug Hinton

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43.18-19

As I ponder where God is leading us, I want to celebrate, assess, and encourage as we continue to move forward together.

We can **celebrate** new life this year: babies born, baptisms, new faces in the midst of services and events, new ways to serve our community by the giving of food and material wealth.

We celebrate as our brothers, Pastor Gerald Simmons and Pastor Robert Corsey, joined us a few months ago. We celebrate the Outreach partners coming in to share with us as we seek to deepen our partnership with them. We celebrate the coming of Rebecca Dali from the Center for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI). We celebrate the longevity of life and relationships through card showers and announcements. We celebrate these things as Christ moves in and through His body. What are you grateful for today? How have you witnessed Christ in the last year? What do you celebrate?

In the midst of these celebrations, we acknowledge (here's the **assess** part) more change is here and on the horizon: Our brother Josh leaving in June (he's now at Lancaster Bible College recruiting!). Our sister Laura working toward the end of her Masters to step closer to ordination in the COB. The 'changing of the guard' as people complete their terms on ministry teams and new people step in to serve. The way small

groups gather to study Scripture, fellowship, serve with, and sharpen one another. For this past year, our Leadership Team has functioned (mostly well) without a moderator or vice chair, but those people are still needed. Teams have had missteps, or there's been the occasional awkwardness because we have not trained people properly or are unfamiliar with parliamentary

rules (I mean, Robert's not even in the Bible...but we do try to play by his rules). There's been grief and awkwardness as the deacons work through the directory and shepherding list to see who is here, who moved to other churches, and how and when to connect with people. I feel like the pandemic has caught up with many of us and we're beginning to acknowledge the pain and grief as well as celebrate how God is moving and the connections we are making now. Which leads

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.

me to...

I am **encouraged** by our Leadership Team and want to **encourage** you: we acknowledge where we've been and where we are, but as we look to Christ, as we look to fulfill the vision He's put before us, we trust that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." In the midst of growth and change, as we die to ourselves: our expectations, traditions, and plans not of Him, He will raise us to new life, allowing us to proclaim His marvelous work, and call others to Him. Can you see it? Do you perceive it? Then let us go together!



HCOB Children's Ministry Happenings

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, served, donated items, and prayed for Harvest Fest. We had 129 people join us, with quite a few of the families from the community. This event provided time for families and friends to have fun together and create memories. The Youth Group opened the event by sharing a message with the kids. Following the prayer, participants traveled around to various activities such as pumpkin bowling, fall crafts, corn pits, Bingo, painting pumpkins, pumpkin chunking that were scattered throughout the property. A balloon artist and face painters captured the attention of many little ones. The Hospitality Team served a delicious meal inside. The event concluded with the Trunk or Treat. Scenes of a camping trip, a snow day, Christmas morning, a bubble gum machine and so many more creative ideas spilled out of the back end of vehicles. The twenty-one imaginative trunk themes were certainly on display. Lastly, we wanted to share that 21 items for the food pantry were collected at the event as part of our outreach, in addition to 15 leftover pumpkins were gifted to an emotional support classroom in Ephrata School District. Thank you again for your support.

Please mark your calendars for our next Children's Ministry events:

Parents' Night Out – Friday, November 11th @ 5:30-8:30 PM

Gingerbread Houses and Caroling – Sunday, December 4th



Bible Points for Children's Church for November!

November 6 – Preschool/Kindergarten – God wants us to tell the truth.
Grades 1-3 – Good advice can help us follow God.
Grades 4-6 – God wants us to thank and praise Him.

November 13 – Preschool/Kindergarten – God wants us to share.
Grades 1-3 – God wants us to keep our promises.
Grades 4-6 – God wants us to be kind to others.

November 20 – Preschool/Kindergarten – God wants us to forgive.
Grades 1-3 – God does not judge us by the way we look.
Grades 4-6 – God wants us to be careful about accepting advice.

November 27 – Preschool/Kindergarten – God helps us to do hard things.
Grades 1-3 – God can help us do things that seem impossible.
Grades 4-6 – God has a purpose for everything.



Parents Night Out

Friday, November 11th, 5:30-8:30pm

Your children will enjoy a meal, participate in organized activities and watch a movie while you enjoy some time to yourself. Please register by November 8th at www.hempfieldcob.org.



The Children's Ministry would like to express their gratitude for all those who attended, donated, served, participated and prayed for our Harvest Fest last Sunday. It was a marvelous, successful event! From games and activities for all ages to exciting balloon creations, to wonderful food and fellowship, a great time was had by all who attended. We celebrate an attendance of 129 people!!! In addition, we were able to donate 21 items to the local food bank.

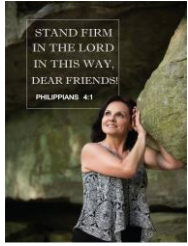
If you weren't able to be present this year, you won't want to miss this event next October!!

Here are some photos of all the fun and some “characters” that showed up!



Messages in November

November 6



Stand Firm! Strive Toward the Goal!

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Pastor: Doug Hinton

Paul encourages the church at Philippi to continue to strive toward the goal of eternity with Christ knowing that enemies of Jesus continue to strive to the things of this world. He states this while weeping? Why did Paul weep? Do people today continue to strive for the things of this world? Where does our priority remain? In comfort or faith? For Christ or this world? Where do we 'stand firm'?

November 13



Reconcile, Rejoice, Focus

Philippians 4:2-9

Pastor: Doug Hinton

Who were Euodia and Syntyche? Paul calls them co-workers of his in the Lord. What does he mean? Do you think there's a connection between their reconciling and where Paul goes next: "Rejoice in the Lord always....be anxious for nothing, by prayer...with thanksgiving...make your requests known...and peace will come..." And then – he points them to focus on the truth, right, pure, etc. What did these verses mean then? How can they impact us now among division of brothers and sisters in Christ? Can we follow this first century model?

November 20



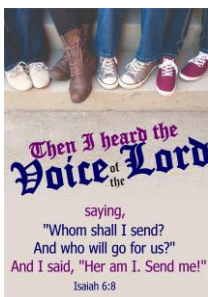
The Secret

Philippians 4:10-23

Pastor: Geoff Davis

As we complete our study of Philippians, we'll review the key lessons he wanted the church to embrace. Paul leaves the Philippian church with the most profound teaching in this last chapter. It's the secret to contentment "in any and every situation." What would you give for such a secret? What if you've always had it and just weren't paying attention?

November 27



First Sunday in Lent: Faith

Isaiah 6:1-13

Pastor: Doug Hinton

Through the season of Lent, we will turn to the prophecies of Christ, primarily in Isaiah chapters 6-12. Many of us know Isaiah 6 as the prophet's calling: "Who will go for us and whom shall I send?" "Here am I, send me!" The message Isaiah was called to proclaim remained sober, convicting, and yet, sprinkled with a seed of hope. Would you have such faith as to proclaim the message given him? Why does this passage continue to impact today? How can we strengthen and practice our faith in this season?

HCOB Family News



Recent Giving

10/02/2022

General Fund \$ 8,640.00

Building Fund \$ 100.00

10/16/2022

General Fund \$ 6,633.98

Building Fund \$ 100.00

10/09/2022

General Fund \$ 6,663.25

Building Fund \$ 200.00

10/23/2022

General Fund \$ 7,252.41

Building Fund \$ 150.00



It is that time of year again. If you have made any changes to the information in the current 2022 Church Directory, please notify the office to make the correction for the new 2023 Directory.

Poinsettia Sale! The Worship Team would like to invite the congregation to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary during Advent. Three varieties (Red, White and Ice Crystal) will be sold for \$5 each, on **November 6, 13 and 20**. Cash or a check (written out to "Hempfield Church of the Brethren" with "Poinsettias" in the memo line) will be accepted. You may take your poinsettia home any time after the Christmas Eve service or on Sunday morning, Christmas Day. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful!



Worship Leaders Needed for 2023! The Worship Team is looking for additional volunteers of all ages to serve as worship leaders for the upcoming year. As worship leader, you are responsible for leading the morning announcements, reading the Scripture lessons for the day, and giving the prayer for the service. It is a great way to serve! If you'd like to serve but feel like you might need some guidance, the pastors are always willing to assist. If we can secure a few additional volunteers, each person would only need to lead 1-2 Sundays per year. Please consider serving as a worship leader. Contact Jason Hoffman (jasonhoffman11@verizon.net or 717-203-6061) with questions or to volunteer!



Turkey Drive 11/20 – The Force for Food Committee is coordinating the annual turkey collection for Water Street Ministries. Water Street needs 4,500 turkeys to provide over 37,000 holiday meals. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and can be placed in the collection box in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren (notation-Turkey Drive). November 20th we will be collecting frozen or fresh turkeys outside the gym. Water Street Ministries shelters 170 people per night and serves 146,000 meals annually. Thank you for your annual support in providing a holiday meal to those in need during these challenging times.



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The job title and description of the Director of Youth Ministry and Discipleship was approved on September 18th. The team will now complete a church profile before it can be posted within the Atlantic Northeast District. The team plans to contact local colleges and seminaries to advertise. We will review resumes and interview possible candidates as they are submitted. If you have interested individuals, please have them submit a cover letter and resume to office@hempfieldcob.org. They can also access the complete job description and submission information on the church website at www.hempfieldcob.org. If you have further questions, please reach out to Emmy Schott at emmy@hempfield.org.

Please continue to pray for the youth during this transition.



The Eastland Alpaca Open House is coming up November 5-6, 12-13. We have grown so much that it has become our only fundraiser to fund our youth activities and carry out the mission of Christ throughout the year. We will again be serving hotdogs & sauerkraut, pulled pork sandwiches, walking taco and taco salads, chicken corn noodle soup and French fries.

Here is how you can help: We are looking for cans of soda. This year we are asking specifically for Coke/Diet Coke, Sprite, A&W Root Beer, and Dr. Pepper. Baked goods will be done here in the church kitchen November 1st and 2nd starting at 8:30am. Chicken Corn Soup will made on October 27th 8:30am to 2:00pm. Please come help!

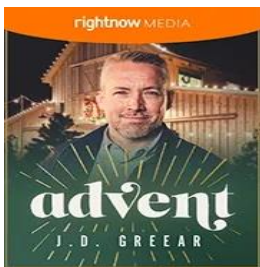
We have sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Monetary donations to offset our start up shopping are appreciated as well.

Stop by the table in the Narthex and sponsor one or more of the food items. As you are able, please sign up with the item and the amount. We look forward to this year's event! Thank you for all your support and prayers!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LOOKING AHEAD...



Nov. 27-Dec.18 **ADVENT** with JD Greear

The Christmas story, or Advent, is more than a sentimental myth or a quiet manger scene we use to decorate our living rooms. The Christmas story is the good news of God entering into our darkness. Join J.D. Greear in this four-session series as he takes a deeper look at Jesus as Emmanuel, our Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father, and the great I Am. When you know Jesus, you will realize Christmas is more than a nice story—the arrival of Jesus changes everything.

2023 ***The Book of Hebrews*** with Derwin Gray

The book of Hebrews was written to people in crisis. They were persecuted, tempted by the rampant sin around them, and doubting their faith in Jesus. It was not so different than what many of us go through today.

Join Dr. Derwin Gray in this eight-session series as he walks through Hebrews, teaching us how to live for Jesus in every season of life. Hebrews shows us that Jesus is better than anything the world can offer. We simply need to answer, “Am I willing to trust him above everything else?”



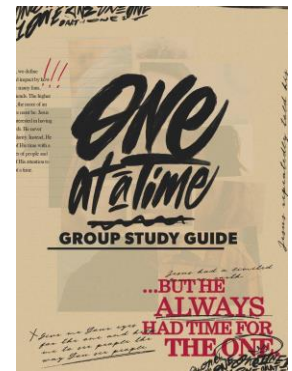


2023 [Jesus' Farewell Message](#) with Francis Chan

Do you know Jesus? It's one thing to know facts about him, but to experience his love, wisdom, and guidance in your life is what it means to follow him. On the night before he was crucified, Jesus invited his disciples into a deep relationship with the triune God—and his invitation stands for us too. In this 6-part series, Francis Chan dives into John 13–17, a passage rich in promises, commands, and eternal truths. He'll remind us we aren't called to a part-time faith—we were made to know, walk with, and commune with God.

2023 [One at a Time](#) with Kyle Idleman

Nobody grows up dreaming of waking up, going to work, heading home, watching Netflix, scrolling through social media, and then doing it all over again the next day until their last breath. We all want to be used to change the world. We don't want to spend our lives being time-wasters, or space-takers, or binge-watchers, or game-players, or even book-readers. We want to be difference-makers. But it's easy to get caught up in the everyday stuff of life until the years slowly go by, and with each passing year, the question seems to get louder: *Am I making any difference in this world?* We want to make a difference, but there are so many opinions on the way to do that. Maybe there's a different way to make a difference, and we're just missing it. Without a doubt, Jesus is the person who has made the biggest difference in all of history. So, how did Jesus make such a difference in this world? If we study the story of his life as recorded in the Gospels, there are a number of answers we could highlight, but there's one particular phrase that captures how Jesus had such an impact, and this phrase is how he wants to use us to make a difference: *one at a time*. Making a difference isn't measured by a viral post or a name on a building. It isn't determined by a following or a fan base. Making a difference isn't dependent on what's in your bank account or who's in your contacts. Want to make a difference? Focus on the one. That's it. That's the secret of the way of Jesus. *One at a time*.



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 September 30, 2022
Year-to-Date Actual vs. Budget**

	Actual Jan-Sept 2022	Budget Jan-Sept 2022	YTD Under/(Over) Budget	2022 Full Yr Budget
General Fund Offerings 1/1 to 9/30	\$312,573	\$409,969	\$97,396	\$546,625
Designated Outreach Giving	\$7,651			
<u>Expenses</u>				
Finance	\$37,042	\$34,673	(\$2,369)	\$46,231
Outreach Team	\$81,137	\$114,750	\$33,613	\$153,000
Education Team	\$10,565	\$17,456	\$6,891	\$23,275
Deacons	\$589	\$3,300	\$2,711	\$4,400
Care of Church Community Team	\$506	\$3,000	\$2,494	\$4,000
Worship Team	\$22,757	\$29,048	\$6,291	\$38,730
Leadership	\$118,704	\$134,810	\$16,106	\$179,747
Stewards of Property	\$40,476	\$67,914	\$27,438	\$90,552
Fellowship & Hospitality	\$4,105	\$5,018	\$913	\$6,690
Total Expenses	\$315,881	\$409,969	\$94,088	\$546,625
2022 Actual % of Budget			77.1%	

50% of July Outreach paid

Checking Account as of 09/30/22 \$5,659

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

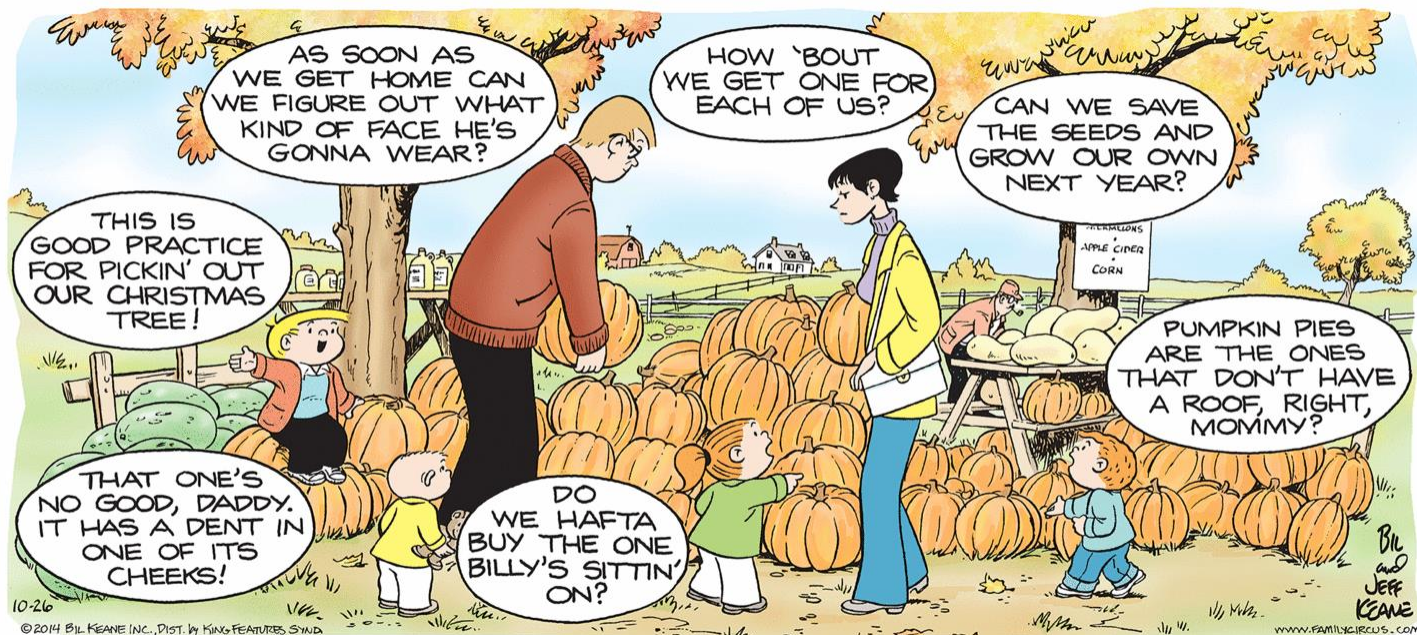
THANK YOU for supporting our ministries for Christ and His church!

November Calendar

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

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 3:00pm - 4:00pm QuintEssentially Brass Rehearsal	31	1 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	2 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	3 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	4 6:00pm - 8:00pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP	5 7:00am - 8:00am Eastland Alpaca 7:00pm - 8:00pm QuintEssentially Brass Rehearsal
6 7:00am - 8:00am Eastland Alpaca 4:30pm - 8:00pm Rohrer Family Event	7 Doug's Day Off	8 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group	9 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property	10 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	11 5:30pm - 8:30pm Parents' Night Out	12 7:00am - 8:00am Eastland Alpaca
13 7:00am - 8:00am Eastland Alpaca 11:00am - 12:00pm Congregational Gathering	14 Doug's Day Off 6:30pm Worship Team	15 6:30pm Education Team 6:30pm - 8:00pm Outreach Team Meeting (via Zoom)	16 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:00pm - 8:00pm QuintEssentially Brass Rehearsal	17 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	18	19
20	21 Doug's Day Off	22 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	23 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:00pm - 8:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 Office Closed 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	25 Office Closed	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 10:30am Care of Church Community Meeting	28 Doug's Day Off	29	30 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	1 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	2 6:00pm - 8:00pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP	3



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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