

Loss, discomfort, growth, & focus

Pastor Doug Hinton

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down." **MATTHEW 24:1-2**

Before His arrest, Jesus and His disciples are looking down at the Temple – their place of worship, their center of community, their symbol of God's presence – and He tells them...this will be torn down, dismantled, gone. How do you think they received the news? Can we imagine not having a place of worship? A place to gather as followers of Christ? A place to fellowship and praise, learn and play? What is most valuable to God? The bricks and mortar, the wood and glass? He died for you and I – gave His life for us, not for the places we gather.

But it's not the building that's on my mind but the structures we put in place. Those immovable things like bulletins and service times, ministry team meetings and worship music, Sunday schools and service trips. The body of Christ covers all generations, but I find that many struggle to understand one another. This does not mean we are not committed to one another, but things look and feel different than they have in the past and we are still sorting how - in someway – how to respond

and/or support what we see happening. Some questions to ponder:

- 1) When attending a meeting, am I seeking how to fulfill God's call in His body at HCOB or am I more concerned about my time?
- 2) Do I attend services to be fed or am I willing to commit my time and energy to pouring into others, use my gifts and do my part to strengthen the body?
- 3) Am I able to be present with Christ and the body or do I long for the glory days of the past...or the promises yet fulfilled in the future?

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.

Some church structures and practices look different than times past, it is the nature of faith (no one here speaks Hebrew or Greek in our services, nor German as our heritage dictates). We need not fear that things may look different so long as we continue to humble ourselves and walk through it together. Christ is in control. We need only follow. As we focus on Him in the loss, discomfort and growth, He will make His presence known and accomplish what He desires. May it be so. Amen.



HCOB Children's Ministry Happenings

This month we would like to shine the spotlight on the nursery. Children from infancy to age 3 are welcome in the nursery. While in the nursery, they are well looked after by two adult volunteers. In addition to basic needs being met by caregivers, children can play, enjoy a snack, and hear a Bible story. Follow up activities from the Hands-On Bible are available to support the story depending on the appropriateness of the activity based on the age of the children in the room. Some examples would be using color dabbers on a picture of Joseph's coat, building a block tower and stomping around it as if it were Jericho, and cookie cutting out bread pieces for the story of Elijah and the widow. As children approach the age of three, we begin to discuss the transition to move upstairs to the preschool-kindergarten room depending on the child's birthday, developmental readiness to move upstairs, and the time of the year. If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please reach out to Laura Meiser or Emmy Schott.

Here are the recently updated nursery policies. They have been given to parents of children in the nursery and are easily accessible in the nursery as they hang on the bulletin board.

Hempfield Church of the Brethren Nursery Policies

- **Nursery Staffing:**
 - Two adults, who have background clearances, will be on duty in the room while children are present. A third helper, such as a teenager, may act as additional hands.
 - Any teenage helper may assist the adults with the care of the children. The younger helper may play or hold a child, assist with handing out snack, read the Bible story, or complete other simple tasks. Adult volunteers will be responsible for changing diapers or taking children to the bathroom if the child is potty-training.
 - Nursery volunteers should arrive ten minutes prior to the start of the service and stay until all children have been picked up by a parent.
- **Health Safety:**
 - The nursery toys and furniture are sanitized throughout the week.
 - Consideration of the type of toys placed in the nursery happens continually throughout the year. We want to ensure that the toys are safe and are age-appropriate for the children in this room.
 - Volunteers use gloves while changing diapers or handling of any body fluids such as vomit or blood.

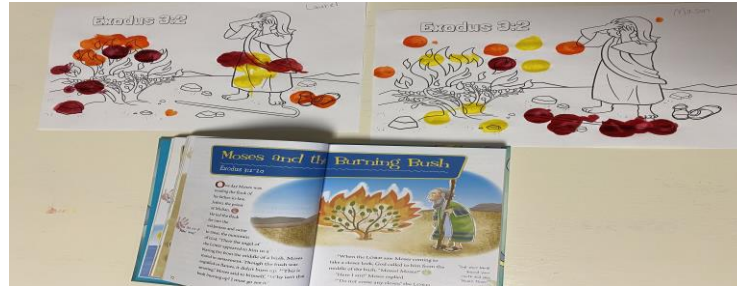
- Volunteers serving in the nursery wash their hands when necessary.
- A First Aid Kit is available in the nursery.
- Snacks are given to children in the nursery. Allergies are taken into consideration when deciding on the snack. If your child brings along a snack from home, please check with the volunteers about any possible allergies that other children may have in the nursery. They will check the ingredients.
- Wellness Policy
 - We ask that children who have any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours not be present in the nursery so that we can promote a healthy and safe environment for the rest of the children. If your child has been prescribed an antibiotic, he or she should be on the medicine 24 hours before coming into the nursery.
 - Any symptom of usual childhood disease such as chicken pox, measles, mumps
 - Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
 - Cough, croup (except allergy)
 - Diarrhea
 - Fever
 - Infection of any type
 - Lice
 - Vomiting
 - If your child has a severe allergy and/or an Epi pen, please share this information with the volunteers. Identify the location of the Epi pen in your child's belongings.

Questions:

- What are the ages of children in the nursery?
 - We care for infants to children the age of three.
- Is there a place for a child to sleep?
 - We do not have any cribs or pack-n-plays for children to use. We have had parents in the past have a sleeping infant in a car carrier. We have a darker, quieter room that they may choose to set the carrier down, in which caregivers will monitor.
- Is there a bathroom for my child to use while potty-training?
 - We do not have a bathroom or toilet within the nursery. A bathroom is located two doors down. We would encourage you to have your child try before coming into the nursery. If your child needs to use the bathroom, we will assist him or her to the bathroom. We have a doorstop in the bathroom which would be used to prop the door open while the child is using the bathroom. Please inform the nursery volunteers if your child is in the process of potty training.
- What does my child need to bring along to the nursery?
 - It all depends on your child's needs. Each child may place his/her belongings in a cubby above the counter. We will use your wipes and diapers if you prefer. We do keep wipes and extra diapers (of all sizes) in the nursery. We also provide snack such as Cheerios or Gerber Puffs. We do not have bottles or sippy cups. Please provide your own and inform the volunteers when your child may have them.
- What if my child has a difficult time adjusting to me leaving?
 - Our volunteers have experience providing care to little ones. They are familiar with tears as mom and/or dad leave. The volunteers will use various strategies to help your child

adjust. If your child has trouble calming down after ten minutes, volunteers will contact you?

- How will the nursery contact me if I am needed?
 - There are a couple of ways that you could be contacted. You could be tapped on the shoulder during the service by one of our ushers. You may receive a text to your phone or a call from the nursery to your phone.



Bible Points for Children's Church for February!

February 5 – Preschool/Kindergarten – God helps us be brave
Grades 1-3 – Jesus cares about people who are hungry.
Grades 4-6 – Following Jesus means learning all we can about Him.

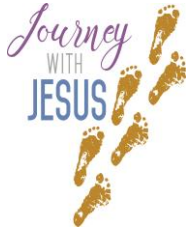
February 12 – Preschool/Kindergarten – Jesus cares for people.
Grades 1-3 – Jesus cares about people who are poor.
Grades 4-6 – Following Jesus means having faith.

February 19 – Preschool/Kindergarten – Jesus cares about families.
Grades 1-3 – Jesus cares about people who are sick.
Grades 4-6 – Nothing should get in the way of following Jesus.

February 26 – Preschool/Kindergarten – Jesus cares about all kinds of people.
Grades 1-3 – Jesus cares about people who are left out.
Grades 4-6 – Following Jesus is the best thing we can do.

Messages in February

February 5



Vision & Mission

Matthew 10:5-15; 28:16-20

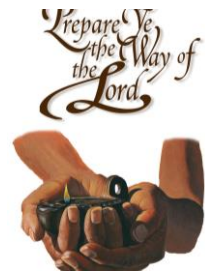
Pastor: Doug Hinton

In The Power of Vision, George Barna states, “*Vision is specific, detailed, customized, distinctive and unique to a given church. It allows a leader to say no to opportunities, it provides direction, it empowers people for service and it facilitates productivity.*” As we shift from January’s theme of Vision to

February’s theme of Mission, we will look at two passages in Matthew to see if we can discern between the two. Barna says that “*Mission precedes vision...*”

What about this allows us to act and move in faith as we seek to follow Christ? If we have a mission, and act in faith, vision will follow. We will continue to use our community statement as we look at Hempfield’s mission and my vision.

February 12



Mission: What Shall We Do?

Luke 3:10-17

Pastor: Doug Hinton

What if we can start our mission where we already live? At hearing the message of John the Baptist, different groups respond, “What shall we do?” What if we woke up every morning with this question in mind: What shall we do? What is your mission today?

Whose voice has your attention?

February 19



Whose Mission?

Exodus 3:1-14; Joshua 1:1-9; Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: Geoff Davis

Do you ever have the sense that there's something bigger in your life? That there's a reason for your living? What do you have to do to live like that? And when do you know that you're living into that something bigger? What matters then? What no longer makes the radar?

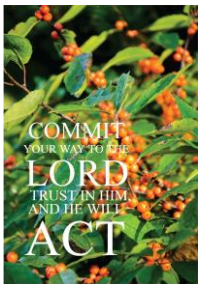
Paul shares God's vision with the Ephesians.

And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to *bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. (Ephesian 1:9)*. The message describes it this way: *He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.*

But how do we get there? Throughout the Bible, God gives various people specific objectives to achieved – each one has a mission to achieve. And their lives are changed, once they accept the mission.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to use the unique gifts that God has given you to help achieve his vision. But what can get in the way? Where do we often go wrong? What can we do about it?

February 26



Mission & Commitment

Mark 10:32-34; John 3:9-21

Pastor: Doug Hinton

In the movie *Moneyball*, Brad Pitt's character builds the Oakland A's with his Head Scout different than tradition dictates. He makes the decision to trade off good players so that the manager of the team plays the way it was designed. His Head Scout tells him that this is career suicide to which Pitt's character asks, "Will we win more the way the team is designed?" The response, "Hypothetically, yes." Then what are we doing?

If the A's lost, this would cost the man his career – but he was willing to commit his all to see it through. In Mark, Jesus sets the course to the cross. What was He willing to commit to fulfill His mission? How did the disciples respond? If we follow, what are we willing to commit? If life is too easy, what are you willing to commit today, this week, this month? Who is traveling with you?

HCOB Family News



Recent Giving

01/01/2023

General Fund \$ 1,485.00

Building Fund \$ 100.00

01/15/2023

General Fund \$ 9,255.00

Building Fund \$ 100.00

01/08/2023

General Fund \$ 21,035.44

Building Fund \$ 100.00

01/22/2023

General Fund \$ 5,453.40

Building Fund \$ 150.00

Soup Sale = \$ 993.00 To Date



SEWING REPORT

We were able to complete and donate 21 twin size blankets and 100 baby blankets in 2022. Currently baby blankets are available for knotting to take home if you can't help on Wednesdays. Those receiving blankets were: A Woman's Concern, Align Pregnancy Center, and Church World Service. Thank you to all who help in this ministry.

Mary Ellen McEvoy

DO YOU LIKE TO SEW OR QUILT? Well, the group is looking for you. Come join the fun and fellowship. We gather on Wednesday mornings at 8:00am. Check us out! This great ministry opportunity needs you! Questions? Contact Mary Ellen McEvoy.



WORDD Worship dates for 2023 are the first Friday of every month at 7:00pm with the exception of April which will be held on Friday, April 14. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this wonderful night of worship and fellowship.



Last Sunday, Diane talked about Bible2school during the service, giving everyone an idea of what Bible2School involves. We who teach kids from Bucher Elementary need more volunteers!

I started helping in 2019 and have helped in two classes each week since (except during the pandemic) Bucher Elementary meets at Grace on Carpenter in East Petersburg. Our second-grade class and fourth grade classes are both small, but our third-grade class, meeting on Tuesdays, is a full class. We would love another volunteer to teach at a small group table, or even someone to just lend a hand during class to make things run more smoothly.

Now, men, this is a job you can volunteer for. It's not for women only LOL. It's great to have a man to teach a table of boys. The boys really appreciate the male influence. This is a great way to interact with the kids and help bring them to Christ. We do the lessons during the time they would be at lunch and lunch recess, so time flies by. Please consider being willing to volunteer! Bible2School runs late September till the middle of April. If you have any questions, you can call me at 717-898-2749 or text at 717-629-4571. Margie Zurin

mark your Calendar

The Leadership is sponsoring a celebration meal on March 26th after the morning service. We are celebrating the congregation's commitment and service to God at HCOB.

When we have needed monumental finances to meet our yearly budget, God has always helped to provide. When we need help to visit, mulch, husk corn, volunteer at the baking or serving at the alpaca, help with the children ministry events and worship service as a worship leader or sharing your musical gift you are always there. God has led you here to serve and share his word to others. We want to take time to celebrate together for all that God has done in and through each one of you!

Plan to join us for our world-famous chicken noodle corn soup, beef barbecue, hot dogs, sauerkraut, fresh vegetable relish tray with dressing and cake and ice cream. Gluten free options will be available.

If you want to work off some calories after the meal, plan to stay and help the Children's Ministry Team stuff Easter eggs for their annual Easter Egg hunt for the community. Over 2000 eggs needed to be stuffed!

Make plans now to join us in this wonderful celebration of who we are at Hempfield Church of the Brethren!

Blessings to all, Hospitality team



Your faithful giving has once again contributed to the health and well-being of over 250 families in the Hempfield and Manheim communities. For the year, we donated 2,359 pounds of groceries and household supplies, along with \$6,650. (We're missing October and December money donations to Manheim so the actual money giving is higher.)

- Since we started keeping records in April 2020, HCOB Food Pantry donations total 8,649 pounds and \$32,900.
- **Special Requests for Hempfield include:** Canned carrots, canned peaches, canned sweet potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, canned vegetable soup, canned broccoli soup, canned mandarin oranges, roman noodles
- **Special Requests for Manheim include:** Crackers, canned beef vegetable soup, paper towels, juice, canned pineapple, shampoo, toilet paper

Both Pantries are in need of cereal, large jelly (no glass containers please), mac and cheese, canned meat (chicken, Spam and tuna), pasta (egg noodles, spaghetti, Penna), pasta sauce, peanut butter, soups, canned vegetables.

Money donations can be sent as follows:

Hempfield Area Food Pantry - 85 East Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA 17538

Manheim Central Food Pantry - c/o Salem UMC, 140 North Penn Street
Manheim, PA 17545

Or mail to Pete Cope and it will be delivered to the Pantry.

Please mark Hempfield COB Donation in the memo line for reporting purposes.

Thank you for your continuing faithful support of this ministry.



Upcoming OUTREACH IN ACTION

February 12 Camp Swatara - Janice Haldeman

March 20 Church World Services -Refugees – Andrew Mashas

April 23 – Unfilled. – Darren will seek other potential presenters.

May 14 – Force for Food -Sue Brubaker and Paula Stoner



If your youth might be interested in participating, please let Ed Haldeman or myself know as soon as possible. We would like to gauge interest, so we can guarantee the advisors and transportation to attend. We will register for the events as a group. The church will cover the costs after a small deposit.

Southeast Regional Roundtable:

Who: Senior High (current 9th-12th)

When: February 24-26, 2023 (Note: this is the weekend after winter retreat)

Where: Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, VA)

What: The youth will engage in worship services, small group sessions, workshops, and will explore Bridgewater College's campus. The theme is "Unashamed" and will highlight Romans 1:16. The speaker for the weekend is Michaela Alphonse, who spoke at NYC this summer. Refer to the attached brochure for the full schedule and available workshops.

National Junior High Conference:

Who: Junior High (completed 6th-8th)

When: June 16-18, 2023

Where: Juniata College (Huntingdon, PA)

What: The youth will engage in worship services, workshops, music, and recreation. The theme is "What does God want from me?" and will focus on Micah 6:8. Refer to attached brochure for more information.

Upcoming Calendar:

Feb 5th - Youth Group (Guest Speaker) 6-8pm

Feb 12th - Youth Group ("Jesus is our Generation" Part 2) 6-8pm

Feb 17-20th - Winter Retreat

Feb 19th - No Youth Group (retreat)



With some of the funds that the youth raised at Eastland Alpaca, we were able to purchase a 9-Square game. Thank you again to the entire church for your support!!! 9-Square is a game that we have enjoyed playing at fall retreat, and we are excited that we now have our own! We will have it set up for Family Game Night. Come out tonight to learn how to play this exciting game!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Current Study...

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?"



The Book of Hebrews by Derwin Gray

2/5 5. 7-9 Jesus work Doug Hinton

2/12 6. 10 Confident Christianity Laura Meiser

2/19 7. 11-12 Living by Faith Galen Brumbaugh

2/26 8. 13 Following Jesus Rich Bushong

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Did you know that our Church has had a subscription to Rightnow Media for 4 years? Are you signed up?

What is it?

- Our Church's Bible Study Library with over 20,000 Discipleship videos

Who is it for?

- EVERYONE! Kids, Youth, and Adults

Where is it?

- Online at rightnowmedia.org or download theRightNow Media app for free

How can I get it?

- Email or call Pastor Doug letting him know that you want to be added to our church's account. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.
- You will be provided a link with step by step instructions to set up your individual account

Then what?

- Use the browse feature to find a study based on topic, teacher, etc.
- Click on the Hempfield Church of the Brethren banner at the top of the page to view what studies are being used within our church

LOOKING AHEAD...

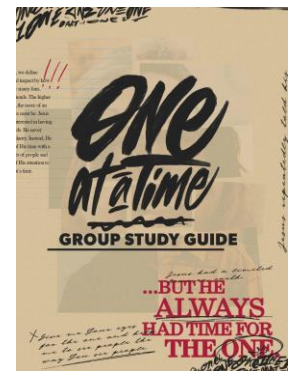


2023 *Jesus' Farewell Message* with Francis Chan

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 December 31, 2022
Year-to-Date Actual vs. Budget**

	Actual Jan-Dec 2022	Budget Jan-Dec 2022	YTD Under/(Over) Budget	2022 Full Yr Budget
General Fund Offerings 1/1 to 12/31	\$462,628	\$546,625	\$83,997	\$546,625
Designated Outreach Giving	\$13,186			
<u>Expenses</u>				
Finance	\$48,999	\$46,231	(\$2,768)	\$46,231
Outreach Team	\$143,415	\$153,000	\$9,585	\$153,000
Education Team	\$16,082	\$23,275	\$7,193	\$23,275
Deacons	\$2,015	\$4,400	\$2,385	\$4,400
Care of Church Community Team	\$740	\$4,000	\$3,260	\$4,000
Worship Team	\$31,770	\$38,730	\$6,960	\$38,730
Leadership	\$151,218	\$179,747	\$28,529	\$179,747
Stewards of Property	\$57,417	\$90,552	\$33,135	\$90,552
Fellowship & Hospitality	\$5,385	\$6,690	\$1,305	\$6,690
Total Expenses	\$457,041	\$546,625	\$89,584	\$546,625
2022 Actual % of Budget			83.6%	

100% of 2022 Outreach paid

Checking Account as of 12/31/22 \$14,564

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

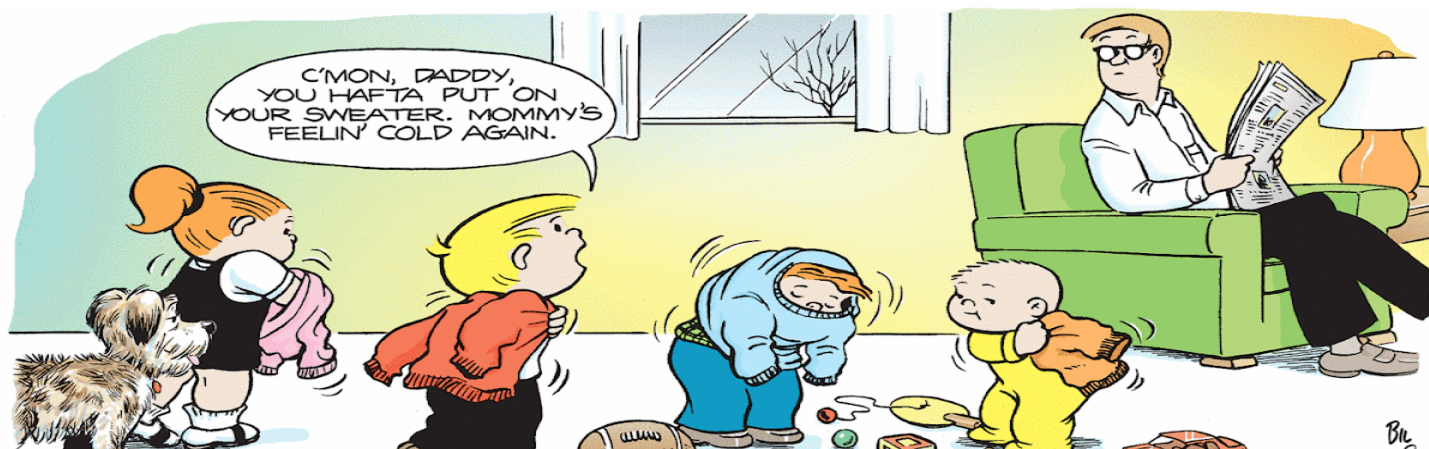
THANK YOU for supporting our ministries for Christ and His church!

February Calendar

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

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Soup Sale - Following Morning Worship 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Game Night	30 Doug's Day Off	31	1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	3 6:00pm - 8:00pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP	4
5 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	6 Doug's Day Off	7 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	8 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property	9 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	10 Irene Vacation	11
12 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	13 Doug's Day Off 6:30pm - 7:30pm Outreach Team Meeting (via Zoom) 6:30pm Worship Team via Zoom	14	15 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	16 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	17 Youth Winter Retreat	18 Youth Winter Retreat
19 Youth Winter Retreat 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 12:00pm - 6:00pm Al Houck	20 Doug's Day Off	21 6:30pm Education Team	22 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal Ash Wednesday 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	23 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	24	25
26 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship - 1st Sunday in Lent - Communion 10:30am Care of Church Community Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	27 Doug's Day Off 2:00pm - 4:00pm Brethren World Mission	28 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	2 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	3 6:00pm - 8:00pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP	4



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