

Jesus, our one foundation

Pastor Doug Hinton

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

JOHN 1:9-13

I've heard it said that the American church has never known unity because our nation formed after the Reformation...never really thought about that in those terms. What is a denomination? According to merriam-webster.com, a *denomination is a religious organization whose congregations are united in their adherence to its beliefs and practices.* How did these come together? Often, led by convicted individuals who dug into Scripture and recognized a specific, inaccurate practice or belief in their current church that one could no longer stand by

or tolerate. New denominations formed over baptism practices (sprinkle or immersion, infant or adult, dunk forward or backward, once or three times), feet washing (one person wash the rest at the table as Jesus washed all of His disciples' feet, or one wash another since we are all a part of the body of Christ?), how to spread the kingdom of our Lord (vocal evangelism, quiet service to the poor, needy, imprisoned), paid versus free ministry, training for pastors, whether to hold Sunday schools, what to do about military service and peace...the list goes on and on and on.

Many of these practices, though faithful, and bodies were (are) shaped by *right understanding*, and carried on by tradition. I.e., "we know better (than you) because we studied x, y, and z, and you may know something about faith, but we have the truth." Tradition continues these practices but the people do

not always know *why*...it's just always (in our lifetime) been done that way. **But is this what our faith is built upon? Or is there something greater?**

If so, what do we do with all the tension, the misrepresentations of Jesus, and the crumbling of many of the denominations we have come to know?

First, we acknowledge that Jesus is the only one, true foundation. If our faith is built on anything else – **anything else** – like human descent (your grandma's faith is not the same as your faith), human decision (we are forming a body [later to become a denomination] of the *true*

faithful people), or a husband's will (your spouse's faith is not your faith), it must be acknowledged, named, and fall away or be destroyed. Second, we continue to be faithful to the time, place, and people that Christ called us to. Say it with me, "I cannot control other people, I can only control me." I struggle sometimes with the larger body of Christ...but He has me here and God is moving through the body at Hempfield – which is exciting to see! Third, connect deeper to people of other denominations. Ask them about their understanding and practices, their testimony, share yours, and pray together. Finally, share your faith with those who do not believe. They will remind you what is important as you share Christ with them. There is only one foundation. Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



HCOB Children's Ministry Happenings

Fun and fellowship for families continue throughout the summer. The children and a parent were invited for a day of exploration at Cherry Crest Adventure Farm on July 20th. Thank you to the Education Team for sponsoring this event. Even in the heat, many of us enjoyed our day. There was opportunities for children to build log homes, play in corn, find their way through mazes, play games, pet the animals, and so much more. It was a day of full of fun!

We have another fun event coming up in August. We would love for children to join us at Rapho Township Park on Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 PM, where we will share a story while enjoying popsicles. Then there will be time to play on the playground with friends.

As we approach the fall, we would like the entire congregation to mark their calendars for Harvest Fest on Sunday, October 15th from 4 PM to 6 PM. This event is open to the community, and it has a variety of ways to plug in. If you recall, there are various stations set up with activities for people to enjoy as well as planned activities such as the pumpkin chucking, Bingo, and the Trunk or Treat. The Care of Church and Hospitality Teams help provide a free meal. Here are a few ways to get involved. Please reach out to Laura or Emmy if you are willing to participate.

- Review previous fall-themed activities/stations and brainstorm new ones – Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30 PM in Chapel Hall
- Set up tables for the meal and trash cans outside
- Help clean up following the event
- Set up stations prior to 4 PM
- Greet families
- Monitor a station
- Paint faces
- Be the Bingo caller
- Hold the slingshot for pumpkin chucking
- Take photos throughout the event
- Decorate the trunk of your car or allow us to decorate the trunk of your car
- Donate candy, small bubbles, sticker packs, mini-play doh packs, book marks, or any other small toy or party favor
- Donate money to off-set the cost that is used for purchasing pumpkins, food, and other supplies for the event
- Pray for the event and those who attend

Thank you to all for your continued support and contributions to this event.

Laura Meiser & Emmy Schott



Bible Points for Children's Church for August!

August 6

Preschool & Kindergarten – I can learn about God and His Son, Jesus
 Grades 1- 6 - Missionaries tell others about God's love.

August 13

Preschool & Kindergarten – I can thank Go that Jesus is with me all the time

August 20

Grades 1-6 - The church sends out missionaries

Preschool & Kindergarten – I can tell the good news that Jesus loves everyone

August 27

Grades 1-6 - The church supports missionaries

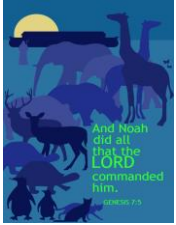
Preschool & Kindergarten – I can sing songs that tell about Jesus

Grades 1-6 - We can all be missionaries by living for Jesus



Messages in August

August 6



Let it Rain

Genesis 7

Pastor: Doug Hinton

♪♪♪♪ *Let it rain...let it rain, open the floodgates of heaven, let it rain!*♪♪♪ You may have sung this Rich Mullins' tune in a worship service or at an event. But what did this mean for Noah's time? In this time, "the wickedness of man was great" to the tune that "every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually", God's judgment had been pronounced to Noah, and in chapter 7, we see it begin to come to fruition. I remember reading one time that up to 11 million people may have inhabited the earth during this event. How do we reconcile this with a loving and just God? What does this mean for a merciful and grace-filled God? Why does this matter to our personal walks in faith? Clean and unclean animals are named but this is before the Law is given – what do we do with that? Many questions surround this event, so how can we approach it in humility and faith?

August 13



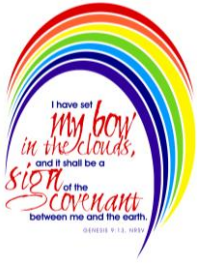
A Costly Faith

Genesis 8:1-22

Pastor: Laura Meiser

As the narrative of Noah continues, we find Noah and his family and all the animals exit the ark after a year aboard. During the course of those months, Noah surely wondered where God was. And yet as this passage reminds us, God was still near. He remembered Noah and his family. He saw their needs and as his purposes were fulfilled, he drew them forth to something new. What can we learn from this passage of Scripture that seems so far removed from our daily life? How does it challenge us in our own faith journey? What do we learn about God?

August 20



More Things Change....

Genesis 9-10

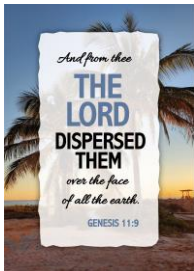
Pastor: Geoff Davis

One of the challenges of being a follower of Jesus is similar to what Adam and Eve faced after eating the forbidden fruit. We are still curious, trying to figure out the big “why’s” in our lives. If God is all-powerful and knows everything that will happen, why are we going through the motions of acting like we have free will? Why does he put up with people continually making the same mistakes? Why does God bless Noah and his sons, then curse Ham’s grandson? Why does Noah react the way he does when he finds out what his son did to him while he lay naked and drunk? Why did Moses choose to write this part of Genesis? And what’s the purpose of the genealogy in Chapter 10?

Why, throughout history, do the same events seem to happen repeatedly? Why do people still act self-centered, with seemingly little true regard for their fellow human beings? Why do people engage in the same kinds of actions that still result in suffering?

While “Why” can sometimes be the wrong question, sometimes the answer can be “I don’t know.” But as we continue to unpack the first 11 chapters of Genesis, there are two things that we do know – God loves the people he created and he is more interested in saving people than punishing them – and that should be our approach as well.

August 27



Choice and Command

Genesis 11

Pastor: Doug Hinton

What’s the largest project that you’ve worked on and completed with a team? What issues did you encounter? What obstacles did you overcome? How about for the faith? In Genesis 11, all of humanity speak the same language, forming bricks, they build a tall tower. Why would they do such a thing? What did God do in light of this? Why do you think He responded in such a way? Why may this story carry value today? Who do we put more faith in: our abilities or God’s commands? Whose will *will be done*? Does this give us hope or despair? Finally, what do we do with the descendant of Shem?

HCOB Family News



Checks For You

... Blood Pressure Checks that is.

The Deacon Committee, through their Health Ministry Team, is providing monthly blood pressure checks to all participants of our church family.

Next check August 6.

Where: Library

When: After the church service



Many thanks for your partnership with feeding the Hempfield community!
Thank you for 230 pounds of food contributed in May.
AND the \$100.00 contributed in June!!

In May we served 670 children; 1137 adults; 446 seniors
a total of 2253 people served! 39 volunteers gave 588 hours in May!

Items requested for July are: cereal (always), canned mixed vegetables, canned corn, canned green beans, canned carrots, canned potatoes, spaghetti sauce, large peanut butter, large jelly, Mac/cheese, cream of broccoli soup, cream of celery soup, vegetable soup.

Atlantic Northeast District Church of The Brethren



ANE Women's Fellowship Camp!

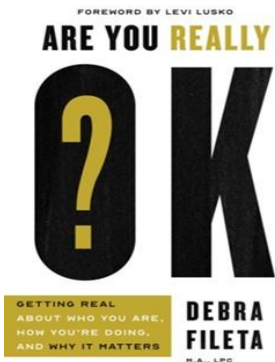
All women are invited to attend our Annual Women's Camp to be held Friday & Saturday, August 18 & 19, 2023. Pastor Kim Ream, Green Tree Church of the Brethren, will be our Speaker this year. The theme is "Taste and See That the Lord is Good".

For more information and to register (deadline is August 6) click [HERE](#).

Check out a [video](#) from Debbie Conner and Kathy Funderwhite!

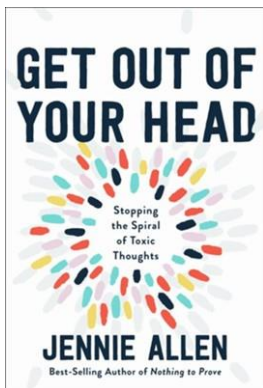


Fall Ladies Bible Studies



This is one of Debra Fileta's best books. Honestly, after a year of chaos in the world, everyone needs to read this book. Her chapter on how Jesus addressed His emotions was eye opening and profound. I think a lot of times in the church we talk about spiritual health or even physical health but fail to address emotional and mental health. This book made me love God more. I had so much hope after reading this book. I know you will too....with Jesus right by your side. Praying for God to equip the church in emotional health. I know He will use this book powerfully!

The Ladies Fall Bible Study will be an 8-part video series along with the book. We will meet on a weekly basis for 8 weeks starting in September. Please check your August bulletins for information on dates, times, and study materials.



Are your thoughts holding you captive? Jennie Allen knows what it's like to swirl in a spiral of destructive thoughts, such as I'll never be good enough. Other people have better lives than I do. God couldn't really love me. But Jennie also knows we don't have to stay stuck in toxic thinking patterns. As she discovered, God built a way for us to escape that downward spiral. Freedom comes when we refuse to be victims to our thoughts and realize we have already been equipped with power from God to fight and win the war for our minds.

In *Get Out of Your Head*, Jennie takes groups on a study in Philippians, inspiring and equipping us to transform our emotions, our outlook, and even our circumstances by taking control of our thoughts. When we submit our minds to Christ, the promises and goodness of God flood our lives in remarkable ways. It starts in your head. And from there, the possibilities are endless.

This 6 part series was run in 2022 but is being revisited for any and all who would like to participate. The study will meet on Friday mornings, beginning on September 15th and meeting 9/29, 10/6, 10/27, 11/3 and 11/17. We will meet 9:30 – 11:00am. If interested, contact Jen Hinton at Hinton_Jen@yahoo.com.



The Connect program will again be starting on September 20, 2023 from 9:30-11:00am, every other Wednesday through November 15th. A great way for moms to have a time of learning and fellowship while their children enjoy some awesome activities. For more information, contact Laura Meiser or Emmy Schott.

"Please Welcome Our New Members"

Vicki Von Schaaf



Vicki is married to Albie, and has one son, Robert, a beautiful daughter-in-law, Ann, and five grandchildren. Vicki was born in Washington, D.C. and lived in such diverse places as Newfoundland, Canada, Japan and Hawaii as she grew up in a military family where her dad made a career serving in the Air Force. Before retiring, she worked as a certified Activities Director at assisted living facilities & nursing homes, with a special interest working with dementia patients.

She loves thrift stores, her cat Tigger, going to her husband's music gigs, creating works of art, and spending time with family and friends.

Vicki transferred to Hempfield from the Lancaster Church of the Brethren and is looking forward to getting to know everyone!



Jim and Mim Haverstick

Jim is the oldest of 5 boys; Mim is the youngest of 5 children. Both have lived in Manor Township for almost all of their lives and grew up in the Millersville Mennonite Church.

They briefly lived in Indianapolis, Indiana while Jim served his 1-W Service. After their return to Lancaster, they attended East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster for 50 years. Jim served in various lay leadership roles, including Stewardship Commission Chair and Chair of the Church Council. Mim was the Church Treasurer for many years.

They raised two children. A son, Doug and his wife Dixie live in Lititz giving them 4 grandchildren. Their daughter, Lisa, was a nurse when she died 20 years ago at age 34. After a 3-week illness of pancreatitis, Lisa passed away very unexpectedly. This was the darkest time of their lives – mentally, physically, and spiritually. They are forever grateful for friends who walked with them through this difficult and long journey. They are curious to know if there are other folks in our congregation who have experienced the death of a child. If so, please connect with them.

Jim has been the second-generation owner of Haverstick Brothers Hydraulics – a wholesale sales distributor and a hydraulic repair shop. Mim has worked as the bookkeeper for the family business for many years, and continues on a part time basis. Son Doug is now the 3rd generation to run the family business.

For the past 25 years, they have enjoyed square dancing. Jim says this has been a great social activity for them, while providing both physical and mental exercise. They also enjoy reading, walking and attending Southern gospel concerts.

Since Covid, they have been attending Hempfield COB. They have enjoyed the many gifts in our church ... the mix of preaching styles, the leadership of Pastor Doug, the variety of music ranging from the rhythms of the Praise Band to the traditional music in the Hymnal. The role of deacons is new to them and it has been helpful in answering questions they have had. Joel and Penny Kettering will be their deacons.

They wish to thank all who have made them feel welcome and at home here at Hempfield.



Brad and Laura Lutz

Brad and Laura live in the Ephrata area with their two daughters, Abby and Hannah and their dog Peaches. Brad works for the County of Lancaster's Early Intervention Program while Laura teaches kindergarten students at the New Holland Elementary School.

Both Brad, Laura and their daughters have been very active in various church activities at Hempfield for the last year or so. Previously they attended the Dove Westgate Church.

They enjoy watching the Philadelphia Flyers, playing games together and taking their dog, Peaches for walks. Wes Bowers will be their deacon.

And Baptisms!



Zyler Hartman



Lily Baker



Jen Lugar



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Ministry
Reaching Out ... Impacting People ... Making a Difference

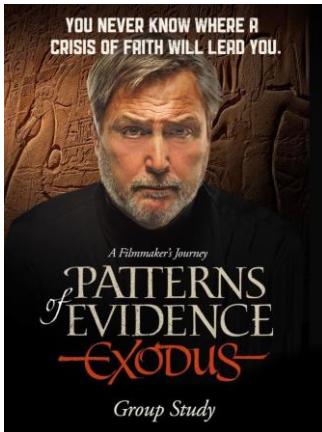
WELCOME

The Outreach Team is excited to have the following share "Outreach Minutes" during the Hempfield Happenings over the next few months:

August 13th -Sue Brubaker and Paula Stoner – *Force for Food*.



Current Study...



A debate rages over the credibility of the Bible. Most archaeologists today have concluded that there's no evidence that the Exodus of Israelite slaves from Egypt ever happened. Filmmaker Timothy Mahoney faces a crisis of faith, "Is this foundational event of the Bible really just a myth?" He embarks on a 12-year journey around the world to search for answers.

"Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus" unlocks the mystery of this ancient saga, combining a scientific investigation with a retelling of the Exodus story to reveal an amazing pattern of evidence matching the biblical account that may challenge our understanding of history. Featuring stunning animations and a cast including Narrator, Kevin Sorbo (God's Not Dead, Hercules: The Legendary Journeys), interviews with leading archaeologists including Israel Finkelstein, Kent Weeks, and David Rohl, and guest appearances by Israel's Benjamin

Netanyahu and Shimon Peres.

Dig Deeper into this riveting evidence for the Exodus out of Egypt and the Conquest of the Promised Land. This small group study includes thought-provoking questions that will help you explore key scenes from the film and why it matters to our faith.

August 6 – Judgement – Galen Brumbaugh

August 13 – Exodus & Conquest – Donna Reed

August 20 – Conclusion – Galen Brumbaugh

August Calendar

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

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Doug Vacation 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 3:00pm - 7:00pm Van Schaaf Event 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	31 Doug Vacation	1 6:30pm - 7:30pm Outreach Team Meeting (via Zoom) 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	2 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	3 6:30pm - 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	4 6:45pm - 7:45pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP	5
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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