

The Precepts of Men

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came...”

Matthew 4:1-3a

As of this writing, Fat Tuesday, February 17, 2026, the season of Lent begins tomorrow. This season marks Jesus's time in the wilderness, directly after His baptism and before His public ministry, being tempted by the devil. Led by the Spirit, Jesus maintained His resolve and connection to the Father, even in His physical weakness. Clear on His mission and purpose for coming to this world of residence, He rebuked and resisted the devil's prompts, finally telling him to “Go!” By the Spirit and the Scriptures, Jesus overcame the tempter opening the door to begin His public ministry. His message? “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

At Hempfield, we are called to be Living Stones, Building Bridges into our communities for Christ. We are to love as we've been loved, following Jesus and testifying to His work on the cross and among us. Though some of us can do this individually, what will it look like to work together as a unit to impact our community collectively? Sure, we can understand the vision, but without a purpose, a mission, a map forward as to how, we struggle to gain any traction. Each person, each team, can dictate how they see how the vision is worked out without actually having to work together as a larger whole. This leads to conflict because multiple purposes exist within a single entity and can lead to competing for space, spending money on pet projects that can be better spent elsewhere for the greater whole, and a lack of care or concern for those who carry a different understanding of our purpose. You may ask, “What does this have to do with the temptation of Christ and the season of Lent?” I'm glad you asked! Let's look together and find out.

Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights to solidify His call. Led by the Spirit, this period launched a three-year ministry that continues to impact the world. Our call in this season: follow

Jesus in these forty days: praying and fasting, individually and together to seek Him and His purpose for us at Hempfield COB.

Starting questions:

- **What is distracting me from spending time with Christ, from listening to those around me, from engaging my community?** ←this leads to: where do I need to fast? Is it food, social media, games, binge watching, over working? What do you need to give up to give more attention to Christ? For me, it's social media and YouTube. *For the next 40 days, I purpose to give those up to allow my mind to settle and hone my focus on Christ.*
- **How can I pray for our pastors, our Leadership Team, our ministry teams, our deacons to fulfill our call here at HCOB?** James 5:16b states, “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” Those who serve you need your prayer as much as you need theirs. When we pray, we not only lift our requests to the Father, but we listen to see who He brings to mind, who we may need to call, who we may need to listen to or share an encouraging word.
- **As a body seeking to fulfill the purpose of God here in our community, what is our next first step?** As we seek and pray, as we listen to one another, as we share what God is speaking to us, He will lead us to our unified purpose. Then we can pray, disciple, and serve with intention in unity. In that way, we will *let our light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Let us pray, fast, and seek together that we may come under the same yoke of Christ and see Him move!

Associate Pastor of Discipleship

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” ~Colossians 3:16

Recently, I pulled my very first study Bible off the shelf. It was a gift given to me more than twenty-five years ago. It's the Bible I used as I first began to dig deeply into God's word as a young person, newly serving in music ministry and a new mom. I was in a season of deeply seeking God, who he was to me, what his Son, Jesus Christ, meant to me and a time of experiencing Holy Spirit as I never had before. The cover is worn, pages darkened with time and handling, many things underlined, scriptural song lyrics notated, and full of personal notes of reflection and revelation. It's a time capsule of sorts, and one that is precious to me.

As I flipped through the pages, I was reminded of my love of the story of Nehemiah. It's not the most popular story in scripture but as I read through this short historical document, I was reminded that Nehemiah has much to teach out about what a disciplined life can look like.

Nehemiah lived in a time after the nation of Israel had completely fallen and God's people were virtually all carried off into exile. The first exile was pretty rough, but during the second exile, the Jews were not only able to enjoy some of their own faith practices, but eventually they were allowed to return to Jerusalem and the surrounding areas if they chose. As you might imagine, they found their homeland in a state of disrepair, most notably with the walls around Jerusalem were broken down and the gates burned. No wall = no safety. When Nehemiah heard this, he knew what he was called to do—rebuild the wall and restore Jerusalem to her former glory.

Here's what we can learn from Nehemiah's experience:

- *When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. (1:4)* **Before Nehemiah sprang into action, he spent time praying and fasting to be sure he was doing what God would have him do.**
- Nehemiah went to Jerusalem and assessed the damage. Then he rallied the people who were already living there. *“You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned down. Come let us rebuild the wall and we will no longer be in disgrace. (2:17)* **When God puts an idea in your heart, sometimes you just need to look around, invite others into the process, and get moving.**
- When others opposed the work on the wall, to the point in which they were attacking, Nehemiah and everyone with him began working in a different way. *“From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor.” (4:16)* **When you work on the wall, always be ready. Always be equipped.**
- As Nehemiah interacted with the remnant who had returned ahead of him, he learned that the poor were hungry and were mortgaging their land to the rich or allowing their children to be enslaved in order survive. **As you go, pay attention to the people around you. How would God have you honor them in the process?**
- As the wall neared completion, the opposition increased. *“They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, ‘Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.’ But I prayed, ‘Now, strengthen my hands.’” (6:9)* **Be alert! The enemy does not like any work completed for the Lord. Bathe your work in prayer.**

- When the work was done, there was a great celebration of worship! The Book of the Law of Moses—the first five books of our Bible—was read to the people. From 6 AM until noon, God’s Word was read. Many people were hearing it for the first time. And they were wrecked. They lay on their faces and wept for all the time the Word of God had been absent from them. But Nehemiah said to them, “*This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep...do not grieve or weep, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.*” (8:9-10) **As we do kingdom work, shoulder to shoulder, we can be confident that God is with us. It’s not in our strength, but always in His.**

I wish I could say that there was a happy end to this story. That as the Jews heard God’s word and worshipped together, they *finally* got it. Alas, they did not. Very quickly they returned to their wicked ways and the sanctity of Jerusalem was somewhat lost. This is a reminder for us: **On the path of discipleship, there is no standing still. We are either moving closer to Jesus or farther away.**

That is a sobering thought, isn’t it?

But, be encouraged! As I’ve said many times, God does not desire to remain hidden from his people and he’s not trying to give you a long list of things to do to come near him. Nehemiah exemplifies a simple path of discipleship: pray, begin the work, pay attention to those around you, worship God and interact with His Word, and as you go, remember that you’re never alone. He’s always with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Laura



We are welcoming March with open arms as we are looking forward to warmer weather, the Easter season, and many upcoming opportunities for gathering, fellowship, and community outreach.

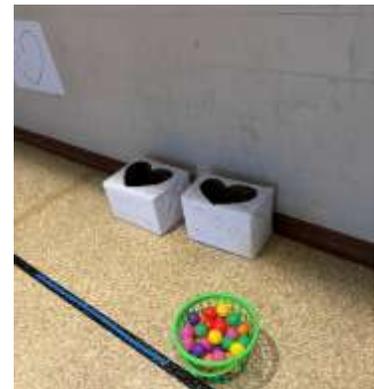
In Children's Church, we continued to work through the books of the Gospel and Jesus' ministry. We learned about the Sermon on the Mount, focusing on the Beatitudes. We read from Matthew about when Jesus walked on water. We discussed how Jesus accepted Zacchaeus, even though he was hated by others. We compared how Zacchaeus' life was different before he met Jesus versus after he met Jesus.

Our first few Open Gym play sessions have been fantastic! 8-14 children (and their grown-ups) have joined us on each session for some active playtime. Some families brought friends, and some families came alone to enjoy some time connecting with other families. It has been great to see familiar faces and meet new faces through this program. We are excited to continue to offer a few more play sessions through the end of April. We feel so blessed to be able to share some of our space and resources with the community! Pictured below are some examples of the activities we have been offering during Open Gym:

If you know anyone who has children ages 5 or under and may enjoy some of these activities, please invite them to our next play session!

On Sunday, March 22nd, there will be a Fellowship Meal after the worship service. Following the meal, we will be stuffing Easter Eggs with candy to be used for the Egg Hunt. We appreciate any volunteers who are willing to dedicate a bit of time to help us with this task! If you are unable to donate your time but would like to be involved, we are also accepting candy donations! (Please select small candy items that can fit into an Easter egg.) Please have candy to the church by Sunday, March 15th.

We are also accepting Raffle Basket donations for our Egg Hunt event. A signup sheet has been placed in the narthex. Labeled items can be dropped off for Monica to arrange. However, if you are feeling crafty, you are welcome to arrange the basket yourself! Thank you for all donations made so far! Please have all basket items to the church by Sunday, March 22nd.



Looking Ahead

-Open Gym 9:30-10:30am

Thursday, March 5

Tuesday, March 17

Wednesday, April 8

Tuesday, April 21

-March 22 (Sunday)- Fellowship Meal and Easter Egg Stuffing

-March 28 (Saturday)- Easter Egg Hunt

-May 2 (Saturday)- Go Fly a Kite: Bring a friend and a kite for a flying demonstration by Dodd Gross, as well as some time to fly kites together

Your sister in Christ,

Monica

Hempfield Church of the Brethren Announces



You are invited to join us for a morning of fun! Children ages six months through fifth grade will enjoy a brief story before hunting for eggs. Crafts and snacks will be provided as well as a raffle of themed prize baskets. **Be sure to bring your own basket to collect eggs!**

Registration is recommended.

This event is ***RAIN*** or ***SHINE!***

When? Saturday, March 28 @10:00 AM

Where? 1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA 17545

Register at www.hempfieldcob.org
(Registration closes on March 18!)



Questions? Contact us at (717) 898-0181 or monica@hempfieldcob.org

Messages in March

March 1



Extraordinary in the Ordinary

Acts 16:14-15, 31-40

Pastor: Doug Hinton

We expect the apostles to testify to Jesus: they were with Him! But how did the church get from there to here? Stories of faith must have been passed down; acts of Christ witnessed; faithful people must have been obedient. Today we look at the story of Lydia. How did she come to know Christ? What did she do after hearing a testimony? What first steps did she take in enacting her faith? Can you do what she did?

March 8



From Fear to Bold Witness

Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 14:22-33, John 21:15-19

Pastor: Laura Meiser

As we continue to look at the testimonies of others, we recognize that our stories have three parts. There is the “before,” the “encounter,” and the “after.” What we know to be true is that an encounter with Jesus doesn’t stop when that immediate situation has concluded. No, an encounter with Christ is meant to transform and sanctify the believer, something that takes time. Today we’ll take a look at the life of Peter and explore how an encounter with Christ changed him forever. Peter was a rough fisherman with a quick temper. He learned from Jesus, forgot what he learned, reapplied what he learned and, well, he still got it wrong. In all of that God had a plan and a purpose for Peter’s life, just as he had for each one of us. How have you been transformed by God? How can you see his work in your story? Peter was an imperfect person but he always returned to the voice of the Master and that’s something we can all learn from.

March 15



Who Would Want to Hear MY Story?

Zechariah 4:10, Matthew 13:31-33, Acts 9:36-43

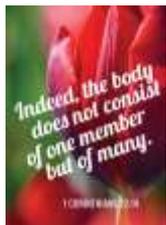
Pastor: Geoff Davis

I learned at an early age that I wasn’t good enough. I grew up in a row house and didn’t have the “right kind” of friends or wear stylish clothes. Many of us carry the story that we’re “nobody” – that we’re not as important as other people who have more impressive stories. How does that affect our relationship with God?

The mustard seed principle runs from Old Testament prophetic vision (Zechariah) through Jesus' teaching (the parables) through Jesus' own life pattern (hidden years in Nazareth) through Paul's theology (God chooses the foolish) through the early church's embodiment (Dorcas). Small beginnings, hidden labor, and ordinary means are not exceptions to God's work—they ARE God's work.

When brothers and sisters say, "my story is too small," they're actually describing exactly what God consistently uses.

March 22



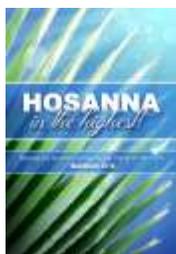
A Message to Share as You Go

1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:1-6

Pastor: Doug Hinton

Today, we acknowledge the fact that we carry a variety of gifts, yet, share a single message: that the Creator and Sustainer of the universe sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins, that we may live in right relationship with God and one another, i.e., save the world. How can we live out and proclaim that message as we go: as we go about our daily tasks at work, school, and home? As we go to the grocery store, sports events, or gatherings with family and friends? How can we rest in our God-given gifts, recognizing that we both need and may not communicate as those with differing gifts? How can we better seek together that we may witness gifts used in harmony to communicate our one message? We will have packets of Spiritual Gifts assessments available for those who have not taken them yet and lean into accepting they way God's gifted us, as individuals and a body, to explore how we may share our testimonies.

March 29



Stephen: Heart of a Deacon, Character of His King

Matthew 21:1-10, Acts 7

Pastor: Doug Hinton

As we move into the second quarter of our yearly them, *Living Testimonies: Sharing our Stories of Faith*, we wade into the tension of celebration and sacrifice, the difference between worldly expectations and heavenly call, between what we perceive with our eyes and what Christ reveals to us. On this Palm Sunday, we contrast Jesus on the colt of a donkey and Jesus on the Throne, and how Stephen followed Him wholly. We will look at this through the lens of his character: how was Stephen able to preach in the sight of death? Hold peace when those around him sought harm? Proclaim the Gospel at all costs?

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 **April 5.**

Where: Library

When: After the church service



Attention: If you have the Hospitality gift of Hosting a meal in your home, Care for Church Community would love to invite you to sign up Feb 22nd and Mar 1st to open your home and meet other Hempfield attendees that live near your local area.

Event Date: April 25th, 2026.

Once we have gathered the willing greeters to share their home, then the church members who want to attend this enrichment fellowship opportunity, will have Mar 15th, Mar 22nd, Mar 29th to share their address to match contact information with a Host close to nearby neighborhood. Please come visit the narthex table with any further questions.



Congratulations and a Warm Welcome

Andrew (Larry) Wilson - Was baptized and became a new member of Hempfield Church of the Brethren on February 8, 2026.

For the past two and a half years Larry has been residing in East Petersburg, Pa. Prior to attending Hempfield Church of the Brethren, Larry worshiped at Living Water Mennonite Fellowship in Reinholds. Larry is currently a senior in high school (via Cyber School).

Some of Larry's interests include poetry and playing basketball.

Seeking a meaningful relationship with God and finding serenity through the Lord has brought Larry to HCOB. We rejoice with Larry in his decision to follow Christ and know that God will continue working in and through Larry as he continues to seek after our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We welcome Larry into our congregation and celebrate his decision to be baptized and publicly declare his faith. We encourage everyone to keep Larry in your prayers as he continues seeking after our gracious Lord.



Offering tabulators for 2026

Cycle A: January, April, July, October

Dan Witter

Deb Bendit

Cycle B: February, May, August, November

Gary Shenk

Darren Meiser

Cycle C: **March**, June, September, December

Dave Dum

Rick Schaidle

Alternates:

Justin Kleinfelter, Jim Kettering, Tom Connelly, Wes Bowers

We heartily thank these individuals for their willingness to help in this important work of the church. You are a vital part of the ministry of the church. With the accurate nature of the work they do each Sunday, only those scheduled should be present as they count the offerings. If you cannot be available on the weeks that you are scheduled, please make arrangements to obtain coverage for yourself from another tabulator or substitute volunteers. Please don't leave your partner alone with the job. Blessings and thanks to all who volunteered. If you are interested in helping, please see Justin Kleinfelter.



Help Wanted: **FINANCE TEAM**. We are seeking individuals to help guide and be a steward for the Church's finances. Experience is not needed, but must be willing to learn and share ideas. Anyone interested in hearing more, please contact Justin Kleinfelter. 717-585-3472

YOU'RE INVITED TO *Spring Fellowship*

Come listen and learn alongside other ANE District women at Spring Fellowship 2026! Ann Clark Van Hine will speak on "Stillness in a Chaotic World" (Psalm 46:10). *Register by March 9!*



ABOUT THE SPEAKER: ANN CLARK VAN HINE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND, BUT GREW UP IN THE U.S. AND CURRENTLY RESIDES IN LITITZ, PA. ANN IS THE MOM OF TWO DAUGHTERS, THE WIDOW OF A FIREFIGHTER WHO LOST HIS LIFE ON 9/11, A RETIRED SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, A PUBLISHED WRITER, CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER, AND A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR. HER BOOK, *PIECES FALLING*, WILL BE ON SALE FOR \$10 AT THE EVENT.

EVENT DETAILS

21 MARCH 2026

8:30AM - 2:30PM

COST: \$25



SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL MUSIC & HYMN SINGING

LASAGNA LUNCH

ENGAGING SESSIONS

OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRIES



*DIETARY ALTERNATIVES & CHILDCARE FOR KIDS AGES 3-8 AVAILABLE; REQUEST ON REGISTRATION FORM.

LOCATION

LANCASTER COB
1601 SUNSET AVENUE,
LANCASTER, PA 17601

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

(717) 367-4730

MFITZKEE@ANE-COB.ORG

For more information, see Janice Haldeman or Janice Shenk

Hempfield Camping Weekend at Camp Swatara

August 14-16, 2026



Bring your own camper (and find your own site) or rent a cabin and join us for a great weekend of fun and fellowship.

For more information, contact Janice Haldeman or Janice Shenk





Featured Hymn Writer

March 2026

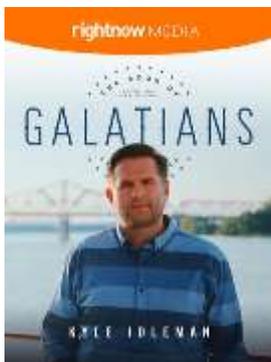
Marty Haugen

Marty Haugen was born on December 30, 1950 in a small town in Minnesota and is still a prolific composer today.. Marty began composing because of the “poor quality” of the music he was forced to direct during his first job for a Catholic parish in 1973 in Minnesota. His composition style has been described as folk-liturgical and his works can be found in hymnals across the “liturgical spectrum” of North America. Marty was raised in the Lutheran Church, but writes not only for the Lutheran church, but also for the Catholic Church. He is also a speaker, a teacher, a workshop presenter, and is currently composer-in-residence for the Mayflower United Church of Christ in Minneapolis, where he contributes to worship when he is not on the road. The hymn, Here In This Place, also known as Gather Us In, from our hymnal, was written in 1979. “The “you/your” mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God’s witnesses and for God’s purposes.” (per Hymnary.Org). For more information on this living composer, I encourage you to read the interview with Marty by following this link. Some of it may resonate with you.

<https://www.reformedworship.org/resource/minister-word-through-music-interview-marty-haugen>



Current Study...



If someone asked you to explain the gospel, what would you say? What is the good news of the Christian faith? Writing to the Galatians, Paul made it clear how easily we can be tempted to turn toward fraudulent gospels, especially those that teach we can earn God's love through our works. Though they may have the appearance of truth, they're lifeless and leave us empty in the end. In this Book of the Bible series, Kyle Idleman dives into the book of Galatians, one that contains some of the clearest explanations of the gospel in the New Testament. Through biblical study and engaging lessons, Kyle shows that true freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence. Because our gospel is not one based on our works, but faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Mar. 1st - Galatians 6:1-18

Mar. 8th - Galatians 6:1-18



HCOB Youth Ministry exists to be a loving, Christ-centered community that grows together in faith and life.

At HCOB Youth Ministry, we desire to see youth who build bridges between the church and the world through the profession of Christ as Savior, discipling others in their walks of faith, and continuing in communion with church and family.

Upcoming Calendar:

Sunday, March 1 - Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 - Session #1 of Faith Foundations for Teens
Sunday, March 8 - Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 - Session #2 of Faith Foundations for Teens
Sunday, March 15 - Sunday Funday - 6:00-8:00 – Bowling
Sunday, March 22 – Youth Group – 6:00-8:00 Session #3 of Faith Foundations for Teens
Sunday, March 29 – Youth Group – 6:00-8:00 – Session #4 of Faith Foundations for Teens

Looking even deeper into March, Sunday, March 29, is a fifth Sunday of the month, which means that our children will be in the service and that the youth will be leading the service! In addition, it's Palm Sunday. We will also share a Winter Retreat highlight with the congregation as part of our Hempfield Happenings. Youth can sign up to participate in many aspects of the service...

- leading prayer (we can write it or you can write your own)
- reading scripture
- handing out palms
- sharing the Winter Retreat update
- helping to lead the congregation in worship through music.

We will have a sign-up sheet at youth group for you to choose how you would like to help.

If you are interested in singing with the praise band, we will be choosing our songs from Winter Retreat. Which ones would you like to share with the congregation? Please let Jason know!

We will have two rehearsals for this service: Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM and Saturday, March 28 after the Easter Egg Hunt. Hopefully you can come to at least one (if not both) of these practices. We will also practice on Sunday, March 29 at 8:30 am before the service.

As always, reach out if you have any questions!



Hempfield Church of the Brethren supports a wide group of outside ministries with the Outreach dollars that you give. Look here each month to read a bit about those ministries – perhaps get involved if the Spirit leads....



Founded in 1979, COBYS Family Services is affiliated with the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren. COBYS foster care, adoption, family life education and counseling services are based in an office on Murry Hill Circle in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, with administration services a few blocks away and our Permanency Unit in downtown Lancaster on E. King Street. While our offices are in Lancaster, we also serve clients in areas in Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Schuylkill, York and Lebanon counties.

COBYS provides care and support when people often need it most, when they are facing serious circumstances. The work of COBYS is challenging, is sometimes messy and often heartbreaking. But it is necessary, honorable and life-altering. It can even be joyful. We provide enhanced services to children, adults and families, meeting them where they are and serving with empathy, compassion, dignity and hope.

COBYS Family Services continues to represent and provide Christlike concern and care for children and families in need.

COBYS facilitates programs and services through The Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Service Agency and the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN). Additional services to support those in the foster care and adoption system and those in need of counseling are provided.



Caring Hearts Luncheon 2026

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

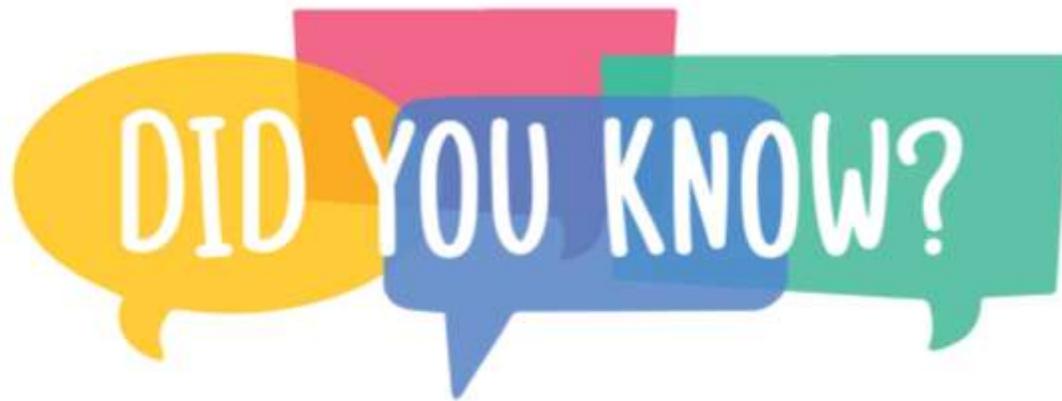
The Inn at Leola Village, 38 Deborah Dr , Leola, PA 17540

Join us for a delicious buffet lunch and hear how we are changing lives together.

The COBYS Community is giving hope and opportunity to children and families when it is needed most. See how challenges are met and brighter futures are possible.

You will hear from the Albrecht family (featured in the Winter 2026 issue of the COBYS [Fostering Hope](#) newsletter), and we'll share stories about our staff, kids and families doing everyday things in extraordinary ways.

Visit www.cobys.org/spring-luncheon/ to register.



It is our desire to keep you each informed of all the things that you need to know about The Hempfield Church of the Brethren. Below are some things that are always available to you and how to access them quickly and easily. If you have other questions, please feel free to ask. We want you all in the KNOW.



Are you familiar with RightNow Media? It is a wonderful resource for Bible Studies and other materials. The church has a membership for their site and you can have access to it as well. If you'd like the information of how you can access all of this information, see Pastor Doug for login information.



Tithe.ly (formerly Breeze) is our online church management database. You can (and should) have your own login to the system that will allow you to have access to contact information for our church community and to keep your own information active and current. To create your own account, simply visit the church website at www.hempfieldcob.org and click on the Member's Directory link at the top of the page. If you already have an account and password, you can log in from there. At the bottom of that screen you'll see a place to "create an account". Follow that link to set yourself up – easy as that!. Once your account is created, you will see several tabs across the top of the page – go to the one that says "my profile". That will show you what is already loaded into Breeze for you and will give you the place to edit any incorrect information. In addition, if you'd like to have ready access to Tithe.ly from your smart phone, simply go to the App Store on your phone and download the Tythe.ly app and download the church app.. You will then be able to log into information at your fingertips. If you have questions, contact Irene in the church office.

NOTE: If you are using Breeze to send out a mass email to the congregation, please use the "Directory" tag that you'll find in the system. The "HCOB Family" tag no longer exists. Thank you!



www.hempfieldcob.org is the address for our church website. If you haven't visited there lately, you really should! There is a lot of great information to be found there.

- On the front page you will see scrolling pictures of different upcoming events and other fun times in the life of the church.
- You can follow the tabs on the top of the page to all of our social media platforms where things are posted regularly.
- There is basic information about our church.
- The "Events" tab will lead you directly to the church calendar so you can know many of the meetings and events happening in the life of the church. If you have church-wide events that you'd like added to the calendar, contact Irene in the church office.
- The center of the main page gives the church's vision statement and the pane to the left will give you the title of the upcoming service and a place to access the past services.
- If you click on "Our Church" you can find all kinds of information about our ministries and staff. There is also a link under that tab that says "Sermons". There you will find the YouTube videos of past services. The most recent service is typically posted there early in the week following.
- The "Donate" tab takes you directly to screen to be able to give directly online. The dropdown box will allow you to also designate what fund you want that donation to go to.
- The last tab at the top of the page, "This Sunday" takes you to the information and downloadable version of the bulletin for the upcoming service.
- Near the bottom of the page, there are scrolling boxes that highlight other happenings in the life of HCOB. If you click on any of the boxes it will give you update information and registration links. The Herald box will give you links to the most current and previous two issues of the newsletter.
- Basic directions and contact information can be found at the very bottom of the page.

The website is a wonderful resource for much of the information you need to know about what is happening at HCOB!!



ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK???

Help spread the word about events and topics of interest at HCOB – it's simple! When you see a post from either the main HCOB FaceBook page or the HCOB Kids FaceBook page, just take a second and "share" that post. At the bottom of the post there should be a space that says "share" – click on that and it will share that post on YOUR FaceBook page so that it now reaches everyone you know. If we all did that, the good news of HCOB could be spread far and near. Help let the community know of the great opportunities that they can be a part of. Share, share, share.

March Calendar

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship - Communion 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	2 Doug's Day Off 6:30pm Worship Team	3 6:30pm - 8:30pm TNT 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	4 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 9:30am - 10:30am Open Gym 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	6 Laura's Day Off 6:45pm - 7:45pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP	7
8 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	9 Doug's Day Off Irene Off Outreach Team Meeting (via Zoom)	10 🏠 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting	11 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	13 Laura's Day Off	14
15 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Sunday Funday	16 Doug's Day Off 6:30pm - 8:00pm Outreach Team	17 9:30am - 10:30am Open Gym 6:30pm - 7:30pm Education Team 6:30pm - 8:30pm TNT	18 HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	20 Laura's Day Off	21 11:00am - 4:00pm Kautz Family Event
22 10:30am CCC Meeting 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 10:30am - 11:30am Fellowship Meal and Egg Stuffing 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	23 Doug's Day Off 1:00pm - 4:00pm Brethren World Mission	24 🏠 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm TNT 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	25 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	26 9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	27 Laura's Day Off 🏠 Tabulator Reminder	28 Easter Egg Hunt
29 Palm Sunday 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	30 Doug's Day Off 6:30pm - 7:30pm Communion Bread Making	31 6:30pm - 8:30pm TNT	1 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 Maundy Thursday Love Feast 9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	3 Good Laura's Day Off	4

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