

Sabbatical/Sabbath Rest

Pastor Doug Hinton

“The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them, *“Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.”* (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.)³² They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.”

Mark 6:30-32

From June 28th to September 12th, I am taking a Sabbath Rest, or sabbatical from ministry. From the COB's Annual Conference Statement on [Guidelines for Sabbath Rest](#), *“The term sabbath comes from the Hebrew verb **shabbat**, which means primarily to cease. A second meaning is rest. God “rested on the seventh day from all his work,” (2) implying that those whom he created in his image should do the same by ceasing to work and resting on the seventh day...Seven is a biblical number and historically it has been a pattern to give sabbaticals every seven years.”* The committee recognized many pastors were not eligible for a Sabbath Rest because they changed churches before hitting the seven-year mark. The statement continues, *“The sabbath rest is for three (3) weeks after four years, five (5) weeks after five years, seven (7) weeks after six years, nine (9) weeks after seven years. In addition, the pastor is entitled to his or her normal vacation annually.”*

Working with Leadership, 2026 was named and confirmed by the Congregational Gathering in the Fall of 2025. I have served as Senior Pastor seven years as of last June, and have been in Full-time ministry here eleven years as of last October. On the recommendation of others, I am working with a Sabbatical Coach, Galen Hackman, an ordained minister in the COB. He named four areas of focus during this time: rest, activities of joy and rejuvenation, professional development, and restoration of the soul. So far, I plan to travel with my family, find a seminar and/or book exploring communication or leadership development, a trip or two with my wife, Jen, and motorcycle trips into nature to be, to be still, to be with God.

Before that time, I will be working with Leadership, ministry team, staff, and deacons to develop a plan of coverage for visitation and hospital visits, preaching, TNT coverage, funerals, and any

pastoral counseling that may need to occur. We will also work on a plan of re-entry when my Sabbatical ends and I come back into the fold.

My family will be off part of the time with me, but not the whole time. Jen will work with Worship Team and others to coordinate the Sundays she's not here. My children look forward to being with the Youth over the summer and into the beginning of the fall. Luke's first year as a high school youth and Katie's first year to join.

Going into this time, information on Sabbaticals in general as well as my specific time off will be in the Herald and possibly given from upfront during a service. As more specifics are defined, they will be sent out to the body.

Personally, the primary purpose of this time remains rest and rejuvenation. I cannot give what I do not have. I've officiated weddings, celebrated lives through child dedications and funerals, and celebrated new beginnings with baptisms. I've been with you in hospitals and rehabs, psych wings, ERs, and ICUs. I've watched bodies heal, relationships reconcile, and faith come alive. I've watch brothers and sisters I've loved walk away and new people come into the fold. I've held new born babies and sang over people in their last earthly days. I've been yelled out and have raised my voice a time or two. I have offered forgiveness and been forgiven. Faith can be beautiful *and* hard. People can be encouraging *and* inconsistent. I've walked with you through the pandemic and if I'm honest, still need to heal from that – and I'm working on it. God is good. God is near. But I'm not Him, and if He rested, I need to as well. And when we come together again, I pray we may celebrate what He has done and what He is doing!

Sabbatical Sighting!!

As plans emerge and more details become known, here is a place to get some of your questions answered. More to come as time draws nearer.

A Theology of Sabbath and Rest

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enter God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:9-10 (NIV)

Sabbaticals are rooted in the biblical concept of Sabbath (rest/ceasing), originating from God resting on the seventh day of creation and the Mosaic command to observe a weekly Sabbath (shabbath) and for a seventh-year land rest (Shemitah).

Key Biblical and Theological Themes:

Divine Pattern (Genesis 2:1-3): God established a rhythm of work and rest, setting a precedent that rest is a vital part of the created order.

Divine Command (Exodus 20:8): Observance of one day a week for worship and rest is part of the law code of the Old Testament.

The Sabbatical Year (Shemitah – Leviticus 25): Beyond a weekly day off, the Old Testament prescribed that every seventh year, the land must lie fallow, debts forgiven, and slaves released, highlighting justice and trust in God's provision over human labor. (A Jubilee year was declared after seven sets of seven.)

Sabbath observance forced reliance on God's provision. It represents a theological shift from productivity-based worth to trust, allowing for renewal, reflection, and, in a modern context, a "rekindling of the fire" in ministry.

Resistance to Culture (Exodus 20:8-11): The Ten Commandments are all "counter-cultural," calling the people of God to embrace an "other-world" set of values.

Trust and Provision (Exodus 23:10-11, Lev 25:20-21): The theological premise is that God provides; the seventh-year rest forces a release of anxiety and reliance on God rather than self-sufficiency.

Purpose of Rest (Mark 2:27-28): Jesus taught that "the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" indicating that rest is a gift for human restoration and refreshment, not a restrictive burden. Sabbath is not found in legalistic obedience to a set law, but in the willing engagement of routines and practices that bring renewal and refreshment to the soul.

Types of Sabbaticals: Modern applications include rest and recuperation, but also purposeful activities like study, writing, and, for academic contexts, research.

Key Purposes in Pastoral Sabbaticals:

Renewal & Refreshment: from the often-demanding requirements of pastoral work

Restoring Joy: engaging in activities that bring joy and rejuvenation.

Professional Development: including some kind of professional growth component.

Spiritual Reflection: Stepping away to focus on the relationship with God; restoring the soul.

Trust Building: Acknowledging that God's work is not dependent upon one person.

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

“And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.”

from *On Eagles Wings* by Michael Joncas

A week or two ago, Doug and I were meeting in Chapel Hall. As you know, it's a beautiful space with large windows that let in lots of light and give a beautiful view of the avian wildlife that frequents our property. One this day, we may or may not have been a little distracted, but my curiosity was peaked when a large bird flew into the tree I was facing. Did my eyes deceive me? Surely, I didn't see what I thought I saw...and yet...



Sure enough, it was a bald eagle. Small but also quite majestic. He or she was accompanied by the red-tailed hawk that can often be found scanning our perimeter. They didn't really interact, but they rested in that tree for a solid five minutes.

You may have heard me say this before, but one of the kind ways God tends to speak to my heart is through the nudge of Holy Spirit who whispers to me, “See this beautiful creature, Laura? He is for you to enjoy.” It also brings to mind scripture references to eagles that reveal the way God cares for his people:

- **He provides renewal and strength.** “But those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles.” (Isaiah 40:31)

- **He provides protection and guidance.** “You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.” (Exodus 19:4)
- **He nurtures and cares for us.** “As an eagle stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, He spreads His wings to catch them and carries them aloft.” (Deuteronomy 32:11)

Observing this majestic creature was a great reminder to me of how much God cares for the details of our lives that we might not even be aware of. He gives us strength when we aren’t sure how to take another step forward. He shows us the way we should go when we prioritize him and intentionally make space to be still and listen. He nurtures us through the pages of scripture and through the communities he builds around us. And as the song says, he holds us in the palm of his hand.

How has God been speaking to you recently? I’d love to hear about it!

In Christ,

Pastor Laura



Spring is in the air, and we are entering April with praise in our hearts. This is such a special time of the year as we anticipate Jesus' resurrection. While it can be a very full time of year, we pray that everyone is able to also be still to reflect, pray, and praise God for all the wonderful ways He is working in our lives.

In Children's Church, we continued to work through the life and ministry of Jesus. We ended the month of March with our Palm Sunday and Easter lessons. We enjoyed a children's story on the fifth Sunday of the month, along with a message about testimonies for the children. The children will also remain in the service on Easter Sunday; however, the nursery will be staffed for any of our young children who would prefer to join us in the nursery!

Open Gym continues to be a felt need in the community. Our play sessions have brought 16 different families through our doors. Our most recent play session was on Tuesday, March 17th, and we enjoyed some shamrock themed games along with our typical play activities, as well as a short book and a group prayer. Our next session will take place on Wednesday, April 8th at 9:30am. We are hoping to culminate the spring sessions of Open Gym with a morning on the playground in May!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our Easter Egg Hunt such a successful event. From donating candy and raffle basket items, to volunteering your time to stuff eggs or help with the hunt; events like this can only happen because so many of you are generous with your time and your donations.

We have a one-of-a-kind event coming up- Go Fly a Kite! Please join us in the fields behind church on Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00pm for a kite demonstrations and kite flying lessons with world renowned kite designer and flyer, Dodd Gross. Bring a kite, and some friends too! Light refreshments will be provided at the pavilion. (Word on the street is that the first few families may even receive a kite!) Pictured below are a few kites that Dodd has designed:



****This event is weather permitting- if there is rain or no wind on May 2nd, we will hold the event on Saturday, May 9th****



Planning for Vacation Bible School is in full swing! Lists are being made, materials are being ordered, and decorations are being constructed! You will soon be hearing of ways you can get involved. Until then, please continue to pray over this summer's VBS. We are praying that the children feel safe and loved during this week. We are also praying that the message of God's amazing character reaches the children in our care, and that they can share this message with others after their week with us!

Looking Ahead:

-Open Gym 9:30-10:30am

Wednesday, April 8

Tuesday, April 21

-April 26 (Congregational Gathering)- Childcare will be provided in an upstairs classroom

-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

-June 7-11 (Sunday-Thursday evenings)- Vacation Bible School

For children who have finished 4-year preschool through children who have finished 5th grade

Your sister in Christ,

Monica

Messages in April

April 5



Now Testify!!

John 20

Pastor: Doug Hinton

This Resurrection Sunday, we hear the testimonies of the one's closest to Jesus in His life, death, and resurrection: HE is risen! What does this mean for us? Now testify!

April 12



The Greatest Resources

Acts 4:32-37, 12:25-13:3, 15:1-21

Pastor: Laura Meiser

As the early church grew, we are introduced to a man name Barnabas which means Son of Encouragement. Barnabas was a man of financial stability, having surveyed some property he owned and sharing the proceeds with the apostles for those who were in need. but that's not the only reason we know Barnabas. He and Paul were paired up and sent out to encourage others with the good news of Christ. Barnabas, it seems, was very present in this time period, drawing near when needs arose. This culminated in his attendance at the Council of Jerusalem in which he and Paul shared the amazing work of the Spirit which they had seen with their own two eyes. Not only that, it was because of the encouragement and testimony which he and Paul shared, the disciples realized they were making things much too difficult for gentile believers.

Like Paul and Barnabas, part of our unique testimonies is what we do with the God-given resources we possess. For some that is financial giving opportunities and this is greatly needed for kingdom work. But some of the most precious resources we each also possess are the gifts of time and encouragement. What does that look like in your own life right now? How can you challenge yourself to step out and share your testimony in a new way?

April 19



The World is Waiting: Together, We are the Answer

1 John 13:34-35; Acts 2:44-47; Ephesians 3:10

Pastor: Geoff Davis

We live in a moment when personal testimony, however sincere, is easily set aside. People can dismiss one person's experience — but they struggle to dismiss a community that lives in ways the world cannot manufacture on its own.

In "The World Is Waiting — Together, We Are the Answer," we explore the biblical conviction that God never intended the church to merely talk about transformation — but to be a living demonstration of it. From the early community of Acts to Jesus' own words in John 13, Scripture consistently points to our life together as the most compelling witness we have.

The world is waiting. The question is whether we are ready to show up as the answer.

April 26



Walk and Speak with Integrity

Acts 5; Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:7-12

Pastor: Doug Hinton

In this quarter of our year, we are walking through “Cultivating a Life Worth Sharing.” When we think of those we respect, look up to, or model our lives after, we often look to those with good character and integrity. When they say yes, they mean it. When they say no, it’s not in meanness, but with healthy respect and boundaries. How can we grow in our integrity? What’s important? Who can we look to as examples? Who contradicts their word in Scripture? How can our character help solidify our testimony?

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 May 3.

Where: Library

When: After the church service



POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: If you, or someone you know is graduating from a college, university, trade school or other post high school program, please send the name and contact information to Sue Brubaker, of the Education Team, via the church mailbox or suebru321@gmail.com by April 26, 2026 in order to complete a short

questionnaire.

We would like to invite all graduates to the Graduation Sunday service which is June 7, 2026 so we can celebrate and recognize you as you finish this chapter of your lives!



Is God calling you (or perhaps someone you know) to a ministry with youth? If so, Hempfield COB has a place for you! Simply visit the church website at www.hempfieldcob.org and follow the link at the top of the main page for more information.

Attention: If you have the Hospitality gift of Hosting a meal in your home, Care for Church Community would love to invite you 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 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.



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

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

Camp Swatara
OPENING
Weekend

Join us to open the
Campground for the season!

All ages are Welcome &
Camp for Free

April 24 - 26, 2026
Work Day - April 25 - 8AM
Register By: April 16th

For Information & Register:
www.campswatara.org



BLAZE THE WAY

5K

RUN & WALK

SATURDAY

APRIL 18, 2026

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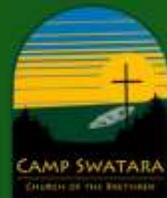
REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM

RACE: 9:00 AM 5K RUN

9:05 AM 1-MILE FUN RUN/WALK

\$100 Cash prize for overall male &
overall female competitive 5K runners

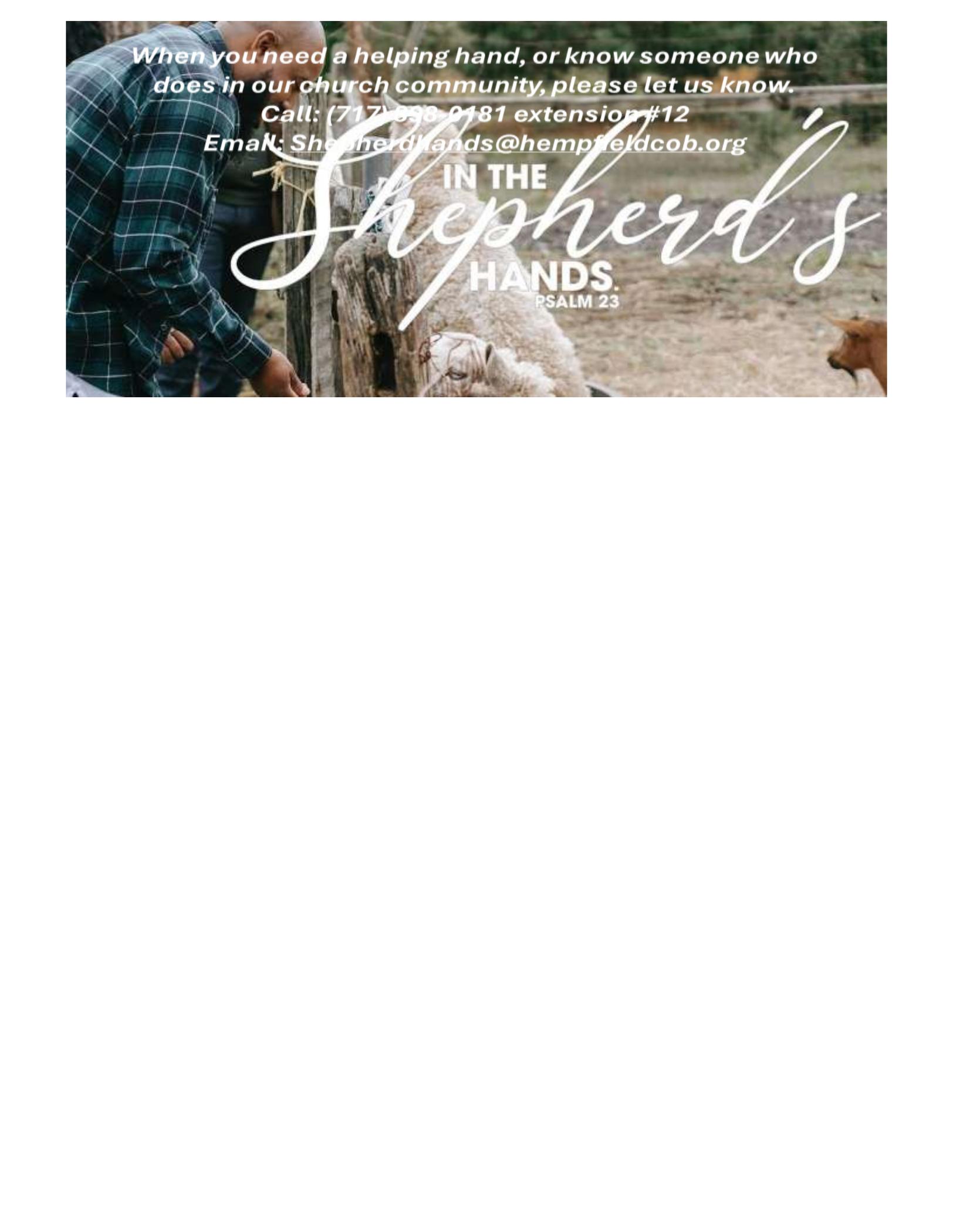
Age group awards
Participants 10 and under receive a
gift bag & medal.



REGISTER ONLINE:



WWW.CAMPSWATARA.ORG

A photograph of a man in a green and white plaid shirt leaning over a wooden fence to touch a sheep. The background shows a rural field with a cow and trees.

*When you need a helping hand, or know someone who
does in our church community, please let us know.*

Call: (717) 638-0181 extension #12

Email: ShepherdHands@hempfieldcob.org

IN THE
Shepherd's
HANDS.
PSALM 23



Featured Hymn Writer

April 2026

Martin Luther

The Monk Who Saved Christianity

Martin Luther was the firstborn son to a German peasant couple in Eisleben on November 10, 1483. His family owned several copper mines, indicating they were among the higher of the peasant classes. He died at age 62 in the same town in 1546.

He was a priest, theologian, author, hymn writer, professor and Augustinian friar. He was the leading figure of the protestant Reformation, and his theology formed the basis of the Lutheran Church.

He first studied law at the behest of his father at Erfurt in 1505, but a near death experience in the midst of a violent storm caused him to turn to God and study to become a monk. He continued his studies for that purpose and earned a Doctor of Theology degree in 1512.

Martin became critical of the customs of the Catholic Church, especially the sale of indulgences, the practice of which he believed was contrary to Bible teachings. Indulgences were sold to church members to avoid Purgatory, but, in truth, the money from their sale was used to finance St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Excommunicated by Pope Leo X in 1521 for his heretical beliefs, he was saved by the protection of the German Prince Frederick the Wise, and allowed to develop his reformed ideas and continue his German Bible translation which launched the bases for Protestantism. The printing press at this historic moment also proved helpful to spread his ideas rapidly throughout Europe.

Luther continued on to Wittenberg to teach theology at Castle Church where he ultimately posted his famous 95 Theses, a listing of his arguments against the existing church. In 1525 the peasants revolted in southern Germany using Luther's ideas as their basis for revolt. As a result, Luther requested the princes to restore civil peace to the country. The same year he married a former nun, Catherine de Bora and went on to father six children.

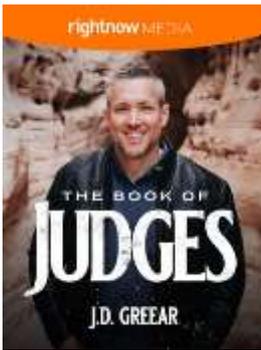
Luther never intended to found a new church, only correct those things he saw as unbiblical and end the abuses of the church. Study of the New Testament was what led to his discontent, and he stood ready to commit himself to such truths no matter the cost.

The main tenants of Luther's theology are: 1/Salvation is through God's work of divine grace and man's faith 2/The absolute truth of the Bible and 3/The communion and priesthood of all believers. As he stood before the Diet of Worms he stated, "Here I stand. I can do no other".

Probably his best known hymn is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", but others penned by him include "From Heaven Above to Earth I Came", and "We all Believe in One True God".

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Current Study...



The book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity and relationship to its God. Heroes and heroines arise, who seem to have the potential to save Israel. But in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver.

In this series, pastor and author J.D. Greear wades into the book of Judges to shine a light onto the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories and truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, J.D. works through each chapter unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness, and shows how only the divine can redeem the fallen.

April 5 - (No Class) Easter

April 12 - Judges 4-5

April 19 - Judges 6

April 26 - (No Class) Congregational Gathering



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

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Upcoming Calendar:

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday Service - 7:00
Sunday, April 5 - No Youth Group - Happy Easter

Who We Are!

Mission Statement:

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Vision:

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What These Mean:

When you are here at Hempfield Youth, you come with a fresh start. We care more about building a community now that grows in the future than we do about someone's past.

We live this way because Christ gave us all fresh starts by dying on the cross for our sins. We don't want to be an "exclusive club." Instead, we want to be an open invitation to anyone who needs a place to feel loved, cared for, and like they have a purpose.

Christ calls us to love, and we hope that you know His love through how we live, and that we can grow together to be better than we were yesterday.

We hope we can grow with you!



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....

Expanding Our Outreach Together

During our April Hempfield Happenings, the Outreach Team will be sharing an exciting vision for expanding Hempfield's outreach by encouraging and supporting greater volunteer engagement within our local community. We believe God is continually opening doors for us to live out our calling to serve, and we want to help connect our congregation with meaningful opportunities that reflect Christ's love in tangible ways.

Hempfield has been blessed to partner with many impactful ministries already doing vital work in our region. These partnerships provide a variety of ways for individuals, families, small groups, and ministry teams to serve according to their gifts and availability.

In addition to highlighting current opportunities, the Outreach Team will also be inviting the congregation to share about places where they are already volunteering or ministries they feel God may be calling Hempfield to support in the future. Together, we can prayerfully discern how God is leading us to serve our neighbors more faithfully.

LOCAL MINISTRIES

Water Street Ministries – <https://wsm.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
Serving Meals • Mentoring • Shelter support • Donation sorting • Various based on volunteer interests

Lancaster Food Hub – <https://lancasterfoodhub.org/volunteer/>
Food packing • Distribution support • Community gardening • Hospitality

Bible2School – <https://www.bible2school.com/volunteer/>
Classroom volunteers • Prayer partners

Align Life Ministries – <https://alignlifeministries.org/get-involved/serve/>
Client advocates • Gardening • Receptionist • Cleaning • Handiwork

Friendship Community / Special Friends Ministries – <https://www.friendshipcommunity.net/>
Housekeeping / Light maintenance • Pen Pal • Event volunteers

Habitat for Humanity – <https://lancasterlebanonhabitat.org/volunteer-opportunities/>
Construction teams • ReStore volunteers • Skilled trades • Donation pick up / sorting

TNT East Petersburg – <https://www.tntyouthministry.com/get-involved>
Youth mentoring • Activity leaders • Meal support

Blessings of Hope – <https://blessingsofhope.com/volunteer/>
Stock shelves • Sort and package food

REGIONAL & DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES

Camp Swatara – <https://www.campswatara.org/volunteer-opportunities>
Camp counselors • Kitchen teams • Workdays • Resource counselors

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction – <https://brethrenauction.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
Auction volunteers • Hospitality • Heifer sale support • Children's activities

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” — 1 Peter 4:10

Expanding Our Outreach Together



Get Involved • Make a Difference • Share God's Love



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

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.

April Calendar

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

April 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Love Feast | 3 Laura's Day Off 12:00pm - 3:00pm Good Friday Service - Walking with Jesus 7:00pm - 8:30pm Good Friday Service - Walking with Jesus | 4 |
| 5 Easter Sunday Worship NO Youth Group 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship | 6 Doug's Day Off 6:30pm Worship Team Via Zoom | 7 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting | 8 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group 9:30am - 10:30am Open Gym 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 9 Irene Vacation 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal | 10 Irene Vacation Laura's Day Off 6:45pm - 7:45pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP - Easter Service | 11 |
| 12 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group | 13 Doug's Day Off Irene Vacation 1:00pm - 2:00pm Brethren World Mission | 14 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm TNT | 15 HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 16 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal | 17 Laura's Day Off | 18 |
| 19 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group | 20 Doug's Day Off 6:30pm - 8:00pm Outreach Team | 21 9:30am - 10:30am Open Gym 6:30pm - 7:30pm Education Team 6:30pm - 8:30pm TNT | 22 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 23 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal | 24 Laura's Day Off Tabulator Reminder | 25 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner |
| 26 Congregational Gathering 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group | 27 Doug's Day Off | 28 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm TNT 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team | 29 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:15pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 30 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal | 1 Laura's Day Off 6:45pm - 7:45pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP | 2 Go Fly a Kite |



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