

## Sabbatical/Sabbath Rest, part 2

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.)<sup>32</sup> They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.”

**Mark 6:30-32**

As I communicated in the April Herald and our Congregational Gathering April 28, I am taking a Sabbath Rest, or sabbatical from ministry from June 28<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Galen Hackman shared a message on Sabbatical on May 24<sup>th</sup> that can also be helpful as to the roots and practice of this rest. In seeking wisdom through this process, I've asked Galen to coach me before and through this Sabbatical to help fulfill its purpose, which is discussed below.

Working with Leadership, ministry team, staff, and deacons, a plan of coverage for visitation and hospital visits, preaching, TNT coverage, funerals, and any pastoral counseling that may need to occur can be found below.

### **Points of Contact during Sabbatical:**

**Pastor Laura:** facilitate Staff, Ministry, Deacon and Worship Team meetings. She'll be the first point of contact for members in the hospital or if there is a death. As of April's deacon meeting: **deacons** will be in support with visitation, cards, calls, and prayer chain follow-up, etc.

Laura will be my only point of contact if death or tragedy strike. She will be the only person I will answer directly in this time.

**Prayer chain:** there are a couple ways to update or add to the prayer chain. Contact our Administrator, Irene Hershey in the office or Pastor Laura, especially if a pastoral visit is needed. If a visit is not needed, you can email Rebecca Strite, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, directly:

[rstrite@gmail.com](mailto:rstrite@gmail.com)

If someone needs pastoral counseling, please call **Pastors Geoff or Laura.**

**Doors:** If you host an event, call Irene Hershey in our office to schedule when and which doors need to be open. If you are in a bind or emergency,

contact **Dave Dum** on our **Property Team** to open/lock the doors.

**Any church concerns:** If there is a concern around church function or procedure within the body, please contact our **Moderator, Del Kautz**, or **Leadership Team Chair, Dan Witter.**

**TNT** will meet three times a month over the summer. A member of HCOB needs to be here during their time together in case of emergency or need arises. This requires a member to be present, not necessarily participate in the event. This can give members an idea what TNT does since we partnered with them two years ago. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for 2 members a night to be present.

**Jen Hinton** will not here in July as my family will take part of this time with me. Jen coordinated with our members and brothers and sisters from outside the body to lead worship.

Preaching will be covered by Pastors Geoff and Laura. We will also have a variety of guest preachers within and out of the body. Del Kautz, Kent Rice, Ray Hutchison, Milt Stoltzfus and Friendship Community, Kurt or Malachi from TNT, among others. Preaching will continue around the differing aspect of Living Testimonies: Sharing our Stories of Faith.

### **What will I do with my time away?**

My family will spend some time traveling together to explore out West and be present with one another. I will take an extended weekend to participate in a silent retreat at a monastery. Jen and I will take time away to continue to strengthen our relationship. Galen and I will coordinate a communication round table where I can ask questions and learn from others about their

communication styles and purpose. I also plan to read a book recommended by Pastor Geoff, Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High. Beyond that, I plan to ride motorcycle and be in nature, to both clear my mind and be still before the Lord.

**Two points of clarification:** (1) People have asked if I'm leaving after this Sabbatical. No. I do not feel led elsewhere and for what it's worth, per the Annual Conference Statement on Sabbatical, a minister must stay at the body who granted such a time for (at least) one year. (2) I've had a handful of people ask if we can talk or get together over this time. Respectfully, no. Pastors Laura and Geoff are here, your deacons and the rest of your church family are here for love, support, mercy, and grace. In one of the leadership team meetings, another point was mentioned related to this: please don't see Jen or our kids as relay points, i.e., "can you tell Doug....?" I do not think this would be an issue, but another member brought it up so I want to relay it here.

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, 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!

# Associate Pastor of Discipleship

*“By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” Genesis 2:2-3*

Sabbath. We see it in the very beginning of creation. Keeping the sabbath is also one of the commands Moses brought to God’s people directly from His outstretched hand. Jesus both observed the sabbath and reminded us that it was created for us, even as the Pharisees made keeping sabbath a stern and legalistic situation. (Fun fact: Even now orthodox Jews pre-rip toilet paper and paper towels because the act of tearing the same violates not just one but *three* pharisaic laws!)

In *Sabbath*, author Wayne Muller makes this excellent observation: “Later, in the book of Exodus, we read, ‘In six days God made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day God rested, and was refreshed.’ Here, the word “refreshed,” *vaiynafesh*, literally means, *and God exhaled*. The creation of the world was like the life-quickenning inhale; the Sabbath is the exhale.”

Do you see the rhythm here? Our creative God begins creating the universe. {inhale} When that work comes to fruition sabbath begins. {exhale} Sabbath, then, isn’t the absence of anything fun or creative. Rather it is the pause, the exhale we all need in our lives so we can slow down and see the beautiful of the world God has created for us.

*Sabbath is made for God’s people.*

I’m reminded of a sweet time in the life of our family when our daughters, Madison and Rowan, were small. Darren was traveling quite a bit in that season, often 3-4 days a week and usually at least three weeks out of every month. The gift of that time, besides a copious amount of Hilton Honors points, was that he was almost always home early for dinner on Friday evenings. And so, we began marking a family sabbath together. In that season, I’d cook a special meal, perhaps a little more complex than an average weeknight. The girls would set the table and light candles. All technology would be tucked away, and the lights would be low. And then, just before the meal would be served, we’d sit down and pause. Madison would read scripture. Often this would be the *shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4-6) but sometimes it was another scripture she chose. And then sweet little Rowan would chime in, “Do hands, Daddy! Do hands!” That was Darren’s signal to do what many other daddies have done over time; place his hands on each daughter’s head and pray a simple blessing over them.

*Sabbath is made for God’s people.* Sabbath is a time to slow down. To delight in what God has laid before us. It is meant to be joyful; a respite from the rigors of the work week. “Sabbath rest, Muller says, “invites us to step back, and see that [God’s creation] is good—which enables us to more fully appreciate and enjoy the blessings of our lives and the fruits of our labors.”

I’ll be honest. I miss that season of family sabbath in our lives but as with every other season, seasons change. Children grow. Priorities and responsibilities shift and that often means our practices must shift.

I wonder...what does sabbath look like in this season of your life? What sabbath practices do you have?

For some, you may be able to enjoy a quiet Sunday sabbath. Worship. Lunch with friends. Perhaps a nap, a walk at the park or time spent reading a book that brings you joy. For others, perhaps you carve out a few hours one morning or afternoon each week, knowing the weekend will be full and purpose to honor what God has called us to.

Or maybe, as you examine your life, you might be like me, recognizing that old spiritual practices don’t exactly fit this new season of life. Something new is in order. Something that allows you to slow down, draw near to God and to recognize that he does not desire for his people to be weary and/or unhappy.

This is your invitation to the practice of sabbath! To slow down. To put your phone away and to be still. And there is blessing to be found for in keeping sabbath as a way of honoring the Lord, the prophet Isaiah says, “then

you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.” (Isaiah 58:14)

But how shall we practice the keeping of sabbath? First, keep it simple. You don’t need to commit to doing an extensive 24 hour/sundown to sundown sabbath observation as our Jewish friends do. Simply block off some time on your calendar, even just 20 minutes, and set your intention to be still before the Lord and to enjoy his creation. Here are a few practical options you might try:

- Plan a family meal. Pull out the fancy dishes and light candles. (Even pizza looks better on pretty dishes!) Pray together and share a verse or two of scripture and then simply be together. Linger at the table and share special memories.
- Take a walk, by yourself or with someone special to you, and refrain from talking. Simply be.
- Take time to breathe. Seriously. We are not good at breathing deeply. Breathe. In and out. After a time, begin to offer a breath prayer.
- Spend time in nature. Sip some tea on your back porch. Take a walk around the lake. Nap in a hammock. The possibilities are endless.
- Pray.
- Play! Pull out a board game. Find your Dutch Blitz cards. Kick a soccer ball around and enjoy the people God has placed in your life.

Sabbath is critical to our well-being, but it’s something we often overlook. I hope you’ll join me in this practice through the month of June.

Praying God’s blessing over each of you!

Pastor Laura



Hello summertime! I pray that everyone's school year is wrapping up smoothly. I am also praying for safe travels for each of you this summer!

### **A quick recap of May:**

In Children's Church this month, we read a bit more through the Gospel, as well as the book of Acts. We learned of when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. We also had some good conversations about how it feels to have faith, and what the word "faith" truly means. We concluded the month learning that before Jesus returned to heaven, he gave us a very important job of telling others about Jesus. We also discussed different ways we as Christians can show that we care for one another.

This past month we had some fun gatherings take place.

- Some of the Open Gym families met on the playground this month. It was a sunny, yet windy morning. It was nice to see each other again!
- We had a lovely time during the Go Fly a Kite event! There were many kites in the air, and smiles all around.
- The children helped with Music Celebration Sunday. We led the Congregation in one VBS song, and we accompanied the Choir with some percussion instruments.

### **The month ahead:**

The month of June will start out very busy! Rainforest Falls VBS preparations will be peaking during the first week of June.

Please continue to pray over this event with us. We are praying that our volunteers feel joy and strength through the Lord while serving the children and families participating in VBS. We are praying that the children who attend are filled with peace as they learn more about the nature of God. We are excited to be able to bless our community with a fun week of fellowship and learning about God.

For those who would like to help to decorate our VBS spaces, Monica will be at church and accepting any help during the following times:

- Monday, June 1: 9:30am-2:00pm; 5:00pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, June 2: 9:30am-2:00pm
- Wednesday, June 3: 9:30am-2:00pm; 5:00pm-8:00pm
- Friday, June 5: 9:30am-2:00pm
- Saturday, June 9: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Additionally, we could use a few more **Crew Leaders**. A Crew Leader responsible for supervising a Crew of children as they travel from to station, as well as facilitating conversation and learning between the children and the Station Leaders. If this sounds like something you do, please contact Monica!



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## Children's Church Summer Schedule

Over the summer, our schedule for Children's Church will look a bit different. While travel schedules look different over the summer, we have prayed over how to honor everyone's schedules, while continuing to serve the children. Our 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be combining this summer, as with past summers. Our Children's Church schedule over the summer will be as follows:

- June 7 (Youth Sunday): Preschool/Kindergarten class (all are welcome to join)
- June 14: All Classes
- June 21: All Classes
- June 28: Children Remain in Service
- July 5: Preschool/Kindergarten class (all are welcome to join)
- July 12: All Classes
- July 19: Preschool/Kindergarten class (all are welcome to join)
- July 26: Children Remain in Service
- August 2: Preschool/Kindergarten (all are welcome to join)
- August 9: All Classes
- August 16: All Classes
- August 23: Children Remain in Service
- August 30: Children Remain in Service (Fifth Sunday)

### **Upcoming dates to keep in mind:**

-June 7-11 (Sunday-Thursday 6pm-8pm)- Vacation Bible School

For children who have finished 4-year preschool through children who have finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Your sister in Christ,  
Monica

# Messages in June

June 7

## Youth Sunday – Running Back to God



**Initiator: Larry Wilson**

Trials often lead us away from God and the path He has paved for us. When we are at our lowest, we often push away from God and refuse the milk and honey He has planned for us. We can't fathom why He puts us through trials. Join us as we explore the journey away and back to God by delving into Job's and Jonah's trials. Our struggle is an opportunity to build our relationship with God, not reject Him.

June 14

## Prepared By Practice

1 Timothy 4:7–8; John 15:1–12; Galatians 5:19–26

**Pastor: Geoff Davis**

Paul calls Timothy to “train” for godliness — the language of the gymnasium, the disciplined body. Jesus calls his disciples to “abide” in the vine — the source of all growth and fruitfulness. This morning we explore the spiritual disciplines: the intentional habits of prayer, study, silence, fasting, and worship that don't earn God's favor but keep us connected to the One who transforms us. Not performance. Not legalism. Abiding — so the Spirit can grow in us the fruit we could never produce on our own.



June 21

## Stories of Faith at Home

Proverbs 4; Deut 6:6-9; Mark 5:14-20

**Pastor: Doug Hinton**

Who and where do you share your stories of faith, of how you are growing in Christ or where you see Him at work around and in you? Do you see Him at work in the church, in the news, at work, or in your home? This Father's Day, we will explore how to share our faith with those closest to us: the ones with whom we live. Do you share your faith with your children? Both in victory and failure, strength and stumbling? How about your spouse, sibling, or roommate? God impresses this facet of life upon the Hebrew people in Deuteronomy 6. After Jesus heals the man possessed by demons in Mark 5, He does not allow the man to follow Him but tells him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.” The healed man did just that. Tell me: what's your story? When did Jesus show up? How are you challenged and encouraged by His teachings? Who may need to hear your story closest to you?



June 28

## Who Are You?

1 Cor 15:50-58

**Pastor: Kent Rice**

As we consider how our lives at work or school reflect our beliefs, let's stop and ask a question: Why is work/life balance so hard to attain? Could it be because they are different shapes and weights? Can we be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" and still pay the bills? Am I different everywhere I go, including church? So who am I...*really*?



# 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 July 5.**

Where: Library

When: After the church service



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](http://www.hempfieldcob.org) and follow the link at the top of the main page for more information.



As the Lord leads, please consider an additional offering designated "For Outreach" to help meet our commitments through April 15, 2026. Currently, we have met Outreach commitments only through January 15, 2026. Thank you!.



Thank you for the 97 pounds of food contributed to the pantry in April.

In APRIL, we served:

536 children

966 adults

382 seniors

For a total 1,884 people served

17 NEW families were registered in April !

Current food items requested: Canned fruit (all kinds 15 oz.), Bagged dry beans (16 Oz.), Canned baked beans, Canned garbanzo beans, Canned peas, Canned potatoes, Canned cream of mushroom soup, Large creamy peanut butter, Canned chick peas, Canned mixed vegetables, Canned spinach, Crackers, Mac / cheese, Cereal, Granola bars.



**Care for Church Community**  
invites you to  
**Connection Nights**  
**in June, July, and August**

Come one and all (young and wise) to gather and share your gifts and talents. This will be a time of connection for fellowship and fun on designated Thursday evenings from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in Chapel Hall.

Each night will have its own unique task to enjoy. The following dates and times are below to mark your calendar. Join us as you are enjoying the summer weather!

- June 18 - Coloring Bible Verse Cards and Creating Encouraging Notes
- July 9 - Bible Trivia
- July 23 - Prayer Night - praying over provided requests by church attendees
- August 6 - Board Games
- August 20 - Project for Rally Day or a Service Project



## 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**





## Featured Hymn Writer

June 2026

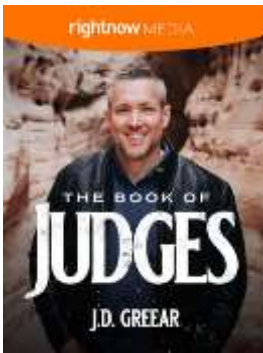
# Thomas Chisholm

Thomas Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky in 1866. He was both a poet and hymn writer, best known for my favorite hymn (and yours, perhaps?) "Great is Thy Faithfulness". This hymn was set to music by William Runyan of the Moody Bible Institute, and is based on a famous passage from, oddly, the book of Lamentations in the Bible. In his youth, Thomas taught school and edited local newspapers, becoming an ordained minister in 1903. In poor health most of his life, his brief ministry ended after a few years, but he was able to continue to write poetry during a long lifetime, producing more than 1200 sacred writings. Another famous hymn, "Living for Jesus" plus 800 others were set to music and published. His poetry themes focused on spiritual truths and encouragement.

He was converted at the age of 26 at a revival meeting led by Dr. Henry Clay Morrison. In 1916 he moved to Vineland, NJ and worked as an insurance agent, making a scant livelihood for his wife and two daughters. He married Catherine Vandervere who helped support their family inundated with excessive health care bills for many years. In 1953 he retired to the Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Grove, NJ, where he passed away in 1960. He left a long and priceless legacy with his works across the generations worldwide. Despite his hardships, he never once failed to keep his faith in a faithful God whose presence he knew every day of his life.



## 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.

June 7 – No Class (Youth Sunday & Vacation Bible School)

June 14 – Judges 13

June 21 – Judges 14-16

June 28 – Judges 17-18

July 5 – No Class (4ht of July Weekend)

July 12 – Judges 19-21



*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:

Thursday, June 4 - practice for Youth Sunday from 6-7 PM.

Saturday, June 6 - practice for Youth Sunday beginning at 10 AM.

Sunday, June 7 - Youth Sunday - practice at 8:30, church at 9:30, celebration lunch for youth/families after the service

Sunday, June 7 - Thursday, June 11 - VBS - youth helpers are welcome!

Monday, June 15 - Roller Skating Party at Mt. Gretna Roller Rink from 6-8 (Lititz CoB has rented the rink for the skating party and is inviting other local CoB youth to join. Admission is free; skate rental is \$5. A sign-up will be coming soon so that we can determine interest and transportation needs. We would meet at the church at 5:30.

Saturday, July 25 - Bay Day at the Witter's House - more details to come, but save the date!!! This is an all-day event.

## 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!

## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE:**

### **ANDREW (LARRY) WILSON**

Larry is the son of William Wilson  
and the grandson of Carol Adams and Arthur Adams.  
He was graduated in the top 5% of his class from  
Reach Cyber Charter School  
on May 20, 2026, after having skipped his junior year  
of high school!!!

Larry was active in writing poetry for a Literary Magazine.

While not currently seeking additional studies, he is working part-time as a landscaper and gardener as  
he pursues other full time opportunities.

At Hempfield Church he has been active in the youth group and choir and occasionally blesses our  
services with special music.

Congratulations Larry!

## **POST-HIGH GRADUATES:**

### **MITCHELL BARNES**

Mitchell is the son of Andy & Sherri Barnes.

He is the grandson of Dennis & Shirley Bushong.

Mitchell graduated from Penn State University on May 10, with a degree in Agriculture Business  
Management.

He is a Dean's List recipient.

For now, Mitchell will continue working for the Bushong Property Group as he seeks a job opportunity  
in the agriculture field.

Congratulations Mitchell!

### **JORDAN HOFFMAN**

Jordan is the daughter of Jason Hoffman & Hilary Hoffman.

She was graduated from Kutztown University on May 16, 2026 with a  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Art Education.

Some of her honors include the Dean's List, graduating Cum Laude, receiving the College of Visual  
and Performing Arts Student Excellence Award, and having multiple pieces of art chosen for display in  
the Sharadin Art Building, including a self-portrait which was voted Best in Show!

Jordan will begin her career as an art teacher at  
Leola Elementary School in the Conestoga Valley School District in the fall.

Congratulations Jordan!



# OUTREACH Ministry

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

*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....*

# FOOD DRIVE

*>> Together We Can Make a Difference*



– Hempfield Church of the Brethren –

## FOOD DRIVE

Hempfield Church of the Brethren is sponsoring a two-day community-wide food drive in support of the Hempfield Area Food Pantry and the Manheim Central Food Pantry. The food drive will occur over two Tuesdays, June 16 and June 23. Donations will be accepted from 7:00AM to 7:00PM both days. The two pantries support over 300 families and 1,000 people in our local communities with needed groceries.

**TWO TUESDAYS**

**JUNE 16 & JUNE 23**


**7:00AM TO 7:00PM**


**BOTH DAYS**

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

 CANNED MEATS	 CANNED VEGETABLES	 CANNED FRUIT	 PACKAGED PASTA OF ALL TYPES	 PASTA SAUCES	 MAC & CHEESE	 CEREAL	 PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY (NO GLASS CONTAINERS)
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ONE-POUND BAGS OF DRY BEANS AND RICE • CANNED AND BOXED SOUPS • PANCAKE MIX AND SYRUP

 The Manheim Pantry also provides personal care items including: toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner, women's personal hygiene products, diapers and adult disposable briefs.

 Monetary donations will also be accepted and both Pantries are qualified charitable organizations for tax purposes. Make checks payable to: Hempfield Area Food Pantry or Manheim Central Food Pantry.

*Thank You!*

 **Hempfield Church of the Brethren** is located at the intersection of Stevens Street and Metzler Road **one mile west of East Petersburg** (1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA 17545 for GPS) Phone: 717-898-0181

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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](http://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](http://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.

# June Calendar

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

## June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Sunday Planning	<b>1</b> Doug's Day Off 9:30am - 2:00pm VBS Prep 5:00pm - 7:00pm Mulching 5:00pm - 8:00pm VBS Prep	<b>2</b> 9:30am - 2:00pm VBS Prep 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	<b>3</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 9:30am - 2:00pm VBS Prep 5:00pm - 8:00pm VBS Prep	<b>4</b> VBS Prep 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Sunday Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>5</b> Laura's Day Off 9:30am - 2:00pm VBS Prep 6:45pm - 7:45pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP	<b>6</b> 12:00pm - 4:00pm VBS Prep 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal
<b>7</b> 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering NO Youth Group 9:30am - 11:00am YOUTH SUNDAY 11:00am - 1:00pm Youth Celebration Luncheon 6:00pm - 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>8</b> Doug's Day Off 6:00pm - 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>9</b> 📍 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>10</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group 6:00pm - 8:00pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property	<b>11</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00pm - 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>12</b> Laura's Day Off	<b>13</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Landis Event 2:30pm - 5:30pm Fisher Event
<b>14</b> 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group Swim at Barnes' Pool	<b>15</b> Doug's Day Off 8:00am - 1:00pm Friends Together Week 1:00pm - 4:00pm Brethren World Mission	<b>16</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm SUMMER FOOD DRIVE 8:00am - 1:00pm Friends Together Week 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT 6:30pm - 7:30pm Education Team	<b>17</b> HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 1:00pm Friends Together Week 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	<b>18</b> 8:00am - 1:00pm Friends Together Week 6:00pm - 7:30pm Connection Night 6:00pm - 7:00pm Fellowship & Hospitality Team 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm - 8:00pm Outreach Team	<b>19</b> Laura's Day Off 8:00am - 1:00pm Friends Together Week	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> NO Youth Group 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship	<b>22</b> Doug's Day Off	<b>23</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm SUMMER FOOD DRIVE 📍 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	<b>24</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	<b>25</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>26</b> Laura Out General Conference 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	<b>27</b> Laura Out General Conference
<b>28</b> Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group Swim at Barnes' Pool	<b>29</b> Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical	<b>30</b> Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	<b>1</b> Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	<b>2</b> Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>3</b> Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed Pastor Doug Sabbatical



**RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED**

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