

Sabbatical/Sabbath Rest

Pastor Doug Hinton

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **dwell on these things**. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

Reflection & Focus

Wednesday marked the 8 year anniversary of Hempfield Church of the Brethren calling me to the role of Senior Pastor. In that time, we moved through a number of transitions of staff, moderators, and ministry chairs. We walked through two contentious (is there another kind?) presidential elections (one of which I received a concerned call about firearms being brought onto the property) and multiple other state and local elections. We walked through the pandemic together, uncertain and messy as it was, as we took a year to hand-copy the Gospel of John and preach through it - for the first time on video, gathering outside at the pavilion, even sharing communion via Zoom - seeking to stay faithful to Christ in ways we never considered.

In the midst of all this, I've watched the greater denomination and church weaponize faith and politics, allowing ideologies that often twist Scripture and the way of Christ, to divide and destroy relationships and blur our purpose. The Atlantic Northeast District is half the size in membership (roughly 6,600) from when I started just 8 years ago (around 13,000). The lure for power, control, and relevance entices us away from the way of Christ, who humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. One thing I'm learning to accept: I cannot control, predict, or dictate another person's actions or decisions. I can only seek to stay faithful to Christ, in the family and body that He calls me.

Which brings me to Focus. On Wednesday I took time to read, journal, and pray. Looking to the hills around Swatara State Park, Psalm 121:1-2 came to mind: I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. When I see the great structures of this creation, I recognize that my help comes from One greater, the very One who called those structures into being.

The second thing that struck me came from meeting with our quilters Wednesday morning. During their devotional time, they read part of Philippians 4. I reread the chapter during my prayer time and verse 8 stood out

to me: Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

To dwell on these things is to take an inventory. In the midst of change and sometime grief, we witnessed Laura, Emmy, and Josh Fulmer grow in their respective roles. We are now seeing Pastor Laura, Monica, Jen, and Irene grow in their faith as they use their giftings to strengthen the body. I've witnessed and heard the compassion and conviction that Jason Hoffman and Lydia Fisher carry as they partnered with our youth - and not just them, but the other advisors as well. Pastor Geoff continues to grow in, practice, and call us to live out faith in our loving God through all these changes and far more. As we seek to follow Jesus, showing the love of Christ to one another and testify to His works, we see the fruit of the Spirit coming forth from our partnership with TNT as youth are hearing the gospel (sometimes for the first time), connecting with local churches, and even being baptized. We are beginning to wrestle with our faith and practice here at Hempfield <-- which can be a good thing - so that we are grounded together in Scripture, Christ's teachings and way, and can live out our understanding in community. The Leadership Team and ministry teams seek traditional and new ways to grow in faith, connect the body, and reach into the community. We continue to support 2-3 local food banks, a community meal in Landisville, and other local ministries meeting the need of food disparity. I can go on, but I wonder: what do you see? More importantly, what do you dwell on? As we partner locally with Christ's body, He is calling others to Him: **AND WE GET TO PARTICIPATE!**

As I get ready for Sabbatical, we are in a season of anticipation: where will Christ lead us next? As we humbly seek Him together, He will show us the way, not just in what we do (action), but who we are (presence/being).

If you made it this far, thank you. Thank you for these eight years, for your faithfulness and prayer, your

wisdom and understanding, your compassion and joy. I know it's not always been easy, but anything worth doing comes with its challenges and trials: that's one way we grow together in Christ.

Your brother in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Doug Hinton
Pastor

Associate Pastor of Discipleship

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

Just a few days ago, Pastor Doug officially began his much-anticipated sabbatical. We had a beautiful time of sending on Father’s Day and as staff and the Leadership Team met last Tuesday, we all prayed over Doug (and myself!) during this unique season in the life of the body at HCOB.

While the unknown can be anxiety producing, here’s one thing I know: God has always been with us. He was there yesterday. He is with us today. And he will shepherd us through the upcoming weeks.

I think it’s important for you to know that Doug has laid all the plans in place for a successful and, dare I say, fruitful summer. The preaching schedule is rounded out through September and beyond and you’ll have the opportunity to hear some new voices in that time. TNT is fully staffed with volunteers for the summer and as those who have volunteered share their experiences with this meaningful ministry, I hope you’ll consider taking a turn to volunteer in the fall. We have also communicated out points of contact during this time:

I’ll be your chief contact for pastoral needs. If you have a concern, desire a visit, experience a hospital stay, etc., do not hesitate to contact me. I have heard individuals express concern of taking pastoral staff away from their work and while I appreciate the sentiment, know this—I am never too busy with a to-do list that I won’t have time for God’s people. You are important to me.

Your deacons are ready and willing to serve and support you as is the rest of the staff. Irene can help answer questions you might have, Monica is, of course, your point person for all things Kid Min, and Geoff and I are available for counseling needs and the like. If you have a church concern, you can share with our Leadership Team Chair, Dan Witter, or moderator, Del Kautz. If you need a door unlocked or have other property concerns, Dave Dum is ready to help. If you have any prayer concerns, you can of course contact myself or Irene but also Rebecca Strite who heads up our prayer chain ministry.

As you read through this list, I hope you see the beautiful body of Christ fleshed out. And what is even more important is that each one of these individuals has been doing all these things all along. Doug has an important role as the spiritual leader of this body, but we are ALL needed and have already been active doing the work of the church! And I know that will continue. We are a body that loves Christ and one another deeply and desire to serve well.

One final note which I’ve shared with some of you...I understand that this is the first official pastoral sabbatical the body at HCOB has experienced collectively, but as your interim leader, it is not the first pastoral sabbatical I personally have experienced. I was on staff some years ago when Galen Hackman took his first sabbatical and I recall it being a time of unity and collaboration. The plans were laid in place before he left, everyone stepped up to the plate and we swung a grand slam in Jesus’ name. Something we could only have done through His power, certainly not on our own.

What stands out to me most from that time was the renewed passion for the Lord and the church Galen experienced after a time of rest and refreshment. That’s what I’m praying for Doug just now. That, in the silence, in the stillness, as he rightly lays down responsibilities that he’s been shouldering, alone in many cases, he is able to hear the still small voice of God reminding him who he is, Whose he is, and what God would have next for us all. I hope you’ll join me in praying for that this summer.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Laura



June was a wild adventure including monkeys, tree frogs, elephants, and time spent exploring the nature of God. The past month involved a LOT of tree vines made from tablecloths, tissue paper flowers, bamboo huts, and learning about who God is. July will bring us some slower weeks, with much less crafting and building. However, we hope the children are still singing the Rainforest Falls VBS songs- they were all very catchy! Shouting a huge THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with any aspect of VBS this year. This includes those of you who prepped decorations, mounted decorations, lead crews or stations, helped with opening/closing gatherings, helped in the kitchen with snack, tore down decorations and put the church back together. Thank you to those who prayed over VBS- I truly felt that our children were engaged and connected with the messaging. I am so proud of how we all worked together to serve the children and families of our community! We are looking forward to some opportunities for some quality time together in God's word this month, but on a slightly smaller scale than what we experienced in June.

A quick recap of June:

In Children's Church this month, we learned that God cares for our needs through the story of Elisha helping a widow and her sons and the miracle he performed when they didn't think they'd have enough oil. We learned that God works in unexpected ways through the story of God healing Naaman of leprosy. We also learned that God's ways are best through the story of Jonah and the whale.

Vacation Bible School took place from June 7-June 11! What a fun week had by all. We swung through the rainforest, listened to sound clips of many different animals and nature sounds, and we learned about the true nature of God. We explored five verses from the book of Psalms, and we learned a different Bible point each day:

God is our creator

"Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom" (Psalm 103:22)

God knows everything

"O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me" (Psalm 139:1)

God is our safe place

"Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, 'You are my place of refuge'" (Psalm 142:5)

God is love

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1)

God is forever

"But we can praise the Lord both now and forever! Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 115:18)

Children's Church Summer Schedule:

As a reminder, below, please find our Children's Church schedule for the summer. This information can also be found in the bulletin:

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)

Your sister in Christ,

Monica

Messages in July

July 5



A Life Worth Asking About

Daniel 5:22–31; 6:1–5 | Colossians 3:23–24 | 1 Peter 3:15

Pastor: Geoff Davis

There is a moment in the book of Daniel that is easy to miss. Before Daniel ever interprets the writing on the wall, before he speaks a word to Belshazzar, his reputation has already preceded him. The queen says, "There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods." Nobody had to convince her. Nobody had to argue. She had simply watched Daniel long enough to know that something about him was different.

But Daniel is not alone. Centuries earlier, a young man named Joseph — sold into slavery by his own brothers, working in a foreign household with no credentials and no advocate — so distinguished himself that his master noticed something that didn't fit any natural explanation. "The Lord was with Joseph," Genesis tells us, "and his master saw it." A pagan man saw the presence of God in the quality, integrity, and character of his servant's work.

The New Testament confirms what the Old Testament illustrates. Jesus said it plainly: "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Peter echoed it: "Live such good lives among the pagans that... they may see your good deeds and glorify God" (1 Peter 2:12). Paul captured it in a single sweeping command: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23). And he reminded the Thessalonians that a faithful daily life wins the respect of those watching from the outside (1 Thessalonians 4:11–12).

That is the sermon in a sentence: the most compelling witness begins before you speak.

"A Life Worth Asking About" explores the connection between how we work and how we witness — and what to say when someone finally asks why we live the way we do (1 Peter 3:15). Drawing on Joseph, Daniel, Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:1–4), and the full sweep of biblical teaching on work, we ask a single question: What kind of life makes the people around you curious?

July 12



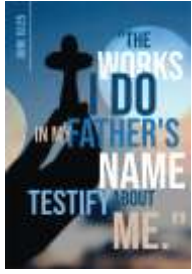
Who is My Neighbor?

Isaiah 55:6-11 | Luke 10:25-37 | Philippians 2:1-11

Pastor: Laura Meiser

If you've been a part of a church family for more than a few minutes, you've certainly encountered the Parable of the Good Samaritan more than once. On the surface, we see the art of being a compassionate neighbor modeled well, but let's dig a little deeper this time. What did the original hearers of this parable know that we do not? What did Jesus want those around him to hear when the legal expert challenged him? With that in mind, who is your neighbor and how does that impact your testimony?

July 19



Service With a Smile

Psalm 23, John 10:22-30; Genesis 39:1-6; Acts 9:36-43

Pastor: Del Kautz

One of the gifts the Holy Spirit gives to people in the Body of Christ is the gift of serving. As we observe people with that gift, serving seems to be effortless. They happily serve with a smile. They make serving look easy. However, there are times when we may need to serve others when we don't necessarily choose to do so. What happens then? How can we serve with a smile in such situations? What resources are available for us from which we can draw strength and joy that will be reflected from our face?

At the conclusion of the message there will be opportunity for you to be anointed for strength to serve in tough situations. You may also seek anointing for any other issues as well.

July 26



Social Media and You....WWPD?

Philippians 1:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Pastor: Laura Meiser

Social media. Most of us have at least one social account if not more and if you don't you certainly know what we're talking about and you also know that it's not going anywhere. In light of that, how can believers most effectively conduct themselves and shepherd their testimony well in this format? After all, it's not like social media is mentioned in the Bible....or is it? As we enter this conversation, we'll take a look at someone who most definitely utilized the prevailing social media format of the day: Paul and his letters. How can we represent Christ well as we share on our socials? Let's find out.

HCOB Family News



Checks For You

... Blood Pressure Checks that is.

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

Next check August 2.

Where: Library

When: After the church service



Care for Church Community invites you to **Connection Nights** in 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!

- 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



First, thanks to everyone who helped with, participated in, or encouraged their neighbors and friends to contribute to our June 16 and 23 food drive. As a result of our two-day event, we received 1,063 pounds of donations, including 935 pounds of groceries and 128 pounds of personal care supplies. We also received \$2,100 in money donations. All of our donations have been delivered to the Hempfield and Manheim food pantries and both very appreciative.

For 2026, donations total 1,626 pounds and \$7,520. Combined, these are of significant help to the food pantries we support and benefit the over 1,000 of our neighbors they serve.

While our focused food drive is over, food insecurity persists, particularly now that kids are home from school and are no longer receiving school breakfasts and lunches each day. Please keep the pantries in mind as you grocery shop each week.

Special Requests for Hempfield include:

cereal, canned corn, canned potatoes, canned diced tomatoes, canned beets, canned spinach, canned sauerkraut, 1 lb. bags dry beans, granola bars, condiments, crackers, cake mix and frosting, variety pack instant oatmeal

Special Requests for Manheim include:

beef stew, pancake mix, diapers-sizes 5 & 6, baby wipes, pull ups, canned peaches, canned mandarin oranges, applesauce, rice sides, chef boyardee products

Both pantries need mac and cheese, canned meat (chicken, Spam and tuna), pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned vegetables.

Money donations can be sent as follows:

Hempfield Area Food Pantry - 85 East Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA 17538
Manheim Central Food Pantry - c/o Salem UMC, 140 North Penn Street
Manheim, PA 17545

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

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

Thank you for your continuing faithful support of this ministry.



Join us for a summer book study! This summer we will explore the book *Imagine the God of Heaven: Near-Death Experiences, God's Revelation, and the Love You've Always Wanted* by John Burke.

John had a successful career in engineering but was skeptic to the core. He always looked at life through a scientific lens but as he explored near-death experiences, he began to see the bigger picture of a loving God who desires to be in community with His people. John was so impacted by this realization that he left the engineering field, became a pastor and planted a church. As we study this book, "you will realize that God is the love you've always wanted, and his power, compassion, friendship and

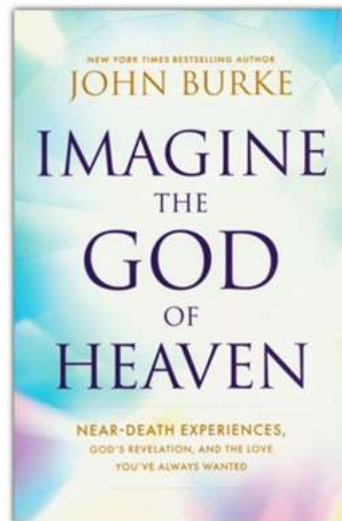
guidance are closer than you could ever imagine."

More details:

- **Who:** This study is a co-ed study. It is open to men and women alike.
- **When:** Wednesday July 22 – August 19 @ 6:00 PM
- **Where:** The Gathering Place

For more information or to sign up, contact Laura Meiser at 717. 898.0181 or add your name to the signup sheet in the narthex. Also, if you might be willing to facilitate a one-hour session, please let Laura know that too.

(Simple discussion materials will be provided for you!)





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

July 2026

Augustus Toplady

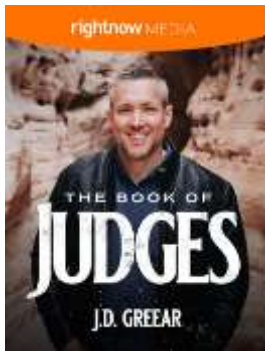
Augustus Toplady was an Anglican cleric, theologian, and hymn writer best known for his very famous hymn, "Rock of Ages". He was born in 1740 in Surrey, England. He was a defender of Calvinist doctrine in the Church of England and a fierce rival of Methodist founder John Wesley. His father, a British army major, died when Augustus was very young. Raised by his mother, he was eventually sent to Westminster College in London, and later attended Trinity College in Dublin where he received his M.A. He underwent a rather profound conviction at 16 years of age while attending a barn service in Ireland where the preacher was a Methodist layman.

Ordained into the Church of England in 1762, he soon began serving as vicar of Harpford. His study of the Reformation theology led him to reject Arminianism. This differed from Calvinism by advocating man's freedom to resist conversion and belief if he so desired, while Calvinists believed they were chosen by God to follow the path of salvation with no possibility of refusal in the matter. This was known as predetermination. There was a fine line here, but neither side budged an inch. Augustus served as editor of the Gospel magazine in which he frequently debated Wesley's teachings. He went so far as to write a satirical pamphlet called "An Old Fox Tarred and Feathered".

"Rock of Ages" was published in the magazine along with a popular volume titled "Psalms and Hymns" for public and private worship. By 1775 his health began to seriously decline and he relocated to London and became a lecturer at the French Calvinist Reformed Church in Leicester Fields. He died in 1778 at only 37 years of age and was buried at Tottenham Court in London. Although he wrote several other hymns during his brief lifetime, none of them ever achieved the fame of "Rock of Ages".



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.

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:

July 5 - no youth group - Happy July Fourth

July 12 - youth group from 6-8 at the Barnes' pool

July 19 - youth group from 6-8 at the Barnes' pool

July 25 - Bay Day - meet at the church at 8:00 AM; return by 11:00 PM - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - please use this link to register by July 17.

July 26 - youth group from 6-8 at the Barnes' pool

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!



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....

Thank You for Supporting the No-Go Gala

The Outreach Team would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in this year's No-Go Gala. Through your generosity and good humor, our congregation has contributed an incredible **\$11,400** to the Outreach Fund.

While there were no tuxedos, speeches, or formal dinners, there was an overwhelming demonstration of support for the many ministries and organizations that Hempfield Church of the Brethren partners with throughout the year. Your gifts help us continue sharing Christ's love both locally and around the world.

The funds raised through the No-Go Gala have made a meaningful difference. As a result of your generosity, Outreach funding is currently paid through approximately **March 7**. However, significant challenges remain. We anticipate being approximately **\$33,700 behind in Outreach funding as of June 30**.

Every dollar given to Outreach supports ministries that are changing lives, feeding the hungry, caring for vulnerable people, sharing the Gospel, and serving communities in need. These ministries depend upon our faithful support, and together we can continue to be a church that extends Christ's love beyond our walls.

As we enter the second half of the year, we invite you to prayerfully consider making an additional gift to the Outreach Fund. Whether large or small, every contribution helps us move closer to meeting our commitments and sustaining the partnerships that reflect our congregation's heart for mission and service.

Thank you again for making the No-Go Gala such a success and for your continued commitment to the ministry of outreach. Your generosity truly makes a difference.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

Listening, Learning, and Looking Ahead -Outreach Survey

Earlier this year, the Outreach Team invited the congregation to participate in an Outreach Survey. We wanted to better understand not only where members of Hempfield Church of the Brethren are currently serving, but also which ministries and outreach partners are most meaningful to our congregation and where people would like to become more involved in the future.

We received 12 survey responses from the congregation. While we had hoped for broader participation, we are grateful for those who took the time to share their perspectives. Their feedback provided valuable insights into the ministries and causes that matter most to them and offered helpful direction as we consider future Outreach priorities. The responses highlighted a wide range of passions, including hunger relief, housing and community development, children's ministries, international missions, local outreach, and ministries that support vulnerable individuals and families.

The survey also provided valuable feedback regarding the ministries supported through our Outreach Budget. While no single ministry emerged as the clear favorite, several organizations and mission partners consistently appeared among those that members identified as especially important. These insights will help the Outreach Team better understand the heart of the congregation as we begin discussions about Outreach priorities for 2027. As we look ahead, the survey results will be one factor in our budget planning process. We will continue to consider our church's mission, our longstanding ministry partnerships, emerging opportunities for service,

financial realities, and the feedback received from the congregation. Our goal is to be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us while supporting ministries that help us live out Christ's call to love God and neighbor.

One theme emerged clearly throughout the survey: many people expressed interest in moving beyond financial support alone and becoming personally involved through volunteering and service. This aligns closely with the Outreach Team's desire to expand opportunities for members to connect with ministries through hands-on involvement. In the coming months, we hope to share more stories, volunteer opportunities, and ways for our congregation to engage directly with the ministries we support.

Although the survey represents only a portion of our congregation, it provides a helpful starting point for conversations about how our Outreach resources can best reflect the mission and values of Hempfield Church of the Brethren.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and shared your perspectives. Your input is helping shape important conversations about how we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and around the world.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10



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.

July Calendar

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

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 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	29 Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical	30 Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	1 Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	2 Annual Conference Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	3 Church Office Closed Laura Out General Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical	4 Pastor Doug Sabbatical
5 NO Youth Group Pastor Doug Sabbatical 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am - 1:00pm Kettering Event	6 Pastor Doug Sabbatical	7 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	8 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group	9 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 7:30pm Connection Night 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	10 Laura's Day Off Pastor Doug Sabbatical	11 Pastor Doug Sabbatical
12 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group Swim at Barnes' Pool	13 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:30pm Worship Team	14 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	15 HERALD DEADLINE Laura Out Pastor Doug Sabbatical 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	16 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	17 Laura's In Office Pastor Doug Sabbatical	18 National Youth Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical
19 National Youth Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group Swim at Barnes' Pool	20 National Youth Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical	21 Laura Vacation National Youth Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical	22 Laura Vacation National Youth Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	23 Laura Vacation National Youth Conference Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 7:30pm Connection Night 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	24 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	25 Pastor Doug Sabbatical Youth Bay Day 11:20am - 5:30pm Ruth Family Event
26 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group Swim at Barnes' Pool	27 Pastor Doug Sabbatical	28 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 10:15am - 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	29 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting	30 Pastor Doug Sabbatical 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	31 Laura's Day Off Pastor Doug Sabbatical	1 Pastor Doug Sabbatical



While he agreed it had been a particularly good sermon, Harold the sound engineer would have preferred that Pastor Nigel had not concluded it with a mic drop.



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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