The Hempfield Herald
Sharing the Good News of God's Work with God's People
Hempfield Church of the Brethren
November 2026

Community & Focus

Pastor Doug Hinton

Recently, a member shared a sentiment with me that resonated in my spirit: I grieve the loss of community. This may not be the exact phrase, but the sentiment remains. Do you feel this, a loss of community around you? It's been rolling around my brain since our conversation and I'd like to explore this some.

Merriam-Webster defines community as (selected definitions): 1) a unified body of individuals: such as a) the people with common interests living in a particular area; b) a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society; c) a body of persons of common and especially professional interests scattered through a larger society; d) a body of persons or nations having a common history or common social, economic, and political interests; e) a group linked by a common policy; 2) a) a state or feeling of caring about and wanting to interact with others in a group; b) joint ownership or participation; c) common character or likeness; d) social activity or fellowship. As I reflect on my perspective, history, and interaction with the church of Christ, I underlined the ones that stood out to me. Which definitions would you underline when you think of the body of Christ? What might you add or remove? What makes the body of Christ different? Or more pointedly, how has the body of Christ been different? Before we get to that, let's explore where some of the breakdowns occurred.

> "Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die."
> **John 12:30-33**

Another member expressed the loss of closeness in a lifelong relationship around the 2016 presidential election. Partial politics aside, I witnessed many families divide over political agendas, ideologies, and personalities over the last 10 years especially. I felt this strain myself with some of my closest relationships, family and friends alike. I watched people overlay their faith over their politics like a mask so that the two became inseparable: but to which community did they identify with first, the body of Christ or their political party? One must inform the other and we must be honest about which is first. And don't misunderstand, 2016 acted as a catalyst of the building tension from previous decades. Think about it: what do you want to defend right now, or who? But wait, there's more! March 13, 2020 happened.

With the political and faith so intertwined, we entered into a global pandemic. Now, the way persons and bodies responded to COVID-19 became a reflection of faith and fear, loving neighbor or trusting God, and no matter what church leadership followed, no matter the wisdom, discernment, knowledge, or care, they were wrong. Lifetime friendships, generations of worshippers, seemingly close-knit families and bodies of Christ alike drew lines in the sand…drawn mostly by people in power they never personally met. These voices carried more impact than the voices of decades' long friendships, service, or even the voices of families: parents and children, spouses, aunts, uncles and grandparents – divided over ideologies and understandings. And this is just the virus, let alone conversations around race and justice, human sexuality and education, inflation and the rising costs of everything (healthcare, housing, food, insurance), wars and rumors of wars, riots, innocent people being killed over greed, oil, and power-hungry men, the rising of AI and social media echo-chambers…need I go on?

Can we hold open conversations without fears of being yelled at, attacked, condemned or dismissed by people we know and love? Sometimes,

it's easier to talk to strangers whom we have little to no history that those closest to us. So where do we look for the answer?

This can be both simple and difficult. Simple in the fact that Jesus said, "*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.*" When we look to Jesus together, He *draws* us together with common identity, purpose, and fellowship. We see this in Scripture many times starting with Jesus' disciples and their varied backgrounds, education and positions in society. We see this in Acts on the day of Pentecost when Jews from all over heard the Gospel for the first time in their own languages and received the Good News. The book of Acts, the many letters to varied churches and individuals all carry a common identity in Christ. *Well…that seems simple enough,* right?!? And then the difficult piece...

Everything the disciples, the local churches, the individuals lived, spoke, and acted upon needed to be weighed against the teachings, character and Spirit of Christ.

- "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28
- "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:13
- "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and <u>have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.</u>
  <u>So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved</u>, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you." Colossians 3:9-13
  What words or descriptors might Paul use today? What realms does Christ call us from to follow Him? What lines does He blur so that we may be One in Him, by His power, by His Spirit, by His call? What part of our old selves do we need to put off, like removing dirty work clothes at the end of a long day? How can this community form – what might be our first step?

Our first step is focus: If we look to Christ, He will draw all people unto Himself. For those who have walked through the *5 Elements of Relational Healing,* we call this element Coronation. We look to Christ through Scripture, prayer, preaching, singing, service, and study. If we maintain focus first and foremost upon the Frontrunner, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith, He will lead and line us together. He will form the community.

What do you need to do today to focus on Christ? Who might you need to call? Who may you need to forgive? Who may you need to seek forgiveness? Let Christ lead. Let Him consume your heart, your mind, your attention. Soon, we may find the community around us was here the whole time, both old and new, with friend and enemy, with those who felt present and distant. He will do the work of drawing together: we just need to maintain focus.

Your brother in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Pastor Doug

Associate Pastor of Discipleship

I know, O Lord, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted me. May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. (Psalm 119:75-77)

If you've studied scripture for any length of time you probably know that Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Psalter itself as well as in the entire Bible. In here are many verses that are dear to us all. The psalmist is unknown, although some scholars suggest that it was Ezra who penned these words. It's also an acrostic poem, with a stanza for each verse of the Hebrew alphabet. And as I learned today, it's been criticized for being overly verbose and repetitive. Ouch!
The focus of this Psalm is overarchingly about a love for the Word of God as well as the beautiful blessings that come to us as we make the choice to interact with the text God has given to us. Spending time in the Word of God is indeed a choice, isn't it.

This semester I'm taking a continueing education class focused on the spirituality of children and youth. Interestingly scientific studies of children across all (and no!) faith traditions indicate that children are innately spiritual from birth until about age four and then again around puberty. That doesn't mean that if we don't have defined spiritual practices or aren't baptized by the end of that window there's no hope, but it appears that young people in those age ranges are especially receptive to hearing the word of God, interacting with Jesus's earthly ministry as recorded in scripture and also with outward spiritual practices.

On the flip side, I'll bet each of us has experienced something in our adult life that either points us directly to the nature and character of Jesus Christ or causes us to run to the side of Almighty God. We turn to God in hard times, but sometimes we forget to thank him for prayers being answered. We cry out in the dark night of our souls, but sometimes we forget to respond on the brightest of days. We read his word, but sometimes we realize that we've unintentionally checked out in the process.
In talking with my mentor about this last week, she said something like this: "Are we (the church) viewing a life of discipleship as something we have to add to our overstuffed schedules or are we viewing the practice of discipleship as the core or center of our lives as we focus on Jesus.

That stopped me in my tracks. Of course, the goal is to center our life on Jesus. I don't think anyone would argue that. But my hunch is that you probably don't need me to design a new program for you to try to jam into your week. But maybe, I'll simply lay down a few small ways you might connect with Jesus in the middle of an ordinary Monday. In seasons in which we are simply too tapped out for extensive Bible study or participating in all the activities or serving in all the places, maybe we can be kinder to ourselves and realize that God's heart is for his people to be with him. We like to complicate it or add a bit of perfectionism to it. My prayer is that as you look over this list, you'll find a simple practice that allows you to connect with God and frees your heart up to receive his love and grace anew. Because his law, his word, is indeed our delight.

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

Discipleship Practices

- Download an app with a prompt for prayer. Some of these might take up about five minutes while others allow you to customize your experience. Here are my favorites:
    - One Minute Pause app from Wild at Heart Ministries (John Eldridge)
    - Lectio 365
    - Glorify

- The YouVersion Bible app has a wide variety of simple reading plans, many that can be completed in a short time. Or, subscribe to the verse of the day in this app and meditate on it as you go about your day.
- Cue up the Bible Gateway or the YouVersion Bible app the next time you're in the car and listen to a chapter or two of scripture on your journey.
- Consider reading a page or two of a classic faith-based book:
    - *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene Peterson
    - *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard

Find a quiet place to sit outdoors. Turn your face to the sun. Listen to what God might have for you.

HCOB Kids

October came and went quickly! It feels like it was a month full of rainy Sunday mornings and all things Harvest-related. Now here we are, turning the clocks back and gearing up for Advent!

We continued to read and learn through Genesis this past month. Our Bible Point for most of October was “God loves us always.” We learned this truth through the story of Creation, and the fact that God created things intentionally for us because He knows what we need. We learned that God loves us and gives us a special purpose when we read about God creating Adam and Eve. We also learned that God loves us, even when we try to be in control, when we read about sin entering God’s world. Lastly, we learned that God loves us so much, he gives us do-overs, when we read through the passages of the flood covering the Earth.

In October, we also focused on the following Memory Verse: “And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is.” (Ephesians 3:18)
Next month, we will dive further into Genesis as we explore our next Bible Point: We can trust God. We will also learn a new Memory Verse: “For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything He does.” (Psalms 33:4)

Harvest Fest proved to be a fun and sunny afternoon! We could not have asked for better weather for this event. We enjoyed some fall-themed games, balloon animals, the ever-popular barrel train, bingo, and a delicious meal (thank you F&H for your help and support!)
We also laughed very hard during the pie-in-the-face portion of the evening! A special thanks to Pastor Doug and Christian for being good sports and willingly taking pies to the face in the name of a good cause. We were able to raise about $180 through raffle donations to give to Hempfield Power Packs Project!
Thank you to all who donated their time to Harvest Fest, donated candy or decorated your trunk for Trunk-or-Treat, and to those who prayed over the event. We had many new faces from our community spend the evening with us, and I trust they felt welcomed by our church family.









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.

It is hard to believe it has been a whole month already since taking on the position of Youth Ministry Director. It has been an amazing, challenging month. The whole church, staff and congregation alike, have supported me in this transition and has extended the grace and patience of God in this period. A **HUGE** thank you to Jason Hoffman who has not abandoned me or the youth, but has been a quiet help in the background, providing guidance and answers that have come up as I have stepped into this role. Another **HUGE** thank you to the advisors that I have who have provided feedback, support, and prayer in this time as well. To the congregation, thank you for the prayers for our Youth Ministry as we have grown to know each other well and come to know God together.

In my time so far as Youth Ministry Director, the Youth have studied the Church (big C for the whole of the believers, not just HCOB.) We have studied how, as the Church, we are called to be the Body of Christ, His hands and feet in this world. We have discussed the need for unity in the body of believers, and how each area of the body has its own role to play. There has been discussion on how no one part of the body is better or worse than the other, but that they are specialized for certain activities and actions. We have also spent time (especially during Fall retreat) in examining the early Church, and what they did being those hands and feet of Christ, and in what ways we may emulate those earliest believers.

To me, one of the most significant ways the early believers acted as the unified Body of Christ was their devotion to time spent together. We read in Acts 2:42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching **and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers**." (ESV, my emphasis added) For the early believers, fellowship was as important as the teachings of the apostles. It is in fellowship that these believers came to a consensus of thought and belief (Acts 2:44). It was in fellowship that every believer's needs were met (Acts 2:45; 4:32, 34, 35). Most importantly, it was through this fellowship that the body of believers grew (Acts 2:47). The book *Timeless Church: Five Lessons from Acts* discusses how the community the earliest believers had should be reflected in our churches today. The book carefully lays out how believers gathered corporately (large group sessions proclaiming the Gospel and its implications for one another) but also *continuously*, supporting each other through the normal routines of daily life. We learn how this time is good for discipleship, but it is also "an excellent opportunity for our unbelieving friends and neighbors to see the kingdom of God breaking into the world." It is because it can give nonbelievers a "front row seat" to Christian community in its goodness and difficulty.[1]

My prayer going forward is that as a group, we may be meeting continuously, both inside and outside of our weekly youth sessions and congregational gatherings, and in this meeting together we may be unified as a body, dedicated to the teaching of scripture and to being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Looking Forward:
-November 7-8; 14-15 – Eastland Alpaca Open House Food Stand Fundraiser
-November 20-22: Atlantic Northeast District Senior High Service Project (Nov. 8 signup deadline)

With Agape,

Christian Strickler

---

[1] P. Adam McClendon and Jared E. Lockhart, *Timeless Church: Five Lessons from Acts* (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2020), 35.

Messages in November

November 1



Testimony of a Giver

Luke 21:1-6; Matt 6:1-4

Pastor: Doug Hinton

Faith and giving, giving and faith. To whom do we give and where does our trust rest? Why do we give? Whose approval do we seek? When is it appropriate, if ever, to share about our giving? Or can we speak of another who gives generously without drawing attention to them? We will look at the teaching of the widow who gives all she has and the two verses that follow when Jesus reveals that the temple will be destroyed: why are these two linked together in Luke's gospel? How can this inform us today?

November 8



Testimony When the Way is Unclear

Luke 24:13-25; Acts 4:1-22

Pastor: Laura Meiser

There are times when others are very open to hearing our stories and the story of Christ. There are other times, when if not openly hostile, folks around us simply don't have eyes to see or ears to hear. What does that mean for us and how can we proceed? We'll look at the examples of Jesus himself on the Emmaus Road after his resurrection as well as Peter and John as they stood before the Sanhedrin. What can we learn from these stories of faith?

November 15



What ifs - Sharing Your Testimony Amid Questions & Consequences

John 9:13-41; Luke 24:1-12

Pastor: Doug Hinton

What questions or objections do you have about sharing your faith stories, your testimonies, with others? How will people react? What if this changes your relationships with friends, family, co-workers, or even your spouse? What if you are rejected? What if they ask how they might meet Jesus? As we work through some of these, may we acknowledge what we can do, what we cannot do, and what we must leave to God's Spirit working through us and those around us.

November 22



The God Who Sees

Genesis 16; Mark 5:21-34

Speaker: Tim Diehl

The first name God receives in Scripture is "the God who sees". He's given this name by someone who was overlooked by everyone...except God. At Water Street Mission, we believe that all followers of Jesus are called to live as image bearers - people who live in a way that reflects the nature and character of "the God who sees" by learning to see those that are often overlooked. This isn't just for those who work in the non-profit sector, but for all of us as we look to walk in the Way of Jesus.

November 25 **Thanksgiving Eve**



THE LORD IS OUR PROVIDER – JEHOVAH JIREH
Grace Evangelical Congregational Church
6067 Carpenter Street
East Petersburg, PA
7:00PM

November 29 **Mary's Testimony**



Luke 1:26-38; 1:46-55
Pastor: Laura Meiser
As we begin our journey through Advent, we will explore Mary's testimony. Mary said "yes" to something that seemed quite outrageous as described to her by an angel of the Lord on what was an otherwise ordinary day. The cost to her and to her betrothed, Joseph, was great and yet they sought to honor the Lord and one another as best they could. How does Mary's story mirror our own if it does at all? And how can we testify with others when we recognize that God's story is criss-crossed with the testimony of a whole lot of very ordinary people?

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 December 6.
Where: Library
When: After the church service



It is coming to that time of year when we make sure that our church directory is update with all your latest information. If you have changed something (i.e. phone numbers, address, etc.), please send a note to Irene at office@hempfieldcob.org.

Friendship COMMUNITY

Many Hands Support Friendship Community:
Save-the-date: Bev Moyer invites you to stay after church on Sunday, November 29 to help "set up Bethlehem" to get ready for Friendships Community's annual Christmas program. Please reach out to Bev with questions.

Save-the-Date:
Friendship Community will hold their annual Christmas worship service on Friday, December 4 at 7pm. Everyone is invited to this special "Expressions of Love and Praise" service. Reach out to Bev or one of the pastors if you have questions. Attending this service is a great a way to connect with this ministry and an uplifting tradition to build into yours/your family's Advent season.



The Force for Food Committee invites you to again be part of our turkey collection for Water Street Ministries on **Sunday**, **November 22.** This year we are pleased to welcome Tim Diehl, Director of the Ambassador Team to our service as he will be bringing the morning message as well as a van to transport our turkeys!
Presently, Water Street's food pantry (the 12 & 1) serves over 750 households each month! ***Let's send Tim off with 50 turkeys*** so that we may be a blessing to our neighbors who are facing food insecurity.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren with Turkey Drive in the notation and placed in the collection plate.



Help Bring Joy to the COBYS Kids in Foster Care With a Gift.

We have been given the names of 20 children this year. Each child will receive 3 different gifts that are on their wish list. On Sunday, November 8, tags will be placed on the tree in the Narthex (each child's name will appear on the tree 3 times). Please take a tag and purchase a gift. Return your gift in a bag unwrapped. Attach the original tag to the bag with the child's name on it. The last day to bring your gift will be December 8.

Welcome New Member!



A Short Biography of Vivian Moyer
New Member August 23, 2026

Vivian Moyer was received as a new member in our Hempfield Church of the Brethren on Sunday, August 23, 2026, by transfer from the Trinity United Methodist Church in Denver, PA. She also recently moved into an apartment at Brethren Village from her long-time residence near Denver. Her husband Richard passed away in April 2025. Our Lord Jesus Christ generously facilitated an easy sale of her property between April and Thanksgiving, when she took up residency in her apartment at BV. She was also wonderfully blessed by our Lord to receive an apartment at BV so quickly. Her good friends, Janice and Ed Haldeman helped her to choose her apartment.

Vivian is blessed to be the mother of one child, her daughter Trisha, who lives and works in New York City. She has made a number of trips by train to New York City so you can ask her to show you how to find someone in Grand Central Station.

After studying in college one year, she took a job at the former Denver and Ephrata Telephone Company. Later she worked as a Teacher's Aid in the Denver elementary school (Cocalico School District). When her daughter went off to college, Vivian returned to the D & E Telephone Company. Her career took another turn when the phone company was sold and all the employees were terminated. Her next employment was with the County of Lancaster as a court clerk in the Denver (PA) area office. She is now retired.

She was active in her home church, Trinity UM Church, where she held numerous positions. For her own enjoyment she played her piano. She learned seven chords on her guitar and enjoyed playing songs that could be played with those seven chords. She parted with those instruments when she moved to BV. But she loves to sing and has chosen to join our choir. Involvement in many activities at BV keeps her busy. Ask her about drumming, one of her favorite activities.

Ed and Janice Haldeman invited her to attend our church. She accepted their invitation and has chosen to become part of our church family.

We welcome you, Vivian, and invite you to share your life and talents with us.

Del Kautz, Biographer



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



HCOB's 2 Cent-A-Meal Offering is part of the Global Food Initiative (GFI) which is a Church of the Brethren ministry. Since 1983, GFI has raised over $8,000,000 for community development projects in numerous countries around the globe; empowering people to meet their nutritional needs, to farm sustainably, to feed children, and to create livelihoods. Donations to the Global Food Initiative Fund support practical, faith-rooted responses to hunger through international partners, U.S. congregations, and trusted food justice organizations—expanding access to food, clean water, sustainable agriculture, nutrition education, and livelihood opportunities. Many GFI grants support global Church of the Brethren denominations as they minister in under-resourced contexts with high poverty levels, social inequality, unstable political circumstances, ongoing violence, and other challenges. (Irene, if you want more, you could add the following.)
Our offerings make a difference!

- **Farmers and communities built long-term resilience** through sustainable agriculture trainings, school gardens, small animal microbusinesses, and improved crop processing and storage.
- **Families gained more reliable food access** through church food pantries, community meals, Blessing Boxes, fresh produce from church gardens, and garden education.
- **Clean water came closer to home** for families, reducing the burden of long walks for water and supporting health, school attendance, and daily life for women and children.
- **The church's witness for food justice expanded** through partnerships that strengthen hunger advocacy, global food security, and farm worker justice.

HCOB collects the 2 Cent-A-Meal offering quarterly, on the second Sunday in March, June, September and December.





Featured Hymn Writer

November 2026

William Mac Kay

William grew up in a Christian home, but as a young adult he walked away from the faith of his family. Before he left home to study medicine at the University of Edinburgh his mother apparently felt worried about the path he was heading down in his faith and "turned him over to God" sending him off with a Bible that she inscribed inside with his name, her name, and a verse - John 3:16. She continued to pray for him.

During the next years of his life William came to view himself as an atheist. He pawned the Bible from his mother either "to buy alcohol" or "to make ends meet," depending on the source that I read. William excelled in his studies and after much schooling became a successful doctor.

Wordpress described the account that God used to turn him back to God this way:

> A patient had an accident and came in to be treated by Dr. Mackay. The patient, learning that he only had a few hours to live, asked Dr. Mackay, "Will you please send for my landlady, and ask her to send me the Book?"
>
> Within a short time, the patient died. Dr. Mackay was curious as to what kind of book the patient wanted. He asked the nurse, "What about the book that he asked for? Was it is his bank book or date book?" The nurse replied, "No, it was neither of those. It is still under his pillow. Go look."
> The doctor reached under the pillow and pulled out
> "the Book." When he opened it, his eyes fell immediately upon the front flyleaf. To his amazement-- it was the very Bible he had received from his mother that he had pawned years before.
> He saw his name, his mother's name and the Bible verse she inscribed.

William describes this experience as a turning point in his life. That day William asked God for forgiveness, for salvation, and turned his life over to God.
He reached out to his mother to tell her about this incredible experience that God used to reach him. William shifted his vocation and served as a minister. He and his wife wrote hymns including #99 in our hymnal, "Revive us Again." The chorus says, "Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again."

Praying that God uses the testimony of this hymn writer to speak to you today.
Jen Hinton



Current Study…



In the pages of Matthew's Gospel, we find the tax collector-turn-disciple present to us a snapshot of the life and teachings of Jesus. This certainly is not aa complete biography nor an exhaustive collection of Jesus' teaching. Instead, we will be looking how Jesus words transformed the lives of people in his day and how they can impact our modern day lives and faith.

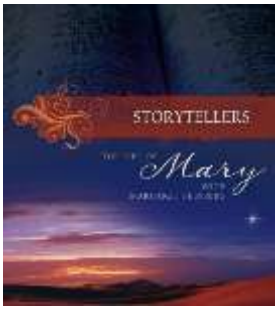
November 1 – The Persecuted Church



Paul wrote one of the most comprehensive explanation of the gospel in the entire New Testament. He desired to show both Jews and Gentiles that everyone stands on common ground before Jesus. All people are sinners, so all need a savior. As those who are saved by the Grace of God thorugh the death and resurrection of Jesus are expected to pursue holiness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

November 8 – Rom. 1:13-26 **True Power** (Fellowship Meal)
November 15 – Rom. 2:1-13 **Coming Judgement**
November 22 – Rom. 3:21-4:5 **Saving Faith**

COMING FOR ADVENT



This study unfolds Mary's life and transforms it to a 21sr century audience. It examines Mary's life in a way you never expect. Each session walks down Mary's road of faith as she journeys through a life of unbelievable events that ushers in Jesus Christ. (A RightNowMedia lesson)

November 29 – The Life of Mary **Unexpected**
December 6 – The Life of Mary **Unscripted**
December 13 – **(No Class)** Family Christmas Fellowship
December 20 – The Life of Mary **Unfamiliar**
December 27 – The Life of Mary **Unfulfilled/Fulfilled**

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….

COBYS Family Services

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

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

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

November Calendar

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

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship** 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	**2** Doug's Day Off	**3** **Alpaca Prep** **7:00am - 8:00pm Election Day** 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	**4** **Alpaca Prep** 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:15pm - 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	**5** **Alpaca Prep** Voting Material Pickup 9:30am - 11:00am Bible Study - Heaven (Rothschild) 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	**6** **Alpaca Prep** Laura's Day Off 6:45pm - 7:45pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP - Thanksgiving	**7** Eastland Alpaca
8 Eastland Alpaca **9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship** 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	**9** Doug's Day Off 6:30pm Worship Team Via Zoom	**10** 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT	**11** Monica Out 8:00am - 11:00am Sewing Group 9:30am - 12:30pm Appalachian Breeze Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm Stewards of Property 7:15pm - 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	**12** Laura Out Monica Out 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	**13** Laura's Day Off Monica Out	**14** Eastland Alpaca
15 Eastland Alpaca **9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship** 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	**16** Doug's Day Off Roof Filter Replacement - Dec. 1 6:30pm - 8:00pm Outreach Team	**17** 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT 6:30pm - 7:30pm Education Team	**18** HERALD DEADLINE 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting **8:30am - 9:30am Piano Tuning** 9:30am - 12:30pm Appalachian Breeze Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	**19** Monica Out 6:00pm - 7:00pm Fellowship & Hospitality Team 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	**20** Irene Off Laura's Day Off 4:00pm - 5:00pm Rohrer Family Event	**21**
22 **9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship** 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	**23** Doug's Day Off	**24** 9:30am - 12:30pm Appalachian Breeze Rehearsal 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT 7:00pm - 9:00pm Leadership Team	**25** Thanksgiving Eve Service 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:15pm - 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	**26** Thanksgiving Holiday - Church Office Closed 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	**27** Laura's Day Off Thanksgiving Holiday - Church Office Closed	**28**
29 **9:30am - 11:00am Sunday Worship - 1st Sunday of Advent - Communion** 6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group	**30** Doug's Day Off	**1** 6:00pm - 8:00pm TNT **6:30pm - 7:30pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP - Christmas Rehearsal** 7:00pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting	**2** 8:00am - 11:00am Quilting 7:15pm - 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	**3** 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	**4** Laura's Day Off 6:45pm - 7:45pm WORDD FELLOWSHIP - Christmas	**5**

Hempfield Church of the Brethren
P.O. Box 246
East Petersburg, PA 17520

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



November 2026

The Hempfield Herald

Sharing the Good News of God's Work with God's People

Hempfield Church of the Brethren