

## Contact Us

*Hempfield Church of the Brethren*

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*Please submit bulletin information to Irene by Wednesday noon.*

## HCOB Family Facts

**General Offering for February 19, 2023 =**

**General Fund \$ 5,711.00**

*Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,094*

**Building Fund for February 19, 2023 = \$ 100.00**

### This Week @ H.C.O.B.

**Today:**

10:30 Care of Church

**Wednesday:**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Monday:**

Doug Off

6:30pm Outreach Team (Zoom)

**Thursday:**

6:30 Praise Band

**Tuesday:**

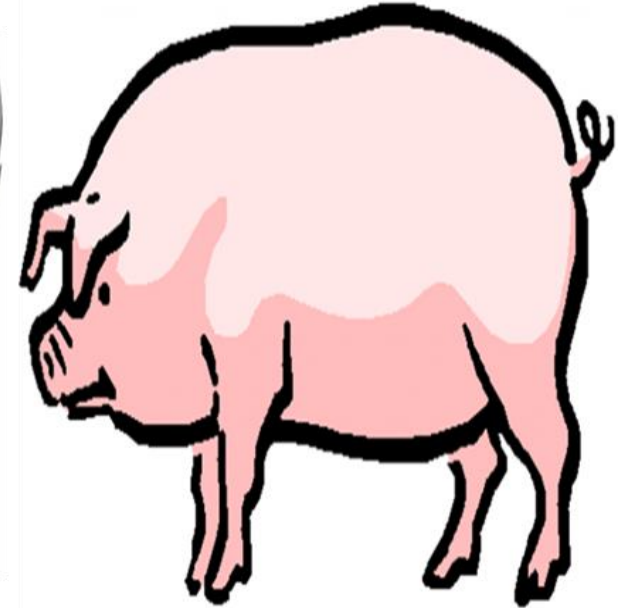
7:00pm Leadership

**Friday:**

ARE YOU A  
**CHICKEN**  
OR A  
**PIG?**

**Involved?**

**Committed?**



**Eggs**

**Ham**

Sunday, March 26, 2023

# Worship Today

***Commitment is caring about something so much, that you're willing to sacrifice your time and resources in order to achieve it. Think about your daily and weekly living. What are you really, truly committed to?***

PRELUDES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEMPFIELD HAPPENINGS: Highway Cleanup

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

People: So God pours His love upon us, that we, too, may love others, producing goodness, healing and peace.

Leader: We have been blessed with many gifts, talents, and resources.

People: God invites us to use these gifts, talents, and resources for healing, peace, and hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

People: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

TIME OF PRAISE

CHILDREN'S STORY

*Children are Invited to Children's Church*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-8;18-23

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #444

SCRIPTURE Luke 9:23-27

MESSAGE ***A Chicken or a Pig?***

\*CLOSING SONG Here I Am Lord #395

\*BENEDICTION Hymnal #793

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand*

Preacher – Geoff Davis

Worship Leader – Tim Basom

Accompanist – Jen Hinton

Praise Band Leader – Kent Rice

Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Jamie Bushong

Video Tech – Doug Howard

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD!** Next Sunday, **Laura Meiser** will be preaching on **Luke 19:28-44**. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week as we prepare to worship together.

**LADIES SPRING BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Thursday mornings 9am-11am on **March 30, April 13, April 27, and May 11.** The Paperback Book for this study is \$13.49 and the Study Guide is \$8.99 shipping may be additional cost. We will be studying “Before Amen” by Max Lucado

Please let Jamie Bushong know by Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> if you would like to order a book and or study guide. No payment is needed until you receive your items. You can contact Jamie via text at 717-405-9471, via phone at 717-664-4395 (before 8pm please) or via email at jvb@dejazzd.com



### **FRIDAY SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY**

Join us in person or virtually for a small group focused on building healthier patterns in relationships.

We will explore communication in Lysa Terkeurst's 6 session study called Good

Boundaries and Goodbyes.

This study will begin **Friday, March 31** and we will meet in the education classroom from 9:00-10:30. Following sessions will be April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, and May 19. Virtual participants can join via Zoom. If interested in purchasing a study guide and need direction or have additional questions please call Jen at (717)808-1499.



### **LOVE FEAST –**

**Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 6:30pm**

**YOU** are invited...Come to the table...At the table of the Lord.

Communion is an expression of love, modeled after

Christ's last supper with his disciples. We partake in a simple meal with bread and juice celebrating agape, the selfless love Jesus showed to the world!

Make or seek peace with anyone whom you have a difference. Come with a willing heart and make this a God-honoring time to build one another up in Christ.

**COME TO THE TABLE**

# Announcements

### **Sunday School This Week:**

**NEW STUDY** – Jesus' Farewell Message by Francis Chan

March 26 – No Study – Congregation Celebration

April 2 – John 15:1-27 – Abiding in Christ – Tom Fritz

April 9 – No Study – Easter

April 16 – John 16:1-33 – Better with Spirit – Galen Brumbaugh

April 23 – No Study – Congregational Gathering

April 30 – John 17 – Christ's Prayer for Us – Laura Meiser

### **LOOKING AHEAD...**



**Church Celebration – March 26th**

**Easter Egg Hunt – April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday Love Feast – April 6th**

**Good Friday – April 7th**

**Easter Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Membership Classes (sometime following Easter)**

**Congregational Gathering – April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Anointing Service – April 30th**

### **Checks For You**



... Blood Pressure Checks that is.

The Deacon Committee, through their Health Ministry Team, will begin the monthly blood pressure checks to all participants of our church family. New equipment has been purchased and we will have a qualified nurse present to assist. Beginning April 2 (and every 1st Sunday of the month)

Where: Library Room

When: After the church service



Do you know where the church library is? Just go down the hall and to your right. In this new technology age, it hasn't gotten much use. We have lots of books if you are interested in looking at them. They may be old, but have lots of good reading and information hidden in the covers. Feel free to borrow them. Upstairs in the children's wing there is also a shelf of children's books that can be borrowed. We would love to see them being read.

The Education Team has begun a job of "cleaning out" and sorting the books and materials that are in the library. It is an ongoing process, but for the next 2 weeks we have placed books in JNH. Please take some time to look through them and take any that you would like. There are a variety from fiction, cookbooks, self-help, religious, Bible studies, old church directories, church history, and others. Please take whatever you are interested in. After 2 weeks we are going to donate the remaining books. Stay tuned down the road when the next "wave" of books are culled.



Thank you for the 115 pounds of food donated to the pantry in February.

In February, we served:

441 children

793 adults

325 seniors

For a total of 1,559 people

We registered 8 new families

35 volunteers gave 485 hours. Current need –

cereals. Thank you for your continued support to feeding our families in the Hempfield area.



On April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have an anointing service during our Sunday morning worship. According to Brethren.org, "We anoint one another by gathering with people who are ill, hurting, struggling with decisions or beginning a new phase of life." This practice comes specifically from James 5:14, "Is anyone among you

sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord...[ref. James 5:13ff]. This is a service to confess and bring our requests to God, offering prayers in faith that His peace will come and His will be done. We invite you to join in this serve and practice of our faith!



Attention Camper and Camper wanna be's, persons and/or families interested in camping, particularly "Creationfest" camping! We are interested in expanding the "Creationfest" experience beyond a youth function to a more inner generational event. Come for the week or for a day or two. Creationfest will be held this year at "Agape Farm Campground", June 21-

24, 2023. (Our group camps Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> returning home Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>). The camp's address is 17512 Rapture St, Shirleysburg, Pa. 17260. If you choose to come up for a "day trip" you are welcome to use the site as a "home base". Ticket prices increase as you get closer to the June 21<sup>st</sup> opening date.

For more specific information regarding the Creationfest experience please feel free to contact Ed Haldeman, Dave Dum or Terry Kreider or anyone who has been there.

For more information on what is hap'n at the Creation Festival you can go to - "[www.creationfest.com](http://www.creationfest.com)"



When we speak of membership in the local church, it points to fully committing to the larger body of Christ by partnering with the local body of Christ to use gifts, talents and resources to strengthen His ministry, seeking to follow Jesus, and bring others into the fold. If you would like to explore joining Hempfield Church of the Brethren, we will be holding membership classes on Sundays April 16, 30, and May 6 after the morning service in the library. In the three sessions, we'll 1) share our faith stories, 2) look at faith practices through a Brethren lens, and 3) look at HCOB today: structure, ministries, and ways to connect. At the end of the third session, an invitation will be given to join. If you would like to join us, please contact Pastor Doug or there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. We do ask that you are baptized – whether at birth or as an adult – and have made a commitment to follow Jesus. If you have not been baptized and would like to better understand what that means or be baptized, please contact Pastor Doug.



**Donation Station at HCOB for Church World Service (CWS)** – we want to remind you of the ongoing outreach opportunities available to support CWS and their refugee resettlement program.

You can help by donating household items on CWS’s list of items that they accept. You can place your donations in the brown wheelbarrow in the narthex or coat closet. (**Food donations** should be placed in the **shopping cart** in the coat closet.) CWS’s donation list is attached to the brown wheelbarrow. The Outreach Team will deliver donated items to CWS’s donation hub on East King Street.

With many refugees arriving with little or no belongings, our continued donations of household items help to offset some of the home costs for a new refugee neighbor making a home and rebuilding their life here in Lancaster.

THANK YOU for your support!



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