

## **HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE**

Church of the Brethren

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### **DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

### ***JESUS . . . THE BEST GIFT OF CHRISTMAS!***



### **GOD'S GIFT**

**Little baby on the hay,  
soon there'll be another day  
when nails shall pierce Your hands and feet  
as You provide our sin's defeat.  
Risen Jesus on the throne,  
we lift our praise to You alone –  
for You're the gift that we receive  
the moment that our hearts believe.**

---Roy Lessin

[Join us on Christmas Eve for Worship at 6:30pm. All are welcome.](#)

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



November was an extremely busy time for the Food Cupboard. We had the finalizing of the Winter Coat Drive, the coming of Thanksgiving with schedule changes and cancelations of deliveries by food distributors, and increased numbers of families attending each Food Cupboard opening. Hence, one may think that with the coming of November, there would be little to be thankful for...but, not the case.

First: Our volunteers have stepped up significantly! It is wonderful to have the increased numbers of volunteers. With a larger number of volunteers, we seem to spend more time with the families. While I see most of the families when they first come to sign in, I also see many when they are leaving after “shopping”. It never fails, with a larger number of volunteers, families seem more thankful when leaving - not only with words of thanks, but with their smiles. Thank you volunteers for spending time with our families.

Second: While several of our food suppliers are closed during the week of and following Thanksgiving, we were blessed with some timely donations. First, we received a large donation from The Networking Associates of Bucks (NAB) organized by Kelly Hartigan. Kelly was the Brownie Troop Leader that met at our church on Thursdays. She organized the donation as “Thanks for your generosity over the years to my troop”. A second donation came from Boy Scouts Troop 610 on Saturday, November 19. Many of you will remember the carload after carload of bagged goods.

Third: The coat drive took an entirely different direction – since there were only a limited number of coats donated. We were fortunate enough to receive a donation of \$4,000.00 from the Hatfield Pastors Fund which was enough to provide a \$25.00 Target gift card for each coat.

Plenty to be thankful for!

Pastor Clay

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Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> following worship. It looks beautiful!



## Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. If your child wears boots to school, please provide another pair of shoes to change into. Preferably, sneakers. We still take them outside weather permitting.
- Friendship House will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>-Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will reopen on Tuesday January 3, 2023.

## Important Dates

**Friendship House:** Closed Monday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> (Tuition Due-Scheduled Holiday)  
Closed Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> (No Charge)  
Closed Monday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuition Due-Scheduled Holiday)  
Center Reopens Tuesday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

**North Penn:** Regular Early Dismissal Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
Closed Dec 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>

## New Happenings

- Every Wednesday is Chapel with Pastor Clay or Pastor Lynne.
- Every other week we have Music with Ms. Jean and once a month we have CAL Sports.
- We will be celebrating Christmas the week of the 19th. Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be wear **RED** day. Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> will be wear **GREEN** day, and Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be **CHRISTMAS JAMMIE DAY**.
- We will be having a Christmas Celebration on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the students and staff only.

## Themes

**1's and 2's:** December 5-9: Decorations and Lights  
December 12-16: Food and Traditions  
December 19-23: Christmas

**3's and 4's:** Tree Study

**Pre-k:** December 5-9: Letter- O, Shape- Square  
Sight word- go, Number- 10  
December 12-23: Christmas crafts and activities



- ✚ **Hatfield Meetinghouse, Church of the Brethren would like to invite all the families at Friendship House to the Christmas Eve Service on Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at this location, 1333 Cowpath Rd. Hatfield.**



## FOCUS ON FOLKS!



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 17 – Carol Roth
- 19 – Carole Bruning
- 23 – Don Hanks
- 28 – Robin McMahon

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY - None



### 12 Days of Christmas

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me . . .

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Salvation full and free
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Everlasting life
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Peace in my heart
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Love for all men
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Joy for my soul
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Power from on high
- 7<sup>th</sup> – A body glorified
- 8<sup>th</sup> – A robe and a crown
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Mansions above
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Streets of pure gold
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 1000 tongues to sing
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Eternity to praise.

✚ If you would like Offering Envelopes for 2023, please see Connie Holbert.

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

December 2022

### Sunday Ministry Team

Carl & Connie Holbert

### Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

### Worship Leaders

04 – C. Holbert

11 – Annette Hanks

18 – C. Holbert

24 – Christmas Eve at 6:30pm.

Pastor Clay & Pastor Lynne

25 – Worship with your family

### Accompanist

04 – Annamarie Dieterle

11 – David Himmer

18 – Annamarie Dieterle

24 – David Himmer

25 – Worship with your family

### Message

04 – Pastor Clay Moyer

11 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

18 – Pastor Clay Moyer

24 – Pastor Lynne & Pastor Clay

25 – Worship with your family

### Steward Counter

Connie Holbert – Treasurer

### The Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane - - - what do you see? Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me. White is for my Savior who's sinless and pure! "J" is for Jesus, my Lord, that's for sure! Turn it around and a staff you will see - - Jesus, my shepherd, was born for me!



**FAITHFUL COMMUNITY**  
**What Is Happening?**



**2022**

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Wired Word Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

10:00am.

Pastor Clay Moyer

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**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

Noon – 1:30pm.

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**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Wired Word Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

10:00am.

Pastor Lynne Allebach

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**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Worshipful Work**

7:00pm.

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**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

10:00am – 11:00am.

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**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Wired Word Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

10:00am.

Pastor Clay Moyer

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**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

Noon – 1:30pm.

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**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Eve Worship**

6:30pm.

**Born this day is the Savior  
of the world!**

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**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Day**

Spend the time in worship  
and celebration with your  
family and friends.

**Merry Christmas from  
Hatfield Meetinghouse,  
Church of the Brethren**

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**Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

6:30pm. – 7:30pm.

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**A little humor**

**to make you smile.**

**Q: What do snowmen eat  
for breakfast?**

A: Snowflakes

**Q: How do you scare a  
snowman?**

A: You get a hairdryer.

**Q: What do you call a  
snowman in the summer?**

A: A puddle.

**Q: Where does a  
snowman keep his  
money?**

A: In a snow bank.