

## **HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE**

Church of the Brethren

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### **DECEMBER 2020 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

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



This writing is taking place prior to Thanksgiving so we are in the middle of our turkey program. Most of our families this year requested smaller turkeys – for obvious reasons – and we were very fortunate in that the ones we received were all rather small, between 8 and 10 pounds. Fifty five families have received turkeys.

We applied for and received some CARES Act monies through Montgomery County. We will be receiving a double sliding glass door freezer and a double sliding glass door refrigerator. So, we should not have to lay out meat on a table while food cupboard is open any more. It can remain in the freezer or refrigerator for the family to choose. Only after the choice is made will the door have to be opened! Additionally with this grant we will be receiving a new laptop!!

And that is not all! We also received an \$8,880.00 CARES Act grant to purchase food and supplies from Driscoll Foods. However, these monies need to be spent by December 30<sup>th</sup> – well, that’s not a problem! Driscoll has paper products (toilet paper, paper towels), dish and laundry detergent, bar hand soaps, toothpaste, plus all the usual canned and frozen foods. Additionally, we can order fresh produce, but I haven’t figured out how best to work this into our schedule. These additional products come at a much needed time, as it appears stores are again running low on these products.

It’s been an exciting time for the food cupboard this November and looks like it will continue in December.

---Pastor Clay

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Thank you to John and Carole Bruning for decorating the church for the Advent Season and Christmas.



## Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Policies for gathering have changed. If a child or teacher is at an event or holiday gathering, indoors, with more than 10 people, a 2-week quarantine is required.
- The PA Department of Health has updated their travel policies. The new order requires anyone who visits from another state to have a **negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering** the commonwealth. If someone cannot get a test or chooses not to, they must **quarantine for 14 days** upon arrival in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvanians visiting other states are required to have a **negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to their return** to the commonwealth, or to **quarantine for 14 days** upon return to Pennsylvania. Further explanation can be found at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

## Important Dates

**Friendship House:** Closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
Closed Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (No Charge)  
Closed Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
Center Reopens Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

**North Penn:** Early Dismissal Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>**



## New Happenings

We will be celebrating Christmas the week of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> will be wear red day. Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be wear green day, and Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Christmas Jammie Day. We will be having a Christmas Celebration on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, parents will NOT be invited to attend. The children will play games, do activities, and sing the songs they have been practicing.

## Themes

**1's and 2's:** Week 1: Shapes and Colors  
Week 2: Decorations and Lights  
Week 3: Food and Traditions  
Week 4: Christmas

**3's and 4's:** Week 1 and Week 2: Trees  
Week 3 and Week 4: Christmas



## FOCUS ON FOLKS!



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

No Anniversaries in December

### Celebrate Advent Reverse Advent Calendar



We will be celebrating the Advent season by stocking the shelves of our food cupboard with personal hygiene items, paper products and laundry/dish washing items. Rather than getting something each day of Advent, we will be giving. Please bring your items to worship, place them in the Christmas box on the table at the back of the sanctuary and John DiSimone will sort them and add them to the shelves of the cupboard. Thank you and **Happy Advent!**

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

DECEMBER 2020

### Sunday Ministry Team

Carl & Connie Holbert

### Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

### Worship Leaders

06 – Robin McMahan

13 – Carl Holbert

20 – Debbie Haines

27 – Connie Holbert

### Accompanist

06 – June Jenkins

13 – Annamarie Dieterle

20 – June Jenkins

27 – Annamarie Dieterle

### Message

06 – Pastor Clay Moyer

13 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

20 – Pastor Clay Moyer

27 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

### Steward Counter

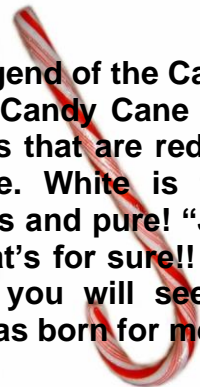
Connie Holbert – Treasurer

### Stats for November 2020

Average Worship for November:	16
Offering Received for November:	\$5,172.00
Offering Needed for November:	\$4,392.00

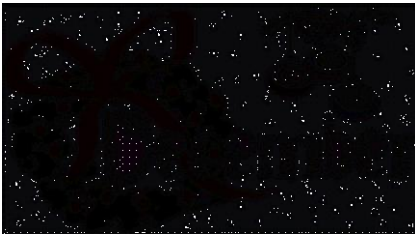
### GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

**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?**



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Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Food Cupboard**  
Noon – 1:30pm.

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Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm – 7:30-pm.

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Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
Pastor Clay Moyer

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Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
Pastor Lynne Moyer

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Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Worshipful Work**  
7:00pm.

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Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Food Cupboard**  
Noon – 1:30pm.

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Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm. – 7:30pm.

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Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Food Cupboard**  
10:00am – 11:00am.

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Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
Pastor Clay Moyer

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



**God's Gift**

**A Christmas Day Prayer**

Most Holy & Majestic Father, Among all the bright sparkling lights and cheery holiday tunes, let my spirit travel once again toward Bethlehem to honor and worship *Jesus, my King, The Prince of Peace, the Lord of Hosts, Mighty Counselor, Son of God, The Lamb.* All Your love, mercy and power somehow made flesh in the tiny form of a humble baby born in a manger. Let me worship the only One who is able to take our sin away and reconcile men and women with God once again! Amen.

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Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
Pastor Lynne Allebach

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Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Food Cupboard**  
6:30pm. – 7:30pm.