

**HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE**

Church of the Brethren

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**DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

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



**Please join us, December 24<sup>th</sup> the morning of Christmas Eve**  
8:45am. Breakfast at the home of Don & Annette Hanks  
10:00am. Morning Worship at the Church

## OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

### FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



The most frequently asked question by our volunteers is, “How many families have come through today”? So maybe it would be interesting to see a typical monthly report we need to send to our various supporting agencies. Here is the November 2023 report which is similar most other monthly reports:

	Total Served	New Families
Families:	147	21
Children:	280	30
Adults:	290	44
Seniors:	84	7
Total Individuals:	654	81

Traditionally, the first Tuesday of each month is the busiest time, followed by the third Tuesday of each month, the third Saturday of each month, and the fourth Monday of each month.

Thank you for keeping our food cupboard truly a ministry to our community.

---Pastor Clay

# December

## Reminders, Notes, Tips

- **Parents Night Out:** Dates are incorrect and will be the 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We will open doors at 6pm. Children can come in their pajamas. We will provide pizza and a snack. The children will be able to watch a movie and play. We will have cots available if they get tired. Please pick up no later than 9pm. Please give the \$20 cash to the office to secure your spot on the list. It will be first come first serve.
- Please make sure to turn your car off during drop off and pick up. This is a state regulation for safety. Thank you.
- Winter is around the corner. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing to go outside. We follow the Child Care Weather Watch Guidelines.
- If your child comes to school with winter/rain boots, they will need an extra pair of shoes to wear inside.
- We will be closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> . We will reopen January 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will not be charged for December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas!

## Important Dates

### Friendship House

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>&15<sup>th</sup> - Parents Night Out  
We will be closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> through  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.  
We will reopen Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### North Penn

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Early Dismissal  
Closed Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>-Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

## New Happenings

### Weekly Themes:

Dec. 1st: Hibernation  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Winter Clothes  
Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Holidays Around the World  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas



**FAITHFUL COMMUNITY**

**What Is Happening?**



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Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Decorate the Church  
For Advent/Christmas**  
2:00pm.  
**ECR Worship Team**  
2:00pm.

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Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Wired Word Bible Study**  
w/Fellowship Time  
9:00am.  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
**ECR Worship**  
11:30pm.

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Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Food Cupboard**  
10:30am – 1:30pm.

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Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Wired Word Bible Study**  
w/Fellowship Time  
9:00am.  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
**ECR Worship**  
11:30am.

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Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Worshipful Work**  
7:00pm.

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Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Food Cupboard  
8:30am – 11:00am.  
**ECR Worship Team**  
2:00pm.

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Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Wired Word Bible Study**  
w/Fellowship Time  
9:00am.  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
**ECR Worship**  
11:30pm.

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Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Food Cupboard**  
10:30am – 1:30pm.

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Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
The celebration begins with  
**Christmas Breakfast**  
**8:45am** at the home of  
Don & Annette Hanks,  
followed by  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am  
at the Church.

We will hear the Christmas  
story, sing songs of the  
season, and celebrate with  
our traditional Christmas Eve  
candlelight service. Every  
one is welcome.

**ECR Worship**  
**11:30am.**

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Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Christ is Born!**  
**Merry Christmas**

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Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
**Wired Word Bible Study**  
w/Fellowship Time  
9:00am.  
**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.  
Pastor Clay Moyer  
**ECR Worship**  
11:30am.

## FOCUS ON FOLKS!

All are invited.



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

None

On Sunday 12/24, Christmas Eve morning we would like to invite you to our home at 8:45am for breakfast before worship. We are at 628 Derstine Ave, Lansdale Please rsvp to Annette at 215-901-9293. We hope you can join us. Please just bring yourselves. We will provide breakfast.

### JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION . . .

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> begins at 8:45am. with a Christmas Eve breakfast at the home of Don and Annette Hanks. Morning Worship will begin at 10am. at the Church. We will hear the Christmas story, sing songs of the season, and share in our traditional Christmas Eve candle lighting Worship.

**Women of the Church:** We have been invited by the Woman's Fellowship of Indian Creek CoB to a **Women's Christmas Breakfast, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am** in the fellowship Hall at Indian Creek CoB. Please RSVP 215-256-9330.

### STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION - December 2023

#### Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

#### Worship Leaders

03 – C Holbert  
10 – Annette Hanks  
17 – Robin McMahon  
24 – C Holbert  
31 – Annette Hanks

#### Accompanist

03 – Annamarie Dieterle  
10 – David Himmer  
17 – Annamarie Dieterle  
24 – Annamarie Dieterle  
31 – Annamarie Dieterle

#### Message

03 – Pastor Clay Moyer  
10 – Pastor Lynne Allebach  
17 – Pastor Clay Moyer  
24 – Pastor Lynne Allebach  
31 – Pastor Clay Moyer

#### Steward Counters

Connie Holbert

Stats for November 2023  
Offering received: \$5,218.00  
Offering needed for 2023 Budget: **\$5,212.00**

## GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

✚ If you would like Offering Envelopes for 2024, please see Connie Holbert.