

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

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DECEMBER 2024 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

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



First and foremost, we want to say **THANK YOU!** to our volunteers for their service to the community. Without their commitment of time, we would not be able to open our doors to distribute food and available household goods to those in need. We receive food from various sources enabling our church to stock food items. Our challenges come from rolling shortages of dry goods, canned goods and perishable food. We do our best to order additional food when available to offset this.

The Scout's food drive was a welcome and substantial influx of dry and canned goods, enabling us to stock additional food. We want to thank those who took on the added task of sorting and stocking many food bags we received. (You know who you are)

Our food pantry has given out 90 turkeys and hams. This month alone we added 24 new families to our food pantry, serving 180 families with a total of 837 family members.

What a blessing to be part of this ministry.

----Don & Annette

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The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the ____ day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

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

and on the 12th day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me . . . Eternity to praise!



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Back by popular demand . . . Fellowship time following Morning Worship. Plan to stay, enjoy a cup of coffee or juice with a sweet or salty treat and engage with your friends.

DECEMBER

Reminders, Notes, Tips

- **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** If North Penn closes or is virtual due to snow/ice, Friendship House will be closed. We will NOT follow North Penn with delays or early closures and determine the best for our school. We will communicate all schedule changes through the ProCare app. We want to take into consideration the safety of our families and staff.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, and mittens. Mittens are preferred unless your child can put on gloves independently. We will continue to go outside for a half hour in both the morning and afternoon, if the real feel is 32 or higher. If it is lower, we will go for a shortened amount of time.
- If your child comes to school with snow/rain boots, please make sure they have an extra pair of shoes to change into.
- Friendship House closes at 5:45pm. If you are late, up to 5 minutes, there is a \$10 fee. An additional fee of \$10 will be added for 6-15 minutes late. There will be an additional \$5 per minute after 6pm.
- Please make sure to turn your car off during drop off and pick up. This is a state regulation for safety.
- We will be closed December 24th through January 1st. We will reopen January 2nd. Payment will be due for Tuesday (24th), Wednesday (25th), Thursday (26th) and the following week, Tuesday (31st) and Wednesday (1st). There will be no charge for Friday (27th) and Monday (30th).

Important Dates

Friendship House

6th, 13th, 20th Parents Night Out 6pm-9pm
 18th Holiday Show 4pm
 Dec 24th-Jan 1st Closed
 Jan 2nd Reopen

North Penn

11th early dismissal
 20th early dismissal
 23rd - 1st closed, reopen 2nd

New Happenings

- **Parents Night Out!** We will be offering babysitting on the Fridays before Christmas (6th, 13th, & 20th) from 6pm to 9pm. The center closes at 5:45pm. We will get things ready and reopen at 6pm. Please pick up your child no later than 9pm. We will provide pizza and a snack. We will have time to play with friends and cots will be out if they get tired. If you are interested, it will be \$20 per child.
- **Our Holiday Show** will be Wednesday, Dec 18th at 4pm. Each age group will perform for families. More information will follow.
- **Food Cupboard Donation Box:** Starting Dec. 1st, We will be collecting hygiene items (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), detergents, paper products, and non-food items that are rarely provided by the food cupboard for the holiday season. We will be putting a box out for parents and staff to donate.

Weekly Themes:

2nd-6th Winter is coming!
 9th- 12th Holiday foods
 16th-20th Christmas
 23rd- PJ/Christmas Fun Day!



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 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 2024

Sunday Ministry Team

Carl & Connie Holbert

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

01 – C Holbert

08 – Annette Hanks

15 – C Holbert

22 – Annette Hanks

29 – Robin McMahan

Accompanist

01 – Annamarie Dieterle

08 – David Himmer

15 – Annamarie Dieterle

22 – Annamarie Dieterle

29 – Annamarie Dieterle

Message

01 – Hymn Sing Robin McMahan

08 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

15 – Pastor Don McDonough

22 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

29 – Pastor Don McDonough

Steward Counter

Connie Holbert – Treasurer

November 2024

Offering Received for November: \$2,611.00

Offering Needed for November: \$5,080.00

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?

Sunday, December 1st
1st Sunday of Advent
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
HYMN SING
10:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, December 3rd
Food Cupboard
10:30am. – 1:30pm.

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Friday, December 6th
Parents Nite Out
Friendship House DCC
6:00pm. – 9:00pm.

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Saturday, December 7th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, December 8th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Monday, December 9th
Worshipful Work
7:00pm.

Friday, December 13th
FHDCC Parents Nite Out
6:00pm. – 9:00pm.

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Saturday, December 14th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, December 15th
3rd Sunday of Advent
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, December 17th
Food Cupboard
10:30am. – 1:30pm.

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Wednesday, December 18th
FHDCC Holiday Program
4:00pm. – 6:00pm.

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Friday, December 20th
FHDCC Parents Nite Out
6:00pm. – 9:00pm.

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Saturday, December 21st
Food Cupboard
8:30am. – 11:00am.

ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.
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Sunday, December 22nd
4th Sunday of Advent
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Monday, December 23rd
Food Cupboard
5:30pm. – 7:30pm.

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Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Worship
6:00pm.

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Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day



God's Gift to All

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Saturday, December 28th
Men's Breakfast
Heritage Restaurant
8:30am.

ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

Dessert Nite
6:00pm.
Don & Sue Bryant's home.
Desserts will be provided.
Come and enjoy!

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Sunday, December 29th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
ECR Worship

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Tuesday, December 31st
ECR Overnight
9:00pm – 3:00am.