

**HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE**  
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**Greetings, friends!**

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it's quite busy. American Heart Month is celebrated in February, as is Valentine's Day. Both physical and emotional hearts are at the fore this month. We can't forget President's Day, as we honor those men who have led our country over the past 250 years, and as we look in hope for what this country will be in another 250 years. From a church perspective, however, the most important February celebration is the start of Lent. Lent is the season that begins with Ash Wednesday and culminates on Easter Sunday.

I ♥ YOU



Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. It is the reverse of the Advent season we just experienced as we awaited the arrival of the Light, Emmanuel – God with us. Lent is a time of increasing darkness as we walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the world's attempt to extinguish the Light. There is a light in this community that is temporarily extinguished. This year we will not be hosting or participating in the Community Lenten series as its founder has retired, but the groundwork is being laid for this enriching program to return to the Hatfield community in 2027. We extend our thanks to Rev. Nancy Raabe, retired pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, for her many years of spearheading the Community Lenten series and wish her well in this next chapter of her life.

This month may the Lord of Love speak health and joy into your hearts.

+ + + Pastor Lynne

**OUR CHURCH IN ACTION**

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS . . .**



Beulah Shishler's daughter saw the article in the Reporter and reached out to us. We invited her to visit and see the operation in which her mother's vision and heart to serve others made the food pantry a reality. Brenda was thrilled to see how the food pantry had grown. Over the Holidays Beulah's family collected money and graciously donated in her honor.

We received several monetary donations this month for items not offered by the state such as fresh produce, dairy products and personal hygiene products. Skippack Church of the Brethren collected and donated food again this year. This is very much appreciated.

This month was our first taste testing for our families. Rachel, Don and Deb McDonough's daughter-in-law, prepared jambalaya and Mujaddara, middle eastern dishes. We received jambalaya kits from the state, but our families did not know how to prepare the dish. Once they tasted the jambalaya Rachel prepared along with the recipes Rachel handed out, all the jambalaya kits were gone! Don and Rachel were giving out produce. Turnips were not taken. Once Don and Rachel explained what the turnips were, one of our families taught them the Arabic word for turnips. It is Lift. Now there is interest in turnips by our families. We are learning!

We continue to be Blessed by more volunteers.

+ + + Don & Annette Hanks, Food Pantry Coordinators

## FRIENDSHIP HOUSE DAY CARE CENTER NEWS . . .

### Reminders, Notes, Tips

- We will be closed on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> for President's Day. Teachers will complete their yearly Fire Safety Training and professional development during our In-Service Day.
- Per state regulations, cars may not be left running, without an adult in the drivers seat.
- Please make sure to have a heavy coat, mittens and hats for your child when we go outside.
- Please make sure you have extra clothing for your child that is season and size appropriate. If you have any clothes (especially pants) to donate, that would be much appreciated. Any items we cannot use, we give to the church's food cupboard to give to the community.



### Important Dates

16<sup>th</sup> Closed- President's Day

### North Penn

16<sup>th</sup> Closed- President's Day

17<sup>th</sup> Closed- Ramadan & Lunar New

### New Happenings

- Due to the flooding we have been having, we had waterproofing done at the center!
- Kindergarten Registration for children turning 5 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the North Penn website for more information. [https://www.npenn.org/for\\_families/registration\\_information](https://www.npenn.org/for_families/registration_information)
- Valentine's Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating Friday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to participate, please bring the Valentine's cards for their classmates on or before Friday. Give them to your child's teacher. Please do not feel obligated to participate. We will have a special treat at afternoon snack.
- Pastor Lynne will offer ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 18, between 3 & 5 pm.

### Weekly Themes:

2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Diversity

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day

16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Fairy Tales

### Chapel with Pastor Lynne Themes:

- God Made Me and Loves Me
- We Love God



## FOCUS ON FOLKS!



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 – Rodney Allebach
- 04 – Paul Jones
- 13 – Connie Holbert

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 – Andrew & Kelly Hanks

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18<sup>th</sup>

#### The beginning of LENT

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>. For the convenience of some of our Day Care families and anyone else who may wish, Pastor Lynne will be available between 3pm – 5pm. at the Church to distribute ashes. All are welcome



## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 2025

### Deacon Contact:

Annette Hanks 215-368-2568

### Greeters:

Rodney Allebach, Don Hanks,  
Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

### Worship Leaders:

- 01 – Annette Hanks
- 08 – Robin McMahon
- 15 – C. Holbert
- 22 – C. Holbert

### Accompanist:

- 01 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 08 – David Himmer
- 15 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 22 – Annamarie Dieterle

### Message:

- 01 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 08 – Pastor Don McDonough
- 15 – Guest: Debbie Haines
- 22 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

### Steward Counter:

Connie Holbert - Treasurer

### Thomas Keesecker in Concert

Thomas Keesecker, composer and pianist, will be at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 1000 W. Main St, Lansdale on **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.** to offer a 90-minute concert that will include piano, hymn singing, and poetry. His concert will include Spirituals and Lenten-themed music. A free-will offering that will go to the Trenton Children's Chorus will be collected. All are welcome.



**FAITHFUL COMMUNITY**

**What's Happening**



**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**"Wired Word" Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Pastor Lynne Allebach

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

10:30am. – 1:00pm.

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**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

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**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**"Wired Word" Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Pastor Don McDonough

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Worshipful Work**

7:00pm.

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**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

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**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**"Tyrants of the Bible"**

**Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Guest: Debbie Haines

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

10:30am. – 1:00pm.

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**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

8:30am. – 11:00am.

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

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**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**"Wired Word" Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Pastor Lynne Allebach

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

5:30pm – 7:30pm.

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**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Men's Breakfast**

Heritage Restaurant

8:30am.

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

**Life is an echo. What you  
send out; comes back.  
Send out love, joy, peace  
and understanding.**

**BECAUSE . . .**

