

**HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE**

Church of the Brethren

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**JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**The Silent Thief**

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let our requests be made know to God.* ---Philippians 4:6

Did you know there is a silent thief lurking about? It will rob you of your most precious possessions. But you can stop it in its tracks with a biblical formula! Our prized possessions are our sense of joy and peace, and the robber is worry. When we worry, we expand our joy and peace on things we cannot control.

The Apostle Paul had plenty of opportunities for worry. New churches were springing up all over, each one needing effective leadership and guidance. Then there were his legal problems – he had been arrested multiple times. He was actually in prison in Rome when he wrote to the Philippians about this sneaky thief called worry. In prison, Paul had many problems to worry about. In fact he had every reason to be an expert worrier.

**Worry  
doesn't prevent  
disasters  
it prevents  
Joy!**

Yet, out of this context he wrote the wonderful formula that can stop worry in its tracks: "Don't worry, pray!" When you pray, you talk to God sincerely about our concerns, laying them before Him so He can manage them. Don't allow worry to steal your joy and peace. Give it to God.

**2020 RESOLUTION!  
WORRY LESS . . . PRAY MORE!**

## OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

### Hatfield Church of the Brethren – FOOD CUPBOARD



We are excited to share that the Hatfield Church of the Brethren Food Cupboard has been selected to be a part of the **Hatfield GIANT *Bags 4 My Cause* Program**. Intend of the program is to allow Giant customers to support local charitable organizations and support the environment at the same time! Each month Giant selects a different local organization to receive \$1.00 for each reusable shopping bag (called ***Bags 4 My Cause***) that is sold during that month. Giant has chosen the Hatfield Church of the Brethren Food Cupboard as it's charity for the month of

January 2020. Each time a *Bags 4 My Cause* is purchased (cost is \$2.50), at the Hatfield GIANT on 1540 Cowpath Road, Hatfield. \$1.00 will be donated to our Food Cupboard! So here's the deal, next time you grocery shop in January 2020, go to the Hatfield GIANT, buy enough *Bags 4 My Cause* to hold all those groceries and we will receive \$1.00 for each bag. Then, if you don't need the bags, you can always donate them to the food cupboard!!

We extend a big thank you to our local businesses for their contributions. Please patronize as you are able:

Old Dutch Cupboard (Alderfer Eggs) – Eggs

Lehigh Valley – Milk

ShopRite – Financial Grant

Hatfield Giant – Bake goods & financial assistance

JBS Meats (MOPAC) – Meat

Costco- Produce

Thank you to all.

Pastor Clay

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We want to thank St. Maria Goretti Parish. For the months of **January and February 2020** their **Parish Poor Box** donations will be coming to us for our Food Cupboard. Church helping Church help others. What a blessing!

Thank you.

# January

## New Happenings

We hope you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to the new year with your children!

## Notes, Reminders, Tips

With the cooler temperatures, please make sure your children have warm coats, and hats, and gloves/mittens for when they go outside.

We do not wear snow boots inside. Please make sure if your child wears snow boots to school they have a pair of shoes to change into to wear in the classroom.

Please do not leave your car running in the parking lot. This is a state licensing regulation for safety.

## Themes:

Infants, Toddlers, and Twos: Let it snow!

Preschool and PreK:

## Important Dates:

### Friendship House:

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Closed

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Re-Open

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Closed for observance for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### A.M. Kulp:

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Closed

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1 Hour Early Dismissal

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Closed for observance for Martin Luther King Jr. Day





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**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Happy New Year!**

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**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bible Study**  
9:15am.

**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.

Pastor Clay

**World Mission Church**  
1:00pm.

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**Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Food Cupboard**  
Noon – 1:30pm.

**Brownies**  
6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bible Study**

9:15am

**Morning Worship**

Pastor Lynne Allebach  
10:00am.

**World Mission Church**  
1:00pm.

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**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worshipful Work**  
7:00pm.

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**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brownies**  
6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Food Cupboard**  
10:00am – 11:00am.

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**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bible Study**  
9:15am

**Morning Worship**  
Pastor Clay Moyer  
10:00am.

**World Mission Church**  
1:00pm.

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**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Food Cupboard**

Noon – 1:00pm.

**Brownies**

6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bible Study**  
9:15am.

**Morning Worship**  
10:00am.

Pastor Clay Moyer  
**World Mission Church**  
1:00pm.

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**Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Food Cupboard**  
6:30pm – 7:00pm.

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**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brownies**  
6:30pm – 7:30pm.



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## FOCUS ON FOLKS!



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 – Lynne Allebach

13 – Linda Moyer

29 - Delaney McMahon

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

### DIRECTORY ADDITIONS & UPDATES

- **John Grosch**, Valley Manor, 350 Broad St., Apt 15, Harleysville, PA 19438

### SAVE THE DATES

Details to follow . . . .

- ✚ **Sometime in February – Family Night**, with pizza, activities for children and adult conversation and learning.
- ✚ **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Women’s Spring Fellowship**, Mountville CoB.  
Theme: ***Forgiveness and Grace***.  
Speakers: Marie Monville, author of the book ***“One Light Still Shines”*** and the former wife of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooter and Don Kraybill, ***“The Habit of Forgiveness”***, author and educator on Anabaptist faiths and living.
- ✚ **March 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon, Middle Creek CoB, 55+ Plus Spring Banquet.**

## Suggestions for a happy new year!

- ✚ **Look back on your blessings –**  
God is always faithful. Look at the past year, you will find that He has been with you, and has been working in your life, even if you don’t realize it.  
**James 1:17: *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.***
- ✚ **Focus on the future and God’s plans for you –** God has plans for your life and they are plans to help you.  
**2 Corinthians 5:17: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!***
- ✚ **Don’t worry about what is to come –**  
*God is with you in the new year, and you don’t need to worry about anything when you focus on Him. He is your strength, He is with you and you have nothing to fear.*  
**1 Peter 5:7: *Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.***
- ✚ **Plan ahead for the coming year –**  
While you reflect on the year that has gone, and the year that is about to come, it is important to plan ahead.  
**Proverbs 13:16: *A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn’t and even brags about it!***
- ✚ **Find contentment in God this year, and give thanks –** In 2020 it is important to remember that you can only find contentment in God.  
**Philippians 4:11-13: *Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means; I know how to live in prosperity; in every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.***

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

JANUARY 2020

### Sunday Ministry Team

05 – Carl Holbert  
12 – Connie Holbert  
19 – Carl Holbert  
26 – Connie Holbert

### Greeters

05 – Kathy Warren  
12 – Rob Hanks  
19 – Gwen Bishop  
26 – Kathy Warren

### Worship Leaders

05 – Carole Bruning  
12 – Carl Holbert  
19 – Connie Holbert  
26 – Robin McMahon

### Accompanist

05 – Annamarie Dieterle  
12 – June Jenkins  
19 – Annamarie Dieterle  
26 – June Jenkins

### Message


05 – Pastor Clay Moyer  
12 – Pastor Lynne Allebach  
19 – Pastor Clay Moyer  
26 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

### Steward Counters

05 – Carl & Connie Holbert  
12 – Rob Hanks & Don Hanks  
19 – Carl & Connie Holbert  
26 – Paul Jones & Don Hanks

In cooperation with  **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**, we continue to collect used shoes (box in the foyer at church). **Keep your shoes coming!**

STATS for DECEMBER 2019			
	Bible Study	Worship	Offering
Dec 01:	7	11	\$ 84.00
Dec 08:	8	14	\$1,085.00
Dec 15:	10	21	\$2,025.00
Dec 22:	11	20	\$1,585.00
Dec 29:	<b>Not available at printing.</b>		

Weekly offering needed to meet 2019 Budget: **\$1,068.00** 

**GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER**

**The HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE**  
Is a very active place; sharing the blessings of our facility with others needing a place to meet and worship.

- We have 2 Brownie troops meeting here. One meets every Tuesday from 6:30 – 7:30pm and the other troop meets every other Thursday, 6pm – 7:30pm.
- A Hindu Fellowship meets once a month on a Saturday evening from 4pm – 8pm for worship and fellowship.
- The World Mission Church, a small Korean fellowship with the Disciples of Christ denomination will begin meeting Sunday afternoons at 1pm for worship and fellowship.

#### And our 2 outreach programs:

- FRIENDSHIP HOUSE DAY CARE that operates Monday – Friday, 6:30am – 5:45pm serving families that entrust their children to our loving care.
- Hatfield CoB FOOD CUPBOARD is open 4 times a month to help families in need.

**WE ARE BLESSED TO SERVE**  
and blessed to be able to enable others to worship and serve as well.