

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

Church of the Brethren

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JANUARY 2024 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
[REDACTED]
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.

**2024 RESOLUTION!
WORRY LESS . . . PRAY MORE!**

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

Hatfield Church of the Brethren – FOOD CUPBOARD

In early December we completed our Winter Coat Project for our Food Cupboard families. Through our congregational giving, matching Everence funds, the Hatfield Pastors Fund, and some neighborhood contributions we were able to provide 186 children, 12 years or younger, with either a winter coat or a \$25.00 gift card. Thank you for all your support.



Also, we were the recipients of \$2,500.00 from the Hatfield Police Benevolent Fund and an additional \$1,700.00 from the Hatfield American Legion through Grace Lutheran's Angel Box program. These funds are currently being used to provide each Food Cupboard family with a \$25.00 Walmart gift card as a holiday / new year's gift. In addition to gift cards, we received several hundred pounds of personal hygiene products – always highly requested items on a Food Cupboard Day!



Our two main suppliers, SHARE and Philabundance, provided additional food selections for the holiday season which helped fill out our pantry shelves, produce tables, freezers, and refrigerators. It allowed us to save a lot of our state grant money. So, looking ahead, we should be in good financial shape through the end of our fiscal year in June 2024.

Our next opening is on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Hope you can be there and bring in the new year with our Food Cupboard families!

We have been invited to join the **ECR Congregation** on Sunday, December 31st to bring in the New year. The night vigil begins at 10:00pm. and goes through 3am. Please feel invited to attend and stay as long as you are available.

Thank you.





January

Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Year-end statements will be handed out for W2 purposes
- Please make sure to turn your car off during drop off and pick up. This is a state regulation for safety. Thank you.
- Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing to go outside. We follow the Childcare Weather Watch Guidelines.
- Flu shots are state mandated.
- If your child comes to school in winter/rain boots, they will need an extra pair of shoes to wear inside.
- CAL Sports will now be once a month for the winter months. We will resume our normal schedule when the nicer weather returns. This month will be on the 11th.
- We will reopen January 2nd. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Important Dates

Friendship House

Jan 1st Closed- New Years Day

Jan 15th Closed- MLK Day

North Penn

Jan 1st Closed

Jan 15th Closed

Jan 19th Early Dismissal

New Happenings

Weekly Themes:

Jan 1st to 5th- New Years

Jan 8th to 12th- Nursery Rhymes

Jan 15th to 19th- Polar Bears

Jan 22nd to 26th- Penguins

Jan 29th to Feb 2nd- Groundhogs and Other Winter Animals

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY
What's Happening?
JANUARY 2024



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Monday, January 1st
Happy New Year!

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Tuesday, January 2nd
Food Cupboard
10:30am. – 1:30pm.

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Saturday, January 6th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, January 7th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
w/Fellowship Time
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Lynne Allebach
ECR Worship
11:30am.

Monday, January 8th
Worshipful Work
7:00pm.

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Saturday, January 13th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, January 14th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
w/Fellowship Time
Morning Worship
Pastor Clay Moyer
10:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, January 16th
Food Cupboard
10:30am. – 1:30pm.

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Saturday, January 20th
Food Cupboard
8:30am. – 11:00am.
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

Sunday, January 21st
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
w/Fellowship time
Morning Worship
Pastor Lynne Allebach
10:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Monday, January 22nd
Food Cupboard
5:30pm. – 7:30pm.

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Saturday, January 27th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, January 28th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
w/Fellowship Time
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Clay Moyer
ECR Worship
11:30am.



FOCUS ON FOLKS!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 – Lynne Allebach

13 – Linda Moyer

29 - Delaney McMahon

NO JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

SAVE THE DATES

Details to follow . . .

- ✚ **Some Saturday in February – Family Night**, with pizza, games for all ages and more.
- ✚ **Saturday, March 16th - Women’s Spring Fellowship.** The location, theme, and speaker to be announced.
- ✚ **Friday – Sunday, April 19th 20th 21st and April 26th 27th 28th.** – Laymen Playmen Théâtre, “**CRAZY for YOU**”
- ✚ **Saturday, April 27th – ANE Day at Camp Swatara.**

Suggestions for a worry-free year!

- ✚ **Look back on your blessings –** God is always faithful. Look in the past, you will find He has been with you, working in your life, even if you didn’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 for the coming year –** While you reflect on last year, look at the year to come. It is important to plan. **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 2024, remember contentment is 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 2024**

Sunday Ministry Team

Carl & Connie Holbert

Greeters

Rob Hanks, Don Hanks Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

07 – Robin McMahan

14 – C Holbert

21 – C Holbert

28 – Robin McMahan

Accompanist

07 – Annamarie Dieterle

14 – David Himmer

21 – Annamarie Dieterle

28 – Annamarie Dieterle

Message

07 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

14 – Pastor Clay Moyer

21 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

28 – Pastor Clay Moyer

Steward Counters

Connie Holbert, Treasurer

Emergency Bible Numbers

Upset? - John 14
Weak? - Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely? - Psalm 23
Sinned? - Psalm 51
Worried? - Matthew 8:19-31
Unhappy? - Col. 3:12-17
In Danger? - Psalm 91
Depressed? - Psalm 27
Lack of Faith? - Exodus 14
Seeking Peace? - Matthew 11:25-30

STATS for DECEMBER 2023

Dec 03: \$ 931.00
Dec 10: \$1,281.00
Dec 17: \$1,160.00
Dec 24: \$1,345.00
Dec 31: Not available at printing.

Weekly offering needed to
meet 2023 Budget:

\$1,303.00



GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

The HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

the Church of the Brethren

on Cowpath Road in Hatfield

is a very active place, sharing the blessings of our facility with others needing a place to meet, worship and fellowship.

- The **Centre Evangelique Pour Le Reveil (ECR)**, a Congolese fellowship associated with the Mennonite denomination meets for worship and fellowship Sundays at 11:30am. Their Praise and Worship Team practices here on Saturdays, noon - 2:00pm.

And our 2 outreach programs:

- **Friendship House Day Care Center** 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 with food insecurities.

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