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JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



WHAT ARE SOME COMMONLY NAMED ATTRIBUTES OF GOD?

God is immutable (never changes), self-sufficient (not dependent), omnipotent (all-powerful), omniscient (all-Knowing), omnipresent (everywhere present), faithful (dependable), loving (compassionate, merciful, forgiving), good (holy), just (righteous), gracious (generous), beautiful (glorious), and more . . .

These attributes define the character of God. And character is how we formulate our perceptions of who people are and who God is. But it's one thing to sit and discuss the character of God. It's another thing to travel the road with God and experience His attributes in our life.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

Without thinking in theological terms, we experience God's attributes in our life all the time:

FINANCES: God is good and resourceful; we trust Him to provide.

FAILURES: God is loving and forgiving; we trust Him to be merciful.

FUTURE: God is all-knowing; we trust His plans for our life.

FEARS: God is always with us; we trust Him to protect us.

FAIRNESS: God is just; we trust Him to resolve difficulties in our life.

And the examples go on and on. But there is no divine attribute more wonderful than the **PATIENCE** of God.

Happy New Year! In the new year, look for the attributes of God and use Him as your example for a peaceful, joyful, full life in Him.

Join us Sundays: 9:00am Bible Study, 10:00am Worship, 11:00am Fellowship Time.

Hatfield Church of the Brethren – FOOD CUPBOARD



In December we welcomed 12 new families with 43 household members. We saw some shortages of meats, chicken, fish and eggs in November. Fortunately, through our suppliers, SHARE, Philabundance and Garden of Health, we were able to fill our refrigerators and freezers with much needed perishable and protein food. The individuals we serve greatly appreciate this, as they depend on these much-needed food items.

We served 154 families with 692 household members this month. Our volunteers came through again this month and gave generously of their time and muscles. We so appreciate their support to provide this important outreach program to the community.

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A Few tips for a Good Year!

- Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
- Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Talk to God about what is going on in your life. Then take a minute or two to listen!
- When you wake up, complete the following statements: “My purpose today is to _____. I am thankful for _____.”
- Make at least three people smile each day.
- Don’t waste your precious energy on gossip, issues of the past, negative thoughts, or things you cannot control. Instead, invest your energy in the positive present moments.
- Life isn’t fair, but it’s still good.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- You are not so important that you must win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- Don’t compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- Remember you are too blessed to be stressed.
- When you are feeling down, start listing your many blessings. You’ll be smiling before you know it.
- And each night complete the following statements: “I am thank for _____. Today I accomplished _____. ”

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 action for our school. We will communicate all schedule changes through the Procure app. We want to take into consideration the safety of our families and staff.
- We build in 2 snow days each year. If school is closed due to winter weather, parents are still contracted to pay for 2 days. We will not charge for any additional days if we close.
- 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

1st- Closed- New Years Day

20th- Closed-MLK Jr. Day

North Penn

1st- Closed- New Years Day

17th Early Dismissal

20th- Closed MLK Jr. Day

New Happenings

- We have installed extra security cameras that will monitor the parking lot and all the entrances and exits. Safety and security are our top priorities.

Weekly Themes:

1st-3rd-New Years

6th-10th Arctic Animals

13th-17th Snow

20th-24th Kindness

27th- 31st Transportation



FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

What Is Happening?

2025



Wednesday, January 1st
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Saturday, January 4th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, January 5th
Wired Word **Bible Study**
9:00am.
Morning Worship
Bread & Cup Communion
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, January 7th
Food Cupboard
10:30am. – 1:00pm.

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Saturday, January 11th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, January 12th
Wired Word **Bible Study**
9:00am.

Morning Worship
HYMN SING

10:00am.

Fellowship Time

11:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, January 13th
Worshipful Work
7:00pm.

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Saturday, January 18th
Food Cupboard
8:30am – 11:00am.

ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, January 19th
Wired Word **Bible Study**
9:00am.

Morning Worship

10:00am.

Fellowship Time

11:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Tuesday, January 21st
Food Cupboard
10:30am. – 1:00pm.

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Saturday, January 25th
Men's Breakfast
8:30am.
Heritage Restaurant

ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, January 26th
Wired Word **Bible Study**
9:00am.

Morning Worship

10:00am.

Fellowship Time

11:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, January 27th
Food Cupboard
5:30pm. – 7:30pm.

If you would like to have offering envelopes for 2025, please see Connie Holbert, Thank you.

FOCUS ON FOLKS!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 07 – Michael Bishop
- 10 – Lynne Allebach
- 13 – Linda Moyer
- 29 – Delaney McMahon
- 30 – Don Bryant

No JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Please visit our Website:
www.hatfieldcob.org for weekly
sermons and updated information.

A New Years Prayer

Anonymous

May God make your year happy!

- ✓ Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, but by strengthening you to hear it, as it comes.
- ✓ Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path.
- ✓ Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart.
- ✓ Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows.
- ✓ Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

**God's love, peace, hope and joy
to you for the year ahead.**

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

JAUARY 2025

Sunday Ministry Team

Carl & Connie Holbert

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

05 – Annette Hanks
12 – C Holbert
19 – C Holbert
26 – Annette Hanks

Accompanist

05 – Annamarie Dieterle
12 – David Himmer
19 – Annamarie Dieterle
26 – Annamarie Dieterle

Message

05 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
w/Bread & Cup Communion
12 – Robin McMahon – Hymn Sing
19 – Pastor Brandon Hanks
26 – Pastor Brandon Hanks

Steward Counter

Connie Holbert - Treasurer

Enjoy a laugh or two!



Q: What do snowmen
eat for breakfast?

A: Snowflakes

Q: How do you scare
a snowman?

A: You get a
hairdryer.

Q: What do you call a snowman in the
summer?

A: A puddle.

Q: Where does a snowman keep his
money?

A: In a snow bank.