

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

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JULY & AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Join us Sunday mornings:

In Person Morning Worship: 10:00am.

Sunday Morning Worship Covid 19 Protocol in Place

1. If you are concerned about gathering with a large group physically for any reason, we understand!
2. If you think you have been exposed to the virus, please self-quarantine for 2 weeks. It goes without saying that, if you are feeling sick, you should stay at home, and if you have children who are sick, you should keep them home, too.
3. We will be meeting in the Sanctuary and encourage gatherers to keep the recommended 6-foot distancing. Those arriving in the same vehicle or from the same household may sit together.
4. We urge everyone to follow CDC guidelines while together, including maintaining 6-foot distance from others as much as possible, wearing masks if you're able (we will have a limited number of extra masks available), not shaking hands or hugging, washing your hands often for at least 20 seconds, and using hand sanitizer as necessary. Note: CDC guidelines state that masks are not required for small children or those who find it hard to breathe with them on (e.g. asthmatics, COPD patients, O2 dependent folks, etc.).
5. Entry/exit doors will either be propped open or manned by greeters at the start and end of the service to limit the number of hands touching doorknobs.
6. Our bathroom at the rear of the sanctuary will be available and stocked with sanitary wipes and antibacterial soap.
7. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available in the foyer.
8. We will place offering plates in the foyer where you can drop tithes and offerings on your way in.
9. Attendance will be taken to allow us to notify attendees should there be any exposure. In the event of a positive case of COVID-19 in our church family, you are instructed to call the church office immediately at 215-855-3064, or email the church at hatfieldcob.com or Pastor Clay at czmoyer@hotmail.com

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .

July 1st is the beginning of the year for the Food Cupboard. That means each family coming to the cupboard needs to fill out The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) “Self Declaration of Need” form. This is always a busy time since so many of our families have difficulty with speaking and writing English. Complicating this procedure this year is the numbers of new families from Algeria, Congo, Bangladesh, India, and Vietnam since The Self Declaration of Need form is only in English. While we have individuals who are quite helpful in translating for our Arabic families, we have not established individuals who are fluent in English and French (Algeria and Congo), or Hindi, or Vietnamese.



Since the pandemic, CDC guidelines do not allow people to share a pen. Therefore, one person (the same person) is allowed to fill out and sign each Self Declaration of Need form for each family – as long as the family gives consent. This guideline, along with our increased hours of operation, will hopefully allow this signing period to go much smoother than in the past. Time will tell if this will be the case.

With the July sign in period coming, we could use an additional volunteer, especially on Tuesdays. If you are able to come on Tuesdays, and feel comfortable coming in this environment, let me know.

We are often asked what items are most needed for the food cupboard. Currently, (and this could change in a month) financial donations are critical for our purchasing of meat. Chicken for a month is around \$850.00 and beef around \$450.00. Additional items are cleaning supplies including laundry and dish detergent, bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo, feminine products, and deodorant – items not covered by SNAP (food stamps).

Pastor Clay

Reminders, Notes, Tips



- No items are to be brought from home. This includes breakfast foods, water bottles, and backpacks. Please see policies for further explanations.
- Please have your child wear closed-toe shoes.
- Children will need sunscreen and a completed form. **Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to school every day.**
- Water play is every day. Children will get changed when they come to school. They need a bathing suit, towel, and water shoes that will stay here for the summer and they will be washed weekly.
- Thank you for being patient with pick up and drop off which has been taking extra time. If you see another family at the door, please wait in your car or keep distance until they have walked out of the center.

Important Dates

July 3rd- Closed

July 31st- Pajama Day (Friday)



New Happenings

- We began the North Penn Lunch program. North Penn will be providing breakfast and lunch. We will provide afternoon snack.
- Payments for tuition will either be made by check or online, the Friday before. We have set up online payment with Procare. If you cannot log in, we will resend the introduction letter.

Themes

July 1st & 2nd: 4th of July

July 6th – 10th: The Beach and Ocean

July 13th – 17th: Fruits and Veggies

July 29th – 24th: Bugs and Insects

July 27th – 31st: Sports

**August is not planned at this printing.
However, we will be here!**



FOCUS ON FOLKS!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

02 – Wesley Bruning
06 – Carl Holbert, Sr.
08 – June Jenkins
10 – Christina Pellak

JULY ANNIVERSARY – NONE



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

07 – Carter Pellak
07 – John DiSimone
20 – Debbie Haines
30 – Kathy Warren

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07 – Paul Jones & Robin McMahon
25 – Clay & Linda Moyer
27 – Dave & June Jenkins

EVERENCE TO HOST WEBINARS

Everence will host a series of webinars focusing on retirement-related issues this July. Specific topics will include Medicare (July 9th and 23rd at 7pm.) and Social Security (July 16th at 7pm.) and will be presented by staff from the Everence office in Souderton.

For more information, or to register:

visit www.everencecom/souderton

or contact Leah Ludwig at 215-703-0111

or leah.ludwig@everence.com

CAMP SWATARA

✚ Camp Swatara's over-night camping season is cancelled for 2020. An exploration event will be offered monthly for those who pre-register for the event.



Contact www.campswatara.org

✚ Women's Camp in August is cancelled.

✚ Family Camp is OPEN! Contact: 717-933-5244 for availability and rates.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

July 1-2, 2020

Online Worship & Concert

To join in the celebrate visit www.brethren.org and click on the link to watch. July 1st offers Children's Worship at 7:30pm, followed by a Worship Service at 8pm. The Denominational Concert is Thursday, July 2nd at 8pm.

BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Scheduled in late September is canceled over pandemic concerns. While this is sad news for the COB denomination and the Brethren Disaster Relief Ministry, the Board of Directors look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

SAVE THE DATE! Still Hoping!

ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2-3, 2020

"Be Still and Know That I am God" is the theme of this year's Conference. The Program & Arrangements Committee will send out details regarding District Conference at the beginning of July. For details visit the website. Registration opens July 1, 2020.

**FAITHFUL COMMUNITY
What Is Happening?**

Sunday mornings,
Engaging Current Events
with Scripture
will resume in the fall.
Start date TBA

JULY 2020



Wednesday – Thursday
July 1st – July 2nd
Annual Conference
Virtual Events

Wednesday, July 1st
7:30pm: Children's
Worship
8:00pm: Worship Service
Thursday, July 2nd
8:00pm. Denominational
Concert

Link: www.brethren.org.
Also watch for an email
from the church.

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Sunday, July 5th
Morning Worship
10:00am.

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Tuesday, July 7th
Food Cupboard

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Sunday, July 12th
Morning Worship
10:00am.

Saturday, July 18th
Food Cupboard

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Sunday, July 19th
Morning Worship
10:00am.

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Tuesday, July 21st
Food Cupboard

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Sunday, July 26th
Morning Worship
10:00am.

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Monday, July 27th
Food Cupboard

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Sunday, August 2nd
Morning Worship
10:00am.

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Tuesday, August 4th
Food Cupboard

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Sunday, August 9th
Morning Worship
10:00am.

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Saturday, August 15th
Food Cupboard

Sunday, August 16th
Morning Worship
10:00am.

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Tuesday, August 18th
Food Cupboard

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Sunday, August 23rd
Morning Worship
10:00am.

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Monday, August 24th
Food Cupboard

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Sunday, August 30th
Morning Worship
10:00am.

**JULY - SUNDAY MORNING
STEWARDSHIP HELPERS**

-  **Ministry Team for July**
Carl & Connie Holbert
-  **Worship Leaders**
05 – Carl Holbert
12 – Robin McMahan
19 – Connie Holbert
26 – Carole Bruning
-  **Accompanist**
05 – June Jenkins
-  **Message**
05 – Pastor Clay Moyer
12 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
19 – Pastor Clay Moyer
26 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
-  **Steward Counters/ July**
Connie Holbert, Treasurer
-  **August Helpers TBA**