

## HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

Church of the Brethren

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### MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

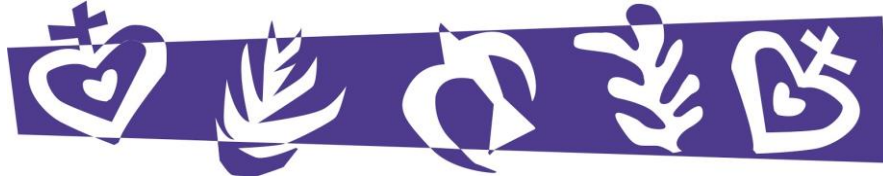


-- was beginning of the LENTEN SEASON for 2023

#### COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Fellowship Time will follow Worship.



- **March 01: “I Am the Bread of Life”**  
Father Chung will bring the Message. Location: Grace Lutheran
- **March 08: “I Am the Light of the World”**  
Father Tufton will bring the Message. Location: Heidelberg UCC
- **March 15: “I Am the Door”**  
Rev. Unger will bring the Message. Location: St. Maria Goretti
- **March 22: “I Am the Good Shepherd”**  
Rev. Raabe will bring the Message. Location: Emmanuel E.C.
- **March 29: “I Am the Resurrection and the Life”**  
Rev. Lambert will bring the Message.  
**Location: Hatfield Meetinghouse - Church of the Brethren**



## FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .

We had our first month of families allowed to come twice in one month. Prior to February we were averaging about 30 families an opening. Currently, our average is closer to 45 families per opening with highest number being 50 families attending one opening. There are two main reasons for the increase: first is the state's reduction of SNAP funds (food stamps), and second is the increased cost of food.

So far we have been able to keep up with the increase, but it has upped the need for our volunteers to re-stock the shelves during pantry hours. While we have not had our grant money increased, SHARE, and TEFAP, and Philabundance have upped what we are able order from them at no cost to us. Currently, we need to purchase produce with our funds, but hopefully our suppliers will be able to provide fresh produce beginning mid to late spring which will reduce the need to use our funds.

We have recently added some Ukrainian families. Most speak very good English, so it has been a real pleasure getting to know them. One family has a last name similar to a common last name in the Franconia/Harleysville area. When asked about his family history was, he indicated it was a "family name" and that his ancestors had migrated to Ukraine from the southern Germany / Switzerland area. That is the same area where the local Brethren and Mennonites had migrated from in the late 1600's to early 1700's. Surely, this Ukrainian family is blood relatives living here! It is a small world.

Pastor Clay

2023

# MARCH

## Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Starting the week of April 17, 2023, we will begin having parents bring their child(ren) into the center and signing them in on the computer.
- We have CAL Sports on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>, please have your child wear or bring sneakers. Dress them appropriately for physical activity and for the weather. They will be outside unless it is raining.
- ✓ Kindergarten Registration- Feb/Mar/Apr [www.npenn.org/registration](http://www.npenn.org/registration)

## Paperwork

- ✓ It's that time of year again! Please make time at drop off or pick up to review your emergency contact information and your agreement forms. Specifically, the times you will be dropping your child(ren) off and when you will pick them up. Thank you in advance!



## Important Dates

**March: Sunday March 12, 2023-Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead)**

Friendship House: Pajama Day Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

North Penn: Regular Early Dismissal on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**APRIL: Friendship House will be closed April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.**

North Penn will be closed April 3-7 and April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## New Happenings

Themes:

Infants, 1's, and 2's:

Feb 27-Mar 3: Dr. Seuss

Mar 6-Mar 10: Plants

Mar 13-Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20-Mar 24: Spring

Mar 27-Mar 31: Colors

3's and 4's: Creative Curriculum: The Balls Study

Kindergarten Enrichment: (children going into kindergarten in the Fall)

Week 1&2:

Letters: r, o, d, s

Number: 8, 9

Sight Words: my, play

Week 3&4:

Letters: e, u, l, g

Number: 10, 11

Sight Words: away, are

Week 5:

Letters: h, k

Number: 12

Sight Words: ha

## FOCUS ON FOLKS!



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

18 – Sarah Jones Sato

24 – Mo Butler

29 – Thatcher McMahan

31 – Aiden Hanks

### NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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### ANE Women's Spring Fellowship

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

Ephrata CoB, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Speaker: Pastor Angela

Theme: "**Making Gratitude**"

Bible verse: **Psalm 95:2:**

**Registration closes Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>,**

**Cost is \$15.00.** Questions: contact Karen Hackett, at 302-540-6729.

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### One Great Hour of Sharing

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Your gifts support:**

- ✚ Individuals revealing God's love through accompanying survivors of disaster.
- ✚ Farmers being empowered through education & resources to help establish food security in their communities.
- ✚ Volunteers preparing for Christ-like service at short and long-term service projects.

Beginning Monday through Wednesday, **March 27-29, 2023, MCC Meat Canning project** will be in the area. If you are interested in donating a few hours of your time to this local 3-day operation, contact **MRC at 267-203-8074**. See flyer on the church bulletin board or go to [mcc-harleysville.org](http://mcc-harleysville.org), click "Get Involved," then "Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canner" for more information about how, as an extension of Christ, we can share God's love and compassion by meeting the needs of others.

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**Heidelberg Church** has invited us to join them Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. There will be a bread and soup supper followed by Worship and partaking of Holy Communion. If interested, please email or text Pastor Clay by **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. This will help Heidelberg to plan accordingly. Thank you.

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**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Daylight Savings Begins**

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD**

**ONE (1) HOUR**

**It's on the 2023 calendar?**



**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Time  
**Weird Word Bible Study**  
9:00am.

**Morning Worship**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of LENT*  
Pastor Lynne Allebach  
10:00am.

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**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Food Cupboard**  
Noon – 1:30pm.  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Time  
**Weird Work Bible Study**  
9:00am.  
**Morning Worship**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of LENT*  
Pastor Clay Moyer  
10:00am.

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

**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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

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**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Time  
**Weird Word Bible Study**  
9:00am.

**Morning Worship**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of LENT*  
Pastor Lynne Allebach  
10:00am.

**One Great Hour**

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**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Food Cupboard**  
Noon – 1:30pm.  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Time  
**Weird Word Bible Study**  
9:00am.  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of LENT*  
**Morning Worship**  
Pastor Clay Moyer  
10:00am.

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

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**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brownies**  
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

<p><b>FEBRUARY STATS 2022</b> Average Attendance: 13 Offering needed for the month: \$5,212.00 Offering given: \$5,271.00</p>
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**STEWARDSHIP IN MARCH**  
**Sunday Ministry Team**  
OPEN

**Greeters**  
Don Hanks, Rob Hanks,  
Dan Sibley

**Worship Leaders**  
05 – C. Holbert  
12 – Annette Hanks  
19 – Robin McMahon  
26 – C. Holbert

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

**Message**  
06 – Pastor Lynne Allebach  
12 – Pastor Clay Moyer  
19 – Pastor Lynne Allebach  
26 – Pastor Clay Moyer

**Steward Counter**  
Connie Holbert, Treasurer