

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER Community Lenten Services Wednesday Evenings at 7:30pm.

	Host Church	Preaching	Theme
March 6 th	St. Maria Goretti Parish	Pastor Lynne Allebach	"Hands"
March 13 th	Emmanuel Evangelical Ch	Rev. Robert Tufton	"Knees"
March 20 th	Heidelberg UCC	Father Chung	"Feet"

Holy Week

March 24th Palm Sunday – 9:00am. Bible Study 10:00am. Morning Worship

March 28th Maundy Thursday Service – Love Feast 6:30pm. at Indian Creek COB
Please note time: 6:30pm.

March 31st Easter Joy - Carry in Breakfast 8:45am. Morning Worship 10am.



OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



Around the time we began offering “shopping”, maybe in 2016(?), we were averaging around 85 families a month. With the start of the COVID pandemic our numbers began to climb...100 a month, 110 a month, 120 a month, to a high in 2022 of 140 a month. Our ability to maintain the shopping option while most other food cupboards went to “bagging” was a major reason for our numbers increase. The number of families began to drop in 2023 to an average of 135 families a month, due to allowing families to come only once a month. However, this past February we had a record number of families – over 150!

Not only has the number of families increased over time, but the number of volunteers has also increased. So many of the families that come to “shop” mention how they enjoy coming to our food cupboard because of our friendliness. That is how we are! That is what we do!

Thank you.

Pastor Clay

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THE ALPHABET OF LIFE

All though things are not perfect **B**ecause of trial or pain; **C**ontinue in thanksgiving, **D**o not begin to blame. **E**ven when the times are hard, **F**ierce winds are bound to blow. **G**od is forever able, **H**old on the what you know. **I**magine life without His love, **J**oy would cease to be. **K**eep thanking Him for all the things, **L**ove imparts to thee. **M**ove out of “camp complaining” **N**o weapon that is known, **O**n earth can yield the power, **P**raise can do alone. **Q**uit looking to the future, **R**edeem the time at hand. **S**tart every day with worship, **T**o “thank” is a command. **U**ntil we see Him coming **V**ictorious in the sky; **W**e’ll run the race with gratitude **X**alting God Most High. **Y**es, there’ll be lots of good things and yes, sometimes will be bad, but . . . **Z**ion waits in glory . . . where none are ever sad!



Reminders, Notes, Tips

- We will be closed Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st for Easter Break.
- Kindergarten Registration for North Penn began February 1, 2024. Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024, to enter kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Please see the North Penn website for more information.
- We will be updating and re-signing emergency contact and agreement paperwork this month.
- Please make sure your child's water bottle has their first and last name.
- Per state regulations, cars are to be turned off in the parking lot if there is not an adult in the driver's seat.

Important Dates

Friendship House

March 29th & April 1st - Closed

North Penn

March 7th- Early Dismissal

March 25th- 29th- Closed (**please note:** NP is open on the 1st and we are closed.)

New Happenings

Weekly Themes:

March 1st: Winter Sports

March 4th- 8th: Dr. Seuss

March 11th- 15th: Flowers

March 18th-22nd: St. Patrick's

Day

March 25th- 29th: Easter





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 07 – Sue Bryant
- 18 – Sarah Jones Sato
- 24 – Mo Butler
- 29 – Thatcher McMahan
- 31 – Aiden Hanks

NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP



Greetings to our sister in the Atlantic Northeast District. We are excited to announce Women's Spring Fellowship to be held Saturday, March 16th at Lititz Church of the Brethren. Donnal Parcell is the speaker and lunch is included. Contact Karen

Hackett 302-540-6729 to register. Cost \$20.



Saturday, March 9th
Daylight Savings Begins
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ONE (1) HOUR

COBYS DINNER & CONVERSATION

Community Matters

Thursday, March 14th 6pm – 8pm.

The Inn at Leola Village, Leola, PA

See the bulletin board for more information.

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One Great Hour of Sharing

"Sharing the light"

"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world." Matthew 5:14

Sunday, March 17th - Your gifts support:

- Individuals revealing God's love through accompanying survivors of disaster.
- Farmers are 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.

STEWARDSHIP IN MARCH

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

- 03 – C Holbert
- 10 – C Holbert
- 17 – Open
- 24 – Annette Hanks
- 31 – Pastor Clay Moyer

Accompanist

- 03 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 10 – David Himmer
- 17 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 24 - Annamarie Dieterle
- 31 - Annamarie Dieterle

Message

- 03 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 10 – Pastor Clay Moyer
- 17 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 24 – Pastor Clay Moyer *Palm Sunday*
- 27 – Pastor Lynne Allebach *Easter Joy*

Steward Counter

Connie Holbert, Treasurer

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY
What's Happening? 2024



Saturday, March 2nd

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, March 3rd

Wired Word Bible Study

9:00am.

Morning Worship

Pastor Lynne Allebach

10:00am.

ERC Worship

11:30am.

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Tuesday, March 5th

Food Cupboard

Noon – 1:30pm.

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Wednesday, March 6th

Lenten Service

St. Maria Goretti

7:30pm.

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Saturday, March 9th

Daylight Savings Begins

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, March 10th

Wired Work Bible Study

9:00am.

Morning Worship

Pastor Clay Moyer

10:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

Mutual Aid

3:30pm.

Monday, March 11th

Worshipful Work

7:00pm.

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Wednesday, March 13th

Lenten Service

Emmanuel Evangelical

7:30pm.

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Saturday, March 16th

Food Cupboard

10:00am – 11:00am.

ERC Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, March 17th

Wired Word Bible Study

9:00am.

Morning Worship

Pastor Lynne Allebach

10:00am.

One Great Hour

ECR worship

11:30am

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Tuesday, March 19th

Food Cupboard

Noon – 1:30pm.

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Wednesday, March 20th

Community Lenten Service

Heidelberg UCC

7:30pm.

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Saturday, March 23rd

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, March 24th

PALM SUNDAY

Wired Word Bible Study

9:00am.

Morning Worship

Pastor Clay Moyer

10:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, March 25th

Food Cupboard

6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday

Indian Creek COB

6:30pm.

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Saturday, March 30th

ERC Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, March 31st

EASTER JOY

Carry-In Breakfast

8:45am.

Morning Worship

Pastor Lynne Allebach

10:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

