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May 2022 NEWSLETTER

MOTHER'S DAY

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."



The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the small child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, You will simply call her, "Mom."

*We wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the "mothers" reading this. If you are a mother by birth, adoption, foster care, or the neighbor lady down the street who took a child under her wing. . . **THANK YOU!** Wishing you the best day ever!*

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . . 2022



We have reported how since COVID epidemic began in March 2020, the families served at our Food Cupboard has gone from a monthly average of 75 families served to a current monthly average of 140 families. There are several reasons for the increase in families served, the most obvious being the COVID shutdown and loss of jobs. A second reason was the ending of the federal and state regulation requiring a family attend only once a month and allowing them to come on an as need basis.

Therefore, an obvious need was the ability to offer food for those additional families. Within weeks of the COVID shutdown, the Federal and State governments stepped up, not only increasing USDA food deliveries, but also providing additional monies to purchase food. Another huge help was the change made by Philabundance that allowed their member agencies (which we are one) to purchase food at no charge. No charge for the food and no charge for the delivery!

Prior to the COVID shutdown, our local Food Coalition consisting of Manna, Keystone, Shepherd Shelf, Emmanuel, Pottstown, Horsham, MAHN, and Philabundance would meet once a month. However, with the COVID shutdown in March 2020, we have not met – until this past April 2022. We learned that not all food pantries had a monthly increase in family attendance. Most pantries suspended “choice” and went to some form of “bagging”. Some of these pantries had a marked decrease in family monthly attendance while others maintained their average. We are so fortunate that we had the space to be able to meet the COVID standards and still provide “choice” for our families.

We also learned that some pantries will be going back to “pre-COVID” services and procedures. We have just limited our families to now attend only twice a month and plan to limit to once a month in the near future. However, we are not ready to reduce our hours back to pre-COVID hours.

Pastor Clay

WHAT MAKES A MOTHER A MOTHER?

- ✚ **A mother is a protector, disciplinarian and friends.**
- ✚ **A mother is a selfless, loving human who sacrifices many of their wants and needs for the wants and needs of the children under their care.**
- ✚ **A mother works hard to make sure their child is equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to make it as a competent human being.**
- ✚ **Proverbs 1:8, 29:15. Scripture teaches mothers to point children toward Christ by praying for them, modeling faith and character, and training them in wisdom.**



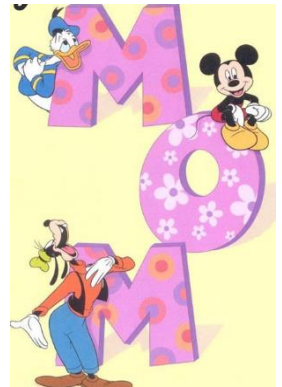
Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Please make sure your child has a jacket to go outside. The weather is still cold some days. We will be going to the playground when it is dry. Please check the playground for afternoon pick up.
- Children are to wear closed toe shoes. If your child wears crocs, the strap is to be worn behind their heel. If your child falls while running in crocs, please have them wear sneakers to stay safe.
- Payment is to be made the Friday before, for the following week.

- Please bring in sunscreen and fill out a sunscreen form. (Form attached)

Important Dates

- The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation week! Please feel free to show your appreciation for your child's teacher. I am so grateful for all the teachers and all the work they put in to help the children learn and grow!
- Happy Mother's Day from all of us at Friendship House!
- **Friendship House:**
 - **Closed: Memorial Day May 30th**
 - **Pajama day: Tuesday May 31st**



If your child is going to kindergarten next September, we are planning on having graduation on Friday June 10th from 4:30PM-5PM. More information is to follow in the upcoming weeks.
North Penn: Closed: May 3rd, 17th, & 30th.

New Happenings

Themes

1s and 2s: Week 1: Mother's Day/Flowers/Garden Week 2: Transportation
Week 3: On the Farm Week 4: Colors

3s and 4s: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Kindergarten Enrichment (Children going to kindergarten in the Fall)

Week 1:

Letters: z

Number: 8

Shape: hexagon

Color: black

Sight Words: you, in

Week 2&3:

Letters: q, y

Number: 9

Shape: rhombus/diamond

Color: Gray

Sight Words: an, he, so

Week 4&5:

Letters: x, a

Number: 10

Shape: cube

Color: White

Sight Words: do, up, no

FOCUS ON FOLKS!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 08 – Becky Rayno
- 12 – Dan Sibley
- 19 – Barb Kinsey
- 20 – Maureen Sibley
- 26 – Andrew Hanks
- 31 – Makenna Hanks

MAY ANNIVERSARY

- 18 – John & Carole Bruning
- 21 – Rev. Brandon & Katrina Hanks

 **MESSENGER**, the magazine of the Church of the Brethren. It is time to renew or begin a new subscription for the “*Messenger*”.

Order forms will be in the May 1st bulletin and on the glass case in the Church foyer for your convenience. Please make your check payable to Hatfield COB and note “Messenger” in the subject line. Thank you.

Renewal due: Sunday, June 5th

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

MAY 2022

Sunday Ministry Team

Don & Annette Hanks

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

01 – Carl Holbert

08 – Connie Holbert

15 – Annette Hanks

22 – Robin McMahan

29 – Carl Holbert

Accompanist

Annamarie Dieterle

Message

01 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

08 – Pastor Clay Moyer

15 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

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Steward Counters

Connie Holbert - Treasurer

District-Wide 55+ Older Adult Spring Luncheon on May 11th, Noon, Yoder’s Restaurant, New Holland Pa. **Entertainment: Terry Gehman** – local musician with over 30 years of experience in all kinds of music. **Cost \$22. Deadline: May 4th.** **Reservations contact: 717 367-4730**

APRIL Stats 2022

	Worship	Offering
April 03:	15	\$ 386.00
April 10:	10	\$2,760.00
April 17:	18	\$1,021.00
April 24:	14	\$1,560.00
April TOTAL:		\$5,727.00

Monthly offering needed for

2022 Budget: **\$5,706.00**



GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

What Is Happening?

MAY



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Sunday, May 1st

Morning Worship

10:00am.

Pastor Lynne Allebach

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Tuesday, May 3rd

Food Cupboard

Noon – 1:30pm.

Brownies #7147

6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Thursday, May 5th

Brownies #7894

6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Sunday, May 8th

Morning Worship

Mother's Day

10:00am.

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Monday, May 9th

Worshipful Work

7:00pm.

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Tuesday, May 10th

Brownies

6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Sunday, May 15th

Morning Worship

10:00am.

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Tuesday, May 17th

Food Cupboard

Noon – 1:30pm.

Brownies #7147

6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Thursday, May 19th

Brownies #7894

6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Saturday, May 21st

Food Cupboard

10:00am – 11:00am.

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Sunday, May 22nd

Morning Worship

10:00am.

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Monday, May 23rd

Food Cupboard

6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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Tuesday, May 24th

Brownies

6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Sunday, May 29th

Morning Worship

10:00am

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Monday, May 30th

Memorial Day

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Tuesday, May 31st

Brownies #7147

6:00 pm – 7:30pm.

THOUGHT . . .



***The more you miss church,
the less you miss church.***

*We are open, ready and waiting for your visit or your return. **Hope to see you.***