

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

Church of the Brethren

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NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



**It's 2020! And our Thanksgiving gathering may look different this year. BUT . . .
Remember to always give thanks!**

“Always Thankful”

It's easy to be thankful with a bounteous table spread,
But could I offer sincere thanks for just a crust of bread?
It's easy to be thankful when I'm feeling well and strong,
But what about the pain-wracked hours when time seems, oh so long?
It's no effort to be thankful when the sun shines all the day,
But how about the other times when things don't go my way?
When friends misunderstand me and so freely criticize?
When someone I most dearly loved quite suddenly gets ill?
When bills keep piling up on me until they're mountain-high?
When I can't seem to get ahead - - no matter how I try?
“In everything give thanks,” I read, and this I know is right;
The sacrifice of praise to God I know is His delight;
So help me, Lord, to do the thing that pleases You;
And count my blessings every day and always thankful be!

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



Here we are at the beginning of November 2020 and smack dab in the middle of the winter coat program. This year, due to COVID 19, the program is being handled differently. The project is normally run by the Hatfield Community Christian Coalition (H3C), a coalition of six churches in the Hatfield community. However this year, due to COVID 19, H3C decided not to run the project. So, this year the project was taken on as a yoked ministry by two Brethren congregations: Hatfield and Indian Creek. While the ministry is still in the Hatfield area, Indian Creek stepped in and stepped up to the plate (World Series just won by the LA Dodgers) providing all the needed coats to complete the needs. There are 38 food cupboard families requesting exactly 100 coats for children twelve years old and under – at least that is the count at this writing. We extend many thanks to Michelle Clemmer, the Witness & Evangelism Team, and all who felt the tug to be part of the ministry.

Thanks also goes to Indian Creek for the much needed financial gifts for the food cupboard (to be used mostly for meat purchases) and for the generous amount of hygiene/cleaning products.

“For the glory of God and our neighbor’s good.”

Pastor Clay

Outreach Opportunity **Reverse Advent Calendar** **For our Food Cupboard**

We will be celebrating the **Advent season** by helping stock the shelves of our food cupboard.

We will use a **reverse Advent calendar**! Rather than getting something each day of Advent, we will be giving something each day.

While we generally think of food when giving items to a food cupboard, families need personal hygiene items, paper products and laundry items as well.

From **December 1st through December 25th**, our congregation will have the opportunity to fill a box, bag or basket with the above items. You can bring your items weekly to worship, placing them on the table at the back of the sanctuary. John DiSimone will sort them and add them to the shelves of the cupboard.

Thank you, and **Happy Advent!**

November

Reminders, Notes, Tips

- With weather getting cooler, there are more events happening indoors. If a child or teacher is at an event, indoors, with 25 or more people, a 2 week quarantine is required. If a child or teacher travels to a “red zone” state, a 2 week quarantine is required. We are following the traveler’s recommendation at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

Important Dates

Friendship House: Closed November 26th and 27th: Thanksgiving

Pajama Day: Monday, November 30th

North Penn: Closed November 2nd, 3rd, 25th, 26th, 27th

2-hour early dismissals on Fridays



New Happenings

- The North Penn food program will be providing snack, in addition to breakfast and lunch. They have been wonderful, and we appreciate all that they have been doing for Friendship House.
- Ms. Shelby is our new Panda Teacher. She previously worked as a preschool teacher and is bringing all her skills and knowledge to help our students prepare for kindergarten. The children enjoy being in her class.
- Ms. Vanessa has returned! We congratulate her on the birth of her son Drew and we are glad to have her back!

Themes

1's and 2's: Week 1: Bats and Owls

Week 2: Trees and Leaves Week 3: Harvest

Week 4: Being Thankful

3's and 4's: Trees



FOCUS ON FOLKS!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

15 – Gwen Bishop
17 – Paula Kinsey
20 – John Grosch
21 – Clay Moyer
21 – Oakley McMahan
30 – Jean Wagner

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

10 – Don & Annette Hanks



DON'T FORGET!!!!!
Turn your clock back on
Saturday, October 31st
Fall back in the fall.

Congregational Business Meeting

- ✓ **Sunday, November 15th**, following Morning Worship, meeting beginning at 11:30am. We will be making plans for the future and sharing our accomplishments and blessings in 2020. All members and friends are welcome and invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday Ministry Team

Don & Annette Hanks
& Kathy Warren

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

01 – Robin McMahan
08 – Carole Bruning
15 – Carl Holbert
22 – Debbie Haines
29 – Connie Holbert

Accompanist

01 – Annamarie Dieterle
08 – June Jenkins
15 – June Jenkins
22 – Annamarie Dieterle
29 – Annamarie Dieterle

Message

01 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
08 – Pastor Clay Moyer
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1st Sunday of ADVENT

Steward Counter

Connie Holbert – Treasurer

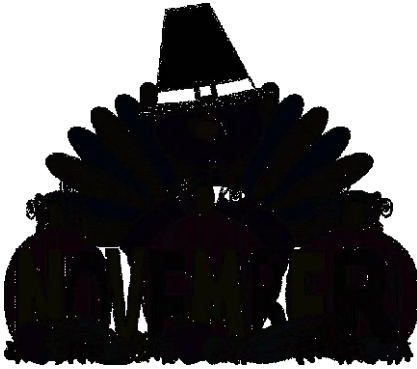
Stats for October 2020

Average Worship for October: 16
Offering Received for October: \$4,392.00
Offering Needed for October: \$5,446.00

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY
What Is Happening?

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Saturday, October 31st



Fall back in the fall!

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Sunday, November 1st
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Lynne Allebach

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Tuesday, November 3rd
Election Day
Get out and VOTE!
Food Cupboard
Noon – 1:30pm.

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Thursday, November 5th
Brownies
6:00pm -7:30pm.

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Sunday, November 8th
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Clay Moyer

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Monday, November 9th
Worshipful Work
7:00pm.

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Sunday, November 15th
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Lynne Allebach
Congregational Business Meeting

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Tuesday, November 17th
Food Cupboard
Noon – 1:30pm.

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Thursday, November 19th
Brownies
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Saturday, November 21st
Food Cupboard
10am – 11am.

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Sunday, November 22nd
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Clay Moyer
2:00pm.
Bag Making
There is a job for everyone!
All invited.

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Monday, November 23rd
Food Cupboard
6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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Thursday, November 26th
Happy Thanksgiving

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Sunday, November 29th
Morning Worship
1st Sunday of ADVENT
10:00am
Pastor Lynne



Thank you to John & Carole Bruning. They will decorate the church for Advent and we will be pleasantly surprised.