

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

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OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

October brings crisp fall days, colorful falling leaves, warm sweaters, and hot cocoa. It also brings us the opportunity to celebrate Communion with Brothers and Sisters around the globe on World Communion Sunday, October 4. I will bring the message that morning and we will have a bread and cup service during worship. Invite a friend to join you and share Communion with us.

October also leads into times of celebration with Thanksgiving in November and Christmas in December. I propose that we here at Hatfield Church of the Brethren celebrate these occasions with giving opportunities. Beginning November 1 through 22, we will hold a Harvest Home collection of staple items for the food pantry. Canned goods, cereal, rice, pasta, mixes, and other shelf stable items can be deposited in the collection box as you enter the sanctuary.

November 29 is the first day of Advent. Once again, this year we will host a Reverse Advent by collecting household and personal care products from November 29 to December 20. Paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products, bath soap, toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary products, are all welcome to be placed in the collection box in the lobby. And, again, invite your friends to help the families served by the food pantry by donating items as they feel called to do.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Blessings, Pastor Lynne

ANE District Conference - *Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus* - Hebrew 12:1-4

Saturday, October 3rd at KAV, Elizabethtown College. Thank you, Pastor Lynne, for representing us at Conference. Please lift all in prayer to discern direction for the future.



ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

"Help Fight Hunger in Central PA!"

FOOD BANK No One Should Be Hungry.

Conference is collecting food items for this project. We would like to make a monetary donation via the church on your behalf. If you would like to donate, please make your **check payable to the Hatfield COB, note ANE Project**. Donation is due **Sunday, September 27th**. Pastor Lynne will take a check to conference. Thank you for your donation. See bulletin board.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



On Sunday 9/13 we had a beautiful recognition service for our food pantry volunteers. Thank you, Pastor Lynne. Special music was also provided by Debbie Haines.

Following the worship service, we had a picnic at our home where 45 attended.

A great time of fun and fellowship. The weather came through for us. The rain stopped and the sun came out.

The following is an essay written by Erma Bombeck. "So Long, Volunteers"

I had a dream the other night that every volunteer in this land had set sail for another country. I stood smiling on the pier, shouting, "Good-bye, phone committees. "Good-bye disease-of-the month. No more getting out the vote. No more playground duty, bake sales, rummage sales, thrift shops, and three-hour meetings."

As the boat got smaller, I reflected; "serves them right, that bunch of yes people. All they had to do was to put their tongues firmly against the roofs of their mouths and make an "O" sound--no. It would certainly have spared them a lot of grief. Oh, well, who needs them?" The hospital was quiet as I passed it. The reception desk was vacant. Rooms were devoid of books, flowers, and voices. The children's wing held no clowns, no laughter. The home for the aged was like a tomb 'The blind listened for a voice that never came. The infirm were imprisoned in wheelchairs that never moved. Food grew cold on trays that would never reach the hungry. The social agencies had closed their doors--unable to implement their programs of scouting, recreation, drug control; unable to help the retarded, handicapped, lonely and abandoned. Health agencies had signs in their windows: "Cures for cancer, birth defects, multiple sclerosis, heart diseases, etc., have been canceled because of lack of interest."

The schools were strangely quiet, with no field trips and no volunteer classroom aides. Symphony halls and the museums that had been built and stocked by volunteers were dark and would remain that way. The flowers in churches and synagogues withered and died. Children in day nurseries lifted their arms, but there was no one to hold them in love.

Alcoholics cried out in despair, but no one answered. The poor had no recourse for health care or legal aid. I fought in my sleep to regain a glimpse of the ship of volunteers just one more time. It was to be my last glimpse of a decent civilization.

Erma Bombeck

Annette shared this in our worship service. For those who were not in church it bears repeating. It really makes you think about what our world would be like without volunteers. Thank you all for being a part of this ministry.

---Don and Annette Hanks, Pantry Coordinators



Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Please check your child's cubby to make sure they have extra clothes. If there are any summer clothes or clothes that do not fit, please replace them. If you have any school clothes, please return them. If you have any old clothes to donate, we will keep them as extras (especially pants). Thanks!
- We do not allow toys from home. They are becoming a problem in the classrooms. One stuffy is ok for nap time.

Important Dates

Friendship House

30th- Costume Parade 4PM

North Penn

14th Early Dismissal

New Happenings

- We are signing up for community events to get our name out into the communities! We were happy to see some friendly faces at the Fall Fest in Hatfield borough. We will also be at Hatfield's Rocktoberfest on October 3rd, 11AM to 3PM at School Road Park. Hope to see you there!
- Flu season is upon us. Just a reminder that flu shots for all children and staff are state required for those in childcare centers. We need documentation of the flu vaccination.
- The kids will do a Fall Fest with games and activities on the 27th with their classmates during their outside times!
- We will be doing a Costume Parade on Friday the 30th at 4PM. Please join us! Guests will stand outside the white fence, and children will parade around the black top.
- Mark your Calendars! More details to come!
 - Thanksgiving Feast: Wednesday, November 18th lunch for children and families.
11:15AM Teddy Bears, Busy Bunnies, Little Lambs 11:45AM Young Cubs & Pandas
 - Winter Show: Wednesday, December 16th, 4PM performance, pizza dinner

Weekly Themes:

28th-2nd All About Me

5th-9th Community Helpers

12th-16th On the Farm

19th-23rd Spiders, Bats and Black Cats

26th-30th Pumpkins

Chapel with Pastor Lynne

Theme: God Made the World

Lesson 1: God Made Earth and Light

Lesson 2: God Made Animals and People

A circular photograph of a diverse group of nine smiling people, including men and women of various ages and ethnicities, arranged in a cluster. The group is composed of three men and six women, all appearing to be in their 20s to 40s. They are dressed in casual to business-casual attire. The image is framed by a thick black circular border.

09 – Wren McMahon
10 – Shawn McMahon
25 – Kelly Hanks
27 – Rev. Brandon Hanks
28 – John Rayno

15 – Carl & Connie Holbert
21 – Rodney & Lynne Allebach



Thank you, Pastor Lynne,

*And thank you to all our pulpit fill-ins.
We could not do it without you.*

Deacon Marlene Natali
Pastor Don McDonough

Usher/Greeter:

04 – Rodney Allebach/Dan Sibley
11 – Carl Holbert/Dan Sibley
18 – Rodney Allebach/Dan Sibley
25 – Don Hanks/Dan Sibley

04 – Rebecca Morris
11 – David Himmer
18 – Rebecca Morris
25 – David Himmer



04 – Annette Hanks
11 – Robin McMahon
18 – C Holbert
25 – C Holbert

04 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
11 – Deacon Marlene Natali
18 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
26 – Deacon Marlene Natali

Steward Counter: Connie Holbert, Treasurer

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER



Saturday, October 31st.

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

What Is Happening?



Friday - Saturday
October 2nd and 3rd
ANE District Conference
Pastor Lynne is our Delegate

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Saturday, October 3rd
Hatfield's Rocktoberfest
11:00am – 3:00pm.
Thank you, Day Care Staff!

ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, October 4th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am
Worldwide Communion
**Morning Worship w/Bread
and Cup Communion**
10:00am.
Pastor Lynne Allebach
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, October 6th
Food Pantry
10:30am. – 1:00pm.

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Wednesday, October 7th
Worshipful Work
6:00pm.

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Saturday, October 10th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, October 11th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am
Deacon Marlene Natali
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Saturday, October 17th
Food Pantry
8:30am – 11:00am.

ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, October 18th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Lynne Allebach
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, October 20th
Food Pantry
10:030am – 1:30pm.

Saturday, October 24th
Men's Breakfast
8:30am.

ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, October 25th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Deacon Marlene Natali
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Monday, October 26th
Food Pantry
5:30pm – 7:30pm.

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Tuesday, October 27th
Friendship House
Fall Festival
9:00am – Noon

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Friday, October 30th
Friendship House
Costume Parade
4:00pm.
Inside if is raining.

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Saturday, October 31st
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

Turn your clock back
TONIGHT.
Daylight Saving Time Ends!