

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

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SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**LEBANON VALLEY EXPO BRETHREN
DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17052
Friday September 22, 2023 9am to 9pm.
Saturday, September 23, 2023 7am – 2pm.**



What We Do

Our annual family-friendly benefit auction raises money to support the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries – serving in clean-up and rebuilding projects around the US and worldwide. The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction was founded over 40 years ago to financially help people impacted by natural disasters of many types.

Get Involved

You can make an impact by getting involved! Volunteer. Donate Items. Promote. Give Cash

Who We Are

We are followers of Christ, and volunteer from over 100 Church of the Brethren congregations coming together annually to offer you a fun fundraiser auction event.

We invite you to support us at this event. You are sure to find something of interest.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .

Fall is just around the corner and that means school is about to open. For the last several years, we were involved with Hatfield Community Christian Coalition (H3C). They sponsored a variety of outreach projects for the community, food cupboard friends and day care. They are now defunct.



One of the projects they sponsored was the Backpack project. Since school is about to open, I was hoping to raise some funds from our congregation to continue the project with our Food Cupboard friends. If you are interested and would like to donate, let me know ASAP.

The last two months for the Food Cupboard have been difficult. As you may know we are regulated by the State and Federal Department of Agriculture. Most of our food and grant monies come through them. Their fiscal year runs from July through June of the following year. So, what do we all know when you mix “government” with “fiscal”? It involves a “budget” – which for most entities is passed before the beginning of the new fiscal year. However, with governments, passage of the budget is after the new fiscal year. Most years the state budget is passed by mid-July – which the grant monies we will be receiving. This year the state budget wasn’t signed until mid-August and the rumors are the grant money will be less than recent years – possibly even less than pre-COVID years. We should be okay fiscally, but starting in September, families will again only attend once a month.

Thank you volunteers who stepped up while I was out in June.

---Pastor Clay

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If you would like to help, the foods served at the Auction, you can donate Hatfield CoB (note in the subject line of donate directly to the

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cover the cost of Disaster Relief through the Disaster Auction your check) or Auction. If

donating to the auction, please make checks payable to: Brethren Disaster Relief Auction with food in the memo line. Send checks to Evie Dehmey, 164 Vinegar Ferry Road, Marietta, PA 17545 and she will add that to the food committees’ department.



Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Please check your child's cubby at the end of each day for paperwork, their water bottle, and any dirty clothes. All items are to be labeled.
- We will continue to apply sunscreen until the end of September on days with high UV rates. Please let us know if you would like us to apply sunscreen further in the year.
- We are taking donations of any old pants or shoes in case the children run out of extra clothes. Thank you to all who have already donated!
- Pajama day will continue to be the last day of the month. (This month is September 29th)

Important Dates

Friendship House

Sept 1st Teacher In-Service, No School
Sept 4th Labor Day, No School
Sept 5th First Day of FH's School Year
Sept 11th Grandparents Day (7AM-9AM)

North Penn

Sept 1st, 4th: Closed-Labor Day
September 25th: Closed-Yom Kippur

New Happenings

- Flu shots are a state requirement. We will need documentation for your child's file.
- We will be extending our closing time back to 5:45pm. We will be strictly enforcing our late fee with the new extended time. There will be a \$10 fee for 1-5 minutes late. There will be an additional \$10 fee for 6-10 minutes late totaling \$20. There will be an additional \$5 for every minute after 6pm until your child is picked up. Please notify us if you are anticipating being late (your late fee will still apply).
- Child transitions will occur on September 5th.
- New agreement and emergency contact forms will be updated at the beginning of September.
- Our rate increases will begin the week of September 5th.
- Goodies with Grandparents! We are welcoming Grandparents and similar figures for Grandparents Day. We will be serving a light breakfast and have a fun activity that grandparents can do with their grandchildren.
- Pastor Clay, Pastor Lynne, and the church are giving the students a small gift to wish all the children a great school year!
- For the school year we will be back starting our curriculum for all age groups "Teaching Strategies: Creative Curriculum". We also will continue our school wide weekly themes.

Weekly Themes:

Sept 4th-8th Back to School
11th-15th All About Me
18th-22nd ABC's
25th-29th Beginning of Fall

FOCUS ON FOLKS!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16 – Ruby Bean
17 – Kathryn Keim
29 – Bill Roth

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY - None



"God Is Doing a New Thing!" is the theme for the 2023 National Older Adult Conference (NOAC), inspired by the scripture text from

Isaiah 43:19: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

September 4-8, 2023

Lake Junaluska, NC

COBYS 2023 BIKE & HIKE



Sunday, September 10th

Lititz Church of the Brethren

For the most current information,
See the bulletin board.

Check out *THE CHOSEN* – a series about a highly relatable Jesus; that moves beyond some of the holier-than-thou, untouchable, unapproachable portraits of Jesus. It is His life story on earth. It is now on the CW channel with Comcast or Verizon, Sunday nights at 8pm. Check it out. Connie

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ANE District Conference 2023

October 6th & 7th

In Person Only

"The Tie That Binds"

1 Peter 3:8-9

>Registration is open for the business session now through September 15th. Please register delegates early so that they can receive all the materials and email updates prior to Conference.

>**Worship is Friday**, October 6th 7pm., at Hempfield CoB, Shawn O'Brien, Speaker.

>**Business Session is Saturday**, October 7th, at The Junction Center, Manheim from 8am to 4:30pm.

➤ Pastor Lynne is our Delegate.

DELEGATE BRIEFING

Tuesday, September 12th, 6:30pm via Zoom

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Church of the Brethren

Mission offering

We will be accepting offerings for "Missions" through September 10th. This offering highlights our passion in the Church of the Brethren for international missions and praising the Lord everywhere with our sisters and brothers around the world. Please note on your envelope or check, **"Missions"**. Thank you for helping to spread the gospel of God and His love.

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

What Is Happening?



**Sunday mornings,
Engaging Current Events
"The Wired Word"
Bible Study
starts October 1st 9am.**

Saturday, August 2nd

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, September 3rd

Morning Worship

Hymn Sing

10:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, September 4th

Labor Day

Enjoy!

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Tuesday, September 5th

Food Cupboard

10:30am – 1:30pm.

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Saturday, September 9th

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, September 10th

Morning Worship

10:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, September 11th

Worshipful Work

7:00pm.

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Saturday, September 16th

Food Cupboard

8:30am. – 11:00am.

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, September 17th

Morning Worship

10:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Tuesday, September 19th

Food Cupboard

10:30am – 1:30pm.

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Saturday, September 23rd

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, September 24th

Morning Worship

10:00am.

Guest – Marlene Natali

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, September 25th

Food Cupboard

5:30pm – 7:30pm.

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Saturday, August 30th

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP

IN ACTION

SEPTEMBER 2023

Ministry Team:

Carl & Connie Holbert

Greeters:

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks and
Dan Sibley

Accompanist:

03 – Annamarie Dieterle

10 – David Himmer

17 – Annamarie Dieterle

24 – Annamarie Dieterle

Worship Leader:

03 – Robin McMahon

10 – Annette Hanks

17 – C Holbert

24 – C Holbert

Message:

03 – Hymn Sing

10 – Pastor Clay Moyer

17 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

24 – Guest: Marlene Natali

Steward Counter:

Connie Holbert, Treasurer

Beautiful Words

To Live By!

✚ A hug is a great gift . . .
one size fits all. It can
be given for any
occasion and it's easy to
exchange.

✚ Everyone needs to be
loved . . . especially
when they do not
deserve it.