

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

Church of the Brethren

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May 2025 NEWSLETTER

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

May is a month for remembering. Sunday, May 11, is a day to remember our mothers. Those women who gave us birth, those who raised us even if we were not born to them, and those women who have nurtured us spiritually.

SO VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed.

Monday, May 26, is a day to remember Americans who served in the military. While Brethren believe in nonviolence and pacifism, we also allow people to follow their conscience when it comes to military service. These men and women answered a call on their lives knowing the risks involved. Those who chose alternative service, 1-W, also faced risks that are often not recognized, like those who served in medical research, or “guinea pig,” units in WWII.

This month we will have our last Sunday school class on **“Kingian Nonviolence”** and Peacemaking until after the summer break. Dr. King was a deep thinker and prolific writer, who left us far too soon. Thanks to Robin McMahon, peace advocate for Hatfield Church of the Brethren, for sharing this information with us.

This month as we remember these people, let us not forget that every day, of every month, of every year is a good day to remember Jesus and what he has done for us in the establishment of His church. In the church founded by Jesus we have a “family” - mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters - to care for us when we are struggling; to encourage us when we are working toward a goal that may seem elusive; to call us out when we are taking the wrong path; to simply love us for who we are.

As you reflect and remember this month, may God’s blessings be called to mind giving you joy and peace.

Blessings, Pastor Lynne

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YOU can make a difference in Greensboro N.C.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40



This opportunity is made possible through our Annual Conference held July, 2-6 in Greensboro N.C., **“Witness to the Host City”**. Pastor Lynne is our delegate this year.

BackPack Beginnings (BPB) is a nonprofit dedicated to making a difference for local, low-income children and families by providing for their tangible basic needs. **BPB**

distributes necessities to children via their 183 Community Partners. If you would like to donate to this project, please write your check to the Hatfield CoB, noted “BPB”. Pastor Lynne will take the monies we raised to the conference and present it to the organization. The last Sunday to contribute your donation will be Sunday, June 22nd. Check out: backpackbeginnings.org

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . . 2025



While we serve many families in the community and more families are coming through for the first time, we are seeing a slight decline this year in clients coming in. Other food pantries are seeing a decline as well. This appears to be associated with the increased immigration status scrutiny. Federal funding cuts for food assistance programs will eventually impact our ability to secure food for our clients. Currently we are able to offer needed foods.

We applied for a Philabundance grant for additional shopping carts and an additional refrigerator. As you can imagine there are a number of food pantries applying for limited grant monies. We are hoping we are awarded this grant.

Don participated in Philabundance informational and idea sharing conference. There were over a dozen food pantries represented. Don & Pastor Lynne attended the Facilitating Partnership - Poverty Summit Group conference. Steve Malagari, PA State Representative spoke to us about the challenges of the federal funding cuts at the state level and their efforts to deal with the financial gap. In attendance were many agencies with the ultimate goal to advocate and provide for the poor.

Our sincere "Thanks" to our congregation and volunteers for their support of the Food Pantry ministry!
---Don & Annette Hanks . F.C. Coordinators

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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Our last Bible Study gathering will be May 18th with ***“Kingian Nonviolence”***. We will resume Bible Study in the fall on Sunday, September 7th at 9am with ***“Wired Word”*** and ***“Kingian Nonviolence”***.

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MESSANGER, the magazine of the Church of the Brethren. It is time to renew or begin a new subscription for the ***"Messenger"***. Order forms are in your church mailbox, check payable to Hatfield COB and note "Messenger". The cost for a first-time subscriber is \$7.25, and renewal is \$14.50. Thank you. **Renewal due: Sunday, June 8th**

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A POEM ABOUT MOM AND DAD

Thank you, Mom. Thank you, Dad. Three small words. So much to add. For all your love and your support, a million words would be too short. The words, “I love you” seem too few to express the love I have for you.

Fabulous
Followers

In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day, a donation has been made to the Hatfield COB Food Cupboard in your name. Thank you for the love you share with all who walk through the doors of your church!

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Community Prayer Night

Sunday, May 4th at 7pm., Zion Mennonite Church, 149 E. Cherry Lane, Souderton.

You are invited to join in the first monthly prayer service as we seek peace in a chaotic world. We'll gather to pray for those impacted by actions beyond their control. As we ask our all-powerful God to provide hope for fearful hearts, we'll share God's love for us and our neighbors through singing, prayer and communion. All are welcome.

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You are invited to a **HYMN SING** lead by: Bob Kettering at the historic Bucher Meeting House, Sunday, June 7th at 3pm. 376 Schaeffer Road (PA-419), Lebanon, PA



Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Kindergarten Registration: If applicable, please visit npenn.org/registration for more information.
- Food and drinks are to be labeled with your child's first and last name.
- Cars are not allowed to be kept running, unattended in the parking lot.
- Reminder, there is no smoking/vaping allowed on school grounds.
- Children are to wear closed-toed shoes and something they can run around in.
- Please return any extra daycare clothes. If you have any clothes (especially pants for 3+) for donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Important Dates

Friendship House
12th-Muffins with Mom
26th-CLOSED- Memorial Day

North Penn
20th- Closed- In-Service
26th- Closed- Memorial Day

New Happenings

- Please bring sunscreen with the completed sunscreen form. Parents are to apply before school, and we will reapply for the afternoon.
- May 5th-May 9th is Teacher Appreciation week! I am so grateful for all the staff and all the hard work they put in to help your children learn and grow!
- May 12th, 7am-9am Muffins with Mom- We will be having breakfast for moms to enjoy with their kids. This is a casual event and can come any time between the hours of 7am and 9am.
- On ProCare, there will be a surcharge when paying with a credit card. To avoid this extra processing fee, you may use a debit card or put in your banking information for ACH. This will take effect at the beginning of summer. If you have any questions, please see Julie
- Graduation for the PreK class will be June 13th at 4:30pm. Please save the date. More information will follow.
- Pastor Lynne has chapel for the children twice a month. This month features parables of Jesus. We will learn about a lost coin and a lost son, and how God rejoices when the lost are found.
- Summer camp begins June 23rd. Camp fees will be added to your account on the 20th of June. This will go toward special guests and projects for the summer.
 - Teddy Bears \$35, Busy Bunnies \$45, Little Lambs \$55, Young Cub & Pandas \$65

Weekly Themes:

28th-2nd Around the Pond
5th-9th Mother's Day
12th-16th Insects
19th- 23rd Zoo
26th- 30th Shapes and Colors

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

- 21 – Rev. Brandon & Katrina Hanks

UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Parents of teens get started with concepts and actions that help teens at each age build the skills they need to develop life-long money smarts. Learn tools and concepts to help your teens understand the decision-making process behind budgeting, spending, goal setting and more. David Broomell of **Everence Federal Credit Union** will host this webinar presented by Kim Miller on **Thursday, May 15 at 8 p.m.** Sign up at everence.com/partners.

Older Adult Spring Luncheon: “Wise and Wonderful”

May 14th Noon at Yoder’s Restaurant, New Holland. \$25/person. Register by May 4th www.ane-cob.org or (717) 367-4730
See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Spirit Care Seminar

Tuesday, May 13th Peter Becker Community.
RSVP to Emily Reinert 215-703-4016
Flyer on the bulletin board.

Annual Conference Briefing May 28th at 7pm.

Join ANE’s standing committee, delegates and conference moderator Dava Hensley to prepare for this year’s conference. Zoom meeting only. Info on the bulletin board.

The Fellowship Team at Grace Lutheran Church, 40 N. Main St., warmly invites the Hatfield community to our Trivia Night on May 16 at 7 p.m. The cost is only \$5, payable at the door. Register with Cathy Farrell at cifarrel@comcast.net or by calling 215-855-4676 so that we know how many will be coming. You can put together a table for 4-6 or just come and we’ll find you a team! Baskets of goodies will be raffled off. Trivia categories include sports, movies, US history, food and drink, and geography.



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION MAY 2025

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

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

Accompanist

- 04 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 11 – David Himmer
- 18 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 25 – Annamarie Dieterle

Message

- 04 – Deacon Marlene Natali
- 11 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 18 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 25 – Dawn Blake

Steward Counter – Connie Holbert

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

What Is Happening?

MAY 2025



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Saturday, May 3rd

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, May 4th

***Wired Word* Bible Study**

9:00am.

Morning Worship

10:00am.

Fellowship Time

11:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Tuesday, May 6th

Food Cupboard

10:30am – 1:00pm.

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Saturday, May 10th

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:30pm.

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Sunday, May 11th
***Wired Word* Bible Study**

9:00am.

Morning Worship

Mother's Day

10:00am.

Fellowship Time

11:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, May 12th

Worshipful Work

7:00pm.

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Saturday, May 17th

Food Cupboard

8:30am – 11:00am.

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, May 18th
Kingian Nonviolence

Bible Study

9:00am.

Morning Worship

10:00am.

Fellowship Time

11:00am.

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Tuesday, May 20th

Food Cupboard

10:30am – 1:00pm.

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Saturday, May 24th

Men's Breakfast

Heritage

8:30am.

ECR Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, May 25th

NO Bible Study

Morning Worship

10:00am.

Fellowship Time

11:00am

ECR Worship

11:30am.

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Monday, May 26th

Memorial Day



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Saturday, May 31st

ERC Worship Team

Noon – 2:00pm.

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