

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

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May 2026 NEWSLETTER

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

May is a busy month this year, so much is happening! Sunday, May 10, 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.

Sunday, May 17, will include a message about conscientious objection, as International Conscientious Objectors Day is celebrated two days before on May 15. With the military draft being reinstated, this is important information for our youth and their parents to hear.

Monday, May 25, 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. Those who chose alternative service during past wars, faced risks that are often not recognized, like those who served in medical research, or “guinea pig units.”

This month we will have our last Sunday school class on May 17. Robin McMahon will share with us about tyrants in the Bible. Sunday school will resume in September.



With all that is happening this month, 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 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

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . . 202

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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 17th with **"Tyrants of the Bible"**. We will resume the Bible Study hour in the fall on **Sunday, September 6th** at 9am with a **Welcome Back** Carry-In Breakfast. Bible Study will begin the following Sunday, September 13th with **"Wired Word"** and **"Tyrants of the Bible"**, THE 3RD Sunday of each month.

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MESSENGER, the magazine of the Church of the Brethren. It is soon time to renew or begin a new subscription for the **"Messenger"**. Order forms will be in your church mailbox, when available. Checks are to be payable to Hatfield COB, noted: "Messenger". The cost for a first-time subscriber is \$7.25, and renewal is \$14.50. Thank you.
Renewal due: Sunday, June 7th

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YOUR DAY . . . YOUR CHOICE

Same words read differently.

First, read it from the beginning to the end. THE PESSIMIST.

Then read it from the end to the beginning – THE OPTIMIST.

Your day, your choice.

Today was the absolute worst day ever . . . And don't try to convince me that . . . There's something good in every day . . . Because, when you take a closer look, . . . This world is a pretty evil place. . . . Even if . . . Some goodness does shine through once in a while . . . Satisfaction and happiness don't last. . . And it's not true that . . . It's all in the mind and heart . . . Because . . . True happiness can be obtained . . . Only if one's surroundings are good . . . It's not true that good exists . . . I'm sure you can agree that . . . The reality . . . Creates . . . My attitude . . . It's all beyond my control . . . And you'll never in a million years hear me say that . . . Today was a good day.

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Reminders, Notes, Tips

- Please make sure your child wears closed-toe and closed-heel shoes only. Crocks can be worn if the strap is around the heel. Sneakers are needed for CAL Sports.
- Please make sure your child has extra clothes in their cubbies.

Important Dates

Friendship House

11th- Muffins with Mom

25th- Closed Memorial Day

North Penn

19th Closed In-Service

25th Closed Memorial Day

New Happenings

- Mr. Dan just joined Friendship House. If you see him around, say hi! Our college girls will be back by the end of the month to help us for the summer!
- May 4th-8th is Teacher Appreciation week. I am so grateful to have such wonderful teachers and staff!
- Muffins with Mom will be Monday, May 11th. Please join us for a light breakfast, anytime between 7am and 9am.
- Pre-K Graduation will be on June 12th at 4:30pm. If your child is going to kindergarten next year, please save the date. More information will follow.
- Please bring sunscreen and fill out the attached form.
- Summer camp will start June 15th. Please be aware that there will be an additional charge in June for performers and activities for the summer. Teddy Bears-\$45, Busy Bunnies-\$55, Little Lambs-\$65 Young Cubs, Pandas & School Age-\$75

Weekly Themes:

27th-1st Weather

4th-8th Flowers

11th-15th Ducks and Birds

18th-22nd Construction

25th-29th Up in the Sky

Chapel with Pastor Lynne

Theme- Jesus told Stories

5/06 Lesson 1 - Parable of the Seed

5/20 Lesson 2 - Parable of the Lost

FOCUS ON FOLKS!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 – Don McDonough
- 08 – Becky Morris
- 12 – Dan Sibley
- 19 – Barb Kinsey
- 20 – Maureen Sibley
- 26 – Andrew Hanks
- 31 – Makenna Hanks

MAY ANNIVERSARY

- 21 – Rev. Brandon & Katrina Hanks

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UPCOMING EVENTS . . .



You are invited to a **HYMN SING** lead by Bob Kettering at the historic Bucher Meeting House (PA-419), 376 Schaeffer Road, Lebanon, PA on Sunday, May 31st at 3pm. All are welcome.

May is National Older Adult Month

Join 100 or more of your “young at heart” ANE friends for a special luncheon and celebration on **May 6, at 12pm at Yoder’s Restaurant and Banquet Hall in New Holland, PA!** The cost of \$27 includes meal and concert by the Ridgeway Brass quintet. Guest: Don Fitzkee, this year’s Annual Conference Moderator!

Sign up (717) 367-4730

Annual Conference Briefing

Save the date for the Annual Conference

Delegate Briefing on Thursday, June 4, at 7pm on Zoom!

Your District Standing Committee delegates (Paul Liepelt and Brian Messler) invite you to come to this year’s Annual Conference Delegate Briefing to hear from Annual Conference Moderator Don Fitzkee and prepare for the upcoming conference. Details to come.



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION - MAY 2026

Greeters

Rob Allebach, Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

- 03– Annette Hanks
- 10 – Connie Holbert
- 17 – Robin McMahon
- 24 – Annette Hanks
- 31 – C Holbert

Accompanist

- 03 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 10 – David Himmer
- 17 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 24 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 31 – Annamarie Dieterle

Message

- 03 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 10 – HYMN SING Robin McMahon
- 17 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 24 – Pasto Don McDonough
- 31 – Deacon Marlene Natali

Steward Counter – Connie Holbert

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY
What Is Happening?
MAY 2026



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Saturday, May 2nd
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, May 3rd
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, May 5th
Food Pantry
10:30am – 1:00pm.

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Saturday, May 9th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, May 10th
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
Mother's Day
HYMN SING
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Monday, May 11th
Worshipful Work
6:00pm.

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Saturday, May 16th
Food Pantry
8:30am – 11:00am.
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, May 17th
Tyrants of the Bible
Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Tuesday, May 19th
Food Pantry
10:30am – 1:00pm.

Saturday, May 23rd
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 4:00pm.

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Sunday, May 24th
Morning Worship
PENTECOST
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am
ECR Worship
11:30am.

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Monday, May 25th
Food Pantry CLOSED
Memorial Day



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Saturday, May 30th
Men's Breakfast
Heritage
8:30am.
ERC Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, May 31st
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am
ECR Worship
11:30am.