

Pastor Pete Kontra

June is when we set aside a day to remember our earthly fathers, and we need to. I certainly have been blessed with a great father who has given me much in my life—and much more than just physical things, but love and an example of how to live a good life.

We preachers sometimes get into a dilemma on these days—mother's day, father's day. We celebrate the day but also know that not everyone has had the same experiences with their parents. Not everyone really wants to celebrate their fathers.

So let's remember that we have a heavenly Father, our Creator God, above all and any earthly father we could name, whose love for us is unconditional and ever-present.

Read Exodus 19:2-8a

God speaks to His people Israel, reminding them of all He has done for them. He has brought them to Himself, leading and protecting them as a father should. "How I bore you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself," God said. You have seen it, experienced it.

And so, in response, God simply asks, "If you stay faithful to me, you will be my treasured possessions." They will be and always are His treasured people—that doesn't change. It is God making clear that all they need and could ever want is right there with Him, if they allow Him to lead them and protect them. If they step out of that, then they will lead themselves into much more difficult situations.

What about you? What about us? I believe we, now as God's children in Christ, must reclaim that high calling God has placed upon our lives. The world is in desperate need of a priestly kingdom and holy nation to rise up to the occasion and make an impact for Christ. Look at the news. There is so much hurt, suffering, and loneliness that we need someone to step up and take the lead.

In 1 Peter 2:9, now addressed to God's children in Jesus Christ, Peter echoes God's Word to the Israelites as he says, "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light.*"

So what about you? Whom or what do you represent? Do you know who you are?
Whose expectations do you live up to? God's? Yours? Others'?
Put God's first. Rise to the occasion. Watch what happens.

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From Pastor Doug

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:23-25

HOLD FAST

Some people are right where they want to be. Some people are in the midst of struggles that we cannot see. Sometimes, we know exactly how, when, where, and who to help or walk with. Sometimes, we feel as helpless as those we are walking with. And yet, we hold fast – in times when there is plenty and when there is need. We hold fast because ‘He who promised is faithful.’ We hold fast to the hope that He who overcame the world continues to will and work through those - men and women, those older and in their youth, married, widowed, with children or without, remarried or faithfully single - who follow after him. For we do not walk alone but walk with other believers and with the resurrected Savior of the world, who is Jesus Christ! Therefore, we at Hempfield must continue to strive to understand one another, meet with one another, and encourage one another through our talents, gifts, and very presence.

Looking toward the fall, we are exploring the E100 or The Story as a possibility for curriculum. I have been receiving feedback from our Sunday School facilitators and will continue to do so. If anyone has heard of either one of these and would like to send Pastor Doug input, please call me at 717.951.5290, email me at doug@hempfieldcob.org, or contact a member of our Education Team.

Mission Possible

Pastor Kent Rice

Why We Do What We Do

When asked, “Why should I pray?” author Philip Yancey answered, “Because Jesus did.” That’s a pretty good answer from an eloquent, intelligent, investigative journalist who writes so beautifully that at times it’s almost a distraction.

Why should we serve others? Same answer. Because as soon as we start reflecting too much on the results or begin a complex series of evaluations to decide who is worthy and who is not, things start to fall apart. Anyone who has been involved in service projects knows that you don’t always get a “thank you,” and that you will consistently run into people that make you wonder why you’re even bothering to try to help them. Who knows what God is doing behind the scenes? We sure don’t.

When Jesus first revealed his reason for coming (to bind up the brokenhearted etc.) the onlookers thanked him by trying to throw him off a cliff.

Good thing for us that Jesus didn’t get discouraged. Good thing for us that he has forgiven *us* for our multitudes of sins. Good thing for us that every time we are rejected while serving in His name we can understand a little more deeply the depth of His sacrifice.

Serve with joy!

Messages in June

June 7



Creating Space in the Workplace—*John 5:16-23*

Pastor Doug Hinton Preaching

What purpose does work serve? Do we see the hand of God in our work? As we talk about creating space for the Holy Spirit this month, we will examine how work defines us, or more importantly, how we can define our work, to allow the Holy Spirit to use and fulfill our life through our vocation.

June 14



Which Way Are You Moving?—*John 14:23-27; 16:12-15*

Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching

Every day we are constantly encountering various situations, people, emotions, decisions to be made, desires, inspiration. In every one of those we find ourselves moving toward God or away from God depending on how we respond. How do we create space for the Holy Spirit to lead us, speak to us, and remind us of Jesus' Way? Which way are you moving?

June 21



Condemned?—*Luke 6:37-38*

Pastor Kent Rice Preaching

This Sunday we continue on our quest to create space for the Holy Spirit. Jesus teaches us in Luke about the dampening effects of judging and condemning and the blessings that come from giving and forgiving. Can we hand to gavel over to the only One who is qualified to judge? Can we remember to not give up on others because God didn't give up on us?

June 28



Re-Creation Through Recreation—*Psalms 16*

Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching

God has given us many pleasures in this life to enjoy. Yes, there are many serious things to attend to, but God's will is that we are not stressed but delight in Him. What do you do for fun? How do you relax? Creating space for the Holy Spirit includes taking time for recreation where God can re-create us and fill us with His joy

June Ministry Schedules

June 7
June 14
June 21
June 28

NURSERY—SS

Paula Stoner
Lois Killian
Sarah Fisher
Jen Hinton

NURSERY—WORSHIP

Marg Zurin, Diane Garber, Jen Baker
Sue Brubaker, Sally Hoppert, Kensey Rice
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher, Libby Rannels
Carol Koser, Ivy Davis, Brooke Davis



June 7
June 14
June 21
June 28

SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell
Rich & Jamie Bushong
Dave Schott
Matt Markey

SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



June 7
June 14
June 21
June 28

WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

One of the pastors
Pete Cope
Dennis Hughes
Ray O'Boyle

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Ashley Haldeman
Angela Ebersole
Del Kautz
TBA

SPECIAL MUSIC



June 7
June 14
June 21
June 28

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

TBA
TBA
Men's Group
TBA

VIDEO TECHNICIANS—10:15

Doug Howard
Doug Howard
Dave Bendit
Ben Johnson

June 7
June 14
June 21
June 28

DEACON GREETERS

Carl Haas
Janet Moore
Wes Bowers
Nancy Haas

JNH GREETERS

Roger & Gladys Ulmer
Richard & Carolyn Gingrich
Butch Nachbar
Nicolas & Joanna Huacani



OFFERING TABULATORS

Dave Dum, Rick Schaidle

Our Graduates



Congratulations to our Post High School and High School graduates.

Michelle Bendit graduated May 17th from Marymount University with a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design with minors in Studio Arts and Business. She is the daughter of Dave and Deb Bendit. Her awards and honors include: a member of the Honors Program, Dean's List each semester, the 2015 Academic Excellence Award in Interior Design, Award of Merit in the Interior Design Senior Show, 2nd place in 2014 National IDEC Video Competition, "Best Prototype" award for 2014 Enabled by Desingathon, "People's Choice award for 2015 Aging Well by Designathon, President of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ), and IDA (Interior Design Alliance). After graduation Michelle is looking to participate in an opportunity called The Fellows Program based out of Falls Church, VA just outside of Washington, DC. This 9 month program aims to equip recent college graduates to live out their faith seamlessly in all areas of life, particularly in the workplace. She will be taking seminary classes in conjunction with a part-time job in interior design while volunteering with a local church's youth group.

Kayla Marie Dewar earned her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Millersville University on May 9th. Her parents are Lois and Thomas Dewar. She hopes to find a position in data analysis and go where God leads!

Kelly Moore is the daughter of Janet and Peter Moore. On May 9th she graduated from Mount Aloysius College with an Associate of Science – Physical Therapist Assistant. This summer Kelly will have two clinical rotations. After completing her Boards in October, she will be looking for a job in her field.

Katelyn Witmer is a December 13, 2014 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. She received both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics and in Spanish. Katelyn graduated Magna Cum Laude. Keith and Karma Witmer are her proud parents. She has remained in Pittsburgh and in May will start as an administrative assistant at UPMC for Dr. Davis; translational neuroscience. Possible future plans are more education or certification course work.

Taylor Harnish, daughter of Tammy Harnish, will graduate from Hempfield High School on June 3rd. She achieved the superior honor roll each year. Taylor also won the regional competition for com. tech. She also participated in: mini-thon overall, rec. soccer, dance theatre, powder puff football, steering committee, comm. tech, dance (3-18) Carols & Mortons. While currently unemployed, she previously worked at P.S. Taylor plans to go to Misericordia University to major in Physical Therapy and undergrad biology. Taylor has been a member of the youth cell group since 7th grade. She has also gone on NY missions trip, been a VBS helper and ASP at a different church.

Conner Lutter will graduate from Hempfield High School. He is the son of Todd and Valerie Lutter. He was on the Honor Role and played rugby. Currently he is employed at Silver Springs Family Restaurant. His future plans may include college and the Air Force. Conner was involved in Youth Group and Costa Rica Missions.

Laura Myer is the daughter of Ronald and Julie Myer. In January, 2015 she graduated from Hempfield High School. She was the Red Rose Person of the Month which related to her work to fund a school in Ecuador. Laura was a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. Currently she is the head soccer for U12 (under age 12) girls' soccer team. At Hempfield she played volleyball and soccer and was a member of the Anchor Club. She is working as a nanny and at Hempfield Rec. In the fall she plans to attend Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY as a Social Work Major. At church she is active in the youth group and has attended NYC & Creation.

Praying Attention



UNFORGIVENESS: Interferes with prayer life; Interferes with worship; Interferes with relationships; Interferes with our dependence on God.

- Psalm 79: 9 – Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name’s sake.
- Ephesians 4: 32 –Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- Colossians 3: 13 – Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

HCOB Family News

Adult Sunday School Class



COMBINED ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin June 7 and will meet in the Choir Room. We will be using the International Lesson and the Theme will be “Justice” as presented by the Minor Prophets.

BRETHREN VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR WALKS are scheduled for June 25, July 23, August 27, and September 24. Arrive at 10:00, and please contact Gerrie Hurst or Lois Killian if you can help. The residents of the Village thank you!



EVENING OF MELODY will be held in the Wolfe Auditorium at Brethren Village on Saturday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to help fund the projects that enhance the lives of the Village residents. It is sponsored by the Brethren Village Auxiliary.

HCOB Youth News

Upcoming Events

- May 31: Graduate Sunday
- June 23-28: Creation 2015
- August 2-8: National Mission Trip: Greeley, CO with BDM



HCOB Kids News

Summer is here! There are a lot of happy people around here. Lots of fun plans for the month of June and anticipation for the month of July.

June leaves us enjoying the sunshine and being outside. We will try to spend time in God's glory out at our playground. What a blessing it is to have a place to enjoy the season! We will also be able to help Pastor Kent with the garden on Sunday mornings after our lesson is done. It is a wonderful feeling to help others.

June 20th, 6:30 to 8:30pm, we have our Family Movie Night! We will be watching the second of the Monsters Inc. movies. It is great! A fun, free night to spend with family and friends. Just bring something comfy to sit on and a snack to share. For all ages!

We will be preparing for VBS, Journey Off The Map! Make sure you have signed-up and it is on your calendar. Sunday, July 12th through Thursday, July 16th we will have our doors open for a great adventure! Our VBS is well known in the community for being super fun!!! Let's keep our roll going! We have fun stuff for kids 4 years old through adults!!! Our focus will be on Isaiah 30:21. Check it out!

Come join us for an amazing summer!!! God is so good!

HCOB Calendar

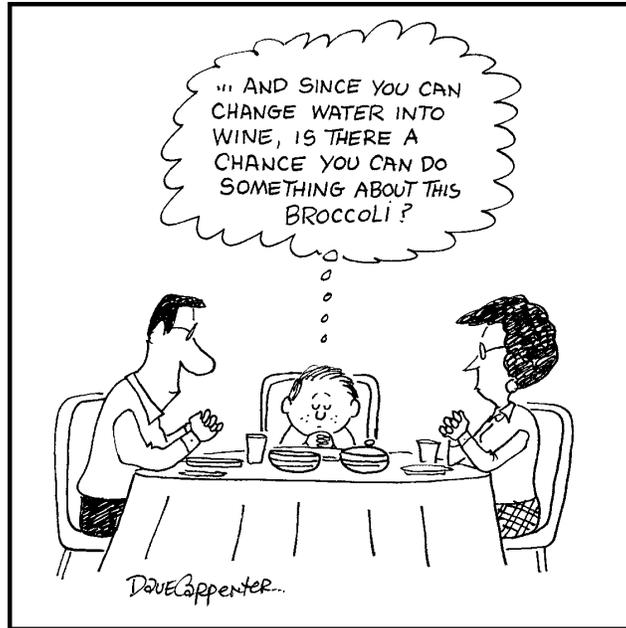
Keep up with what's happening at Hempfield COB by checking out our online calendar.

Please go to

<http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

for a full calendar of events.

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