

Fan the Flame

Pastor Pete Kontra

2 Timothy 1:6-7

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

A few weeks ago I took a little time off from my pastoral duties (otherwise known as vacation) to slow down and be refreshed. And it was good. Most of my time I spent outside working in the yard, taking walks, and spending time with my family. God usually speaks a Word to me in those days off, maybe something I need to learn or an encouragement, but it seemed as though this week would go by without any clear message.

And then toward the end of the week, Shelley and I were watching a travel show when some Japanese words come on the screen: *"Never lose the beginner's spirit."*

I have no idea who said it. I thought it was a good quote, but it didn't shake me up too much. But as I got into the next week and back to work that quote kept surfacing in my mind. Soon I was talking about it with others. And then it became clear how quickly my life, and I venture to say many of our lives, can become about routine. We have our schedules, our daily activities: time for lunch, time for supper, time for bed, time to get up. Not that what we do is meaningless or has no purpose, because I know much of it does. It does for me. But even in that we can roll along and not be intentional in fanning the flame. We can lose "the beginner's spirit."

Paul writes to young Timothy, encouraging him in his faith. *"I have been reminded of your sincere faith,"* Paul says, *"which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God..."*

You know, when we start something new we get excited. You start a new job or begin a new relationship and there's that energy which comes with it, a passion which heightens your senses and anticipation for each day.

Can you name that for when you accepted Jesus Christ into your heart? When you first encountered the Holy Spirit and all His spiritual blessings. When, through His grace, you experienced the absolute freedom from the burdens and sin that weighed you down. When you finally knew your purpose in life. When you knew what peace truly means, joy truly feels like, and His hope which does not disappoint.

Where are you now? If you're not there right now, why not? What can you do to fan into flame the gift of God? Study His Word. Pray. Worship. Give. Serve. Share your heart with others.

Never lose the beginner's spirit. Of course for your own sake, but also for all those people around us who have yet to know Jesus Christ like you do. *"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."*

God bless you! -Pastor Pete

Questions for the Month of June

Pastor Doug Hinton

- Many Christians seem defensive when it comes to speaking about faith. If the Truth never changes, can we defend it (or Him) without being emotionally charged? What would that look like?
- Following Christ encompasses all of life. Is there a way to incorporate Bible study, spiritual disciplines, and conversations to grow in the faith and sharpen one another?
- When we *do* speak to others about faith, *evangelism* can be a scary word. Can we enter into everyday conversations to share (1)what God has done in our lives, (2)what we have learned from Scripture, and (3)what we may not fully understand—in a more natural way?
- Can we learn and/or continue to address our misunderstandings and disagreements in a Scriptural way that allows us to edify one another and model a different way from the society in which we live?

As a personal note, I want to thank everyone for their prayers, support, and patience in my educational process. The spring semester is completed. I have one class over the summer and two in the fall—and then I'll be done with my Masters of Divinity (which I find ironic as a degree)! Blessings, Pastor Doug

HCOB Kids News

Karen Rice



Hooray for summer! We are so excited to enjoy the adventures of summer and all that God has planned for us!

The 1st through 5th grade Kids' Church classes will be combined June through August. We will enjoy continuing to learn more with the Big Bible Challenge!

DO NOT FORGET - Vacation Bible School will be July 10th to 13th!!! Join us as we search the invisible to discover the invisible!

Our memory verse will be:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-16

On line registration will be open the week of June 11th. Get ready to have a wonderful time learning about our amazing God! Invite friends!!!

Enjoy the amazing gift of summer!

Messages in June

June 4



United In Our Brokenness: Praying with the Psalmist—

Psalm 22

Pastor Doug Hinton Preaching

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” One of the most well-known verses from Psalms in the Christian faith, Jesus called this out while hanging from the cross. What if the Psalm was meant for common Israelites? Can we learn to pray differently when facing times of apparent abandonment by God? Psalm 22 can open our discussion in June on “United in our Brokenness.”

June 11



God’s Restoration Project—*Psalm 51*

Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching

God’s love is unfailing. His compassion is great. And yet there are times we struggle going to Him in our brokenness. God knows our hearts. He knows we are broken people. Healing comes when we confess it all before Him and allow Him to restore in us the joy of His salvation. What holds us back? What are you waiting for?

June 18



No One Is Righteous— *Genesis 3; Romans 3:9-20*

Pastor Geoff Davis Preaching

Since Adam and Eve’s decision to listen to the serpent in the garden, people have lived outside of the relationship and life that God originally intended for each of us. The world’s message is the same as the serpent’s: “Do your own thing.” “Follow your conscience.” “Do you really think there are bad consequences for your actions?” “Look out for #1.” But it’s a message that continues to keep our attention from the single way of repairing that original relationship that God – and we – long for. What is “righteousness?” What does God expect of each of us? Is there hope?

June 25



I’m Coming to Your House— *Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 19:1-10*

Pastor Peter Kontra Preaching

Two demon-possessed men. Zacchaeus the tax collector. What do they have in common? 1. Each were broken people no one could or would go near. 2. Jesus went into their house and healed them. We are all broken, but God never gives up. As He has come to us, so too we are called to follow Jesus into the lives of those who are broken that we might introduce them to the Great Healer.

June Ministry Schedules

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25

NURSERY

Carol Koser, Peg Layman, Emmy Schott
Marg Zurin, Carolyn Gingrich, Jen Lugar
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert, Kensey Rice
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher, Jake Rannels



June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25

WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Pastor TBD
Pete Cope
Tom Fritz
Randy Ziegler

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD

SPECIAL MUSIC



June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD

VIDEO TECHNICIANS—10:15

Doug Howard
Dave Bendit
Ben Johnson
Dave Bendit



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June 11
June 18
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SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong
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 4
June 11
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DEACON GREETERS

Paula Connelly
Ruth Johnson
Millie Hoffman
Nancy Haas

JNH GREETERS

Jeff & Bev Moyer
Curtis & Jean May
Nicolas & Joanna Huacani
Jim & Sue Musser

OFFERING TABULATORS

Dave Dum, Rick Schaidle

HCOB Family News

DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Dave and Deb Bendit and Pastor Pete and Shelley will be attending Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan from June 28-July 2, 2017, and would appreciate your prayers as they serve as delegates and/or representatives from Hempfield COB. There is an opportunity to donate to local service missions in Grand Rapids, and since both couples will be driving they can take a number of items to donate from our congregation. **Bethany Christian Services, Refugee Program** (www.bethany.org/grand-rapids) is asking for twin and full sheet sets, pens and pencils, notebooks, Scotch tape and envelopes. The **Refugee Education Center** (www.refugeeeducationcenter.org) is asking for back packs, peanut-free granola bars, small bags of crackers (Cheeze-its, Goldfish, Wheat Thins, etc.), small bags of pretzels or popcorn, and small bags of dried fruit. Please give the donations directly to the Bendits or Kontras, or drop off in the church office with a note. Items will be accepted through Sunday, June 25th. Thank you in advance for helping to bless the city who is hosting Annual Conference!

CPR CLASSES—We will be hosting CPR classes at HCOB on Saturday June 24 from 9-11AM. Please contact Ruth Johnson (569-2430) with any questions or to let her know that you are interested in attending.

EVENING OF MELODY-- The Brethren Village Auxiliary invites you to join them for "Evening of Melody" Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Wolfe Auditorium. There will be an offering during the evening...all money given will directly benefit those living on the campus of Brethren Village.

Praying Attention



“Every moment of the day, we have a choice: to compare life to our expectations or to thank God for what we have been given. We can rejoice in the small adventures and surprises that God hides inside every day for us to discover if we only give that day a chance.” --Taken from the Upper Room (Tues. May 16th reading)

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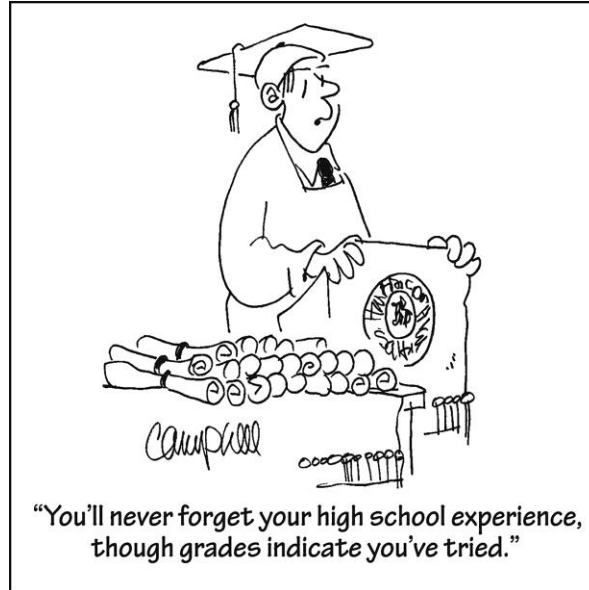
JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	2	3 8:00 AM Annual Conference Briefing 6:00 PM June Lantz practicing organ
4 Graduation Sunday Pentecost 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Membership Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	5 7:30 PM Education Team	6 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	7 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6:00 PM E 100 Study 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	8	9 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	10 8:30 AM Veritas One Day Gathering 11:00 AM Betty Stout Birthday Party 6:00 PM June Lantz practicing organ
11 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Membership Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 11:30 AM VBS meeting 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	12 9:00 AM Friends Together Week	13 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 9:00 AM Friends Together Week 11:00 AM Silver Singles 6:30 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Team 7:00 PM Worship Team	14 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 9:00 AM Friends Together Week 6:00 PM E 100 Study 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	15 9:00 AM Friends Together Week	16 9:00 AM Friends Together Week	17 6:00 PM June Lantz practicing organ
18 Father's Day 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	19 6:30 PM Outreach Team	20	21 HERALD DEADLINE 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6:00 PM E 100 Study 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	22 7:00 PM Leadership Team	23	24 9:00 AM CPR class 6:00 PM June Lantz practicing organ
25 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	26	27 Creation Festival	28 Annual Conference Creation Festival 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6:00 PM E 100 Study 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	29 Annual Conference Creation Festival	30 Annual Conference Creation Festival 4:00 PM Carlissa Cochran & Garrett Abernethy wedding rehearsal	

For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit

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

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