

One Lord, One Body, One Call

Pastor Doug Hinton

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. **EPHESIANS 4:1-7***

I wrestled in high school. Wrestling is an interesting sport in that it is both an individual and team sport. During the season, we held practice five nights a week learning proper technique, running drills, and of course, strength and conditioning training to stay at the top of our game. If one person slacked off, the whole team was punished. We knew that when the coach said '5 more minutes' at the end of practice, he had the slowest watch in the world because it often turned into twenty or thirty minutes. The harder the team worked at practice to push one another to do their best, the better each one did out on the mat when he stood alone to face his opponent. Even standing alone, each one knew that the individual matches and points effected the final score. Some wrestlers understood technique; other wrestlers pushed their teammates during conditioning. And whether JV or varsity, all were needed to help the others grow stronger, faster, and better out on the mat. Many of the seniors understood this and took the underclassmen under their wings to help them improve because they knew the harder you worked together, the more prepared each one would be when they stood alone. What's this have to do with HCOB?

The phrase above continues to run through my mind: One Lord, One Body, One Call. We serve one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ who calls each one of us forth to our position in His body. When one part of the body is strengthened, the rest of the body becomes stronger. When one part is weakened, the whole body suffers. And this is the awesome thing about the body of Christ, the church: everyone is needed, older and younger, seasoned in the faith and new to the faith, gifted in teaching or service, outreach or nurture, music or public speaking, construction or cooking, new ideas or coordinating people – everyone can use their gifts to strengthen those around them. The stronger we are as we come together under one Lord, one Hope, one Baptism, one Spirit, one Faith...the stronger we will be in Christ when we stand alone in our schools, our workplaces, on the ball field, at the mall, or with our friends. I believe God is calling us to be ministers of reconciliation. We can begin spanning the gaps of age, race, wage disparity, education level, and neighborhoods starting with our own church body.

- Who do you need to meet or connect with this Sunday?
- How is God nudging you to use your gifts?
- How can you edify the body while being edified yourself?

We serve One Lord, as One Body with One Call. Each one is needed to strengthen the whole. Are you ready to accept the call?

Messages in May

May 6



8:00—Forgive & Forgiven—*John 20:19-23*—*Pastor Doug Hinton*
10:15—Celebration Sunday

Join us for a celebratory service with lots of music and praising our awesome God!

May 13



What Are Deacons?—*Acts 6:1-7*
Pastor Doug Hinton

As we look at church structure, we may see teams or people and not know their origins. Looking at Acts 6 today, we will see the origin of deacons, their call, role, and purpose in strengthening the church. As we seek who God is calling us to be, understanding how different parts work within the body of Christ can a) allow the body to function better by helping people utilize and practice their gifts and b) help put into words how some people may be feeling led.

May 20



Birthday for a Bride—*Acts 2:1-21*
Del Kautz

On this day we celebrate the birth of the Bride of Christ--the Church. People from a plethora of provinces in the Roman Empire who spoke a variety of languages were together in Jerusalem. The reason: to celebrate the "Feast of Weeks". The barley harvest happened around the time of Passover. It was seven weeks to the wheat harvest after which they offered their sacrifice of the first fruits of their wheat. Those people were present to witness God's holy phenomenon of the pouring out the Holy Spirit upon Christ's followers, which was the birth of the Church. So today we can celebrate Christ's promise to the disciples to send an Advocate. We also celebrate the wonderful blessing of diversity in the Church.

May 27



And Then What Happened?—*Acts 2:42-47*
Pastor Geoff Davis

We've come through the events of Lent, when Jesus made his way back to Jerusalem. We've triumphantly entered Jerusalem with palm branches honoring the Messiah. We've watched the crowd turn ugly and accuse him of being an enemy of the state and of the people, calling for his death. And we've witnessed the horrific way Jesus was tortured and executed. But we've also seen the glorious resurrection, his appearances with friends and followers (as Paul writes, more than 500 eyewitnesses saw him), and his ascension. Now the Helper Jesus promised – the Holy Spirit – has arrived and anointed the 3,000 followers of Jesus with fresh fire and a spirit of doing on Pentecost. But what now? What's next? How does God keep revealing his plan through those followers? And what does it mean to us?

May Ministry Schedules

May 6
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May 20
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NURSERY

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



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WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Jamie Bushong
Tom Fritz
Janice Haldeman
Joel Kettering

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBA
TBA
TBA
TBA

SPECIAL MUSIC



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CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir
TBA
Sanctuary Choir
TBA

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit
Ben Johnson
Dave Bendit
Doug Howard



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SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong
Jamie & Rich Bushong
Dave Schott
Jamie & Rich Bushong

SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

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



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DEACON GREETERS

Wes Bowers
Bonnie Shuss
Paula Connelly
Joel Kettering

JNH GREETERS

Earl & Betty Zimmerman
Faye Rohrer
Tom & Carolyn Fritz
Richard & Carolyn Gingrich

OFFERING TABULATORS

Glenn Brubaker, Allen Hurst

HCOB Adult Sunday School

✠ **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** classes will meet in the library. We study the International Lesson. We have three or four regular teachers who each teach about one Sunday a month. We have several socials a year with the majority of our class participating. Our offerings are used for special needs within our congregation or community. The contact people are Ruth Johnson and Millie Hoffman. Our theme for May is “Give Praise to God.”

May 6	Giving from a Generous Heart	Teacher: Denny Bushong
May 13	Bringing First Fruits	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
May 20	Remembering with Joy	Teacher: Sue Brubaker
May 27	Rejoicing in Restoration	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh

✠ **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for teaching and discussion that will help us to delve deeper into our Christian faith and life. We are currently doing a Bible Study of the same Scriptures the pastors are preaching on each Sunday. We meet in the Prayer Room just off the Sanctuary. Rich Bushong is the contact person.

May 6	Acts 2:42-47	Teacher: Doug Hinton
May 13	Acts 6:1-7	Teacher: Pete Cope
May 20	Acts 2:1-21	Teacher: Tom Fritz
May 27	TBA	Teacher: TBA

HCOB Kids News

Laura Meiser



♥ We are creating a warm and comfortable learning environment for our little people. Sometimes it's hard to find just the right place to sit to hear our Bible story, but with the addition of bright new “Jesus Loves Me” carpet, there's now a spot for everyone in the Pre-K/Kindergarten room.

- ♥ A special thank you to every who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt a success. We hid over 1200 eggs inside thanks to a late season snow. Children enjoyed crafts, singing, snacks and of course hunts for treat-filled eggs. What a fun day!
- ♥ Summer Curriculum announced! We'll be “Finding Jesus Under the Sea!” This summer Kid's Church classes will be exploring a deeper faith as we take our cues from the beauty God has created in the ocean depths. God has much to teach us as we explore dolphins, sharks, stingrays and so much more!
- ♥ VBS is approaching! Join us in June as we get Shipwrecked and learn how Jesus shows up when we're lonely, worried, struggling, or when we do wrong. Spoiler alert — Jesus rescues! Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex!
- ♥ Wondering how you can help? We can use your prayers as we dream and look toward the future. There are many volunteer options as well. From the 9 a.m. Sunday School hour to Kid's Church to VBS, we can use your help! Feel free to contact Emmy (717.333.8216 or emerlou19@hotmail.com) or Laura (717.689.0465 or laura@hempfieldcob.org).

HCOB Family News

CHILD PROTECTION SEMINAR! Samaritan Counseling Services is presenting an excellent seminar entitled “Children and Teens with Sexual Behavior Problems: What we need to know” on **Tuesday, May 15, 6:00-8:30pm** at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster. To stop child sexual abuse, adults need the information and tools to intervene, and so we strongly encourage **every** person who works with children in our church to attend this seminar. We want to keep our children safe, and this seminar will help! Please sign up in the narthex, and if you have further questions, email Deb at quilterdeb60@gmail.com or contact Doug Hinton.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP—The Outreach Team is sponsoring the Highway Clean Up on May 5th at 9:00 AM and is looking for individuals to join us. If interested meet at Sheetz in Mount Joy along Rt 230 at 9:00.

THE CHILDREN AT HCOB HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AREA FOR SOME NEW VOLUNTEERS! Currently there are several children attending our Sunday School hour and they'd love to learn from you! If you might be willing to give of your time, whatever that might look like, we'd love to include you in this ministry. Enrichment activities will be provided. If God might be stirring your heart towards our kids in this way, please feel free to contact Emmy Schott (emerlou19@hotmail.com / 717.333.8216) or Laura Meiser (laura@hempfieldcob.org / 717.689.0465) Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

CALLING ALL BAKERS! Friendship Community is looking for Baked Good Donations for their 25th annual Fest on May 12th. If you can bake pies, cookies, brownies, breads, and/or rolls and would like to donate, please contact Chela Marie Crouse at (717) 656-2466 ext 1151 or ccrouse@friendshipcommunity.net by April 27th to coordinate.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM Young Adults/Families Small Group 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	2 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 National Day of Prayer 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	4 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	5 8:00 AM Caldwell Family Project 9:00 AM Highway Clean-Up
6 Celebration Sunday Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	7	8 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 12:00 PM Silver Singles 4:00 PM District Board Committee 5:00 PM District Board Meeting 6:30 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Team 7:00 PM Worship Team	9 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	10 7:00 PM Education Team	11	12
13 Mother's Day Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	14 Setup WORDD Social	15 Voting Poll Open 6:00 PM WORDD Spring Social 6:00 PM Young Adults/Families Small Group	16 HERALD DEADLINE Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 Pentecost Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	21 6:30 PM Outreach Team	22 7:00 PM Leadership Team	23 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	24	25	26
27 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship	28 Memorial Day	29	30 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	31		

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