

## Where We Have Been... and Where We Are Going

Pastor Doug Hinton

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.—*

**Philippians 3:13-14**

This year, we asked the question, “Who is God calling us to be?” We explored this call at home, work and school, in our marriages, our neighborhoods, with our family, friends, enemies, and strangers. Our anchor for this theme can be found in the verse above. Before discussing where we are going, it can be helpful to know where we have been.

### Summer 2018

This summer, we heeded God's call in a variety of ways. Starting on *June 10*, I heeded God's call and Hempfield's affirmation to be your Senior Pastor. That afternoon after the meal, a number of people set up the gym for Friendship Community's **Friends Together Week** with the theme of *Down on the Farm*. Partnering with Friendship our members heeded God's call to provide worship, crafts, activities, and games to 30+ brothers and sisters with intellectual disability and autism. Members introduced alpacas, a heifer, and a pony named Nosy. What a blessing to walk with our brothers and sisters from Friendship!

Friday, June 15 our church transformed from Down on the Farm to our **Vacation Bible School**, *Shipwrecked!* Fueled by pizza, cookies, and iced tea, members erected a giant, shipwrecked boat, rafts, and a small hut. The Education wing became an underwater adventure with fish, turtles, seaweed and coral. The gym a multi-stationed, craft-filled learning center to bring tangible lessons with memories to take home. We heeded God's call by blessing 80+ children in our church and community who learned the importance of God's presence and Christ's sacrifice to help us manage the storms of life!

Our Youth have enjoyed the pool at the Barnes' this summer as we gathered to study, converse, eat, and have fun! A dozen people traveled to **CreationFest 2018** in Shirleysburg, PA to worship, camp, and strengthen their relationships with one another and Christ Jesus our Lord. A month later, three of us traveled to Colorado State University to join youth from across the country at **National Youth Conference**. Through activities and service projects, worship and small groups, we grew in faith with other Brethren believers.

From July 4-8, around six members traveled to Cincinnati, OH for **Annual Conference**. Bible studies and worship, breakout sessions and service projects, trips to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and aquarium, Brethren enjoy food and fellowship with one another. Next year's conference will be focused on a *Compelling Vision* to help us move beyond the current tension and division in the body.

It's been a full summer! So, **where is God leading us this fall?**

We are being called as ministers of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 says, “*Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*” Reconciliation involves self-assessment, sacrifice, and small steps of faith that Christ's word continues to be true and will not return empty. Our theme for this Fall is *Be, Go, Do*.

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In September, our preaching theme will coincide with Brant Hansen's book *UnOffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*. What would it be like to give up anger and resentment, to become un-offendable? Through sermons, book studies and small groups, we will weigh our *being* against the teachings of Christ and the Bible. If you are not part of a small group or book study, please contact me (Pastor Doug) and I'll connect you.

In October, we want to take that first small step to follow Christ. When sending out the 12 for the first time, He told them 'not to go in the way of the Gentiles...or Samaritans.' Instead, He sent them to the people they knew. What if our front yards are places for ministry? What if Jesus showed up right in our neighborhoods? Another book study will be offered on *The Art of Neighboring* by Pathak and Runyon. What if, in order to love our neighbors, we have to first get to know them? Join us as we go and do this idea and practice.

In November, I hope that we can have members share how Christ is moving through them, how they have grown in the last two months, and what they have learned about their faith, Jesus, their neighbors and themselves. Jesus and his disciples rested and reflected; what if we did the same? Christ is moving through me, He is moving through us. May we continue to heed His call and grow in Him together!

## HCOB Kids News

Laura Meiser & Emmy Schott



### Learn 10 Things about The New Children's Ministry Directors:

#### *Emmy Schott*

- I have been attending Hempfield Church of the Brethren since 2008.
- I have been married to Dave for 10 years.
- I became a mother of three girls in 19 months. Annabelle is 6 years old. Evelyn and Penelope are 5 years old.
- I love children's curiosities and imaginations.
- I have worked with children in various roles from playground counselor, babysitter, preschool teacher and teacher. I love teaching them!
- I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for 4 years and 1<sup>st</sup> grade for 2 ½ years at Governor Mifflin School District.
- I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior at a young age. I was baptized at 10 years old.
- I enjoy planning events, hosting, spending time with family and friends, hiking, and play games.
- I love vacationing at the beach, but Disney is my second choice.

#### *Laura Meiser*

- My family began attending HCOB 4 years ago when I came on staff as Director of Music.
- Darren and I have been married for 23 years and have two daughters, Madison, 19 and Rowan, 12.
- I am a former classroom music teacher, having taught classroom general and instrumental music daily to 3 year preschoolers through eighth graders at the now defunct Town and Country Day School.
- 1995 was a big year for me! I graduated from college, got married, moved and got my first professional jobs all in the span of six weeks.
- Though I've served in music ministry for 23 years, I've also served in children ministry, officially and unofficially, for many years.
- There is nothing more exciting than seeing the spark in a child's eye as they learn and personalize something new about Jesus!

# HCOB Adult Sunday School

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† **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.

September 2	God Creates Heavens and Earth	Teacher: Denny Bushong
September 9	God Creates Lights and Life	Teacher: Pete Cope
September 16	God Creates People	Teacher: Tom Fritz
September 23	God Creates the Family	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh
September 30	God Confronts Sin	Teacher: Butch Nachbar

† **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for teaching and discussion that will help us to delve deeper into our Christian faith and life. Seekers Class will be doing the book “Unoffendable” for the month of September. Please feel free to join us in the room just off the sanctuary, also used as the prayer room. Contact person is Rich Bushong

Sept 2	Introduction to the book and theme	Teacher: Rich Bushong
Sept 9	Chapters 1 thru 6	Teacher: Ray Hutchison
Sept 16	Chapters 7 thru 12	Teacher: Ray O’Boyle
Sept 23	Chapters 13 thru 18	Teacher: TBD
Sept 30	Chapters 19 thru 24	Teacher: Doug Hinton

# Messages in September

September 2



## Becoming Unoffendable: How Ridiculous

*Luke 7:36-50, Proverbs 16:2, James 1:19-25; Pastor Doug Hinton*

This month we are using Brant Hansen's *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better* in a 5-week series on becoming unoffendable. Looking at Luke 7, we'll introduce the overarching themes of dying to our self-righteous anger, our need-to-be-rightness, and how the grace and forgiveness of Christ can be lived out through our daily interactions with others.

September 9



## Everyone Else Is Doing It Wrong... But Me

*Luke 18:9-14, 1 Cor. 4:1-5, Jer. 17:9-10, Eccl. 7:9; Pastor Doug Hinton*

Let's be honest: when we are offended, it's because someone else broke our moral code. I mean really, *how can they not know what they're doing is wrong?* Yet, if we look at our own lives, there are times...many times, we hold others to a different standard than ourselves. We trust our own heart and motives and anger...but not others. What does the Bible say about the motives of our hearts? What does God see? How can we see through Christ's eyes?

September 16



## Fooling Ourselves—Romans 12:1-8—Pastor Geoff Davis

We make life complex. Jesus makes it simple. Our culture and its insane busyness in pursuit of nothing meaningful is in stark opposition to the way of living God designed for us. Trusting in ourselves and our ability to judge others is not our job. Our job is to love God and love others as we make followers of Jesus Christ. God's offer of peace and Christ's offer of rest are in contrast to the anger and resentment we generate in following the ways of the world. "God is really just looking for spiritual people. He'll handle the rest. He wants people who long to know Him, rest in Him, and love Him." ("Unoffendable," Brant Hansen)

September 23



## Your Wardrobe: Gloria Vanderbilt, Dockers or the Jesus Line

*Proverbs 9:7-12; Pastor Del Kautz*

What did Jesus do for us? Who are we to "be"? We are expected to be like Christ. We are supposed to look like Christ. Since that is the case, we need to arise every morning grateful for new LIFE in Christ. Then in order to be like Christ and look like him, we need to dress for the part. We need to clothe ourselves with the wardrobe assigned to us in the Colossians text. In so doing we will be assisted in being "unoffendable". It will keep us spiritually healthy.

September 30



## Dying to My Right to Be Offended—Matthew 16:21-27, Romans 5:6-11

*Pastor Doug Hinton*

What will we choose? Are we willing to die to our self-righteousness, our need-to-be-rightness? Are we willing to nail our offense to the cross and recognize that while we were yet enemies of God, Jesus died for us? Will we follow in Jesus' steps and love those we currently see as offensive? Let's join together, pick up our cross, and follow Him!

# September Ministry Schedules

September 2  
September 9  
September 16  
September 23  
September 30

## NURSERY

Carol Koser, Peg Layman  
Marg Zurin, Carolyn Gingrich, Morgan Rice  
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert, Kensey Rice  
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher, Jake Rannels  
Angela Ebersole, Naomi Beach, Emmy Schott



September 2  
September 9  
September 16  
September 23  
September 30

## WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Jamie Bushong  
Randy Ziegler  
Ray O'Boyle  
Pete Cope  
Doug Hinton

## WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Del Kautz  
Del Kautz  
Morgan Rice  
Kim Glass  
Darren Meiser

## SPECIAL MUSIC



September 2  
September 9  
September 16  
September 23  
September 30

## CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

TBA  
TBA  
Sanctuary Choir  
TBA  
TBA

## VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit  
Ben Johnson  
Dave Bendit  
Dave Bendit  
Doug Howard



September 2  
September 9  
September 16  
September 23  
September 30

## SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

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

## SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

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



September 2  
September 9  
September 16  
September 23  
September 30

## DEACON GREETERS

Wes Bowers  
Joel Kettering  
Nancy Haas  
Suzanne Smith  
Betty Cox

## JNH GREETERS

Earl & Betty Zimmerman  
Lowell Landis  
Edith Martin  
Bruce/Bonnie/Abby Wright  
Butch Nachbar

## OFFERING TABULATORS

Dave Dum, Rick Schaidle



# HCOB Family News

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## **CHURCH PICNIC!!!! SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9th.**

Just mark your calendar, and bring a pew-full of friends to experience the joy and grace of our Lord as we live it out as family here in this place! Dress casually since following 10:15 worship we will have our church picnic with barbecued chicken and all the trimmings! Details for picnic are below. **See you there!!!!**

We will provide chicken, baked beans, chips, drinks, plates, utensils and cups.

- ✓ Families whose last names start with A-J to bring dessert to serve **12-15 people**.
- ✓ Families with last names from K-Z to bring salad, fresh fruit or relish to serve **12-15 people**.
- ✓ No serving utensils are needed.
- ✓ Please drop off your food in the kitchen **BEFORE** the 10:15 service.
- ✓ We will serve the food from the Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ Seating inside and outside, weather permitting.
- ✓ If you plan to sit outside, you may bring chairs and blankets in case all the seating outside is taken.
- ✓ **Laura & Emmy will provide activities for the kids!!!**

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> BULLETIN HAS BEEN MOVED UP** one day to noon at Tuesday, September 11. The Church Administrator will be on vacation September 13-17.

**COBYS BIKE & HIKE**—The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual COBYS Bike & Hike will be held Sunday afternoon, September 9, at Lititz Church of the Brethren. A silent auction will run throughout the afternoon. Learn more about the event at [www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike](http://www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike) or pick up a brochure on the narthex table.

Please support COBYS vital ministry to kids and families in any of the following ways:

1. Sponsor James Wenger who will be riding in the 10 mile bicycle ride. James will be in the narthex accepting sponsors every Sunday.
2. Take a walk (3 miles), ride a bike (10 or 25 miles) or motorcycle (65 miles).
3. Donate **unused** items for the silent auction. Practical items and experiences, such as gift cards to attractions and restaurants, vacation home rentals, and more, sell especially well. Contact Anne Stokes at 717-656-6580 or [anne@cobys.org](mailto:anne@cobys.org) if you have something to donate.

The Bike & Hike is COBYS signature fundraiser, having raised more than \$1.3 million for COBYS ministries since its inception. Last year, the Bike & Hike grossed \$136,669 and attracted more than 600 people. Participants included 306 walkers, 129 bicyclists, and 166 motorcyclists on 104 cycles, along with some additional friends who stopped in to visit and participate in the silent auction. Bike & Hike income has grown for 19 consecutive years. Planners are seeking to make it 20, while also setting a new attendance record. “We are off to a great start this year, with record business support already in the bank,” said Director of Development Don Fitzkee. “Now we just need walkers, riders, and donors to get us the rest of the way.” Walkers and bicyclists donate a \$25 registration fee, obtain support from sponsors or both. Motorcycles are \$35/cycle plus \$25 for an additional passenger. Those who pre-register by September 5 receive a \$5 discount. Individuals who raise \$25 or more in pledges do not need to pay the registration fee. Each participant receives a free t-shirt, ice cream and refreshments, and a chance to win a door prize. Those who raise certain levels of support earn additional prizes. Junior and senior high youth groups who raise \$1,500 or more earn a gym and pizza night. A WJTL radio personality will provide live reports from the event.

**BRETHREN VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR WALK** is scheduled for Tuesday September 25 from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM. Please contact Gerrie Hurst (569-3047) or Lois Killian (560-9429) if you can help. The residents of the Village thank you!

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship	<b>3</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>4</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> District Conference <b>Sectional Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>"Unoffendable"</b> <b>Book Study Begins</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacons Meeting	<b>5</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study Begins</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7:00 PM Prayer Experience</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM Visitation</b> for Ed Kellenberger <b>11:00 AM Memorial Service</b> for Ed Kellenberger <b>6:45 PM WORDD Worship</b>	<b>8</b> Setup Chicken BBQ
<b>9</b> <b>2-Cent-A-Meal Offering Rally Day</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>11:30 AM Chicken BBQ Picnic</b>	<b>10</b> <b>12:00 PM Brethren World Mission</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>"Unoffendable"</b> Book Study	<b>11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Sewing Circle <b>12:00 PM</b> Silver Singles <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>"Unoffendable"</b> Book Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team	<b>12</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Sewing Circle <b>7:00 PM</b> Stewards of Property	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 AM Amy (Office Administrator) on Vacation</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Education Team	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 AM Amy (Office Administrator) on Vacation</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 AM Amy (Office Administrator) on Vacation</b> <b>8:00 AM Church Clean-Out Day</b>
<b>16</b> Sunday Music <b>7:00 AM Amy (Office Administrator) on Vacation</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Young Adult/Young Families Small Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 AM Amy (Office Administrator) on Vacation</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Outreach Team <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>"Unoffendable"</b> Book Study	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>"Unoffendable"</b> Book Study	<b>19</b> <b>HERALD DEADLINE</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>6:00 PM</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Bible Study	<b>21</b> <b>Disaster Relief Auction</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Disaster Relief Auction</b>
<b>23</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Witmer Family Gathering	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>"Unoffendable"</b> Book Study	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>"Unoffendable"</b> Book Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Leadership Team	<b>26</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Young Adults/Young Families Small Group						

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

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

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