

## You Are the Light of the World!

Pastor Doug Hinton

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

--Matthew 5:14-16

In December we looked at Jesus being the Light of the World. As we see above, Jesus calls His followers 'the light of the world.' Do you feel like a light to those around you? What do we use lights for? They allow us to see things in the house, on the road, or while walking in the woods that would otherwise cause us to trip, stumble, or fall. Lights help to keep us safe. Remember Pastor Geoff's Parable of the Lighthouse story? A lighthouse is used to keep ships and their crew safe, directing them away from rocks toward a port. Flash lights help us find things that are lost. Have you had to look under a stove or fridge for a coin or important piece of paper? What about behind a cabinet or couch for a lost toy? Lights help us solve problems by helping us see things more clearly. What does it mean to be a 'light in the world?'

January's theme will ask the question: what can we do collectively as a body that we cannot do as an individual? As children of light (Eph 5:8), how can we join together to carry out Christ's teachings and message to our neighbors, our community, or Lancaster City? What needs are we aware of that we can address as a body? The poverty levels in the schools districts we live in range from 6.4% to 20.9%. Where can we as Hempfield Church of the Brethren make the greatest impact in our community for the kingdom of Christ? Where can we come alongside a family or group in our community? As we gather, as we send, as we follow Christ, let us let our light shine, as individuals and a body, so that all may see Christ working through us and glorify our Father in Heaven.

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# HCOB Family News

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**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE:** Starting today please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes in the narthex.

**SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY:** In the event of inclement weather, you can receive information about service cancellations in a variety of ways:

1. Via text if you have signed up with the church office for this service
2. On our church website at [www.hempfieldcob.org](http://www.hempfieldcob.org)
3. On the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5.

**Please note: the church office follows Hempfield School District.** If the school district is closed due to weather, the church office is officially closed and staff may use their own judgement about coming into the church.

**MANY THANKS TO THE BAKERS** who provided cookies for the Brethren Village Cookie and Craft Sale and for those who attended. \$1,338 was the net profit from the cookie sale alone.

**HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS NEEDED:** One of our church members needs used furniture and household goods to furnish an apartment. If you are down sizing or moving and have pieces you would like to share, please call Carolyn Gingrich at 717-898-7445. Thanks very much!

**THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH FAMILY** for all your prayers, cards and expressions of love we have received from our friends at HCOB. We have received strength during my hospital stay and since my return home. Thanks to Pastor Doug for his visitation support. Also, our family would like to thank the church family for their support for our son Steve. He has done well with the miraculous, successful kidney surgery at Fox Chase Hospital.

God bless you all. –Gladys and Roger Ulmer

## 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. This month's theme is: "Loving God by Trusting Christ."

January 6	Hold Fast to God's Love	Teacher: Denny Bushong
January 13	Submit to God in Love	Teacher: Alan Shuss
January 20	Submit to God in Christ	Teacher: Jim Kettering
January 27	Devote All to Christ	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 meet in the room just off the sanctuary, also used as the prayer room. We will be doing the International lesson for Dec, Jan and Feb. The writer is Galen Hackman, you will remember he recently preached here at HCOB. Feel free to join us in this study time. Contact person is Rich Bushong

January 6	Hold Fast to God's Love	Teacher: Ray O'Boyle
January 13	Submit to God in Love	Teacher: Tom Fritz
January 20	Submit to God in Christ	Teacher: Rich Bushong
January 27	Devote All to Christ	Teacher: TBD

# Messages in January

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January 6



## You Are the Light of the World: You Have Heard...

*Matthew 5:33-37*

*Pastor Doug Hinton*

After telling His disciples, “You are the light of the world,” Jesus begins to correct and hone their understandings of the Law and who’s He’s calling them to be. The middle of this teaching concerns a person and his/her word. What does it mean for our statements to be “yes, yes, or no, no”? How can understanding this teaching help us to go and do as Jesus commanded? How can it help us become better ministers of reconciliation? Why is this so important in our personal relationships, our marriages, or even our enemies? Let’s talk.

January 13



## Where Is Your Treasure?—*Matthew 6:19-24*

*Pastor Doug Hinton*

If ever there is a month that reveals American consumerism, it’s the month after Christmas when we get our credit card bills. How much do we participate in this? What do our spending habits reveal about our motives, our priority, our heart? How are we called to be light in our spending habits? Finally, how does this reveal what or who holds our trust?

January 20



## Faith and Action – *James 2:14-26*

*Pastor Geoff Davis*

About 543,000 people live in Lancaster County; about 43,000 people live within a ten-mile radius of our church. In the latest census, 51% of county residents identified themselves as having “no” religious affiliation. Over half of our neighbors and friends have not heard the Good News and their lives continue to be driven by the world’s prescriptions for living. We have the blueprint that God has shared with us through His Son and His Spirit. How can we let it shine? What can we do as a Body of believers that we can’t do individually? How can we be the light of our world?

January 27



## Faith and Action: Near and Far-- *Acts 10:19-30*

*Pastor Doug Hinton*

Jesus called His disciples the Light of the world. What can we do collectively that we cannot do as individuals to impact our community for God’s Kingdom? We will look at the church at Antioch and see what we can learn from our brothers and sisters in the early days of the church.

# January Ministry Schedules

January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

## NURSERY

Peggie Layman, Ivy Davis  
Carolyn Gingrich, Marg Zurin  
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert  
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher



January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

## WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Ray O'Boyle  
Pete Cope  
Pete Cope  
Janice Haldeman

## WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBD  
TBD  
Tim Basom  
TBD

## SPECIAL MUSIC



January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

## CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir  
TBD  
Doug Hinton & Rod Myers  
TBD

## VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit  
Ben Johnson  
Dave Bendit  
Doug Howard



January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

## 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 & Rich Bushong  
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong  
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



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## DEACON GREETERS

Wes Bowers  
Tom Connelly  
Al Shuss  
Suzanne Smith

## JNH GREETERS

Bruce, Bonnie & Abby Wright  
Jeff & Bev Moyer  
Butch Nachbar  
Nicolas & Joanna Huacani

## OFFERING TABULATORS

Jim Stauffer, Dwayne & Sue Hostetter

# January HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	<b>4</b> Leadership Team Retreat 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	<b>5</b> Leadership Team Retreat
<b>6</b> Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 10:15 AM <b>Ministry Teams Commissioning</b> 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 12:00 PM Silver Singles 6:30 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Team 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Worship Team	<b>9</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Education Team	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 2:00 PM <b>Witmer Family Dinner</b> 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>HERALD DEADLINE</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit <http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

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**RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED**

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