

You Are the Salt of the Earth!

Pastor Doug Hinton

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men." **MATTHEW 5:13**

Well....it's that time of year. Sunshine and green grass, spring rains and flower buds, fresh cut mulch and....that's right, the sweet smell of manure in the air! Take a whiff! That's us!

Jesus most likely spoke of the agricultural salt and not table salt in this teaching. Remember, before, in, and after the time of Jesus, salt was (is) used *as* and *in* manure. "But what can manure and salt do?" you may ask.

- Similar to food, salt helps preserve manure to extend its shelf-life.
- In dry or arid soil, salt can help retain moisture allowing crops to grow where they previously produced little to no crop.
- Salt can kill the surface weeds while allowing deep-rooted crops to produce even more fruits or vegetables.
- Salt is used to purify water.

"What's this mean for us?" I'm glad you asked!

Salt and manure help life-giving crop grow where there was previously no life. As we follow the teaching and way of Jesus Christ our Lord, we can point others to Him, that lives filled with confusion, pain, pride, and death may turn to be filled with joy, love, peace, and healing. That others may come to have life in abundance – not by societal standards, but by Jesus' standard. We must breakdown and die to ourselves so that we can follow Jesus and see others live.

Let us follow Jesus to a **"t"** and be what we're called to be: manure! The next time you're outside and come across that smell, take in a good whiff and proclaim, "That's me!" May Christ do a new thing in you, in us, and in the lives around us – that we may see new life where there was formally none!

Your brother and fellow 'salt' pile in Jesus Christ our Lord! --Pastor Doug

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HCOB Adult Sunday School

† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** class meets in the newly renovated room at the end of the education wing on the 1st floor. 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: "Call to Ministry."

April 7	Call and Mission	Teacher: Denny Bushong
April 14	Called to Remember	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
April 21	Called to Proclaim the Resurrection	Teacher: Jim Kettering
April 28	Call and Commissioning	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh

† **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for a video series taught by Louie Giglio on the book of Colossians. Each week we watch a video and then discuss what we have learned. You can watch a short preview of the video series here: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/287526?episode=Trailer>. If you have ever thought you would like to join a Sunday School class, but haven't, this is a good time to do so. We meet in the room just off the sanctuary, also used as the prayer room. Contact person is Rich Bushong (717-664-4395 before 8:30pm or grb@dejazzd.com).

HCOB Family News

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING DATE CHANGE: Spring Congregational Gathering will take place on May 5th following the 10:10 worship service and not April 28th as previously scheduled..

2019 EDUCATION GRANT – The Church through the Education Team offers an EDUCATION GRANT to individuals of the congregation in two areas: (1) who are pursuing a career in Christian Ministry by attending a Christian college or university, or (2) will be attending a college that is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. Inquiring applicants can request an application form by contacting Galen Brumbaugh, Chairperson of the Education Team via the Church mailbox or email at gbls@ptd.net. The deadline to receive the returned grant application is May 1, 2019.

NOW ACCEPTING MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTIONS: If you would like to purchase a year-long subscription to the Church of the Brethren *Messenger* magazine, now is the time to place your order. Subscriptions are \$14.50 for the year for any person who has previously subscribed to the magazine. Subscriptions are offered at an introductory rate of \$7.25 for first-time subscribers. Please contact Janelle Witter (717-538-4113) if you'd like to order prior to April 21, 2019. Thank you!

Messages in April

April 7



Approaching the Servant King—

Matthew 20:29-34, Matt 19:13-15, Matt 15:21-28, Matt 9:9-13

Pastor Doug Hinton

Who can approach the Servant King? Who did the disciples try to stop from approaching Jesus? What about the Pharisees – what was their standard for Him? Did the religious people of Jesus' time accept His friends, those He ate with, hung out with, or even healed? If we are followers of His, how does this inform us today? When was the last time someone questioned our friend-chose? Let's approach the King together today and see what we can learn from Him.

April 14



Hosanna! (?)—*Matthew 21:1-11*

Pastor Geoff Davis

What would it have been like to have been in the crowd that first Palm Sunday? To have been one of the still-confused disciples? “Hosanna” was a word used to express adoration, praise, or joy. The crowd was screaming, “Hosanna!” Was this the climax of Jesus' ministry? Would now be the time that he would be set things right? The moment they had been waiting for? Would the Roman invaders and the Jewish rules-keepers and the wealthy guardians of the status quo finally be put in their place? Once again, God's plan overrides the expectations and hopes of His people. His surprise culminates in the next part of the story – the real climax of Jesus' ministry – and gives us what we really want.

April 21



As I Have Done –*Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20*

Pastor Doug Hinton

Jesus is Risen! So what does He do? Instructs the Mary's to tell His disciples to meet Him in Galilee...before sending the disciples into *all the nations*, He met them in the town of many beginnings. Jesus traveled from Galilee to be baptized (Matt 3:13), withdrew there when John the Baptist was imprisoned, began proclaiming the Gospel, called the first disciples, healed the sick (ch. 4), fed the four thousand (ch. 15), and taught. How can this remind the disciples of their role, their call, their mission? Following the Servant King, how can this help us proclaim the message of the Living and Resurrected Christ today?

April 28



You'll Never Guess Who I Just Saw!— *Luke 24:13-35*

Pastor Doug Hinton

What qualities does a Servant King possess: honesty, integrity, justice? How and who did Jesus serve? We see this interaction between Jesus and a Centurion soldier after the Sermon on the Mount. What's the larger picture here and how can we relate? We'll look at this interaction between Jesus and this man with “such great faith in all of Israel.”

April Ministry Schedules

April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28

NURSERY

Peggie Layman, Julie Myer
Carolyn Gingrich, Marg Zurin
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher



April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28

WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Randy Ziegler
Ray O'Boyle
Janice Haldeman
Pete Cope

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Ronald Myer
Laura Meiser
Kevin Zurin
Kim Glass

SPECIAL MUSIC



April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir
Donna Reed, Jen Hinton, Kim Stauffer
Sanctuary Choir
Laura Meiser

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit
Ben Johnson
Dave Bendit
Doug Howard



April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28

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



April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28

DEACON GREETERS

Millie Hoffman
Wes Bowers
Ron Smith
Bonnie Shuss

JNH GREETERS

Butch Nachbar
Carl & Lisa Polonchak
Lowell Landis
Jeff & Bev Moyer

OFFERING TABULATORS

Easter @ HCOB

Lenten Devotionals Available

You are invited to join in a Lenten journey by exploring Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7 during the forty days leading up to the celebration of Easter. The 2019 Lenten Devotional, *New World Coming*, is available for your use and can be found on the Narthex Table. These devotions are provided by the Education Team for your family or personal use during this time of spiritual transformation.



Prayer Buddy/Church Friends Service Project--Sunday, April 7, 11:30 AM

Come stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your family, hang out with your prayer buddy, or just come and fellowship with us. A light lunch will be provided.

Easter Egg Hunt--Saturday April 13, 10:00 AM

Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! A fun time of Bible stories, crafts, prizes and of course a good old fashioned egg hunt. All ages welcome. Bring your own bucket to collect, or make a fancy bag when you get here. We will have it, rain or shine!



Love Feast--Thursday April 18, 6:30 PM



Maundy Thursday is the day Jesus shared in the Last Supper with His disciples. John 13 tells that story and says that this is when Jesus showed them the full extent of His love. We will follow his example by humbly serving one another in washing feet, fellowshiping around the table, and sharing in communion. For our young families, children are welcome to sit at the table with their family. Childcare will also be available. Please contact Laura Meiser (717.689.0465) or Emmy Schott (717.333.8216) for details.

Good Friday Breakfast--Friday, April 19, 6:00 AM

Join with other Christians in our community to enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear a brief message from Vivian Ziegler.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service--Friday, April 19, 7:00 PM

As we look to the redemptive work Christ has done on the cross, we will unite in this service of 'shadows'. We will meditate on the story of Christ's passion, extinguishing candles as we contemplate, and ultimately find the joy that is ours as we anticipate the victory of Sunday morning.

Easter Sunday--Sunday, April 21, 8:00 & 10:15 AM

Pastor Doug Hinton preaching

Join us for an inspirational service to sing joyful songs together, enjoy special music from our choir and hear a meaningful message from Pastor Doug. Children will enjoy Easter-related activities in Kids Church at the 10:15 service.



April HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	3 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	4 9:00 AM Ladies Spring Bible Study 5:00 PM Care of Church Community Team 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	5 6:45 PM WORDD Worship: Expressions of Love and Praise	6
7 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 11:30 AM Prayer Buddy Service Project 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	8 7:00 PM Ladies Spring Bible Study	9 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 12:00 PM Silver Singles 6:30 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Team 7:00 PM Worship Team	10 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	11 7:00 PM Education Team	12	13 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
14 Palm 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	15 6:30 PM Outreach Team 7:00 PM Ladies Spring Bible Study	16	17 HERALD DEADLINE Pastor Doug's Day Off Prep for Good Friday Breakfast 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	18 Prep for Good Friday Breakfast 9:00 AM Ladies Spring Bible Study 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Love Feast	19 Church Office Closed Good Friday 6:00 AM Good Friday Breakfast 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service	20
21 Easter 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	22	23 7:00 PM Leadership Team	24 Administrative Professionals Day Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
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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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