

## Hold Focus

Pastor Doug Hinton

*...if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.*

*For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.—1 Peter 2:20-24*

We are entering an exciting time in the life of Hempfield Church of the Brethren; Emmy, Laura, and the Kids' Church teachers are engaging our young ones in a curriculum that proclaims God's decrees and the Gospel of Christ, so that they may be trained in the ways of faith. Morgan walks alongside our Youth using RightNow Media, activities, and studies to wrestle with the difficult questions they face concerning culture and faith. Our music ministry continues to bless us through new songs, new people, different styles---all in a heart of praise to Christ the King! The Education and Ministry Teams have partnered this summer to walk through the Gospel of Mark using Francis Chan's study on RightNow Media. The combined Adult Summer Sunday School and the preaching theme will tie around this series allowing preaching and discussion to occur around the Scripture. The Worship Team continues to engage the body through new ideas and prayerful discernment. In fact, all of the teams—Outreach, Deacons, Fellowship & Hospitality, Care of Church Community, Finance, Stewards of Property, Leadership, and the Search Teams—have been busy working together to fulfill their ministry as part of the larger body at HCOB. Recognizing and using your gifts to strengthen the body, we have weathered a number of big changes in the last year and a half and guess what---Christ is still the same and moving through His faithful followers!

Through any change, there are always growing pains. Read the Scripture with me found above and always keep that in mind. We have passionate and strong people, quiet and meek people, those who suffer loss and those who receive great rewards, those who have much and those who don't have as much. In and through all of this, it's never about us but Christ who saved us. Never about personal agendas, but Christ's agenda spoken through the body. Never about me or you, but always about Him who we follow. As we focus on the Guardian and Shepherd of our souls (1 Peter 2:25), may we see people flourish like flowers in springtime, the body bloom like the mighty trees outside our windows, and the glory of God revealed through His servants as He's done in times past. To Him be the glory and honor, forever and ever. --Amen.

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# Messages in May

May 5



## **A Kingdom of Servants---** *Acts 4:1-12, 23-31, 32-37*

**Pastor Doug Hinton**

Following Jesus the Servant King shifts our priority, our trust, our treasure. What does justice look like in the Kingdom of God? What does Heaven on Earth look like lived out? Are we trapped in the confines of time and place when we follow Christ? Finally, how can looking at the early church shape our walk today?

May 12



## **A Mother's Gift---** *Luke 1: 39-45; Luke 2: 41-51; John 2: 1-10;*

*John 19: 25-27*

**Kevin Zurin**

On Mother's Day as we gather to celebrate Mothers we learn that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, went through the same struggles, pain and joy that we still face today. We look at Mary's life before Jesus was born; then age 12; age 30 when Jesus started his ministry; and age 33 when Jesus died on the cross.

May 19



## **Free Men Sing ---** *Acts 16:22-34; Isaiah 6:1-8*

**Pastor Doug Hinton**

Paul and Silas are thrown in prison for delivering a slave-girl from a spirit that brought her masters great fortune. After being beaten and tossed into the inner cell, they sang hymns to the Lord. They sang hymns?!? The earth shook, the prison doors opened, and having opportunity to flee, the prisoners stayed. Yet, one was delivered; but who?

May 26



## **Volunteers, Churches or Members of One Body---** *1 Timothy 3; 1*

*Corinthians 12:4-13; Ephesians 4:7-13*

**Pastor Doug Hinton**

We often speak of volunteers in the church. We also see different 'churches' in our communities. Yet, if we all claim the name of Christ and seek to follow Him, are we not members of one body? Each member carries a different gift, a different purpose, an innate strength and therefore, an innate weakness. Not one of us is the Head, save Christ alone. How can this shape how we see one another? Can we name gifts in others or recognize our own? What would it take to listen, pray, seek, and strengthen the body as God made us? At the same time, recognizing we need others' gifts to strengthen ourselves? Let us grow in humility and service as we seek to be one body.

# May Ministry Schedules

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## NURSERY

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



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## WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Jamie Bushong  
Joel Kettering  
Ray O'Boyle  
Ray O'Boyle

## WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBA  
TBA  
TBA  
TBA

## SPECIAL MUSIC



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## CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Choir

## VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit  
Ben Johnson  
Doug Howard  
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 & Rich Bushong  
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong  
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



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## DEACON GREETERS

Al Shuss  
Paula Connelly  
Betty Cox  
Lois Killian

## JNH GREETERS

Earl & Betty Zimmerman  
Richard & Carolyn Gingrich  
Jim & Sue Musser  
Jerry & Jean Barger

## OFFERING TABULATORS

Glenn Brubaker, Allen Hurst

# HCOB Adult Sunday School

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† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** class meets in the newly renovated room at the end of the education wing on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

May 5	Called to Righteousness	Teacher: Denny Bushong
May 12	Called to Life in the Spirit	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
May 19	Evangelism in the Postmodern World	Teacher: Kelly Myer
May 26	Called to the New Life	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh

† **THE SEEKERS**— Seekers have just started to meet in the Library during the Sunday School hour. For three of the Sundays of May (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>) we will be looking at several post Resurrection accounts. Feel free to join us any or all of these Sundays. Contact person is Rich Bushong (717-664-4395 before 8:30pm or grb@dejazzd.com).

May 5	John 21:1-14-Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish	Teacher: Doug Hinton
May 12	John 21:15-25-Jesus Reinstates Peter	Teacher: Pete Cope
May 19	Evangelism in the Postmodern World	Teacher: Kelly Myer
May 26	Luke 24:13-35-On the road to Emmaus	Teacher: Ray Hutchison

## Thank you from June Lantz

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To my HCOB Family,

Thank you for choosing me as you organist for over 18 years. You all have been a blessing to me. You saw me through cancer surgery – and were so patient and loving to me when double automated doors closed on me (instead of opening) in Florida, which broke my wrist.it was a blessing to see your children grow into adults, playing for weddings, funerals, and several of your ministers. Please take good care of young, dedicated ministerial family that “thank God” has given you!

Thanks for your cards, tokens of thank you wishes! It seems that when I left you after the Christmas Eve services, my body “gave up!” As I am now in renal failure. Frank and I are wrestling with the issue of moving to the Mennonite Home down the street, across from Park City for personal care; we ask for your continued prayers. I miss all of you greatly! Thank you for the “good bye” meal. This was very kind of the congregation.

Eventually, there will be a service of “celebration of my life.” I’ll see all of you again, with God’s Blessing!

With all my love and God’s everlasting grace,  
June Lantz (and Frank too!)

# HCOB Family News

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**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR JOB IS OPEN.** The HCOB search committee is currently accepting resumes for this 30 hour/week position of ministry to our church. Job description is available upon request. If you or anyone you know are interested in applying please email your resume and letter of interest to Shirley Heisey (dsheisey@aol.com, 717-940-9216).

**HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP MINISTRY**—It's time to help the community! The Outreach Team is sponsoring the Highway Clean-Up on Saturday, May 4th from 8:30 AM to 10:30 am. If you can help, please sign-up on the sheet on the narthex table. We'll meet at the Sheetz in Mount Joy along Rt 230 at 8:30 am.

**CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING:** Our bi-annual Congregational Gathering will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 service. Packets of information, including the meeting agenda, are available on the narthex table. Please join us for this important meeting in the life of our church family.

**BIKE BLESSING ON SUNDAY, MAY 5 AFTER CHURCH**—Bring your bike to church and we'll pray over you and your ride together. It doesn't matter if you ride on 2 or 3 wheels, pedal, kick, or push a button to get it started, whether it's made in USA, Japan, Germany, Canada, or otherwise, whether fully dressed, naked, or in-between (ask a biker), bring your bike to church! Invite a friend and we'll pray for them too! If you'd like to plan a lunch or dinner ride for that day, contact Pastor Doug!

**RECYCLING:** Due to new recycling guidelines, HCOB will no longer be recycling cardboard or newspaper. Please continue to clean out and recycle glass, metal, and plastic containers. Cardboard should be broken down and placed in the trash with newspaper where they can be used as fuel for energy. The HCOB recycling guidelines from our recycling provider are posted in the kitchen door.

**If you would like to recycle cardboard, please take it to one of the following locations:**

- East Petersburg Civic Grounds on Pine Street. The park has 2 large cardboard dumpsters near the parking lot by the community building across from the Fire Hall.
- Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority on 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster.
- Recycling Drop-off Center at 850 New Holland Pike, Lancaster.

Thank you for your cooperation. Fellowship and Hospitality Team

**FRIENDS TOGETHER WEEK** is quickly approaching. If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping in any way please contact Steph Moyer, Bev Moyer, or Jaynelle Troxell. We will also have a table in the Narthex the second and third Sunday in May. Any help is always appreciated; whether it is through prayers, donations, or offering your time. We look forward to seeing how God moves us during this special week.

# May HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</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>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Ladies Spring Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Spring Bible Study <b>5:00 PM</b> Care of Church Community Team <b>7:00 PM</b> National Day of Prayer event	<b>3</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> <b>WORDD</b> Worship: Expressions of Love and Praise	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Highway Clean-Up
<b>5</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</b> Congregational Gathering <b>12:00 PM</b> Bike Blessing <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Ladies Spring Bible Study	<b>7</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Sewing Circle <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacons Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team	<b>8</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> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Stewards of Property	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Education Team	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's 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>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Ladies Spring Bible Study	<b>14</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Silver Singles <b>6:30 PM</b> Fellowship & Hospitality Team	<b>15</b> <b>HERALD DEADLINE</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</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>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>20</b> Setup <b>WORDD</b> Spring Social <b>6:30 PM</b> Outreach Team <b>7:00 PM</b> Ladies Spring Bible Study	<b>21</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>WORDD</b> Spring Social	<b>22</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting Group	<b>23</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> All-District Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</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>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>27</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Leadership Team	<b>29</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Annual Conference Briefing

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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