

## DEEPLY ROOTED AND GROWING THROUGH THE SEASON OF FALL

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” **John 14:25-27**

Fall brings a number of changes. The leaves transform from green to vibrant tones of orange, red, and yellow painting beautiful landscapes. The air becomes drier, cooler and crisp as daylight shortens. The grass grows slower and for many people, their schedule quickens. Finally, leaves begin to turn brown and fall from the tree, covering the landscape with brittleness that gets swept into corners and pockets by the will of the wind. While the trees are bare, we can see more of the landscape and though this phenomenon occurs, we rarely lose sleep that the tree is dead: we know that new growth is coming; that spring is near.

As followers of Christ, we need to keep this in mind. As we grow in our faith, our understanding, our work habits, our church practices may be challenged. They may flourish for a time, but like the leaves, there are attitudes, understandings, and practices that need to die for new life to come. Our church vision begins, “Firmly rooted and living deeply in the character of Christ...” Just like the trees in our yards, the trees in the forest, we are firmly rooted in Jesus Christ. We are transformed by His Holy Spirit and filled with His peace as we face the darkness, the cold, the dying that comes in fall and winter. But as we “become a healthier church to powerfully share Christ with the world,” these old ways die and new life comes in the Spring. We must hear Christ’s words, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” He is with us.

As we go into this winter, may we rest in the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and transform us. Though the leaves may fall and the dark and cold set in, we know new life is coming in the spring!

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Doug

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# Youth News

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By: Josh Fulmer, Youth Minister

“Love and marriage, love and marriage, go together like a horse and carriage.” That’s how Frank Sinatra put it. And no other song rang through my head as I celebrated my first wedding anniversary on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed reflecting on the past year, anticipating the years to come, and focusing on each other. It will be one of my favorite memories.

When I look back on my time before marriage, I realized how many times I thought I knew what love was. Maybe I understood it in theory, but I never fully grasped it in practice (I’m still learning too!). As a teenager, I thought I knew everything about everything, especially if I loved a girl. Sadly, I was fooling myself. I had no idea what went into a loving relationship. And I had no idea how deep love actually went.

This problem with “young love” is one that teens are presented with on the daily! All forms of media tell them that love is the ultimate focus, and the lack of love is failure. This is why teaching teens about biblical love is so important. Love from God is the ultimate love, which was displayed through Christ dying on the cross for our sins. John 15:13 says, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” As the church, we should be displaying this for the world to see, that while we live a countercultural life, we can also show the way of living God desires for His creation. This means treating love delicately, not using it loosely and to describe your feelings for everything, and also living out what it means to use that term! Through this style of living, the world, from kids to adults, can see what Love means, and how it is truly Love and God that go together, and you can’t have one without the other.

Pray for the youth group, as we delve deeper into what it means to Love God. Pray for the next two months as we have the Eastland Alpaca Open House on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as the DC trip from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can, consider sponsoring donated items for the event – forms are located in that Narthex – and come out to support Kevin and Sue, the Alpacas, and the teens!

Soli Deo Gloria



## Harvest Fest Recap

We had a terrific turnout for our Harvest Fest on October 20th. There were a lot of activities for all ages to participate in. Children enjoyed Bingo games, pumpkin sweeping races, pumpkin chucking, pumpkin painting and many crafts. Adults were able to participate in Bingo, create photo holders, and assemble fall door swags. Mr. Balloony was kept very busy, in addition to the ladies who volunteered to face paint. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal before ending the night with a Trunk or Treat that was moved into the classrooms due to the weather. Thank you to all who came out to the event, those who served that day, and those who donated items!



## Parents Night Out

It's back!!! We are holding a Parents Night Out on Friday, November 22nd from 6pm to 9pm. You can drop your child(ren) off at 6pm at the church and enjoy an evening to yourself, dinner out, or Christmas shopping. The children will have the opportunity to play with other kids, have a snack, and watch a short movie. Feel free to pick up your child(ren) any time before or at 9pm. Simply sign up at the Children's Ministry table so that we can plan accordingly.



# November Ministry Schedules

## NURSERY

**November 3** Peggy Layman & Ivy Davis  
**November 10** Carolyn Gingrich & Marg Zurin  
**November 17** Sue Brubaker & Sallie Hoppert  
**November 24** Betty Cox & Sarah Fisher



## WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

**November 3** Jamie Bushong  
**November 10** Joel Kettering  
**November 17** Randy Ziegler  
**November 24** Janice Haldeman

## WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Kim Glass  
  
Tom Glass



## CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

**November 3** Sanctuary Choir (10:15)  
**November 10**  
**November 17** Sanctuary Choir (10:15)  
**November 24**

## VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit  
Dave Bendit  
Dave Bendit  
Ben Johnson



## SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

**November 3** Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong  
**November 10** Rich & Jamie Bushong  
**November 17** Dave Schott  
**November 24** Rich & Jamie Bushong

## SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

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



## DEACON GREETERS

**October 6** Millie Hoffman  
**October 13** Tom Connelly  
**October 20** Ruth Johnson  
**October 27** Ron Smith

## JNH GREETERS

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Nicolas & Joanna Haucani  
Jerry & Jean Barger  
Tom & Carolyn Fritz

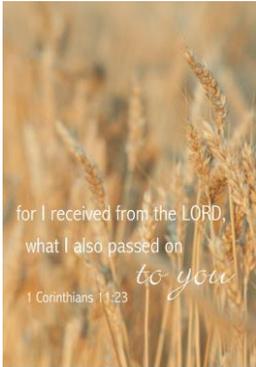


## OFFERING TABULATORS

Glenn Brubaker & Allen Hurst

# Messages in October

## November 3



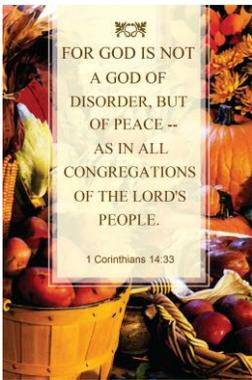
### **A Banquet with Drama and Mystery**

*1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Exodus 12:1-4, Psalms 116:1-19, John 12:1-17, 31-35*

**Del Kautz**

The Christian Church has been offering a worship practice we call the Eucharist or communion since Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended to heaven in the first century. We believe it is a very important part of our church family life. It is at the very heart of our worship of the Living God. Why is it so important? What meaning does it hold for us? How can we keep this practice from becoming merely a ritualistic practice in which we engage several times each year? Perhaps we need to engage ourselves in the drama instead of just adoring our Messiah who commanded us to “do this in remembrance of me”. Perhaps in order to “proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes” we need also to look toward the future mystery. This “Banquet” shall renew our hearts and refresh our spirits. It is soul nourishment.

## November 10



### **Members, Gifts, Love & Edification**

*1 Corinthians 14:26-33*

**Pastor Doug Hinton**

When we are baptized into the body of Christ, each individual is given gifts and roles to build up the entire body. At the core of the body is love – without which everything else is incomplete. How can we see each person as a meaningful part of the body of Christ? How can we help people see their gifts, fulfill their roles, and grow in the love of Christ? Why was this so impactful to the Corinthian church? How can it be impactful today?

## November 17



### **We Will All Be Changed**

*1 Corinthians 15*

**Geoff Davis**

When we come to follow Christ, our lives are changed. But that’s just a hint of what awaits us. Paul reminds us of the gospel message – that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead. He answers questions the Corinthians had about the resurrection, what happens to each of Christ’s followers, and ends with – “... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord...” We are currently in a season of many brothers and sisters leaving this “natural body” and receiving their “spiritual bodies.” How should we approach this? With fear, sadness, and anxiety or with confidence, hope, and joy? It depends on what you understand, what you believe, and your ability to stand firm in that belief.

November 24

## Corinthian Disaster Relief

*1 Corinthians 16:1-4, 10-14*

**Pastor Doug Hinton**

Paul closes his letter urging the Corinthians to take up an offering for the church in Jerusalem. What was happening there? How can this help address their pride, divisions, and corporate calling? Paul also give them guidance on how to receive other brothers that were travelling to Corinth to teach and strengthen the body there. Are we loyal to individuals? Or can we recognize Christ in those we've only first met? If so, how? As we bring this part of our study to a close, what are the take away?

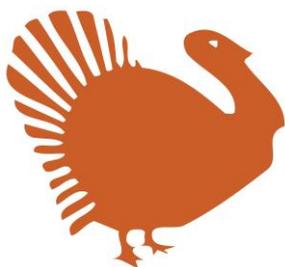


# HCOB Adult Sunday School

- ✠ **THE SEEKERS** class will be starting a 9 session video series on the New Testament book Ephesians. Each video is about 10-12 minutes, leaving time for discussion. Feel free to join the class for this study. We meet in the library. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well. Pastor and author J.D. Greear walks through the powerful words of Paul. In 9 sessions, J.D. digs into the text of Ephesians verse-by-verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel. Encounter Ephesians, and get swept up into the story of Jesus.
- ✠ **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** class meets in the old youth room (at the end of the hall). We study the international lesson. Our teachers are 5 people from our class who each teach one Sunday a month. Gerrie Hurst and Ruth Johnson are co-chairperson for the class. We enjoy a social activity several times a year. We invite others to come and share in our class at any time. This quarter the studies are God is Faithful, Response to God's Faithfulness and Faith Leads to Holy Living. Scriptures are from both the old and new testaments.

November 3	Self-Examination	Leader: Dennis Bushong
November 10	Witness	Leader: Butch Nachbar
November 17	Nonconformity	Leader: Jim Kettering
November 24	Commitment to Virtue	Leader: Pete Cope

# HCOB Family News



**TURKEY DRIVE 11/24** – The Force for Food Committee is coordinating the annual turkey collections for Water Street Ministries. Water Street needs 3,500 turkeys to provide over 21,000 holiday meals. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and can be placed in the collection box in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren (notation-Turkey Drive). November 24th we will be collecting frozen or fresh turkeys at the gym entrance. Water Street Ministries shelters 170 people per night and serves 146,000 meals annually. Thank you for your annual support in providing a holiday meal to those in need.

**HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP MINISTRY:** It's time to help the community! The Outreach Team is sponsoring the Highway Clean-Up on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 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 9:00 am. We need about 10 people to help out with this project.

## Highway Clean Up



**THE BRETHREN VILLAGE AUXILIARY** has been dissolved by a vote from the Auxiliary and has been turned over to Volunteer Services at the Village. An Advisory Committee will keep Wheelchair Walks, Birthday Parties, and the Cookie Sale. As a result, there will no longer be a sponsorship drive in individual COB congregations. We are encouraged to continue to support the Good Samaritan Fund and the Endowment through special offerings and/ or budgeted outreach.

We have been your representatives since 2007 and have appreciated working in your behalf. You have given generous sponsorship donations and volunteered in many other ways. Thank you so much.

-Gerrie Hurst & Lois Killian

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – The Christmas season for many is a joyful and festive time of year filled with wonder and hope. For others, however, it can be a difficult time filled with questions, pain, isolation, or even guilt. A *Blue Christmas Service* invites people to come as they are, whether joyful or sorrowful, excited or dreadful, peaceful or restless, to reflect and seek the Light of all Humanity together. We hold this before the Christmas holiday to acknowledge our pain and grief, questions and memories openly and honestly and invite the Christ-child into our world.



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Chunky peanut butter, Canned peaches, Chicken rice soup, Chicken noodle soup, Whole wheat spaghetti, Boxed pasta rotini, rigatoni etc., Oatmeal (instant and regular), Egg noodles, Canned peas, Cream of chicken soup, Cream of celery soup.

**EASTLAND ALPACA OPEN HOUSE** – It is that time of year again! On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Eastland Alpaca Farm will host their annual open house. The youth will have a concession stand where you can purchase drink, food, and homemade goodies. All proceeds will go toward the HCOB



Youth mission trips and programs. Please consider food item donations, monetary donations (so we can do the shopping), or volunteering your time. Check out the sign-up sheets located in the Narthex. Come out and support Kevin, Sue, and the youth! Contact Josh Fulmer (717-723-7732) or Sheri Barnes (717-572-6891) with questions.

**HURRICANE DORIAN DISASTER RELIEF** – The Outreach Team approved a special payment of \$2,000 to Brethren Disaster Ministries to support clean-up efforts in the Bahamas. We are using funds from the Miscellaneous Outreach account of the Team's budget. Thank you for your offerings to the church which makes this special payment possible to support people affected by this devastating hurricane.

**POINSETTIA SALE!** The Worship Team would like to invite the congregation to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary during Advent. Three varieties (Red, White and Ice Punch) will be sold for \$5 each, the weeks of November 10, 17 and 24. You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful!



**THE WORSHIP TEAM** is looking for items to possibly display during Advent. Do you have any of these items that we may borrow? A crown, scepter, rich-looking fabric, any equipment relating to sheep herding, antique woodworking tools, a quart or so of barley or wheat kernels. Everything will be returned to you after Christmas. Please contact Deb Bendit (quilterdeb60@gmail.com, 717-898-2908) if you have items to donate. Thank you!



# November HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 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	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilting Group 6:00 PM Ladies Fall Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>1</b> Josh's Day Off 6:45 PM <b>WORDD Worship: Expressions of Love and Praise</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM <b>June Lantz's visitation</b> 10:00 AM <b>Eastland Alpaca Open House</b> 10:30 AM <b>June Lantz's Service</b> 11:00 AM <b>Hempfield High School Softball Team Fundraiser</b>
<b>3</b> Daylight-Saving Time Ends Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM <b>Eastland Alpaca Open House</b> 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Voting Set Up 7:00 PM QE Brass Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 7:00 AM Voting 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	<b>6</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilting Group 6:00 PM Ladies Fall Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Fall Bible Study 5:00 PM Care of Church Community Team 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Josh's Day Off	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM <b>Eastland Alpaca Open House</b>
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For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit

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