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A Note from Pastor Brendan...

Pastor Brendan Hock: bhock@halifaxgmc.org / 717-896-8092 x 101 "Christ Centered | Community Driven."

Willie Mays began his major league baseball career with only one hit in his first 26 at-bats. Though he went on to hit 660 home runs and steal more than 300 bases, his debut was so unimpressive it seemed unlikely he would last more than a few weeks as a big league, let alone become one of the greatest to play the game.

The turning point for Mays occurred when his manager, Leo Durocher, found him crying in the dugout after yet another miserable performance at the plate. The coach put his arm around Mays and said, "What's the matter, son?" Mays said, "I can't hit up here. I belong in the minor leagues." Durocher said this to Willie Mays: "As long as I'm manager of the Giants, you'll be my centerfielder."

You know how the story ends. It wasn't long before Mays began hitting the ball, and he was on his way to becoming a legend of the game. If Willie had been left alone in the dugout that day, his career might have ended before it started. Fortunately for him (and for baseball) someone believed in him even when he didn't believe in himself.

Durocher's speech wasn't "You're a disappointment. Do you know how much you're costing the team? You're on the verge of blowing your big chance!" He simply said, "I know that you can make it."

Is there someone in your life who needs your vote of confidence? Someone who's ready to give up? Someone who no longer believes in their ability to do what God has called them to do? You have the opportunity to lift them up. Your words - your confidence - can help get them back on track.

The Apostle Paul recognized the value of encouragement in the lives of believers. Have you ever noticed how often in the New Testament the word "strengthen" (or "build up") accompanies the word "encouragement"?

When you offer encouragement to others, you quite literally renew their strength. Paul challenged us all: Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are in fact doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11) Take a look around you today. There may be a future Hall-of-Famer who needs a good word from you. Give them some encouragement.

Blessings on the Journey,

Pastor Brendan



WILLIE MAYS outfield

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE

WHAT: Extraordinary Women – Lysa TerKeurst, Gold Group: Registration with Early Entry, Re-Demi Tebow, Annie F. Downs, Elizabeth Woodson, served Seating Section, All purchases are non-Chonda Pierce. Worship leader is Michael O'Brien refundable. \$99.00

and the Friday night concert is Chris Tomlin! WHEN:

 \cdot Friday, Sep 19, 2025, 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM EDT hot chicken sandwich, chips, cookie, and bottled (doors open at 6:00 PM)

· Saturday, Sep 20, 2024, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM EDT (doors open at 7:30 AM)

WHERE: Giant Center, 550 Hersheypark Dr., Hershey, PA 17033

WHO: Ladies of Halifax Community Church, our friends, acquaintances, neighbors, relatives - anyone you'd like to invite!

HOW:

- 1. https://ewomen.net/hershey-pa-2025/
- 2. Select "Register Now".
- 3. Select "Join a Group".

4. From the drop-down list under "Search for an existing group", select group "GilmoreLHer25", passcode GilmoreLHer25

Basic: \$79.00. All purchases are non-refundable.

Box Lunch: \$15.00. Chic-Fil-A - Box lunch includes water. All purchases are non-refundable. Available until September 6, 2025.

If you would like to arrange to ride with someone else or are available to drive others, or if you have any other questions, please contact Lynn Gilmore.

Tickets will likely sell out, so don't wait until the last minute!



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2025 scholarship applications are **Scholarship recipients from last year** are currently available in the Church Office, reminded to please submit a receipt of Halifax School District Guidance Office, Halifax payment of their scholarship money to the Youth Center, and on our Church website college/university, a copy of their current transcripts, and proof of enrollment in the next (www.halifaxamc.org). semester, if applicable. This information can be deadline submitting for a 2025 submitted to the Church Office or emailed to Lisa The scholarship application is 11 AM on Friday, April Weaver at 4weavers96@gmail.com. Please 11, 2025. submit this information by Friday, February 28.

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Enrollment opens for church members and current students on February 16th
- Inrollment opens for non-members and new tudents on March 2nd
- Classes for 3-5 year old students
- Quality Christian-based learning
- Applications available on church website a n the church office
- Join us in the preschool for an Open House event on March 3rd from 5:30-7:30 to lea about our program
 - CONTACT US:

C 717-896-8092 ext 108 Halifax Community Church 105 Wind Hill Drive

Halifax, PA 17032 Email - preschool@halifaxgmc.org

FOOD ROOM

We are asking for donations for Easter Bags for the Food Room. You can find bags in the church lobby to take with you. Each bag should have a list of items needed attached to the front.

We are asking that they be returned by Sunday, March 23rd. The filled bags will be distributed to Food Room clients during the weeks of April 6th & April 13th. Thank you!



MEN'S DARTBALL LEAGUE



NEXT WOMEN'S EVENT



CONTACT PASTOR JESSE TO JOIN JFUNK@HALIFAXGMC.ORG | 717-896-8092, EXT. 102

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 6:30 PM

For you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Genesis 3:19



The Church is more than a gathering of people. It's people who are DEVOTED to Knowing Christ personally, and then making him known in their world.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to learn about how God works through a church that is DEVOTED. Lives are Changed when we devote ourselves to the life-changing power of God.

Sunday, March 2, 2025 **Text:** Luke 4:16-28 **Title:** DEVOTED: Healing

Sunday, March 9, 2025 Text: Galatians 3:26-29 Title: DEVOTED: Belonging

Sunday, March 16, 2025 Text: | Peter 2:1-3 Title: DEVOTED: Growth

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Sunday, March 23, 2025 Text: TBD Title: DEVOTED

Sunday, March 30, 2025 **Text:** Ephesians 2:1-10 Title: DEVOTED: God's Purpose

ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

Pastor of Family Ministry: Jesse Funk—jfunk@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, x 102

Hello everyone!

This will be an exciting Spring for Adult Discipleship at HCC! Please keep the following events in mind through the month:

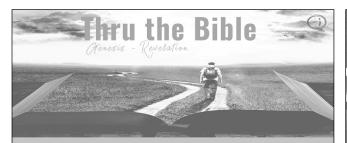
Men's Ministry Dartball LeagueWomen's Ministry Puzzling EventAdultDiscipleshipClassesbegan on February 19th and willwill be held on March 15th fromare still meeting and it is not toorun until April 30th. We meet6-8pm in the HUB. Ladies will belate to join! We have SundayWednesday evenings at 730 inbroken into small teams andschool classes as well as mid-the Youth Center. It is not toogiven a puzzle to complete that isweek groups covering a widelate to sign up! Reach out toin line with their experiencevariety of books and topics,myself or Rick Stence with anyprovided and there will be prizesthe Holy Spirit's Names; Thru thefor the winning team! Reach outBible in a Year and many others!please reach out to me if you'duestions.questions.like to join one of these groups.

As always, if the Lord has been nudging you to start or join one of our groups, I would love to sit down and talk with you about it! As we continue in our Devoted series, I hope all of you are able to plug into something that lights the Spirit's fire of devotion in you!

In Christ,

Pastor Jesse

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES



Wednesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Brendan 6:30 PM – HUB



Wednesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Jesse 6:30 PM – Room 103

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

SPRC is accepting applications for the position of Office Manager here at HCC. We are seeking an experienced person to support the outreach of the Church by providing care for the administrative needs within the many ministries of HCC. This position will encompass a variety of activities, including: support of the financial administrator, coordination and oversight of the administrative staff, custodial staff, and ministry volunteers. HCC has been blessed with various people in this role over the years. For those who may remember, Gayle Lau served the church in this role for many years, and we are excited to have this position filled once again for the benefit of our growing Church and its ministries.

This is a full-time, exempt position. All interested persons should submit a cover letter and resume to SPRC Interview Committee, 105 Wind Hill Drive, Halifax, PA, 17032, or submit requirements to office@halifaxgmc.org. For a full job posting, including required clearances, please email or call Kayla in the church office at 717-896-8092, ext. 110.

CORNERSTONE UPDATE

Hello everyone!

The Cornerstone Counseling board would like to express our gratitude for everyone who has supported this ministry through financial support as well as prayer. We have been encouraged by the recent number of sessions we've been able to pay for people who need the light of Jesus shone in the darker times of their lives, and your support ensures more people can experience Jesus' words in Matthew 11, when he invited all of us to receive rest for our souls.

God loves this valley, and He is using this ministry to eliminate the financial barrier that so many people experience when seeking help. Cornerstone is in a strong position both financially and spiritually to continue shedding Gospel light in this valley.

Future plans for Cornerstone include hosting workshops led by the counselors we contract with at InHim Christian Wellness, as well as the construction of a road sign on the property so that more people can be aware of this ministry!

If you are interested in seeking help through Christian counseling, or you know someone who is, please reach out to Pastor Jesse for more information, or you can schedule an appointment by calling 717-585-0627.

Thank you again for all the support you've given to reach the lost and encourage the found! Sincerely,

Cornerstone Christian Counseling Board

LENTEN SERVICES



Halifax Ministerium

2025 Lenten Services

March 12th, Messiah Lutheran The Parable of the Net

March 19th, Halifax Community Church (@Youth Center) The Vine and the Branches

> March 26th, Faith UMC The Unforgiving Servant

April 2nd, Mosaic Community Church (@ Enders/Fisherville School) Parable of the Sower

April 9th, Zion Stone UMC @ (Camp Hebron Sylvan View Retreat Center) The Unjust Judge

Each service is at the host church. A light lunch will start at 11:30am and conclude at 12:15pm. The service will start at 12:20pm and end by 1:00pm. Come join us as we enjoy fellowship with one another, good food, and worship focused on growing together in our faith. If you have any questions, ask your pastor or email deke@camphebron.org.

All proceeds from Lenten Services support Release Time.

SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday April 20th, 6:30am

Camp Hebron Outdoor Chapel

Breakfast to follow.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated - It is apparent that the Coffee & Goodies in the Lobby between services are a BIG HIT with the congregation on Sunday mornings. But we are in need of a few more volunteers to help out. If you or your family would volunteer once a month or once every other month to make coffee or donate approximately 3 to 4 dozen small baked goods, please contact Kayla in the church office: office@halifaxgmc.org / 717-896-8092, ext. 110.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP & GROWTH



SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR JESSE Book of Joshua - Starting January 12 9 AM - Room 103





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MARCH SCHEDULE

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closures/delays.

March 4: Fellowship and Games

March 11: Fellowship and Games

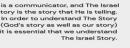
March 18: Fellowship and Games

March 25: Fellowship and Games,

Note: When the school is closed or on a 2-hr. delay due to weather

The BedRock Gang meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. Location: Halifax Youth Center BedRock is a group of senior citizens enjoying Christian fellowship, fun activities, & programs!

there is no Bedrock. Check abc27.com for info on school



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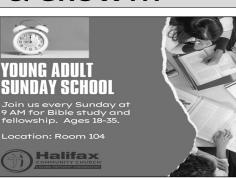
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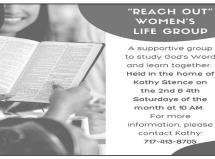
Life 🔍

Groups

Contact Pastor Jesse to find or start a LifeGroup that fits 📄 your schedule and season of life. 📒 jfunk@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, ext. 102









ROCKSOLID YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Cherry Pechart—<u>youth@halifaxgmc.org</u> | 717-896-8092, x 113 We exist to reach, equip, and empower students to be life-long followers of Jesus.

WEEKLY YOUTH RECHARGE/GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Sunday School: JOIN US FROM 9-10 AM IN THE HUB

- ⇒ Middle School Youth Study- March Topic: Grow Curriculum, Break Trail Easter Series: If you've ever gone hiking before, especially in the winter, you know that "breaking trail" is something you do when you encounter deep snow that's tough to navigate. When that happens, one hiker usually goes ahead of their group and clears the way so others can follow behind more easily. A trail-breaker is someone who goes ahead, who makes a new way, and who invites others to follow along behind them. In so many ways, that's exactly what Jesus did for us. He broke a new trail just by existing, but he did so much more than that too. In this 6-week Easter series, we'll read the stories of Jesus breaking new trails as we discover that Jesus never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.
- ⇒ **High School Youth Study- March Study: Unashamed by Lacrae:** "Being confident in our faith isn't always easy. Culture wants us to conform rather than stand out and church culture often glorifies perfection and power, making us want to hide our flaws and weaknesses. So how do we proclaim the gospel when it is much easier to stay silent..."

Wednesday Youth Group: WE MEET AT THE YOUTH CENTER WEDNESDAYS FROM 6-7:30 PM

 \Rightarrow Dinner is served at 5:30. 6-7pm Lesson/Small Groups, 7pm game time

Youth Retreat RSVP Needed by March 16!!!

Please see the Monthly Parent Email or contact Cherry for more details: <u>youth@halifaxgmc.org</u>



MUSIC MINISTRY

Creative Worship/Choir Director: Carol Bostdorf—<u>cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org</u> | 717-896-8092, x 105 Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30PM / Bell Rehearsals on Thursdays at 6PM / Praise Team on Thursdays at 7PM

SOUND & MEDIA TEAMS

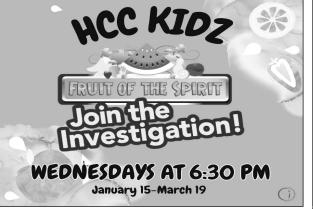
We are looking for additional support for our Sound System and Media Teams here at HCC. We invite you be part of the teams that run the sound system and media for worship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in more information, please reach out to Carol Bostdorf and she will connect you with training opportunities.





ROCKSTAR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry Coordinators: Tricia & Adam Farner children<u>@halifaxgmc.org</u> | 717-896-8092, x 103



We have spent the last two months starting with "The Epic" curriculum through Group Publishing's, Dig-In program. It's been so fun and exciting to see the children learn all about the Fruit of the Spirit. As always, families are encouraged to reach out to Adam or I at any time with any questions, concerns or ideas. We love collaborating and we are more than happy to share the schedule of lessons with you. Parents, we encourage you to ask your child/ren about what they learned and review the "take-home" sheet following each service. We hope you've been able to see their skills, firsthand from home, as they are learning how to navigate through their Bibles, as we will continue to work on this throughout the year. The children have really embraced our "prayer circle time" and lifting up prayer requests and praises as a group. Hearing them recite "The Lord's Prayer" melts our hearts each week.

Adam and I are very grateful for all the love and support from all of you and we continue to pray for God's Blessings on each child we get the privilege of ministering to! We are honored to be a part of their faith journeys.



23rd following second service at 11:45 in the HUB. We'd like to invite all current volunteers and anyone considering volunteering with Children's Ministry to join us. It will be a time of fellowship, updates, and getting to know those we work beside a little better. Pizza will be provided; please make sure Tricia knows you plan to attend via email or text.



YOUTH MINISTRY (CONTINUED)



- The Halifax Youth Center is open on all Halifax <u>full</u> school days, from 2:30-5:30pm.
- 6th-12th grade students from any school are welcome to attend.

For more information please contact Cherry Pechart at <u>youth@halifaxgmc.org</u> or visit the Halifax Youth Center on Facebook.



PING PONG League/club

FRIDAYS @ THE HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER

Student-led ping pong league starting February 14th

Play starts at 3pm, if you can't make it until later in the afternoon just let us know ahead of time and we can have you play a later match.

MARCH, 2025

You can access the most up-to-date calendar on our website: halifaxgmc.org / Resources / Calendar

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