

# HILLS OF HALIFAX

MAY, 2025



**THE GOOD FIGHT: *Contending for the Faith***



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**KEEPING THE FAITH**



“Contend for the faith  
that was once for all  
delivered to the saints.”

JUDE 1:3

# A Note from Pastor Brendan...

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

What a great Spring Season God gave to us here at HCC!! We have been blessed with His presence in so many ways. God met with us in a powerful way on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We are welcoming visitors to our church on a weekly basis, and our Sunday School Classes are growing in so many exciting ways, to the point that classroom space is getting tight.

Through the month of February and March, a Visioning Team met to pray for our church and for the next faithful step God has for us. While we are still in a season of prayer and discernment, one clear insight God has given us is to respond to the challenges of our day with a renewed dedication to growing our faith through Discipleship opportunities. I believe God is calling us to Prepare the Soil of our Hearts for such a time as this.

I've never been in the military, but I assisted in a military chaplaincy program for several years, where I saw firsthand how the military operates. I've never been in law enforcement, but have a family member who is, and I've watched as the training changed that family member into a regimented and focused person for the hard work of public safety. My family is also full of teachers, so I know the value of being a leader who guides and directs students through clear instruction.

As a pastor, proclaiming the Word of God is primary to leading the church. Whatever else I might think (my opinions) or what I believe to be the case (my experienced reality) must be secondary to the truth contained in the Bible. Even in regard to the difficult Old Testament passages and teachings from Jesus, we are called to be faithfully obedient to God's Word - all of it. In the month of May, we will be embarking on a message series in the book of Jude. One key verse in Jude calls the Church to *"contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."*

As we move into the month of May and celebrate our Children's Ministry, Mother's Day, and Graduation season, let's enter into these days of celebration with hearts grateful for the faith that guides us, grows us, and sustains us through Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

Blessings on the Journey!



Pastor Brendan

# CENTRAL PA BLOOD BANK

## BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Halifax Community Church

105 Wind Hill Drive, Halifax 17032

*In the HUB*

Everyone will receive a Papa John's buy one any size Pizza get one FREE certificate!

## PAPA JOHNS

3 ways to schedule your donation appointment:

- go to [717GiveBlood.org](http://717GiveBlood.org) & click on **DONATE NOW**
- call 1-800-771-0059
- scan the QR Code



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A form of ID is REQUIRED to donate



Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank  
Your Community Blood Bank

- We kindly suggest you schedule an appointment to donate blood. Appointments help us improve your donation experience.
- Walk-ins are welcome; however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a significant wait time.

# WHITE STAR TOURS OPPORTUNITY

Maine & The U.S. Military Academy West Point—Featuring Tours of Portland & Kennebunkport  
5 Days—4 Nights | September 22-26, 2025 | \$1,149/person (Double Occupancy) \$1,498 (Single)

Cancellation Insurance is available. For package & insurance details, please contact:

Making Memories Gang, Pamela Mauser, 104 Stence Lane, Millersburg, PA 17061

717-903-3590 (A White Star Tour—[www.whitestartours.com](http://www.whitestartours.com))



## SPECIAL MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

### GRADUATION SUNDAY



**MAY 18 | 10:30 AM**

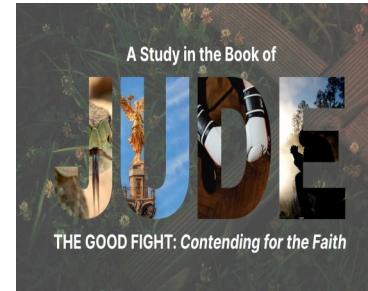
**HONORING YOUR HARD WORK**

If you are graduating from High School or College, please send a current picture and a note of future plans to [office@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:office@halifaxgmc.org).

**We want to celebrate with you!**



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Standing for God's truth is a precious thing. In this series, Pastor Brendan presents Jude's call to get in the ring—a call that is as relevant today as it was when Jude penned his letter.

In Jude, believers are called to *“contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”* This means we are to guard against false teachings that distract from the truth documented in God's Word while we...

*“carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God’s love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!”*

Join in worship as we are reminded to be contenders for the faith.

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**Text:** Jude 1-4

**Title:** The Good Fight: Battle Call

**Sunday, May 11, 2025—ONE SERVICE AT 10AM**

**RockStar Children Lead Us in Worship**

**Text:** Galatians 5:22-23

**Title:** Bear Fruit

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Text:** Jude 5-15

**Title:** The Good Fight: Ancient & Modern

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**

**Text:** Jude 16-19

**Title:** The Good Fight: Turning Away



### Honoring Those Who Served SUNDAY, MAY 25

After the 10:30 worship service, we will gather at the Cemetery to honor and remember those who gave their life for our country and its freedom. Carnations will be available to take to the cemetery.



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Steve & Kylie Boyer**

We are Steve, Kylie, Patrick and Patyn Boyer. We just moved to Halifax in 2022 when we bought a farm on North River Road, where the big pumpkin stand used to be. We currently have horses, goats, a donkey, chickens, ducks, cats, dogs and a bearded dragon lizard, as well as gardens with fruits and vegetables. Steve and I both work in the medical field for UPMC, Steve is a paramedic supervisor and I am a Neurology Nurse Practitioner. Patrick works at Dollar General and Patyn is a zookeeper at Lake Tobias.



**James Fetterhoff & Amanda Persing**

Together we have four beautiful daughters and 4 precious grandchildren. We both enjoy being outdoors, in the mountains and at the beach. We love spending time with family and friends. Jim is a huge Pittsburgh Steeler Fan. Amanda enjoys finding deals and couponing at Dollar General.



**Bruce & Pam Kance**

We met at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island where we both studied Culinary Arts/Hotel Management. Bruce is from Queens, NY; Pam is from Millersburg, where we live now. We have two children - Matthew who lives in California and works in the film industry, and Amanda who is a second-grade teacher in the Central Dauphin School District. Bruce works for Miter Brands (MI) and Pam works for the Pennsylvania Bar Association; we look forward to retiring in the next few years. We enjoy traveling, cooking/baking, and working in our yard.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

*Creative Worship/Choir Director: Carol Bostdorf—[cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org) | 717-896-8092, x 105*  
*Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30PM / Bell Rehearsals on Thursdays at 6PM / Praise Team on Thursdays at 7PM*

Special music is needed for the summer months at either service or both. Please contact me if you would like placed on the schedule for any Sundays. Individuals, groups, instrumentals, and singing specials are welcome!



# CHURCH SOUND MEDIA

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.

# NEXT WOMEN’S EVENT

Ladies

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO

MAY 3RD, 6-8 PM  HUB (LOWER LEVEL)

• Bring 1 or 2 good condition items you no longer need, to "re-gift" as prizes.

• Items should be individually wrapped/bagged. Be creative (but kind 😊).

Light refreshments will be provided and regular bingo buttons will be on hand.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk







# ROCKSTAR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Our **Palm Sunday party** was very fun and we want to express our gratitude to the congregation for the easter candy donations, it was incredibly helpful and allowed us to fill eggs & provide an egg hunt for over 50 children! Thank you!

**Easter Sunday School and Children's Church** were so much fun and a great morning shared with over 50 RockStars! We were able to celebrate "He is Risen" with a very fun edible craft and danced in praise, while getting ready for our Mother's Day Service! Thank you to all those volunteers who made it possible, we could not have done it without you!



Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. ~ Matthew 19:14

We do have a few openings in our volunteer schedule that we really need to see filled. Please reach out if you are interested in sharing your gifts in this way—we'd be blessed to have you! Our volunteer team is amazing and always willing to help out. If you have any questions, please connect with one of us!

# NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)



**Casey Krape**

Casey is an ultrasound technologist at the Harrisburg area UPMC hospitals. She often enjoys baking, crocheting, and spending quality time with friends and family!



**Sylvia Lehman**

Sylvia lives in Halifax and enjoys a busy social life. She enjoys reading, word search, Bedrock Gang, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. Her greatest joy is her 4 adult children and their families. She has been blessed with 15 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild!! She is thankful for the warm welcome she received to HCC.



**Nick & Tani Lepone**

We're Nick, Netania, and Julian Lepone. We enjoy going outside for walks, playing golf, and spending time with family. Nick is a mechanical engineering student, and Netania works for Legion Hair Studio in Harrisburg. Julian just turned 8 months - he loves to crawl around, play catch, and read his books.



**Jim & Pam Mauser**

Jim & Pam will be celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary in May. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Both are avid Penn State and Phillies fans. Pam is a member of the choir, hand bell choir, and bassist/vocalist for the praise band. She works as an Insurance Agent the The Billow Insurance Agency in Halifax. Jim enjoys woodworking and the outdoors. He works at Thermo Fisher. Both are looking forward to retiring in June.



# NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)



**Larry & Diana Paul**

Larry & Diana live in Halifax. They have 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren. After 31 years traveling with their Gospel Group, The Family Circle, they are enjoying a very fulfilling retirement. They both enjoy reading, singing, and spending time with their family, including siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews! They are excited to be joining the church from their childhood!



**Gerald Troutman**

Gerald has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. He retired in 2016 and no appreciates taking people to appointments and helping others however he can. He is an avid Cardinals fan.



**Tom Wolfe**

I am currently the Administrative Director at the Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center in Mechanicsburg. I enjoy almost anything outdoors. In the winter, my favorite activity is snowmobiling. In the summer I enjoy boating. These activities are enjoyed most when shared with my family. I have a daughter, Addy who is married to Ben, and a son Preston. We all enjoy music and hope that will continue for many years.

# CELEBRATING THE 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS!



Landon Farner



Roy Hummel



Alayna Kessler



Ella Masser



Matthew McConnell



Leah Saul



Kennedy Sickler



Calin Snyder



## Youth Mentors Thank You!

**For showing up to... serve us food, clean our muddy mess, chat about our day, share in our heartache, drive us to activities, encourage us to follow Jesus, show us by your example, help us raise money, teach us the bible, and so much more! Thank you for being there when we need you and helping us grow closer to Jesus!**

**You make a much bigger Impact than you will ever know!**



## YOUTH MINISTRY (CONTINUED)



The Halifax Youth Center is open on all Halifax full school days, from 2:30-5:30pm.

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from any school are welcome to attend.**

For more information please contact Cherry Pechart at [youth@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:youth@halifaxgmc.org) or visit the Halifax Youth Center on Facebook.

Thank you to all who came out and supported the **Youth Center Benefit 60s Dinner & Dance.**

**\$4,480.00** was raised to help support the Youth of our church and community.

Thank you to all who donated raffle baskets, made desserts, and helped on the night of the event.



A special thank you to Gary and Vivian Geyer for all their hard work to make this event successful!

**Thanks!**

**Thank you to all who provided meals for the Youth this year!**

**It has been such a blessing to have the Youth supported in this way.**

**Your contribution makes a huge difference!**



*No sign-up Required:  
Just join when you can!*

### **Spring Clubs**

**Art Club- Tuesdays**

**Cooking Club- Thursdays**

**@ Halifax Youth Center, Grades 6th-12th**

## ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

*Pastor of Family Ministry: Jesse Funk—[jfunk@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:jfunk@halifaxgmc.org) | 717-896-8092, x 102*

“I saw a big frontier in front of me, and I heard somebody say ‘Let’s go.’”

This is a phrase that I heard often in my house growing up. It’s from the song The Great Adventure by Steven Curtis Chapman. It’s a song about the freedom of the Gospel. Once we are loosened from the grip of sin and death, the Christian stands before an open field of God’s goodness, provision, faithfulness, and will. In light of the Easter season, I hope you feel the fullness of the freedom that Jesus purchased for you. And as we look upon the frontier of possibilities of life with God, here are some things to sustain you as you explore every inch of freedom the Lord has given to you!

**Men’s Fellowship Breakfast** will be held at Denny’s Lennies at 8:30am on the first Tuesday of every month, with next meeting being held Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Women’s Ministry** will be holding a White Elephant Bingo on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6p-8p in the HUB. We ask that you bring 1 or 2 items in good condition that you no longer need to “re-gift” as prizes. Please individually wrap them! There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk.

We continue to have 4 **Sunday school classes** meeting weekly, as well as multiple **Life Groups** that meet throughout the week!

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!

In Christ,

Pastor Jesse



# ADULT FELLOWSHIP & GROWTH



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR JESSE**  
9 AM – Room 103



**New Beginnings**  
Sunday School Class  
Located in the Conference Room  
**9AM**  
New day, begin new



**Bible Study**  
MONDAY MORNINGS  
Facilitator: Alan Bostdorf  
(alanbostdorf@gmail.com | 717-805-9583)  
9:30 AM  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
THE ISRAEL STORY  
God is a communicator, and The Israel Story is the story that He is telling. In order to understand The Story (God's story as well as our story) it is essential that we understand The Israel Story.



**MAY SCHEDULE**  
May 6: Fellowship and Games  
May 13: Movie  
May 20: Fellowship and Games  
May 27: Fellowship and Games, then out to Lunch at Sonlight Bakery and Cafe.  
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!



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH  
Halifax COMMUNITY CHURCH  
1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
8:30 AM  
DENNY'S LENNIES IN HALIFAX



**YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Join us every Sunday at 9 AM for Bible study and fellowship. Ages 18-35.  
Location: Room 104  
Halifax COMMUNITY CHURCH



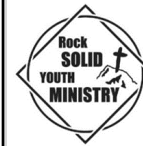
**Current Study...**  
A CATECHISM OF CHRISTIAN FAITH DOCTRINE FOR THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**  
LOCATED IN ROOM 103  
**10:30 A.M.**  
Led by John Orr



**"REACH OUT" WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP**  
A supportive group to study God's Word and learn together. Held in the home of Kathy Stence on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 10 AM.  
For more information, please contact Kathy: 717-413-8705



**Life Groups**  
We're meant to do life together! LifeGroups are the friends we grow, laugh, and serve with.  
Contact Pastor Jesse to find or start a LifeGroup that fits your schedule and season of life.  
[jfunk@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:jfunk@halifaxgmc.org) | 717-896-8092, ext. 102



# ROCKSOLID YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Cherry Pechart—[youth@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:youth@halifaxgmc.org) | 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

### Wednesday Youth Group:

WE MEET AT THE YOUTH CENTER EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6-7:30PM

⇒ 5:30PM Dinner, 6pm Lesson/Small Groups, 7pm Game Time

**Stay Tuned!**

End of the Year Party and Summer Service/ Fun Days coming soon!

### Graduation 2025!

Graduation Recognition Sunday is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

If your child is graduating from High School or College, please send a current picture and a note of future plans to [office@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:office@halifaxgmc.org).

We want to celebrate with you!

## Stay Connected with RockSOLID

Interested in getting the monthly RockSOLID Youth email of events/activities?



If you do not already receive this monthly email, contact Cherry Pechart at [youth@halifaxgmc.org](mailto:youth@halifaxgmc.org)



For more information email or RockSOLID Youth Ministry at (717)896-8092, ext. 113



Visit **RockSOLID Youth Ministry** on Facebook and Instagram for further info!