

HILLS OF HALIFAX

JUNE/JULY, 2025

SUMMER PLAYLIST



Halifax
COMMUNITY CHURCH
A GLOBAL METHODIST CONGREGATION

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I CAN
DO *all things*
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS ME



PHILIPPIANS 4:13

(NKJV)



A Note from Pastor Brendan...

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

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." **Philippians 4:13**

My buddy was stronger than I was and that meant that he could lift more and heavier weights than I ever could. Even though I tried hard, I just didn't have the strength to lift the weights that I wanted. My buddy couldn't give me the strength I needed, either. So, my weightlifting career fizzled out before it really got much momentum. I just couldn't do everything I wanted to do, just because I wanted to do it.

Our verse for today, while often quoted out of its context as a way of justifying that I can do everything I want, gives us a very succinct clue into the source of our calling as Spirit-filled saints. The answer is not that we can do whatever we want. Paul's proclamation, here, is that *through Jesus*, we can do everything that God is calling us to do, empowering us to be, and equipping us to engage in. Paul started his letter to the Philippians by giving us the most incredible word-picture of Jesus - humbled and human, yet willing to forsake his continued divinity, in order to die on a cross and be exalted to the highest place. It's in *that* context that Paul then reminds the church that they can do everything *through Christ*, who, in his weakness gives *us* strength for today and every tomorrow.

The Church (capital C) is called to be set apart for God's holy purposes, filled with the Holy Spirit and God's grace, and ready to live as saints in the world for Jesus. In our current message series in the book of Jude, we are called to be steadfast, be unified, be wise, be Spirit-filled, and be ready. We are called to be the church today and every tomorrow until Jesus returns. We can't do *any* of that in our own strength, but only through Jesus' death and resurrection power alone.

So, can you do everything? Nope. That would probably *not* end well for a wide variety of reasons. Yet, you can do everything *God* calls you to do! 100% - *if* we do that in the strength of Jesus.

As we move into June we celebrate Father's Day, and we give thanks to them as leaders and the blessing they are within the family. Philippians 4:13 should also serve as a reminder to Fathers of how truth gets passed along. As Dads, we need to tell our child/ren about the help and strength of Christ in our life. To tell what God means to you, and what He has brought you through.

If that type of sharing has not been your practice, start now. Pass that on to the next generation, and to the next generation. It's been said that Christianity is always one generation away from extinction. We don't want to slacken our input into the next generation. In the coming summer months, perhaps as you travel on family vacations, etc., take advantage of some of those quiet morning moments to let your family see and hear about your faith and the strength Christ provides.

Among the special days of worship in June, will also be Pentecost Sunday. May God continue to pour out His Spirit upon HCC!

Pastor Brendan

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)

CHURCH FAMILY SURVEY

We deeply value our church community and the spiritual growth of each member. As we strive to nurture a welcoming and supportive environment, we invite you to share your insights through a survey. Your honest feedback will help us understand how connected you feel to the church, how well our programs serve you, and where we can improve. **You can scan the QR Code to complete online; or, pick up a survey at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby to fill out.** Thank you for being an essential part of HCC. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and continuing to grow together in faith.

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YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES—PICNIC



YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES GATHERING

COME OVER TO THE PARSONAGE FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH & GAMES!
(4 JESSE LN., HALIFAX)

IF IT RAINS, WE WILL MEET AT THE HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER (231 RISE ST., HALIFAX)

JUNE 29, 1PM - BRING A SIDE

BEDROCK GANG—SCHEDULE

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!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 3: Fellowship and Games

June 10: Fellowship and Games

June 17: Fellowship and Games

June 24: Fellowship and Games, then out-to-lunch at Villa Schiano's in Elizabethville

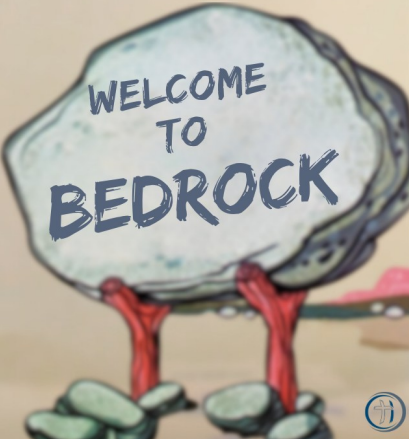
July 1: Fellowship and Games

July 8: Fellowship and Games

July 15: Fellowship and Games

July 22: Fellowship and Games

July 29: Fellowship and Games, then out-to-lunch at The Special Place in Elizabethville



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

— JOIN US THIS —

SUMMER

SUMMER PLAYLIST

In the month of June, we will transition out of the message series in Jude, and move to a season of learning from the Psalms. If you compiled a music playlist to describe your life, what songs would you choose?

Music reflects life's journey: the moments we question God, struggle with pain, celebrate the deepest joys, and search for fulfillment and happiness. Using lyrics to explore the human experience has always been significant and powerful—even thousands of years ago in a playlist we now know as the book of Psalms.

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Text: Jude 20-23

Title: The Good Fight: How to Stand

Sunday, June 8, 2025 (Pentecost)

Text: Jude 24-25

Title: The Good Fight: Victory!

Sunday, June 15, 2025 (Happy Father's Day)

Text: Psalm 1

Title: Summer Playlist: Happy!

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Text: Psalm

Title: Summer Playlist: TBD

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Text: Psalm 23

Title: Summer Playlist: Safe & Sound

Sunday, July 6, 2025 (Holy Communion)

Text: Psalm 100

Title: Summer Playlist: All of Me

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Text: Psalm 42-43

Title: Summer Playlist: Radioactive

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Text: Psalm

Title: Summer Playlist: TBD

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Text: Psalm 127

Title: Summer Playlist: Home

Sunday, August 3, 2025 (Holy Communion)

Text: Psalm 141:1-4

Title: Summer Playlist: Roar

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



CHUCK & BRENDA FULTZ

Chuck and Brenda Fultz have been married 41 years and reside in Millersburg. They have three children - Megan, Stephanie, and Skyler...and two grandchildren - Caleb and Eli. Chuck worked in radio for 15 years and recently retired after 20+ years as branch manager for the Valley View office of the Gratz Bank. Brenda worked at Noah's Crew preschool for 25 years and currently works as a dietary aide at the Polk Personal Care Center in Millersburg. Chuck and Brenda look forward to serving and being part of Halifax Community Church.

WELCOME KELLY WENRICH



Office Manager: The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is excited to announce that Kelly Wenrich has been hired to serve as the Office Manager here at HCC! Kelly brings many gifts to this role from her previous work experience, and we look forward to the ways God will use her gifts to support the ministries of our church and its outreach. As some of you may recall, this position was previously held by Gayle Lau, and we feel very blessed as a congregation to fill this position once again. Kelly and her husband, Jim, became members at HCC in 2022, and it has been a joy to welcome them to the Church family. Kelly can be reached at officemanager@halifaxgmc.org / 717-896-8092, ext. 106.

Also, April Wilbert will be entering into full retirement in the coming months, and so Kelly Wenrich will be overseeing the financial administrative needs of the Church as well. We have been so blessed with April's gifts and willingness to serve in this role, and we celebrate with her as she enters this next phase of life. As you see April and Kelly in the coming weeks, thank you in advance for congratulating and thanking them for their ministry among us.

VBS 2025

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VIA QR CODE OR <https://www.myvbs.org/rockstars>



MUSIC MINISTRY

Creative Worship/Choir Director: Carol Bostdorf—cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org / 717-896-8092, x 105

If you have the gift of music (singing, musical instrument, hand bells, etc.), please pray and think about becoming a part of our music ministry team this fall. Our music season kicks off with a **Potluck dinner at the end of August**. *The date will be announced at the beginning of August.* Many opportunities are available: Adult choir, Festival choir, Hand Bell choir, Worship Team, accompanist, special music, and more. Please see Carol Bostdorf with questions or additional information, or email/call: cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org / 717-896-8092, ext. 105

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.

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL NEWS

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

Rainbow Preschool is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year!

PROGRAM FEATURES :

- Classes for 3-5 year old students
- Quality Christian-based Learning
- Engaging hands-on activities
- Friendly teachers who are first-aid & CPR certified
- Classes start after Labor Day

Applications are available in the church office or on our website at halifaxgmc.org/rainbow-pre-school/

☎ 717-896-8092 ext 108
Halifax Community Church
105 Wind Hill Drive
Halifax, PA 17032
email - preschool@halifaxgmc.org



Substitutes needed!

Rainbow Preschool is looking for substitute teachers for next school year. Teaching degree is not required!

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of children? This is for you!

- Assisting lead teacher in classroom
- Pay rate at \$14 per hour
- Clearances required, we can help obtain them
- Spread the word! Experience preferred but not required!

If interested, please email preschool@halifaxgmc.org

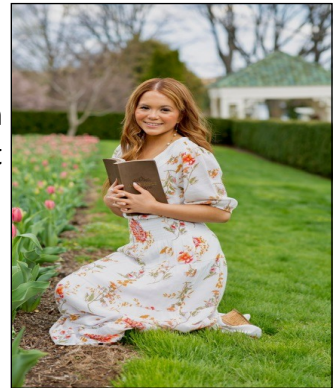
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL:



Harrison Rhoades: plans to finish an associates program in Business Administration and then enroll in the State Police Academy.

Madison Vo: will be enrolled in a 3+2 program in Biblical Studies with a minor in Music at Palm Beach Atlantic, a Christian University.



McKenna Vo: will be enrolled in a 4 year Bachelor's degree program in Nursing at Lebanon Valley College.



COLLEGE:

Hally Buffington: graduated Summa Cum Laude from Shippensburg University with a degree in Criminal Justice. She will soon be entering the workforce.



MUSIC & MISSIONS

HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHURCH
PRESENTS

MUSIC IN THE PARK

— AT HALIFAX VETS PARK —
THIRD & RISE STREET

6:00 - 9:00 PM
MUSIC: 7:00 - 9:00

COOPER BANDSTAND

- FREE Entry
- Baked Goods & Water Available
- Bring Blankets and Chairs
- FREE Hotdogs

The Geyer Brothers - Friday, June 6

Kandace Farhat - Saturday, July 12

The Zimmerman Family Band - Friday, August 1

In the event of rain, we will move to the Halifax Youth Center.
(231 Rise Street)



ROCKSTAR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

**Our Hearts are Full
as these RockStars led
us through the Fruits of
the Spirit for
RockStar Sunday to
celebrate all the
amazing women out
there!**

**Thank you to everyone
that participated and/
or came to enjoy the
service!**



happy
Campers
SPEND YOUR SUMMER WITH GOD



"ADVENTURE WITH GOD AWAITS IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS"



Each week, we'll be adventuring as a disciple with Jesus through his life. We kick off our Happy Campers Curriculum as we get ready for Vacation Bible School's True North theme this year, we'd love to have parents send us a snapshot of your weekly adventures! We'll put together a slideshow and let the kids see each other doing fun stuff or finding cool stuff! Anything that they enjoyed doing! As we are all busy enjoying the beauty He created for us, feel free to text me a picture or email one and we'll let the children see each other each week during our Sunday morning opening. My cell phone number has changed and is now **717-678-0145 (Tricia)**.

(Scripture of the series) "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:6

HAPPY SUMMER AND HAPPY CAMPING, Tricia and Adam



Halifax Community Church
Missions Team

Uganda Fundraiser

\$25 / Ticket

Purchase at Giant Gift Card Desk in Church Office

Date: Saturday, 21 June
Time: 6:30 PM - 10 PM
Location: Halifax Ambulance Building
31 Bunker Hill Road, Halifax

→ Hors d'oeuvres
→ Music
→ Silent/Chinese Auction

We are traveling from July 24 - August 7 to spend a week ministering to children. Please keep us in prayer!

Thank you for your support!



YOUTH MINISTRY (CONTINUED)



The Halifax Youth Center is open on all Halifax full 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 youth@halifaxgmc.org or visit the Halifax Youth Center on Facebook.

Halifax Youth Center

Summer Hours!

OPEN JUNE 2ND, 3RD, 4TH 2:30-5:30

JUNE 4TH- **END OF YEAR PARTY**
5:30-7:30 @CAMP HEBRON POOL

YOUTH CENTER CLOSED REMAINDER OF JUNE

JULY & AUGUST- OPEN WEDNESDAYS 2:30-5:30PM

FOR ANY YOUTH COMPLETING 5TH-12TH GRADES

- Art/Craft supplies will be available for anyone who is interested. Paint, Jewelry, etc
- Enjoy Cooking? Come make a snack/meal for friends, neighbor or your family.
- All the regular youth center activities will be available as well; board games, sports, video games...
- Snacks/M meal provided: Take-Home Food Bags will also be available.

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

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!

CORNERSTONE COUNSELING

CORNERSTONE COUNSELING: WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Counseling is a vital part of the Christian journey—a gift that allows us to extend compassion, share burdens, and guide one another toward healing and spiritual growth. Counseling serves not only as a tool for individual well-being but also as a ministry that strengthens the bonds of our faith community. In this article, we delve into the importance of counseling, its alignment with biblical principles, and how it can bring light to those walking through life's challenges.

WHY COUNSELING MATTERS

Life is a journey filled with both joy and sorrow, and as members of God's family, we are called to support one another in times of need. Whether someone is navigating grief, struggling with anxiety, or seeking clarity during a season of uncertainty, counseling offers a safe and sacred space to process emotions and seek God's wisdom. The Bible reminds us in **Galatians 6:2**, *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."* Counseling embodies this principle—it is an act of love and obedience that helps us reflect Christ's care for His people.

FAITH-CENTERED COUNSELING: A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Faith-centered counseling integrates spiritual guidance with practical emotional support. It acknowledges that we are complex beings, created by God with a body, mind, and spirit. Addressing all these facets allows us to achieve a more holistic form of healing. Christian counseling is an extension of pastoral care, focusing on the following key elements:

- **Spiritual Guidance:** Encouraging individuals to seek God's presence and wisdom as they confront challenges.
- **Emotional Healing:** Offering a listening ear and practical strategies to manage stress, grief, and other emotional struggles.
- **Restoration of Relationships:** Helping individuals and families reconcile and build stronger connections rooted in love and forgiveness.

RECOGNIZING WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

Sometimes, taking the first step toward seeking counseling can be intimidating. It is important to remember that asking for help is not a sign of weakness but a courageous act of faith. Here are a few signs that counseling may be beneficial:

- Persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness.
- Difficulty managing stress or anxiety.
- Struggles with forgiveness or unresolved conflict.
- Desire for spiritual guidance during a difficult season.

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CORNERSTONE COUNSELING (CONTINUED)

We encourage anyone experiencing these challenges to reach out. You are not alone, and there is strength in community.

HOW COUNSELING ALIGNS WITH BIBLICAL TEACHINGS

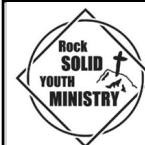
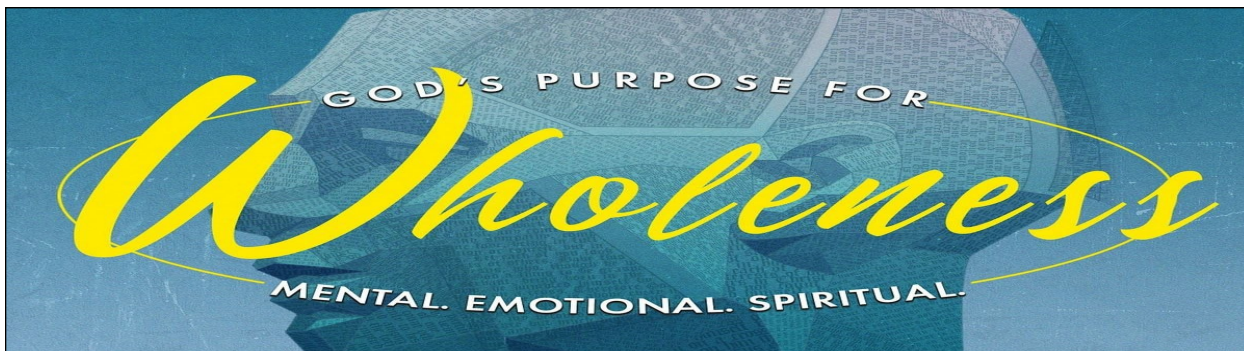
Scripture is filled with examples of God's people offering counsel and encouragement to one another. Moses sought the advice of Jethro (Exodus 18:13-24), David found reassurance from Jonathan (1 Samuel 23:16-17), and the Apostle Paul consistently encouraged and guided the early church through his letters. These stories remind us that God often speaks to us through others, providing wisdom and comfort. In Proverbs 11:14, we are told, "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." Counseling reflects this biblical principle, offering a way for individuals to find safety, direction, and hope through shared wisdom and prayer.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF CORNERSTONE COUNSELING

As members of the church, we are all called to play a role in fostering an environment of care and support. Here's how you can contribute to Cornerstone:

- **Pray for the Counselors:** Lift up those who have dedicated their time and gifts to this important ministry, asking God to grant them wisdom and compassion.
- **Encourage Others:** If you see someone struggling, gently encourage them to consider counseling as a step toward healing.
- **Financial Support:** If you feel lead, consider supporting Cornerstone. Cornerstone envelopes are included in the monthly packet.

Counseling is a profound expression of God's love, a way to fulfill His commandment to care for one another. As we walk together in faith, let us remember that no burden is too heavy when shared, and no heart is beyond God's healing. If you feel led to take the next step, we invite you to contact Cornerstone at: intake@inhimchristianwellness.org or call 717 585-0627 for more information. It's confidential and no one is turned away for the inability to pay.



ROCKSOLID YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Cherry Pechart—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 9-10am in the HUB.

- ⇒ Summer Lessons: 1 & 2 Samuel and Psalms (David)

Wednesday Youth Group-

- ⇒ Held weekly at the Youth Center
⇒ 5:30pm Dinner
⇒ 6-7:30pm Lesson/Gametime

SUMMER
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ROCKSOLID YOUTH SUMMER 2025 SCHEDULE	
WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH 5:30-7:30PM	END OF YEAR PARTY AT CAMP HEBRON POOL- CAMPFIRE & FIELDS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 25TH 9:30AM-5:30PM	YOUTH MISSION/FUN DAY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE/ GET-AIR -MEET IN CHURCH HUB
WEDNESDAY JULY 23RD DETAILS TBD	YOUTH LOCAL SERVICE/FUN DAY
WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS 6-7:30PM DINNER AT 5:30PM	YOUTH GROUP MEETS AT THE YOUTH CENTER FOR BIBLE STUDY AND GAMES
WEEK OF AUGUST 4TH-8TH MORNINGS	YOUTH HELP WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2 YOUTH FUN AFTERNOONS ARE BEING PLANNED!
QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHERRY PECHART. YOUTH@HALIFAXGMC.ORG SEE ROCKSOLID YOUTH FACEBOOK GROUP OR INSTAGRAM PAGES FOR ANY CHANGES.	
YOUTH ENTERING 6TH-12TH WELCOME	

The logo for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), featuring a stylized house with a red heart above it and the letters "RMHC" below.

ROCKSOLID YOUTH MINISTRIES

SERVICE/ FUN DAY

Wednesday, June 25th

9:30am-5:30pm Meet @ Church HUB

RSVP TO CHERRY BY JUNE 15TH
TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE
ENOUGH TRAVEL ROOM!

1. Prepare meals for Ronald McDonald House in the HUB
2. Deliver meals and help (likely cleaning/organizing)
3. Go have some fun together (Likely Get Air!)

COST- \$10 (IF POSSIBLE) TOWARD THE ADMISSION OF GET AIR
LUNCH PROVIDED

A colorful illustration of several hands of different colors (purple, yellow, green, orange, blue) raised in the air, some with hearts on them.