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Together for His glory
Matthew 5:16

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A Note from Pastor Brendan...

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

I am amazed at how God is on the move these days! The "God Moment" conversations I've had with people recently clearly speak to God's desire to work in new ways through the Church to bless our community. Sometimes throughout life it's easy to get stuck in a rut mentality. Some of our best ideas are still waiting for the right moment. We call it preparation. However, many times it's really procrastination. Eventually the due diligence phase yields to the do-nothing phase. And another good idea gets covered in cobwebs.

Keep in mind what William Feather said: "Conditions are never just right. People who delay action until all factors are favorable do nothing." There's something to be said for beginning now and filling in the details as you go. Not that details aren't important or that preparation isn't necessary, but at some point, you've got to quit compiling data and start pursuing results.

Do you know what the problem is? There's no failure to face in the preparation stage. There's no disappointment to deal with in the dream-casting stage. It's only after the plan has been put into practice that you confront results that maybe don't meet expectations. It's easy to get nervous. It's easier to plan just a little longer. When Abraham was older than just about everyone who will be reading these words, God told him, "Leave your country, your people, and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

Abraham went, not having a plan in place, not knowing exactly what lay ahead, only that he was following the voice of God. There are times when it's time to do just what Abraham did: take the first few steps, even if all the questions haven't been answered and all the problems aren't solved in advance.

As we move into the fall season, I don't claim to know where God is leading you, but I want to encourage you to prayerfully ask the question, "Is now the time?" Rather than become stuck saying, "Someday, I'll serve," "Someday, I'll do this or that," let's prayerfully determine to take that next faithful step.

There's something to be said for beginning now.

I love you all,

Pastor Brendan

WEDDING CELEBRATION



We are excited to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Pastor Jesse to his fiancée, Katie Conner, on **Saturday**, **August 2**. As part of our celebration of them, we invite you to send a card to the address below, or by placing it in Pastor Jesse's church mailbox - located in the church office. May God bless Jesse and Katie in their life together! **422 Reserve Way**, **Harrisburg**, **PA 17110**

HOLIDAY CHURCH BAZAAR

There will be a Holiday Church Bazaar meeting on Monday, August 25 at 2PM in the HUB. If anyone is interested in joining our committee, we would welcome anyone to help us with the Bazaar!

The Holiday Church Bazaar is 3 months away on **Saturday, Nov 1**st! We are welcoming any homemade crafts this year. We will be ready to receive your donations the week before the bazaar. Any questions can be directed to Deb Herb, 717-495-8251; Jacquie Cooper, 717-896-3036; Kathy Snyder, 717-329-1778; or Darla Lentz, 717-497-3245.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you for your generous giving towards Forward in Faith, which enables the church to save for future capital expenses vs going into debt.

The Trustees have identified the following projects need to be completed:

- Replacing the front walkway and handicap access to the entry of the church
- Painting the HUB
- Installing electric in the new shed

The estimated cost of completing all of these projects is \$62k. The Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee, and Admin Council have all approved the use of Forward in Faith funds. Thanks to your generous giving, we have approximately \$90k in Forward in Faith savings which is more than enough to fund these projects. The work is expected to begin this Fall.

As we spend the funds, the total Forward in Faith savings number will be updated in the bulletin.

Thank you again for supporting the debt free future of our church.

- Stewardship Team

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

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



SUPPORT TEXAS FLOOD RECOVERY

Many of you have seen the devastating images and heard the heartbreaking stories coming from Central Texas, where recent floods have caused significant destruction to homes, churches, communities, and lives. Our brothers and sisters in the Mid-Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church are facing an overwhelming need for recovery and restoration. Pray for all those who are responding, especially for those who are devastated by the loss of life, that God would surround them with His loving arms so tightly that they never lose hope.

If you would like to contribute to help those struggling in this time, we invite you to place your gift in the Disaster Relief Fund Box that is located at the Welcome Center, or mail in a check. We will ensure these funds go to provide immediate and long-term assistance to those affected.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



As we move into August, we are finishing up our sermon series in 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, August 3, 2025 "Holy Communion"

Text: Psalm 141:1-4

Title: Summer Playlist: Roar

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Text: Psalm 150

Title: Summer Playlist: Hallelujah

Sunday, August 17, 2025 "10am Service"

Text: Ephesians 5:8-9

Title: Back To School: Shine Together

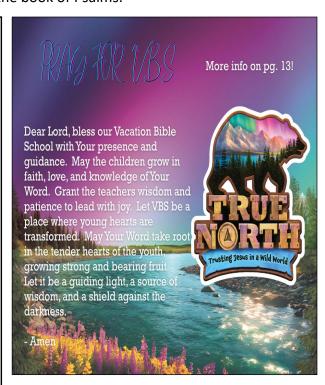
Sunday, August 24, 2025

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Title: Missions Sunday: Go Ye

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Text/Title: TBD





SUMMER PICNIC & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are collecting school supplies to hand out at our summer picnic. Please see the list below to see if you can contribute to our students in this way. Thank you!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFO

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



VBS Decorating and Pizza for lunch will be <u>August 3rd following second service</u>, please stay and let me know you're coming so we have enough pizza! We had a great turn out for help last year and we will definitely need your help again! So excited to see "True North" fill the church for August 4-8th. If you have found yourself with some free time that week, we'd love to have you! Call or text Tricia Farner, 717-678-0145.

We could also use some help with taking down our VBS decorations <u>after second service</u> on August 10th.

But Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me, and do Not Hinder Them! For the Kingdom of Heaven Belongs to Such as these." — Matthew 19:14



ROCKSTAR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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



We are looking for interest in joining a new group which will meet 8-10 times starting after Labor Day weekend. "God is on the Move" will gather one night a week to spend some time in fellowship with each other and to enjoy some exercise together. It would be like a running club for any level of walker/runner and kids are included. The plan would be to meet at the church, then walk up to the HS track and move at your own pace.

Children are welcome and encouraged to get families moving together. We want to spend some time getting to know each other better! There will be a sign up sheet at the church if interested.

"STEPPING STONES" FOR 5TH GRADERS

After much discussion and consideration, we have developed a special Sunday School program for our 5th graders as they move up to middle school. This will bridge the gap between our RockStars and RockSolid groups and we are very excited about it! We are looking for some consistent leadership to lead this group on Sundays, during Sunday School. This program will be offered only at 9 am, to follow the next step of RockSolid youth group in 6th grade. If you are interested in helping support this new and exciting program, please reach out!

"ADVENTURE WITH GOD AWAITS IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS"

We took a little break from EPIC curriculum for the summer to get a little adventurous! We have gone fishing, had Sunday School in tents, made some hiking sticks, smores, and continue next with campfire songs and stories and how to keep that fire alive in us when the campfire goes out with all we've been learning about the Holy Spirit through our summer of "Happy Campers". It has been so fun!



(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

Kids are loving the slideshow photos to see what their peers have been up to this summer and honestly, I'm enjoying it just as much! Parents, keep sending those pictures!



We do have a few openings in our volunteer schedule so 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 so if you have any questions, please connect with one of us!

OUR BUTCHER'S FAMILY FUN FARM OUTING IS BEING PLANNED, SO STAY TUNED!



ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

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

Hello everyone!

As many of us are starting to transition out of summer mode and into busy-season mode, here are some things to consider investing your time in as we close out the summer!

We have 2 adult Sunday school classes during the 9am service and 1 during 1030 that meets on an ongoing basis! We also have a young adults Sunday School class meeting throughout the year!

Be on the lookout for the next Men's Ministry Barbecue on September 13th!

Sign-ups for Pastor Jesse and Pastor Brendan's Wednesday night small groups will begin to pop up towards the end of August, be sure to sign up! If you would like to lead a fall study, please let me know.

As always, if you are interested in starting an ongoing life group, Sunday school class, or any other adult fellowship opportunity, please feel free to come talk to me!

In Christ,

Pastor Jesse

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!

AUGUST SCHEDULE

Aug. 5: Fellowship and Games

Aug. 12: Fellowship and Games

Aug. 19: Fellowship and Games

Aug. 26: Fellowship and Games, then out-to-lunch at Denny/Lennies

CORNERSTONE COUNSELING

Cornerstone Counseling is a HCC-based ministry that exists to provide affordable Christian counseling to the Halifax, Millersburg and Elizabethville areas. With donations from members of HCC, we are able to alleviate much of the financial burden commonly associated with seeking counseling. It is the burden of the Cornerstone board to ensure anyone who feels the need to engage with counseling can do so without the anxiety of high co-pays or out of pocket expenses.

We partner with In Him Christian Wellness services to provide telehealth and in-person counseling sessions at the House on the Hill. Fully confidential, fully devoted to helping clients find the rest the Christ invites us into in Matthew 11, when he invited all who labor and are heavy-laden.

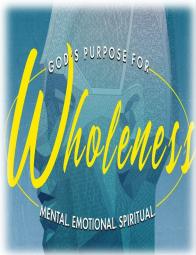
The Cornerstone Board has seen encouraging upward trends in sessions being held at the House on the Hill. As we continue looking at how to make our presence more well-known to offer the hope of Christ in this valley, the board would like to thank YOU. This ministry is an outpouring of the love HCC has for the lost, and we as a board have been constantly encouraged by the congregation's support of this ministry! If you have donated, or encouraged anyone to seek counseling through Cornerstone, thank you!!

As the board continues looking for ways to expand our impact and reach, we ask that you please continue encouraging anyone who is struggling or walking through a difficult season of life to consider what our ministry can provide. Any one of the board members would be happy to sit down and answer any questions about the ministry.

And again, THANK YOU for helping this board fulfill the Great Commission!

Sincerely,

Cornerstone Board





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.

Halifax Youth Center Required Forms

ALL YOUTH ATTENDING HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER MUST HAVE A WAIVER ON FILE AND SIGN A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM.

- THE WAIVER ONLY NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT ONCE.
 MANY YOUTH ALREADY HAVE THIS ON FILE.
- THE CODE OF CONDUCT SHOULD BE SIGNED YEARLY BY YOUTH & PARENTS.

THESE CAN BE EMAILED TO YOUTH@HALIFAXGMC.ORG OR DROPPED OFF DURING OPEN HOURS.

YOU ALSO CAN PICK UP A PAPER COPY AT THE YOUTH CENTER ON YOUR 1ST VISIT & RETURN IT THE NEXT VISIT.

Food and Supply Donations are always welcomed by families, friends, and the community!

Halifax Youth Center will return to normal after-school hours

August 19th!

If you have questions about becoming a Youth Center Mentor, reach out to Cherry Pechart!





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 9-10am in the HUB.

⇒ Summer Lessons: Psalms

Wednesday Youth Group-

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

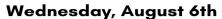
No Wednesday Youth Group August 20th & 27th

Fall Kickoff September 3rd



VBS Youth Events

LUNCH-GO OUT FOR ICE CREAM



The Youth are welcome to come to the Youth Center after VBS to have lunch and use Youth Center Games.

We will then walk to Enders for Ice Cream together.

We have regular Youth Center Hours from 2:30-5:30, so feel free to get picked up when convenient.



YOUTH TRIP TO CAMP HEBRON Thursday, August 7th

Leave after Bible School- Pick-Up at Camp Hebron at 4:30pm Swimming and Boating Open, Fishing Allowed If a ride home/back to church is needed please let us know

To make sure we have enough room for transportation please RSVP by August 4th to Cherry Pechart youthehalifaxgmc.org or 717-896-8092 ext. 113

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

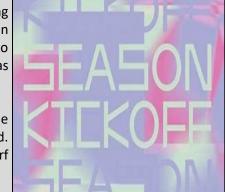


Hand Bell Ringers wanted. If you can read music notes and can count you are the perfect candidate. We have a 3 octave Malmark Hand Bell set. We have different levels of current players and they love helping each other and teaching bell ringing to new members. We learn lots of songs and techniques, and encourage one another with love, respect, and lots of laughter (praising the Lord!).

Our rehearsals currently are Thursday evenings at 6pm, however, rehearsal day and time can be up for discussion if there is interest and Thursday nights don't work. I am willing to meet with anyone who is interested but has never played bells previously. I will be glad to show you bell music and how to play the bells prior to you making your decision. If interested or have questions, please reach out to Carol Bostdorf: cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org

Let's start the Music! Get ready for the Fall Season by attending the Music Ministries Potluck Kickoff on September 3rd at 6:30pm in the HUB. All current music ministry participants are encouraged to attend (Adult Choir, Hand Bell Choir, and Worship Team), as well as anyone wanting to become a music ministry team member.

Spouses and families are also invited to attend. Come share a side dish or dessert. Meat, condiments, and drinks will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by August 29th to Carol Botdorf or email cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org.





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.



