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The grass whiters and the flowers fallm but the word of our God endures forever. - Isaiah 40:8

A LETTER FROM PASTOR LENNY...

Hello HCC Family!

Like HCC and my family, Abraham was in a season of transition. Back in Genesis, God called this 75 year old to leave his familiar city of Haran and travel 400 miles to Canaan. Abraham couldn't Google Earth the place he was going to. He never saw it. But, in faith, he went based on a promise from a God he couldn't see but knew was real and reliable.

God promised Abraham and his wife, Sarah, that they would birth a nation. The only problem was that they were barren and, well, really old. But they venture to the promised land of Canaan hoping that God will keep his promise and give them children. When they get to Canaan, they have to wait 25 more years to have children. By now, Abraham is 100 and Sarah 90 years old. They should be going into a nursing home but instead they end up in the maternity ward! Sarah does give birth to Isaac. It's a miracle. God keeps his promises, even if they take a while to happen.

Romans 4:18 reveals Abraham's character. It says, "against all hope, Abraham in hope believed." He had every reason to give up on the promises of God. Again, he is 100 and Sarah 90. It would be easy for good ol' Abe to conclude, "God has failed me. God has abandoned me. There's no hope for me now." Instead, Abraham kept believing. And that made all the difference.

My message to you is, to borrow from an 80's song by Journey, "don't stop believin'." If God calls you to it, He will see you through it. God keeps his promises, but not always when and how we think He should. What has God promised to you? Hold on to Him, knowing He is holding on to you. Romans 5:5 says, "hope does not disappoint." But, to be honest, it does seem like hope disappoints. The more I hope, the more disappointed I feel when the things I hope for don't happen. Maybe Paul is on to something though. When my hope is placed in circumstances, self, people, or organizations, I am bound to be disappointed. But when we place our hope in a God who is faithful and limitless, we are not disappointed because God has the power to do what He promises. Thanks be to God!

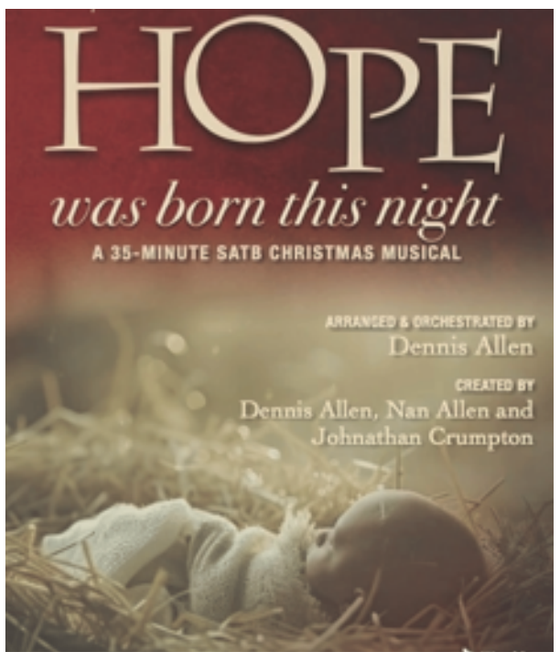
I'll be preaching at HCC on Sunday, November 29. I hope to have my whole family with me. Please plan on attending our virtual Townhall on Friday, November 20 from 1:00-2:00 and our virtual Prayer Meeting on Monday, November 30 at 7:00-8:00pm.

Love and prayers,
Pastor Lenny Luchetti









The Christmas cantata "Hope Was Born this Night" will be presented by the Festival Choir on Sunday, December 13th during both worship services. The Festival Choir is open to anyone high school age or older that would like to sing in this cantata. You do not need to be a member of the current Adult Choir. They will meet on Wednesday evenings starting October 14th at 7:15 in the Choir Room. If interested in participating, please contact Carol Bostdorf.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCC?









Email Kayla Wilbert at office@halifaxgmc.org to be added to our weekly email list to stay current with what's happening at HCC. Information about upcoming events can also be found on our Facebook page and our church website.

Romans 4:[18] Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." [19] Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. [20] Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, [21] being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

JOIN US FOR TOWN HALL WITH PASTOR LENNY!

JOIN PASTOR LENNY, OUR NEW LEAD PASTOR, AND SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS FROM HCC FOR ANY ONE OF OUR TOWN HALL MEETINGS! THE GOAL OF THESE MEETINGS IS TO GET TO KNOW PASTOR LENNY'S HEART FOR JESUS, HCC, AND THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS TO SHARE YOUR DREAMS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF HCC.

SPACE IS LIMITED! WE WILL MEET IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE LOBBY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH 1:00-2:00 PM

VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING WITH PASTOR LENNY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
AT 7:00PM

We will meet together in the Conference Room, or you may join the zoom call from home. The meeting link will be sent on Monday, October 5th.



ADULT MINISTRIES

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The Church-wide Real God series is wrapping up its final few weeks. Hopefully this has been an enjoyable season for you all as we seek to develop deeper and deeper unity in the truth of who God is! Be on the lookout for announcements about our spring Bible studies!

The Men's Barbecue is currently scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. You are welcome to bring a side dish but we will be providing burgers and dogs and desserts!

The Men's Crock Pot cook-off is tentatively scheduled for January 23rd, be on the lookout for announcements closer to that date!

The Women's Ministry will be advertising for their Secret Sister reveal in the coming weeks!

I am also looking for people interested in leading discipleship groups and prayer groups for 2027, so if the Holy Spirit has been nudging you, give me a call!

Blessings,
Jesse





HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER

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COMMUNITY

THE HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER IS OPEN ON ALL HALIFAX FULL SCHOOL DAYS FROM 2:30-5:30PM.
IT IS OPEN TO 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS FROM ANY SCHOOL.

***THE YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FROM NOVEMBER 21ST, REOPENING DECEMBER 1ST IN CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**



SEE HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER FACEBOOK PAGE OR THE HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHURCH WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION, CODE OF CONDUCT AND NECESSARY YOUTH WAIVER FORMS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHERRY PECHART AT YOUTH@HALIFAXGMC.ORG 717-896-8092, EXT. 113 OR VISIT THE HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER ON FACEBOOK.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Recharge/Growth Opportunities

Youth Sunday School-
9-10am downstairs in the HUB
6th/7th Grades- Bible-in-Life
8th-12th Grades- The Real God Breakfast Sunday October 25th

Wednesday Youth Group
6-7:30pm at the Youth Center
Join us at 5:30pm for dinner

Upcoming Dates

Operation Christmas Child
Wednesday, 11/11 Youth Group Shopping
Sunday, 11/15 Packing Party 9:00am

December 6th RockSolid Christmas Party
January 8-9th 30 Hr Famine
February 7th Guys Night - Dodgeball
February 21st Girls Day - Shopping

Join Us as We Share God's Love Around the World!



December
Gifts will be purchased for local children in coordination with Communities that Care, Halifax.

Important Dates

Until November 15th- **Collect Money Donations for shoebox gifts**

- Place in Gift Box on table in Lobby
- For Checks- Write to Halifax Community Church, please put "*Shoebox Gifts*" in Memo.

Wednesday, November 11th- 5:30-7:30pm
Youth Group Shops for Box Supplies

- RSVP by Sunday Nov. 8th to Cherry
- Meet at Youth Center at 5:30pm
  - (dinner/instructions, then leave around 5:45)

Sunday, November 15th- **Packing Party Children Ministry assisting Youth with packing boxes during 9am Sunday School**

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FORWARD IN FAITH PARSONAGE

Romans 13:8 "Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another."

Forward in Faith is our savings fund that we launched after we became debt free. The purpose is to save for future expenses of the church instead of going back into debt again.

The Stewardship Committee is excited to launch the next project that will be funded via Forward in Faith, which will be the renovation of the Parsonage. There has been much prayerful discussion between the Leadership team, Trustees, Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee, and the Administrative Council that led us to this point.

The Forward in Faith savings balance as of 9/30/26 is $110,000. A budget of up to $80,000 has been approved to complete the renovations. Praise God we already have enough in Forward in Faith savings to fund the project!

The scope of work can be found below and began in mid October. To save costs, a group of men from the Men's Ministry completed demo work. Updates on the work will continue to be provided via the Newsletter.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Forward in Faith. Please continue to pray for Forward in Faith and what your contribution towards it can be. To make an offering above your tithing, please utilize the Forward in Faith envelope. Also, please note, when you purchase a Giant gift card from the church, Giant donates 5% towards the Forward in Faith savings fund.

Forward in Faith Savings Balance (through 9/30): $110k

Parsonage Budget: $80,000

Parsonage Scope of Work

Bedrooms (3)
- Replace carpet
- Install ceiling lights in two smaller bedrooms

Bathrooms (2)
- Gut and remodel, including flooring
- Install additional electrical outlet in main bathroom

Kitchen and Laundry Room
- Paint cabinets
- Replace countertops and sink
- Replace flooring
- Replace sliding patio door
- Replace dishwasher and refrigerator

Living/Family/Dining Room
- Remove half wall at front door and reinstall HVAC vent
- Replace flooring

Basement
- Prep and install flooring

Garage
- Install floor to roof fire wall between garage and house

Repaint interior walls on main floor

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service, "**Lifting Up the Reasons for Our Gratitude**". This is an evening of song with the Worship Team along with special music numbers by the Adult Choir, Hand Bell Choir and the RockStar Kids. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with praise by lifting up our gratitude for all the Lord has done this past year. Service starts at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Advent starts on Sunday November 29th. Each year we celebrate Advent by lighting candles on the Advent wreath in both worship services. This year we are asking families or small groups to help with this part of the worship service. You will be leading a responsive reading with the congregation and then closing with a prayer. If interested in participating please contact Carol Bostdorf cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org to sign up for a Sunday during the season of Advent (Nov 29th, Dec 6th, 13th or 20th) A family will also be needed at the 6pm Christmas Eve Service.

Dates to put on your Calendar:

Wednesday, December 2nd – 6:30 pm Blue Christmas Service
Sunday December 6th – Stories of Christmas Carols at both worship services.
Sunday, December 6th - 7pm - Men in Harmony Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 13th – Christmas Cantata "Hope Was Born This Night" at both worship services.
Sunday, December 20th – ONE SERVICE at 10am – Children and Youth Christmas Program. "The Christmas Llama Drama" will be presented.
Christmas Eve December 24th – 6pm – Christmas worship with music, carols, scripture, message and candlelight. Family friendly service.
9pm – Traditional Christmas Eve service with carols, special music, scripture, message, communion, and candlelight.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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CORNERSTONE COUNSELING

Hello everyone!

Your support for Cornerstone has resulted in such fruitful ministry that the board is continually encouraged each time we meet. As we look through our records for counseling sessions provided per month, the trends show an incredibly positive trajectory.

We are currently averaging 24 sessions provided per month, as opposed to 20 last year, and have provided just over 800 sessions of Christian counseling since the ministry's inception!

We are continuing to explore further marketing opportunities such as a road sign and holding community events (be on the lookout for a purse bingo announcement in January or February!). If you've noticed an area where Cornerstone should devote marketing resources, please feel free to mention it to a member of the board!

If you would like to utilize our Christian counseling resources, please go to inhimchristianwellness.org to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

The Cornerstone Board



NOVEMBER HCC CALENDAR

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