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HILLS OF HALIFAX NOVEMBER, 2024 season of thanksgiving

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord

Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57



A Note from Pastor Brendan...

Pastor Brendan Hock: bhock@halifaxgmc.org / 717-896-8092 x 101

"Christ Centered | Community Driven."

A grandmother is watching her grandchild play on the beach when a huge wave comes along and takes him out to sea. She cries out, "Please God, save my only grandson. I beg of you, bring him back." Suddenly a big wave comes and washes the boy back onto the beach, good as new. She looks up to heaven and says: "He had a hat!"

That's gratitude for you.

Have you noticed that some people just can't be satisfied? Some people - and I'm talking about you and me, not someone else - have a hard time expressing gratitude. Or even feeling it. Stephen Post, a medical school professor of bioethics, created a research group called the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love, dedicated to testing and measuring the effects of love, gratitude, and other positive caring emotions in human life. Dr. Post's research has discovered that spending 15 minutes a day focused on things you're grateful for can have the following effects on our physical health:

- 1. It increases your body's natural antibodies.
- 2. It increases mental capacity and reduces vulnerability to depression.
- 3. It creates a physiological state of "resonance", improving your blood pressure and heart rate.

That's gratitude for you.

It not only lifts up the recipient, it also gives life to the one expressing it. This is why we're told time and time again in scripture to give thanks: A thankful heart puts us in right alignment with God and one another. Paul wrote... "And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father." (Colossians 3:15-17)

There. That's gratitude for you.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!

Pastor Brendan

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Join us for this annual meeting of the Church as we celebrate, reflect, and vision for the future ministry of 2025.

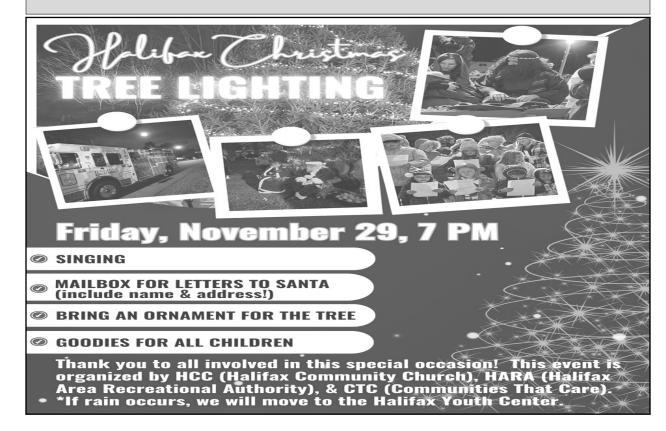
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TIME: 6:30PM

LOCATION: HCC Sanctuary

Rev. Eugine Liddick - *Presiding Elder of the Harrisburg Region*, will be presiding over our Church Conference.

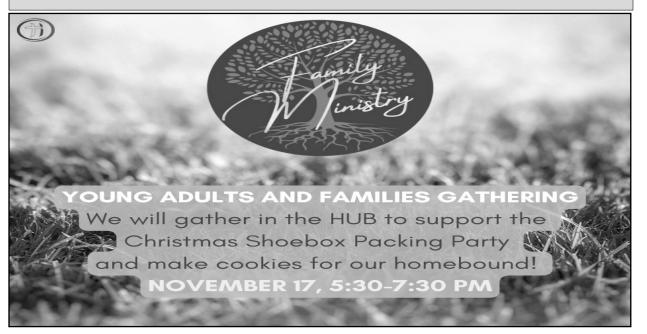
HALIFAX COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING



CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING



YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES EVENT—NOVEMBER 17



FOOD ROOM SATURDAYS



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



December 22 - 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services

SUNDAY, November 3, 2024 **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

TEXT: Daniel 1:8 TITLE: Daring-Balance

SUNDAY, November 10, 2024

TEXT: Daniel 9 TITLE: Daring-Prayer SUNDAY, November 17, 2024

TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **TITLE:** The Power of

Encouragement

SUNDAY, November 24, 2024

TEXT: Colossians 2:6-10

TITLE: Overflowing with Gratitude

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SAVE THE DATE—UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP UPDATE

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

Hello all!

We just wrapped up another successful Mens' Ministry Barbecue, thank you to all who attended and all who assisted with preparation! It was a great evening of fellowship, food, and football. Moving forward, we are considering having quarterly Mens' Ministry Barbecues in place of the previous Mens' Ministry breakfasts.

We are looking to start an informal, in-house dartball league this upcoming January and advertisement for it will begin very soon. The Mens' ministry planning team is still discussing details such as length of season and how to best accommodate the greatest number of potential players, so please let us know how we can plan out this event for maximum participation and enjoyment! If you have any interest in joining the mens' ministry planning team, please reach out to myself or Rick Stence and we'd be happy to speak to you!

We continue to have a very healthy and broad range of small groups and Sunday schools to offer throughout the fall season! Please reach out to me if you would still like to get plugged in somewhere, or if you have any interest in leading a study of your own (or co-leading with someone else).

As we've been walking through the book of Daniel together, I hope you are encouraged by the possibilities associated with Daniel's faithfulness. We are not blessed on account of the fruit, primarily, but we are blessed on account of our obedience to God's call on our lives. I pray for a very enjoyable Thanksgiving season to all of you!

- Pastor Jesse



HOLIDAY TREASURES BAZAAR—NOVEMBER 2



NOVEMBER LADIES EVENT—NOVEMBER 16



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

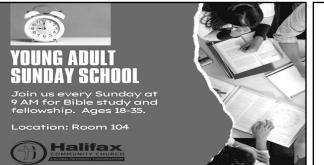
The Stewardship Committee would like to celebrate the generous giving of our church family during the month of November. Thank you for being good stewards of the resources God has blessed you with- whether it be your time, talents, or finances. It certainly has been a blessing to see how God uses the gifts He has bestowed to each of us to be an encouragement to others! Did you know we have an average of 101 volunteers who serve HCC each week? As we prepare to move into 2025, we invite you to prayerfully consider your support of HCC and its ministries. There is a commitment card included within this newsletter for those who feel led to complete it.

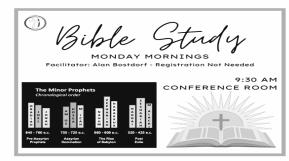






ADULT DISCIPLESHIP (CONTINUED)







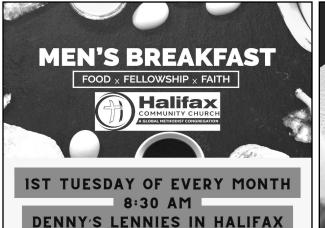
BEDROCK GANG—SCHEDULE

Nov. 5: Fellowship and Games, then out to lunch (Polly Hatter 100th Birthday)

Nov. 12: Fellowship and Games

Nov. 19: Bingo: Please bring 2 prizes; i.e., canned fruit or veggies

Nov. 26: Fellowship and Games, then Thanksgiving lunch (location TBD)





"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





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

Middle School Youth Study- Flyte Jr. High Curriculum

High School Youth Study- RightNow Media Youth Study



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



December

Gifts will be purchased for local children in coordination with Community that Care, Halifax. <u>Until November 24th</u>- Collect Money Donations for shoebox gifts

- Place in Gift Boxes at Welcome Center
- For Checks to Halifax Community Church, please put "Shoebox Gifts" in Memo.

Wednesday, November 13th - 6-7:30pm Youth Group Shops for Box Supplies

• RSVP and Meet at Youth Center by 5:45 (5:30 dinner)

<u>Sunday, November 17th</u>- 5:30-7:30pm <u>Packing Party-</u> Children Ministry assisting Youth with packing boxes.

Cherry Pechart, youth@halifaxgmc.org, 717-896-8092, et.113

Note of Thanks

"It was so special and meaningful to receive the many notes and gifts from the congregation on Appreciation Sunday. Thank you for the encouragement and support as the Lord continues to move among the youth of our community."

Sincerely, Cherry Pechart

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Associate for 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



"A Christmas to Believe In"
will be presented at the 5
pm Christmas Eve Service.
There are speaking parts,
group parts (angels,
shepherds, &
townspeople), along with a
few Christmas songs.
Please contact me if you
would like to be part of this
program!



The HCC Hand Bell Choir is joining Men in Harmony on 2 of their songs!



READERS NEEDED DURING THE ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Please contact Carol Bostdorf:
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cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org

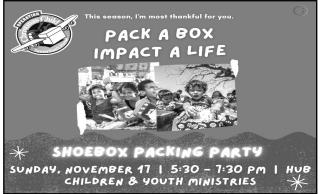
You can read at the worship service of your choice. This will be part of worship starting December 1st.

It is a special way to participate during the Advent season!

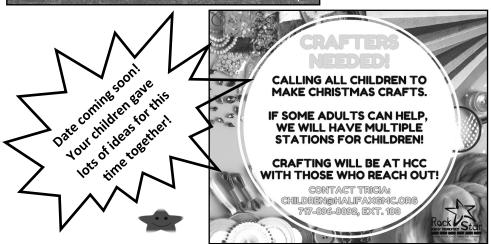


ROCKSTAR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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



We will also help provide local children in our community with Christmas gifts! Information coming soon from Communities that Care.



SAVE THE DATE! **New Years** Eve party on December 29, 9-11:30 AM in the HUB!



We are looking forward to the children singing at the Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 27, 6:30 PM!



Our new volunteer schedule has been wonderful and we are thankful for each one of you who are helping! We are excited for the growth of the program and to see how splitting up the classroom gives us extra time for discussion with the children to grow their faith & love for Jesus!



We would love to do a 10-week Wednesday night program in January from 6:30-7:30 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the RockSTAR room to let us know if you can help. We are looking for one additional set of hands—for one session or several—the whole program is only 10 sessions. We will do the planning for the program. Thank you for considering!



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.





NOVEMBER, 2024 Nov 1 12pm CCCC Hours - Stephanie Holiday Bizarre You can access the most up-to-date calendar on our website: 2:30pm D Youth Center Open halifaxamc.org / Resources / Calendar 9am C Adult S.S. Class 8:30am CCC Hours - Stephanie 9am C CCC Hours - Stephanie 2:30pm D Youth Center Open 8am 🗘 🗇 Scouting for Food 12pm CCC Hours - Stephanie gam 🗘 Middle & High School Sunday Schod gam 🗘 Food Room Open 9:30am Dedrock Gang 11:45am C Released Time - 5th grade [3:30pm 🗘 Food Room Open 2:30pm 4 Youth Center Open 8am C Scouting for Food 9am C Traditional Worship 9:30am Dible Study 10am C Weekly Staff Meeting tom Cintas - Soap/Cleaner Refill 6pm C Bell Choir Rehearsal 9um Creative Worship Team Meeting 10:15am C Bible Study Groups 2pm CCC Hours - Lily pm CCC Hours 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 7pm C Scout Meetings (Earl Rhoades) 10:30am 🗘 Youth Cabinet Meeting 2:30pm 🗘 Youth Center Open 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 4pm Food Room Meeting 7pm C RockStar Core Leadership Meeting 10:30am Contemporary Worship 7pm C Praise Band Practice Com C Girl's Lifegroup 6:30pm 🗘 Bible Study with Pastor Brendan 6:30pm Dible Study with Pastor Jesse 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm 🗘 Women's Lifegroup 7:15pm C Festival Choir Rehearsa 15 2pm 🗘 CCC Hours - Stephanie 6pm Women's Fellowship & Bingo 9am D Adult S.S. Class 8:30am CCC Hours - Stephanie 9:30am Dedrock Gang 9am CCC Hours - Stephanie 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 9am C Middle & High School Sunday School 9am Blood Drive toum Weekly Staff Meeting 12:30pm 🗘 Released Time - 3rd & 4th grade 3:30pm C Food Room Open 9am D Traditional Worship sam C Food Room Open 1pm Cintas - Soap/Cleaner Refill 6pm C Bell Choir Rehearsal tom CCC Hours 10:15am Dible Study Groups 9:30am Dible Study 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 2:30pm D Youth Center Open 6:30pm Church Conference 10:30am C Youth Cabinet Meeting 12pm CCC Hours - Lify 7pm C Finance Meeting 6:30pm 🗘 Bible Study with Pastor Brendan 7pm C Scout Meetings (Earl Rhoades) 10:30am Contemporary Worship 2:30pm 4 Youth Center Oper 7pm Adult Discipleship Board Meeting 6:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Jesse 7pm C Praise Band Practice 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Men's Ministry Meeting 7pm C Lifegroup 7:15pm 🗘 Festival Choir Rehearsal 22 12pm 🗘 CCC Hours - Stephanie 9am C Adult S.S. Class t:30am CCC Hours - Stephanie 9:30am Dedrock Gang am CCC Hours - Stephanie 2:30pm D Youth Center Open 2:30pm D Youth Center Open 3:30pm 🗘 Food Room Open sam 🗘 Middle & High School Sunday School sam 🗘 Food Room Open 10am C Weekly Staff Meeting 11:45am C Released Time - 5th grade 9am C Traditional Worship 9:30am Dible Study tom Cintas - Soap/Cleaner Refill 6pm D Bell Choir Rehearsal tom CCC Hours 10:15am Dible Study Groups Izpm CCC Hours - Lily 2:30pm 4 Youth Center Open 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 7pm Scout Meetings (Earl Rhoades) 10:30am Contemporary Worship 5:30pm Cornerstone Counseling Meeting €:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Brendan 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 7pm C Praise Band Practice 5:30pm Christmas Shoe Box Packing Party 6:30pm Dible Study with Pastor Jesse 6pm C Girl's Lifegroup 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm C Women's Lifegroup 7:15pm C Festival Choir Rehearsal 25 29 30 Sam Adult S.S. Class 8:30am C CCC Hours - Stephanie 9:30am Dedrock Gang sam CCC Hours - Stephanie 2:30pm V Youth Center Open 12pm CCC Hours - Stephanie Sam 🗘 Middle & High School Sunday School Sam 🗘 Food Room Open 10am C Weekly Staff Meeting 12:30pm 🗘 Released Time - 3rd & 4th grade 3:30pm 🗘 Food Room Oper 2:30pm C Youth Center Open sam C Traditional Worship 9:30am Dible Study tom CCC Hours (1pm 🗘 Cintas - Soap/Cleaner Refill 6pm □ Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Christmas Tree Lighting 10:15am Dible Study Groups 12pm CCC Hours - Lily 2:30pm 🗘 Youth Center Open 2:30pm 4 Youth Center Open 7pm C Scout Meetings (Earl Rhoades) 10:30am Contemporary Worship 2:30pm C Youth Center Open 7pm C Praise Band Practice 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm 🗘 Lifegroup 7:15pm 🗘 Festival Choir Rehearsal