

EASTER HE IS RISEN





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A Note from Pastor Brendan...

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

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" will ring out at HCC on Resurrection Sunday (April 20). Don't miss it! Charles Wesley wrote these words in the gloom of a decaying English culture. Wesley would not be defeated, and the church has not stopped singing.

The resurrection is the ultimate statement of God's power over death. John Wesley once said that to understand a Methodist, "watch him die." The resurrection is why we can walk confidently into the great mystery of what lies beyond this life. "Death is swallowed up in victory. O grave, where is thy victory. O death, where is thy sting?" (I Corinthians 15:55)

In the promise of the Resurrection, we are also invited to celebrate life here and now, on our way to eternity. Jesus' example invites us to live a life that warms the heart of God, to live the life that will really bring you the very best that life can give, to live a life that can impact the world around you, to look into the face of Jesus, to follow Him and listen to His teaching.

This Easter, grab hold of His promises and remember that true life is a gift from God that never dies. Because Jesus is risen, there is light in the darkness and sustaining power in His presence.

Blessings on the Journey!!

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Pastor Brendan

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Ministry Team

Pastor Brendan Hock, Senior Pastor– Ext. 101 | bhock@halifaxgmc.org Pastor Jesse Funk, Pastor of Family Ministry—Ext. 102 | jfunk@halifaxgmc.org Cherry Pechart, Youth Ministry Coordinator—Ext. 113 | youth@halifaxgmc.org Adam & Tricia Farner, Children's Ministry Coordinators—Ext. 103 | children@halifaxgmc.org Carol Bostdorf, Associate for Creative Worship – Ext. 105 | cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org Kayla Wilbert, Administrative Assistant—Ext. 110 | office@halifaxgmc.org April Wilbert, Financial Administrator—Ext. 106 | finance@halifaxgmc.org Meagan Hock, Media & Communications | mhock@halifaxgmc.org Molly Reber & Susie Smith, Custodians Jeff Wiebner & Vince Yarnell, Groundskeepers

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM Friday: 9 AM—12 PM

Rainbow Preschool

PHONE: 717.896.8092, Ext. 108 EMAIL: <u>preschool@halifaxgmc.org</u> Lisa Lau, Director & Teacher Jen Warfel, Co-Teacher

Youth Center

231 Rise Street, Halifax | Contact Cherry Pechart with any questions.

Cornerstone Counseling at House on the Hill (HOH)

Christian Counseling for Individuals, Couples, & Families. Financial assistance is also available. *Contact 717-585-0627 or intake@inhimchristianwellness.org to schedule an appointment.*

Food Room at House on the Hill (HOH)

Mondays: 9–11:30 AM | Thursdays: 3:30–6 PM | 3rd Saturday of the Month: 9–11 AM

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

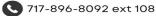


RAINBOW PRESCHOOL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM FEATURES :

- Enrollment opens for church members and current students on February 16th
- Enrollment opens for non-members and new students on March 2nd
- Classes for 3-5 year old students
- Quality Christian-based learning
- Applications available on church website and in the church office
- Join us in the preschool for an Open House event on March 3rd from 5:30-7:30 to learn about our program

CONTACT US:



Halifax Community Church 105 Wind Hill Drive Halifax, PA 17032

Email - preschool@halifaxgmc.org



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Nestled in the ninth chapter of the gospel of Luke, we find these words, *"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem"* - Luke 9:51 I love the phrase, *"he set his face to go to Jerusalem"*. What it means is from that moment on, Jesus was bound and determined to go to the holy city. Because we live on this side of the cross, we know what awaited Jesus there.

Tucked within in the middle of the Four Gospels, we see Jesus making his way to Jerusalem and no one and nothing will prevent Him from getting there. I invite you to join me on this annual journey to Jerusalem, to spend time with Jesus and to notice how He changes lives along the way.

Sunday, April 6, 2025 Text: Matthew 16:13-21 Title: THE ROAD: To the Cross

Sunday, April 13, 2025 Text: Matthew 21:1-11 Title: THE ROAD: To Jerusalem

*Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am at Camp Hebron Outdoor Chapel

- Breakfast to follow.
- Pastor Adam Landon Speaking

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Text: Luke 24:1-13 Title: THE ROAD: To Emmaus

Sunday, April 27, 2025 Text: Galatians 5:1 Title: Freedom



ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

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

Hello everyone!

Joshua stood before the assembly of Israel in Joshua 24 not long before he passed, and his final words included one of the more oft-quoted Scriptures.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

A succinct and powerful statement, but that was not the only thing Joshua said to Israel. Immediately before that, he told them "choose this day who you will serve." If the Lord has been calling you to make that declaration for the first time, or just simply rededicate yourself to that statement, here are some things to keep in mind for April as the Spring season of ministry rolls along at HCC:

Men's Ministry Dartball League began on February 19th and will run until April 30th. We meet Wednesday evenings at 730 in the Youth Center. It is not too late to sign up! Reach out to myself or Rick Stence with any questions.

Adult Discipleship Classes are still meeting and it is not too late to join! We have Sunday school classes as well as mid-week groups covering a wide variety of books and topics, including: the Book of Joshua, the Holy Spirit's Names; Thru the Bible in a Year and many others! Please reach out to me if you'd like to join one of these groups.

The Adult Discipleship Board would still welcome 1-2 additional voices for our quarterly meetings. If Discipleship is a burden the Lord has placed on your heart, please reach out to me so we can see what the Lord may specifically be calling you to!

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! As we continue in our Devoted series, I hope all of you are able to plug into something that lights the Spirit's fire of devotion in you!

In Christ,

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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Apply Now

The 2025 scholarship applications are available in the Church Office, HASD Guidance Office, Halifax Youth Center, and on the church website (www.halifaxgmc.org).

<u>Scholarship recipients from last year</u> are reminded to please submit a receipt of payment of their scholarship money to the college/university, a copy of their current transcripts, and proof of enrollment in the next semester, if applicable. <u>Submit to HCC Office or</u> <u>email to Lisa Weaver by Friday, February 28.</u> Deadline

By 11 AM Friday, April 11

Submit To

Halifax Community Church Office 105 Wind Hill Dr., Halifax, PA,17032 or Lisa Weaver 4weavers96@gmail.com

Lisa Weaver Scholarship Committee Chairperson

FORWARD IN FAITH SAVINGS 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 campaign to update the educational wings has been completed. A big thank you to the trustees for all of their efforts. We are currently in prayer over future projects that would be funded by Forward in Faith and will continue to save any offerings to put towards the next project. The balance in the bulletin has been updated to reflect the current balance in Forward in Faith savings (all monies spent on the educational wings have been removed). Thank you again for supporting the debt- free future of our church!

Pastor Jesse

NEXT WOMEN'S EVENT

ATTENTION WOMEN: WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO IN THE HUB ON 5/3 FROM 6:00-8:00 PM

All attendees should bring 1 or 2 good condition items you are no longer using/need/want to "re-gift" that can be used as prizes. Items should be individually wrapped/bagged so the recipient can't see what she is choosing. Be creative (but kind).

Light refreshments will be provided and regular bingo buttons will be on hand. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby or contact the church office.



MERCY & GRACE TOUR

Friday, Sept. 19—Saturday, Sept. 20 Giant Center in Hershey

For more information, go to: https://ewomen.net/hershe-pa-2025/

TO REGISTER: Join a Group Search for an existing group & select "GilmoreLHer25" passcode: GilmoreLHer25

CRAFTS NEEDED

The Holiday Church Bazaar is 7 months away on **Saturday**, **Nov 1**st, and <u>we are welcoming</u> <u>any homemade crafts this year</u>. Please get your craft ideas, crochet/knitting hooks busy, and saws buzzing - making your masterpieces! We welcome your donations the week before the bazaar!!!! Any questions can be directed to Deb Herb, Jacquie Cooper, Kathy Snyder, or Darla Lentz.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP & GROWTH



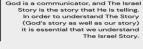
SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR JESSE 9 AM – Room 103





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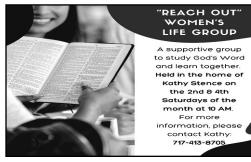


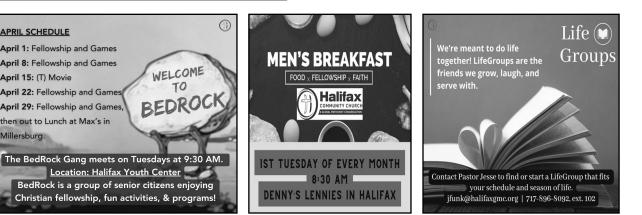


9 AM for Bible study and fellowship. Ages 18-35.

Halifax

Location: Room 104







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

The RockSOLID

Youth are

registered in the

Salt n' Light

Battleball (Dodgeball)

Tournament!

We will eat lunch after

Youth Sunday Services

and leave HCC at 12:45.

Return time 8:30pm

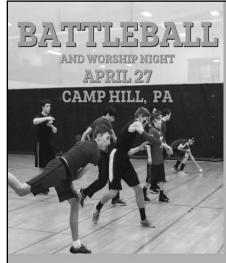
Youth Sunday School: JOIN US FROM 9-10 AM IN THE HUB

- \Rightarrow Easter Celebration- Sunday April 13th
- ⇒ No Youth Sunday School- Easter April 20th

Wednesday Youth Group: WE MEET AT THE YOUTH **CENTER EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6-7:30PM**

- \Rightarrow 5:30PM Dinner, 6pm Lesson/Small Groups, 7pm Game Time
- ⇒ Easter Celebration—April 16th

Please see the Monthly Parent Email or contact Cherry Pechart with any questions or for more details regarding RockSOLID Youth Ministryyouth@halifaxgmc.org



Our team can have 12-20 players. Let Cherry Know ASAP if you would like a spot on the team! RSVP at youth@halifaxgmc.org or text/call Cherry



Come join us as the Youth take over both services!

NOTES:

-IF YOU ARE A YOUTH AND WANT TO HELP WITH THE SERVICE, PLEASE LET CHERRY KNOW.

-YOUTH SIT TOGETHER IN THE FIRST TWO PEWS ON THE RIGHT SIDE (PIANO SIDE).

- THOSE HELPING TO USHER/GREET ON SUNDAY, ARRIVE AT 8:30AM.

Youth Sunday Freedom

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. -John 10:10

MUSIC MINISTRY

Creative Worship/Choir Director: Carol Bostdorf—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

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH



9am and 10:30am worship services will be begin with a Palm Sunday Processional with the RockStar Kids, Hand Bell Choir, and Trumpet.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE



"The Fear of the Lord" will be presented on Friday, April 18th @ 6:30pm. We will experience the last days of Christ through the eyes and fears of those who were with him. The telling of these last days will be through scripture, monologues and music, and ending the service with Holy Communion. This will be a service of reflection and remembering the awesome love that the Lord has shown to each of us so that we no longer need to fear because they have been buried with Christ.

EASTER WORSHIP – SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH



9am – Traditional Service with the flowering of the Cross, anthem by the Adult Choir, Easter hymns, and a Scripture drama.

10:30am - Praise and Worship service led by the Worship Team starting off with an Easter morning opening, along with Easter praise songs, Special music, and a Scripture drama.

SOUND & MEDIA TEAMS

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.



ROCKSTAR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

A huge thank you goes out to our Rockstar Volunteers and anyone that missed our Volunteer Luncheon, please come see me for a goodie bag! It is all of you that make this program possible and thank you never seems like enough as our program continues to grow so quickly! We are very blessed to have you and are so thankful that you are using your spiritual gifts/calling to serve the Lord's Children in this way. The children of this world need God as much as adults to get through the hard times, as well as the happy ones! If anyone has an interest in serving in this way, please come chat with us, anytime. We'd love to talk to you about what we are doing and have in store for this program. I will tell you, being a part of the Sunday School prayer circle and seeing these children grow their faith and confidence through prayer has been life changing for me personally and I'm forever grateful to have this opportunity to be a part of their faith journeys.



Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 13th, Palm Sunday, and we are collecting Easter Candy through April 6th for this event. This event will be in combination with RockSolid Youth and we are looking forward to a very special and fun morning! We'll do an Easter Egg Hunt at both services to make sure no one misses the fun!



Easter Sunday we will have Sunday School and Children's Church as normal for those that would like to join us or feel free to worship as a family for service. We plan to have an Easter lesson and fellowship time to celebrate this great day! Toddler care will be provided for both services as well.



Mother's Day and our Rockstar Sunday Service is quickly approaching so make sure you add that to your calendar as May 11th at 10 am, with refreshments starting at 9:15. Join us and bring your friends! These children have an amazing worship service in the works!



A reminder for all families, we have an additional screen in the toddler room for our volunteers to watch the livestream during service and also in the nursery for any families in need of this space, please let us know, we'd be glad to turn the TV on (if it's not on already) for you so you can watch the service there as well.

A sincere thank you to all the congregation for giving us this opportunity and trusting us to lead His children to Him.



YOUTH MINISTRY (CONTINUED)



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



APRIL, 2025

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You can access the most up-to-date calendar on our website: halifaxgmc.org / Resources / Calendar

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