

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 6, 2009  
10:15 AM



- † **Welcome to HCOB!** If there is anything that we can do to make your visit here more comfortable or you have any questions please feel free to approach any member of our church family or the greeters at the welcome table in the lobby.
- † **Large print hymnals and bulletins** are available on the narthex table. Please return the hymnals to the narthex table following the service.
- † **Difficulty hearing the service?** Small earpieces are available to allow you to control the volume. Stop by the sound booth before the service to try one out!
- † **We have a special gift to give you** after the service. If somehow we miss you, please tell one of the ushers, and we will make sure you receive a gift.
- † **Sunday School** for all ages is held at 9:00 AM. We offer a variety of small group classes for adults and age-appropriate classes for every child. **Nursery care** for children ages 0-3 years is provided today by Sue Musser & Jody Kettering in the nursery room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
- † **We offer two Sunday AM worship services: a traditional service at 8:00** and a “blended” service at **10:15** with a mix of contemporary and traditional elements.
- † **Child Care during the 10:15 service** includes **nursery care** (ages 0-3 years) during the entire service and **children’s church** (ages 3 years-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) during the portion of the service which includes the pastor’s message. Nursery care is provided today by Donna Schaidle & Peggie Layman in the nursery room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Children’s Church is being taught by Tammy Harnish.
- † **Please sign the guest register** when it passes by you (your name, address & phone number, please) so that we can let you know how much we appreciate your visit with us today.

## ☆Contact Us☆

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☆This Week: December 6-13☆

<b>TODAY</b>	4:00 P.M.	Family Christmas Celebration
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Jr. High Cell Group Advent Conspiracy Study
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Silver Singles Worship Team
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	HERALD DEADLINE	
	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 A.M.	Sewing Circle
	5:30 P.M.	Parent's Night Out
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5:30 P.M.	Parent's Night Out
<b>SUNDAY</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Worship Service Pastor Geoff Davis preaching "Mary: A Song of Trust" Luke 1:46-56

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

**December 24**—Christmas Eve Services  
**December 24 & 25**—Church Office Closed

**Healthy Hints from our Congregational Health Team**

**WHEN SHOULD YOU STAY HOME?** There has been some confusion regarding how long one should stay out of work or school after flu-like illnesses. According to the CDC, individuals with influenza-like illness should remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degrees F) or signs of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREASED GIVING TOWARDS OUR 2009 BUDGETED OUTREACH MINISTRIES.** We are anticipating that because of your generosity we will be able to meet our commitments fully this year. Our **CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING** will go towards making up any shortfall still remaining in our budgeted outreach ministries, but we expect to be able to donate the majority of our Christmas offering to Water Street Ministries.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY HERALD** (monthly newsletter) will be a week early due to the Christmas Holiday. The deadline to submit information for the January Herald is Wednesday, December 9. This is a **firm** deadline so that the Herald can be completed before Christmas.

**IT'S TIME TO WORK ON THE 2010 HCOB DIRECTORY!** If you have any changes or additions you would like to be included in the 2010 directory, please get them to Amy Smith in the church office by Monday, December 28. You can submit changes by e-mail to [office@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:office@hempfieldcob.org), leave a note in Amy's box in the outer office, or call the office at 898-0181.

**THINK OF BRETHERN VILLAGE WHEN THINKING OF CHRISTMAS.** Shop at the Village Gift Shop for toys, jewelry, scarves, cards and many other home and personal accessories. Prices are very reasonable. Monday-Friday 9:30-4 and Saturday 9:30-12:00.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:** Canned meat, Peaches, Pears, Canned Pasta, Dry Pasta, Corn, Soup, new and used plastic & paper grocery bags and egg cartons. Please put items in the coatroom.

**SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON**--Christmas program presented by Brethren Village Chapel Choir at East Fairview COB on Thursday, December 10th. Lunch will be provided at noon and the program at 1:00 PM. (A donation basket will be available). If you would like to attend, please contact Jean May as soon as possible at 898-7023.

**QUINTESENTIALLY BRASS** will be performing a concert of Christmas favorites to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The concert will be held Friday, December 18, 2009 at First Reformed Church UCC, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be given for MS. Plan to attend and "make your spirits bright."

# Parents Night Out



and friends ...

Send your parents away for a night out and come to the church to eat dinner, play games, watch a movie, and have lots of fun! Bring your friends!

## Parents...

Let us hang out with your kids while you enjoy a night out. We'll even feed them dinner. This is a FREE event, but please pre-register by noon on the day of the event by contacting the church at 898-0181 or [office@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:office@hempfieldcob.org).



## When?

Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm-8:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm-9:00 pm

## Questions?

Contact Jen at 898-9762 or [jen@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:jen@hempfieldcob.org)



## Christmas at HCOB

**Advent Materials** are available from the Education Team during the Advent season. There are a variety of materials for all ages and devotional preferences. Please stop in the Narthex and select something for each member of your family.

**Advent study group** will help us focus on the real meaning of the Christmas season. The study began on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue through December 14<sup>th</sup>, meeting on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM. We are studying the book & DVD *Advent Conspiracy*. The topics are "Worship Fully," "Spend Less," "Give More" and "Love All." Pastor John is leading our time together. **Child care is available.**

**Family Christmas Celebration!** *Kids, Parents, Young Adults, Senior Citizens, Youth, Grandparents, Family, Friends... Everyone...* **Celebrate the Season with Cartoons, Painting, Song and Food**

Artist and pastor David Weiss will be coming to Hempfield Church of the Brethren TODAY from 4:00-6:15 PM to highlight an evening of family Christmas fun. Weiss, founder of AMOKArts ministry, will lead a cartoon workshop and later share an inspiring message while painting. You can find out more about this unique ministry at <http://radicallyreal.truepath.com/amokarts/>. A buffet-style meal will be provided and all are invited to join in a time of singing and caroling. Guests are asked to bring boxed and canned food items which will be donated to local food banks, and an offering will be taken to support AMOKArts. Children will decorate stickers to adorn the gifts of food. If you need a ride, please contact the church office and we will arrange transportation for you.

## HCOB Christmas Eve Services

*I bring you good news of great joy that shall be for all the people!* Luke 2:10  
**6:30 "Family-Friendly" Service:** Share in the joy of the coming of our Lord in this simple service which focuses on children of all ages. Highlights include the JAM children's choir, lighting the Christ candle, children's storytime and singing the traditional hymns that have warmed our hearts for years. And if someone hands you a piece of straw when you come in, don't worry--you'll find out what it's for later! Please note that holy communion will be offered at the 9:00 service *only* this year. We encourage you to share with your younger family and friends the reasons why baptized members find communion so meaningful and how eager you will be to receive it with them someday! *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matt 19:14

**9:00 Traditional Service:** Feel the beauty of the night that changed history forever in this music-filled worship service. Choir anthems, candle-lighting, hymns, special music and the quiet remembrance of holy communion will bring you closer to the God who so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son. Pastor John will share a brief message to help us prepare our hearts for this Holy Night. *"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."* Luke 2:15

☆Today's Worship Service☆  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE      Variations on the II me Dimanche de l'Advent      Chauvet

WELCOME—GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HEIFER COMMITMENT

HYMN                      To Us A Child of Hope Is Born                      189

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE—The Candle of “Peace”

RESPONSE

*A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,  
 A candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
 For Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
 A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*

INVOCATION PRAYER

CHILDREN’S STORY                      Karen Rice  
*Children 3 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children’s Church.*

\*WORSHIP IN SONG                      Praise Band  
     He Is Born                      On Screen  
     Offering                      On Screen

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

    Offertory Thought and Prayer  
     Offertory—Still, Still, Still                      Paul Manz Op. 22  
     *(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

SPECIAL MUSIC                      Gloria In Excelsis                      Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*  
 John Haldeman, Jo Beth Jarrett & Family, Cody Musser, Jim Musser, Mary Jane Myer, Linda Ziegler, Betty Zimmerman

\*HYMN                      It Came Upon a Midnight Clear                      195

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Luke 2:8-20

MESSAGE                      Angels: A Song of Peace

\*HYMN                      There Comes to My Heart                      Insert

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                      Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)                      Georges Bizet

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Organist/Pianist—Otis Kitchen; Sound Techs—Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong  
 Video Tech—Clint Barger; Worship Leader—Dennis Hughes  
 Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper  
 Praise Band Leader—Dave Bendit; Preacher—Pastor John Layman

**WELCOME AND SPECIAL THANKS** to Otis Kitchen, organist/pianist, as he serves our congregation in music ministry during the upcoming winter.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** for helping us exceed our goal of **SENDING FIVE HEIFERS** to Rwanda! **Donations will be accepted through today—** checks should be made out to Hempfield Church noting “Heifer Project” on the memo line.

**THE FORCE FOR FOOD COMMITTEE** would like to thank the congregation for the response for the Turkey Drive on November 22nd. Donations of 50 turkeys and \$668 in monetary donations were received. We appreciate your continued support to feed the hungry.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE** for their thoughts, prayers, concerns, and cards during Crystal's recent illness. We feel very blessed to be part of this church family. God bless each of you!  
 - Mike and Crystal Fisher and family

**I WISH TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE** and thanks to the Hempfield deacons and congregation for the many kindnesses shown to me during the past year 2009. I deeply appreciated your cards, letters and social contacts. Thank you for being a caring congregation. You give strength to the older membership that can no longer be active. May the Lord bless and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you during the coming year.  
 Sincerely, J.C. Wine

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 30, 2009

## Working Balance

(Beginning of Period)

January 1, 2009 \$434.95

## Receipts

General Offering \$390,603.37

Interest on Checking Account \$6.85

Total Receipts \$390,603.37

**Total Receipts & Beginning Balance \$391,045.17**

## Expenditures

Stewards of Finance \$38,695.69

Evangelism Team \$6,133.42

Education Team \$14,629.40

Deacons \$4,298.35

Worship Team \$15,299.57

Leadership Team \$136,206.63

Stewards of Property \$52,383.58

Social Service Team \$89,043.55

Fellowship & Hospitality Team \$3,299.77

Taxes \$17,734.65

**Total Expenditures \$377,724.61**

**Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2009 \$13,320.56**

**Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$9,383**

## ☆Contact Church Staff☆

*In the event of an emergency or a need for a pastor after office hours, please contact them at home or by cell phone.*

John Layman – Senior Pastor

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Kent Rice – Associate for Special Ministries

Home: 560-3523; Cell: 723-6197 E-mail: kent@hempfieldcob.org

Geoff Davis – Associate Pastor

Home: 569-6284; E-mail: geoffdtuba@verizon.net

Jen Statler – Children's Ministry Coordinator

*Jen is working from her home and can be contacted there*

Home: 898-9762; E-mail: jen@hempfieldcob.org

## ☆Contact the Church Office☆

Amy Smith - Administrator

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Website: www.hempfieldcob.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. to 2:30P.M

*All bulletin announcements and information must be in to the church office by Wednesday noon.*

## ☆HCOB Family Facts☆

**Attendance for November 22, 2009**

Sunday School: 105 Traditional Service: 52 Blended Service: 167

**Attendance for Thanksgiving Eve Service—301**

**Attendance for November 29, 2009**

Sunday School: 105 Traditional Service: 55 Blended Service: 192

**Giving for November 22, 2009**

General Offering: \$7,359.49 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$7,512

**Thanksgiving Eve Service Offering for Love Inc.—\$1,149.90**

**Giving for November 29, 2009**

General Offering: \$7,063 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$7,572

*Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$9,383*