

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 13, 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 Bob & Mary Ellen McEvoy in the nursery room on the 1st 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-3rd grade) during the portion of the service which includes the pastor’s message. Nursery care is provided today by Carol Koser & Ivy Davis in the nursery room on the 1st 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 13-20☆

MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Jr. High Cell Group
	7:00 P.M.	Advent Conspiracy Study
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Pastoral Relations Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
	7:00 P.M.	Evangelism Team
SUNDAY	4 th Sunday in Advent	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Worship Service
		Pastor John Layman preaching "Simeon: A Song of Hope" Luke 2:25-35

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

December 24—Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 25, 31 & January 1—Church Office Closed

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be given by nurses after church today. Please also feel free to stop by and ask them any questions about this.

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@hempsfieldcob.org, leave a note in Amy's box in the outer office, or call the office at 898-0181.

STARTING IN JANUARY, ALL RECORDING of our worship services will be done on CDs. Cassettes will no longer be available. You may want to ask someone to put a CD player on your Christmas list if you don't have one.

--Your Audio Team

STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET for 2010 is on the bulletin board in the outer office. If you would be willing to take a turn opening and closing the church on Sunday for one month, please sign up for this important ministry.

SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY: In the event of inclement weather, service cancellation information will be available after 6:00 AM on our church website at www.hempsfieldcob.org. You can also listen for information on the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5. In addition, efforts will be made to personally advise early service worship participants and Sunday School teachers.

THINK OF BROTHERS VILLAGE WHEN THINKING OF CHRISTMAS. Shop at the Village Gift Shop for toys, jewelry, scarves, cards and many other home and personal accessories. Reasonable prices. Mon-Fri 9:30-4 and Sat 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.

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."



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 23rd and will continue through December 14th, 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.**

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."*

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."*



☆Today's Worship Service☆ 3rd Sunday in Advent

MUSIC FOR GATHERING & TIME FOR REFLECTION

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -- Jeremiah 29:11

PRELUDE Aria from the Messiah (Come Unto Him) G.F. Handel

WELCOME—GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 28:16-18a

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE—The Candle of "Trust"

OPENING CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER 703

*HYMN Great Is the Lord 87

GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD Praise Band
Little Drummer Boy On Screen
Go Tell It on the Mountain On Screen

Children 3 years old through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:7-11

PRAISE IN SONG Breath of Heaven Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

John Haldeman, Jo Beth Jarrett & Family, Jody Kettering, Cody Musser, Jim Musser, Mary Jane Myer, J. C. Wine, Judy Witmer, Linda Ziegler

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory—Praise the Lord Caesar Franck

(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

MESSAGE Mary: A Song of Trust (Luke 1:46-56)

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***GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD**

Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee?

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***BENEDICTION**

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.”
(John 14:1)*

***POSTLUDE**

Noel Joyeux

Gordon Young

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

Organist/Pianist—Otis Kitchen; Sound Techs—Doug & Tiffanie Howard
Video Tech—Dave Bendit; Worship Leader—Jason Haldeman
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper
Praise Band Leader—Daphne Witmer; Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis

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.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE who baked or bought cookies at the Brethren Village Cookie and Craft Sale. It was a great success raising more than \$1,500 for the Auxiliary. We are proud of your Brethren Village spirit! Keep looking at the BV bulletin board in the church narthex.

--Gerrie Hurst & Lois Killian

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely fruit basket. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. --Pauline Hess, Jen Statler, Amy Smith, Pastor Kent, Pastor John, Jeanette Martin, Tori Hostetter, Julia Gladfelter, Jim & Wilda Drake, Pastor Geoff

THANK YOU TO ALL who made our special giving to Heifer International a great success! We have received over \$4,300 which equals more than 8 heifers. Thank you that in having fun we can also make a significant difference for struggling families and communities.

☆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.

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Jen is working from her home and can be contacted there

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☆Contact the Church Office☆

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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 December 6, 2009

Sunday School: 75 Traditional Service: 33 Blended Service: 202

Giving for December 6, 2009

General Offering: \$8,499.50

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

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