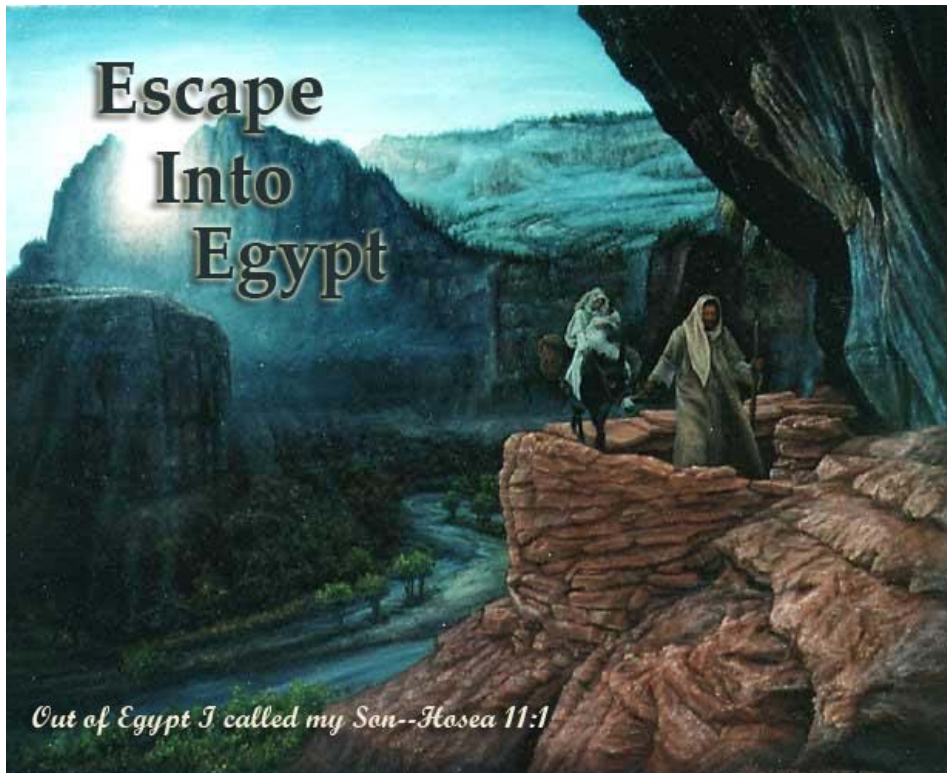


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



- † **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 Carolyn Gingrich & Reba Fisher 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 in the nursery room on the 1st floor by Betty Cox and Sarah & Lydia Fisher. 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.

December 27, 2009
10:15 AM

☆Contact Us☆

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Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?

“There is a gap between prayer in theory and prayer in practice.”
--Philip Yancey



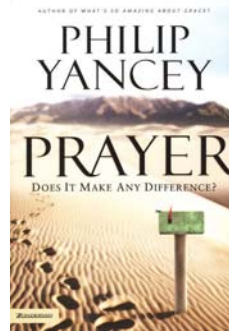
One of the first things we learn to do as Christians is pray. We pray for a relationship with God; for forgiveness of our sins; for protection from evil; for our friends, family, and others; for those who don't know God; for world leaders; for thanksgiving and praise; for direction, wisdom, and knowledge; for God's provision. But we have a problem. It's not totally real for many of us. We don't engage in regular, intentional prayer. We don't fully understand what we're doing. Yet prayer is the single, greatest factor in establishing and maintaining a close personal relationship with God and more fully realizing God's promises to us.

Prayer prepares us for the events of life and keeps us going during difficult times. It changes us individually and transforms us collectively into the Body of Christ fulfilling God's plan. It helps us better understand what keeps us from experiencing God's blessings and his promised new way of living.

During 2010 our focus at Hempfield COB is “Lord, Teach Us to Pray.” In an effort to have each member of our congregation better understand it and realize its full benefits, prayer will be the focus of our sermons series, our worship experience, and many educational activities.

During January and February, we will be examining Philip Yancey's book, “Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?” in a six-week workshop, using a study guide and DVD that accompany the book. Galen Brumbaugh will hold sessions **Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12:00 noon starting on January 5th**. Pastor Kent will conduct sessions **Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 starting on January 7th**. Pastor John will conduct sessions on **Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:00 starting on January 9th**. Pastor Geoff and other small group leaders will use their small group sessions to facilitate this study. The Pastors are asking each of you to make this six-week commitment on behalf of your improved spiritual well-being and the great work that God has in mind for Hempfield. More specific information will follow.

“More than anything else in life, I want to know God... I have come to see prayer as a privilege, not a duty... Prayer, and only prayer, restores my vision to one that more resembles God's... Prayer is the art of seeing reality from God's point-of-view.” – Philip Yancey



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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on December 31st and January 1st. As a result, the **BULLETIN DEADLINE** for January 3rd will be moved up to Tuesday, December 29th. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 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.hempfieldcob.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.

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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS for the altar table in the coming year please sign up for a Sunday on the chart in the outer office.

INTERESTED IN MENTORING A MOTHER FOR BRIDGE OF HOPE? Sue Groff from Bridge of Hope has asked if our church could get a group together to mentor a mother. If you think you would like to know more about this ministry, plan on joining the Social Service Team on January 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the library. Sue Groff will explain more about this ministry and answer any questions we may have. There is no commitment at this time. We are trying to find out if we have enough people interested in this program.



☆This Week: December 27-January 3☆

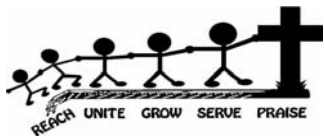
WEDNESDAY 6:00 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir

THURS. & FRI. Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

SUNDAY **2-Cent-A-Meal Offering**
 8:00 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School
 10:15 A.M. Blended Worship Service
 Pastor John Layman preaching
 "Our Father, Hallowed Be Your Name"
 Matthew 6:5-13

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

January 20—Herald Deadline
February 14—Remembrance Sunday



HCOB Youth Ministry

Young Adult game night will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 at Chiques Church of the Brethren starting at 7:00pm. This is a great chance to meet and re-connect with peers while you play games, snack and enjoy their gym! Cost is \$2. See Pastor Kent with any questions.

Senior High youth are encouraged to attend the **District Winter Retreat** Jan. 22-24 at Camp Swatara! This event is always fun and challenging and will be led by Dave Coryell from Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic. Talk to Pastor Kent, Ed Haldeman, or Clint Barger for details!

☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDE Theme and variations on Joseph est bien Marie C.B. Balbastre

WELCOME—GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Maria Bendit

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
 Away In a Manger On Screen
 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High On Screen

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

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:
 John Haldeman, Jo Beth Jarrett & Family, Jody Kettering, Anna Landis, Cody
 Musser, Jim Musser, Mary Jane Myer, Linda Ziegler

SPECIAL MUSIC Brendon Duffy

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

 Offertory Thought and Prayer
 Offertory—When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
 (Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

SPECIAL MUSIC Kim Roane-Remy

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:13-15

MESSAGE Escape Into Egypt

*HYMN Softly and Tenderly 491

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Now Sing We, Now Rejoice Paul Manz

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

Organist/Pianist—Otis Kitchen
Sound Techs—Ed & Lois Shank
Video Tech—Doug Howard
Youth Praise Band Leader—Janelle Witmer
Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice
Worship Leader—Carl Haas

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TABLE are provided by Gerry Shuman to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Bob Shuman.

QUARTERLY COLLECTION OF 2-CENT-A-MEAL OFFERINGS will be received next Sunday, January 3rd, at both services. This money goes to the Church of the Brethren Global Food Crisis Fund.

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely fruit basket and the friendly visit. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. –Don & Dorothy Shelley, J.C. Wine, Henry & Millie Lehman

TO OUR FRIENDS AT HCOB, We are so grateful for your help to the food bank at Trinity in East Petersburg. You have been very faithful throughout the year. With your help, to date this food bank has provided food for 1,259 less fortunate individuals in our area. This amounts to 11,331 meals.

Healthy Hints from our Congregational Health Team

Did you know that only 2 tablespoons of sunflower seeds can supply nearly 40% of the recommended daily allowance of Vitamin E – an antioxidant that helps prevent sun damage? For a healthy crunch, sprinkle them onto your salad instead of croutons.

☆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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Geoff Davis – Associate Pastor

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Jen Statler – Children’s Ministry Coordinator

Jen is working from her home and can be contacted there

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☆Contact the Church Office☆

Amy Smith - Administrator

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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 20, 2009

Sunday School: N/A Traditional Service: N/A Blended Service: 115

Giving for December 20, 2009

General Offering: \$4,275

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$8,202

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