

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 12, 2010
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 in the nursery room on the 1st floor by Bob & Mary Ellen McEvoy .
- † **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. Nursery care is provided today in the nursery room on the 1st floor by Lois & Kayla Dewar. We also provide **Children’s Church** (ages 3 years-3rd grade) during the portion of the service which includes the pastor’s message. Children’s Church will be taught today by Courtney Barry.
- † **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 12-19☆

MONDAY	6:00 P.M.	Hope International "Out of Poverty" Experience
	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
	7:00 P.M.	Advent Conspiracy Study
TUESDAY	12:00 P.M.	Silver Singles
	7:00 P.M.	Jr. High Cell Group
	7:00 P.M.	Worship Team
WEDNESDAY	HERALD DEADLINE	
	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
	7:00 P.M.	Evangelism Team
FRIDAY	6:00 PM	Maria Bendit's Wedding Party
SUNDAY	4 th Week of Advent	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
		Pastor John Layman "Give More" John 1:1-14

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services
- December 24 & 27**—Church Office Closed for Christmas
- December 26**—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
- December 31**—Church Office Closed for New Years

DAVE AND DEB BENDIT ARE INVITING friends from the church to a drop-in wedding celebration for their daughter, Maria, and her fiance Ryan McQuitty on Friday evening, December 17 from 6:00-9:00 pm, here at the church. We appreciate all of the prayers, teaching and support that so many of you have given over the years, and are looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with you. A light dinner will be served throughout the evening and the couple will cut their cake at 7:30. Please RSVP by December 13 to Dave and Deb at 898-2908, to quilterdeb60@verizon.net or Facebook Maria so we know about how many will come. We ask you to pray with us for Maria and Ryan as they begin life together.

SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY: In the event of inclement weather, service cancellation information should be available after 6:00 AM on our church website at www.hempfieldcob.org. If you do not have internet access or there is no information on the website, 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 children's Sunday School class teachers if possible.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR DECEMBER: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned cranberry sauce, canned yams or sweet potatoes, jar of gravy, boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, canned pumpkin, boxed macaroni & cheese, boxes jello, new and used plastic & paper grocery bags and egg cartons. Please put items in the coatroom, and they will be taken to the food bank on the 4th Sunday of the month starting in December.

STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET for 2011 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.

IT'S TIME TO WORK ON THE 2011 HCOB DIRECTORY! If you have any changes or additions you would like to be included in the 2011 directory, please get them to Amy Smith in the church office by Monday, January 3. 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.

NEED A MEAL? If you or someone you know would appreciate meal(s) made for them due to a new birth in the family or health issues please give Helping Hands Ministry a phone call. You can call Rich Bushong 664-4395 before 9pm.

HCOB YOUTH EVENTS

- ★ The Sr. High Cell Group had a wonderful time at our lock-in last weekend! Thanks, Jen!
- ★ The Senior Highers also had a wonderful Mystery Dinner at church last night. Thanks to Mary Ann Fisher for getting it together and cooking! The formal meal was served by the advisors and other assorted adults.
- ★ Sr. High Cell Group—Each Monday 6:30-8:00 PM at the Barnes' home
- ★ Jr. High Cell Group—Each Tuesday 7:00-8:30 PM at the church
- ★ Sr. High District Retreat—January 21-23 @ Camp Swatara
- ★ Jr. High District Lock-in—February 4 & 5 @ Lebanon Valley College
- ★ Youth Winter Retreat—February 18-21

Healthy Hints from our Congregational Health Team

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.”

(<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/exclusion.htm>)



Christmas at HCOB

Advent Materials are available 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 re-focus on the real meaning of Christmas and help prepare us for our Advent sermon series this year! Starting November 29th and continuing through December 20th, we will meet on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM. We will be studying the book & DVD *Advent Conspiracy*. The topics will be “Worship Fully,” “Spend Less,” “Give More” and “Love All.” You can find more information at www.adventconspiracy.org. Pastor John will be leading our time together. If you need child care, please call the church office to let us know.

HCOB Christmas Eve Services

6:30 "Family-Friendly" Service: Reflect upon the timeless joy and hope of our Savior's birth through singing, stories, and a special appearance by our Puppet Ministry Team! Children of all ages are welcome to attend as we set aside the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season and prepare our hearts for the night that changed everything. 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!

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. Nursery care will be provided.



2010
Christmas
Love Offering

Our Christmas challenge to our congregation is to raise \$5,000 for the ministries of HOPE International to start a “HOPE Community Bank” in the Dominican Republic.

Community banks are groups of 15-40 entrepreneurs who work together to receive business loans, biblically-based business training, mentoring, and discipleship together as a group. Since most entrepreneurs in the third world are too poor to provide any kind of collateral, members of HOPE community banks cross-guarantee each others loans, utilizing a kind of “social collateral” to access credit. Because they have signed for each other’s loans, community bank members also hold each other accountable for loan repayment, and this relational element is very successfully--typically resulting in a 98% loan repayment rate which is considerably higher than repayment rates in the U.S.

A donation of \$5,000 can provide enough capital to fund life-changing loans for the members of a HOPE community bank. Clients use their loans to launch new business endeavors, make major business purchases that reduce travel and rental costs, buy additional stock in bulk, increase the selection of their inventory, and improve their sales space. These improvements result in increased business profits, which clients use to provide for their families’ needs, reinvest in their businesses, build savings, and repay their loans. Once the entire loan has been repaid, HOPE can lend the same capital to additional entrepreneurs who also repay, and the capital continues to revolve to impact new families indefinitely.

By participating in our Christmas Love Offering **you will be making a permanent and positive difference** in the lives of impoverished individuals in the Dominican Republic. Please consider your offering prayerfully and give as generously as you can.

You are also invited to learn more about the work of Hope International through their “Out of Poverty Experience” at their headquarters at 227 Granite Run Drive Lancaster, PA 17601 on December 13. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending.

☆Today’s Worship Service☆
3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PRELUDES

A Song for the Trumpet	Paxton
In Dulci Jubilo	Gordon Young
Christmas Pastorale from first Sonata	A. Guilmant
Prelude on a Luther Hymn	Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jason Haldeman & Ashley Kern
The Candle of “Joy”
Prayer (*In unison*)
Dear God, So many people need your healing and hope. In this season of giving, and on every day of the year, help us to say and do those things that will help bring Christ's compassion and caring to all. Amen.

*CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	201
Angels We Have Heard on High	197

ADVENT ANTHEMS

I Have Seen the Light	Sanctuary Choir
My Heart Will Be Your Bethlehem	

CHILDREN’S STORY

Sue Brubaker
Children 3 years old through 3rd grade are invited to Children’s church.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thought & Prayer	
Offertory-- The Holly and the Ivy	arr. by Ellsasser
<i>(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)</i>	

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meditation on “The First Noel”	Kent Rice
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MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:
Donna Denlinger, Parke Eckman, Dave Fisher, Carl Haas, Pauline Hess, Mel Metzler, Floyd Myer, Mary Jane Myer, Scott Nissley, Mary Lou Ruth, Dottie Shelley, Alex Troxell, Linda Ziegler

SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:21-24	
MESSAGE	Spend Less	
*CHRISTMAS CAROL	Joy to the World	318
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	Variations on an Ancient Noel	Rogues/Nevins

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

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz; Video Tech—Alex Troxell
 Sound Techs—Rich & Jamie Bushong;
 Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper; Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to Edith Mumma upon the death of her daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Mumma. May God comfort the family during this time of loss.

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN: Sylvia Heffley's brother that died is named Roy Patrick, not Floyd as the bulletin indicated last week. Our apologies to Sylvia for the error.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for the prayers and meals while I was in the hospital and to Pastor John for his visits.
 —John Haldeman

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely box of fruit, cheese and goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.—Bill & Dorothy Walters, Amy Smith, John Haldeman, Kent Rice, Bounce & Betty Bowers, John Layman, Jen Statler, Betty Aulthouse, Grace Brubaker, Tori Hostetter, Rhoda Hollinger, Frank & June Lantz

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED with the Special Friends Christmas Program. 335 individuals enjoyed the Christmas story and a time of fellowship.

THANKS TO KAREN RICE, DICK CALDWELL, JEN STATLER AND ALL who helped make the Family Christmas Celebration a wonderful event! The puppet/live action original play "The Perfect Gift" was presented as the sanctuary was transformed into Shiloh City and a delicious meal followed the program.

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES can be picked up in the narthex from Gladys Ulmer after the church services.

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.

☆Contact the Church Office☆

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☆Contact Church Staff☆

Our pastors are here to help when you need them. Although the pastors will not be in the church office on their scheduled days off, please feel free to contact them at the phone numbers below if you have an emergency need.

John Layman – *Senior Pastor*

Home: 892-4972; Cell: 468-9594; E-mail: john@hempfieldcob.org
Scheduled Day Off: Mondays

Kent Rice – *Associate for Special Ministries*

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Scheduled Day Off: Fridays

Geoff Davis – *Associate Pastor*

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Jen Statler – *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

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

☆ Bulletin Deadline☆

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

☆HCOB Family Facts☆

Attendance for December 5, 2010

Sunday School: 143 Traditional Service: 49 Blended Service: 190

Giving for December 5, 2010

General Offering: \$11,468 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$8,698
Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$9,393