

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



February 27, 2011  
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.
- † **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.
- † **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: February 27-March 6☆

<b>SUN.-THURS.</b>	Pastor John & Peggie on vacation	
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 P.M.	Deacons Meeting
	7:00 P.M.	Jr. High Cell Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 A.M.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 P.M.	Monthly Prayer Experience
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:00 P.M.	WORDD Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Worship
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
		Pastor John Layman "Salt & Light" Matthew 5:13-16

☆☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆☆

- March 7**—Lenten Study Group Begins
- March 8**—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Celebration
- March 13**—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 13**—Walk to Jerusalem starts



We, the Social Service Team, are again asking for volunteers for the Helping Hands Ministry. If there are areas in which you would like to help others in our congregation please sign up below. Our main needs, at this time, are to supply transportation to and from appointments and to supply meals to those who recently returned from the hospital.

## BECOME A HELPING HAND

We appreciate the many of you who have already signed up to help. You do not need to sign up again.

If you want to volunteer to assist others, please complete this form and place it in the offering or in the office administrator's mailbox in the outer office.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### How can you help? (Please ✓ all that apply)

- I can help with **transportation** at the following times:
  - Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday
  - Morning                       Afternoon
- I can help with **providing meals** on the following days:
  - Weekdays                       Weekends

I can help in the **following area** (fill in the blank): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## NEED A HELPING HAND?

If you need some help, please contact Amy or Pastor Kent in the church office and give them your name, phone number, and the service you would need. **You may call the church office at 898-0181 or e-mail: office@hempfieldcob.org.**



**GET READY FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE CELEBRATION!** It will be held here at the church on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We will have a delicious pancake meal, followed by some fun games with pancakes. We will wrap things up with a short devotional. Please sign up in the narthex to let us know that you are coming and what you can bring to donate to the meal. It's going to be fun!

**PASTOR JOHN WILL LEAD A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** entitled "Living with the Mind of Christ." This study will be held seven Monday evenings from March 7-April 18 from 7:00-8:00 PM in Chapel Hall. Study Guides will be used and are available from Pastor John.

**MAGNETS WITH THE CHURCH'S VISION STATEMENT** are available in the narthex. Please take one and display it prominently to remind you of what God has called us to be and do as a church family.

**COME JOIN THE PRAISE BAND!** We are blessed at Hempfield COB with an abundance of musical talents. If you would like to share those talents by being part of one of our Praise Band teams please contact Daphne Witmer at [witmerdj@comcast.net](mailto:witmerdj@comcast.net) or call 898-6247. Instrumental and vocalists welcome.

***Would you like to be part of the Visitor Attendance Team?***

Visitors are important to the life and growth of our church family, and we want to make sure that we provide a welcoming atmosphere for them and follow up with any needs they may express.

Therefore, the Evangelism Team is looking for individuals to fulfill two simple services:

1. Greet any new attendees on a Sunday morning (although we acknowledge the fact that this is the job of ALL church members).
2. Oversee the gathering of the attendance pads and make sure they are put in the church office so that the office staff can follow up with visitors.

If you are interested in serving in this way please contact Karma Witmer (560-0542 or [witkk@comcast.net](mailto:witkk@comcast.net)) for more information.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL** will be sent out by the Social Service Team. If a student or military member in your family has had a recent address change, please let Amy know in the church office by Friday, March 11.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:** Chili, Tomatoes, Baked beans, Kidney beans, Cream of mushroom soup, Cream of chicken soup. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. We do not need egg cartons or plastic bags at this time. Thanks!

**LANCASTER AREA SENIOR ADULT SPRING BANQUET** will be Thursday, April 14 at 12:00 PM at Middle Creek COB. Featuring The Harmonizers from LVBH. The cost is \$12 (make check payable to Atlantic Northeast District). Deadline for reservation is March 31st. Please contact Jean May (898-7023) if you plan to attend.

**The Mid-Atlantic District Peace and Justice Committee** on March 26 is sponsoring a **Peace Symposium** titled, "Is Pacifism a Core Christian Value?" The symposium will be held at University Park Church of the Brethren in Hyattsville, Md., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Stan Noffsinger, general secretary of the Church of the Brethren. A panel discussion also will be offered with local and denominational representatives. Attendees are invited to read "Christian Understanding of War in an Age of Terror(ism)," a paper under discussion by the National Council of Churches, in preparation for the symposium. Find the document at [www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010](http://www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010), scroll down to "Visioning Conversations" and click "Full Text of the Five Vision Papers." Contact Illana Naylor at [naylorbarrett5@gmail.com](mailto:naylorbarrett5@gmail.com).

**2011 SPRING PEACE FORUM**—Dr. Charles Marsh will present "The Meaning of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for Contemporary American Christianity" on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 Duke Street, Lancaster PA.

## HCOB YOUTH NEWS

- ★ Sr. High Cell Group—Monday 6:30-8:00 PM at the Barnes' home
- ★ Jr. High Cell Group—Tuesday 7:00-8:30 PM at Millie Hoffman's home.
- ★ Sr. High Lock-in—March 11 & 12 @ Chiques COB
- ★ 30 Hr. Famine for Senior Highers—April 8-9 @ Lititz COB.
- ★ Jr. High District Service Project—April 16 @ GAIN Warehouse



## 9:00 SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY

### NURSERY CARE (INFANTS-3 YEAR OLDS)

Nursery care is provided today in the nursery room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor by Billie Besser & Jody Kettering.

### PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Join other preschoolers, kindergarteners, and caring teachers as you play together and learn about God and how much he loves you. This class is located upstairs. (Teachers: Betty Cox and Edith Martin)

### DISCIPLESHIP ISLAND (GRADES 1-5)

Join us for Sunday School upstairs in Parable Pier where you will experience this month's Bible Story. After gathering in Parable Pier, you will be invited to travel to one of our four workshops: Game Lagoon, Starfish Studios, Boardwalk Crafts and Café, and Parable Pier. At the workshops, we will play games, make movies, create art, act out the stories, pray for and with one another, and do many other exciting things that help us to learn God's truths and grow closer to Jesus. (Teachers: Deb Bendit, Peggie Layman, Bev Moyer, Gerry Shuman, and Jen Statler)

### KIDS' PRAISE & WORSHIP (PRESCHOOL-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Beginning January 30, from 9:55-10:10 AM we will have a time between Sunday school and the 10:15 worship service for kids to enjoy singing praise to Jesus with kid-friendly praise and worship songs. The preschool and kindergarten kids will be led by Linda Carper upstairs in the preschool room. Kids in grades 1-5 will be led by Ashley Kern & Jason Haldeman in Parable Pier.



## 10:15 SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY

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### CHILDREN'S CHURCH (3 YEAR OLDS-GRADE 3)

Our children's church teachers welcome children beginning at 10:00 AM. Children's Church is in the Preschool/Kindergarten classroom, and it is full of fun and learning together. If you would prefer to have your children in the adult worship service for part of the morning, there is a break in the worship service when they will be invited to Children's Church. Feel free to keep your children with you for the entire service, but realize that the service is designed for older children, youth, and adults. Children's Church is taught today by Betty Cox.

### BAGS OF BLESSINGS

Children of all ages are welcome to pick up a Bag of Blessings on their way into the sanctuary for the 10:15 worship service. The bags are filled with quiet items that may be enjoyed during the worship service. The orange and purple bags are for younger children (preschool-grade 1) and the green and blue bags are for older children (grade 2+). Please return the bags to the racks at the end of each service, so that they can be enjoyed again next week. Each bag is a little different, so try a new one next week!

# ☆Today's Worship Service☆

## TIME OF REFLECTION

*Pray for the countless Christians who suffer and have suffered for the cause of Jesus Christ and have helped to fulfill the Great Commandment through their witness.*

## PRELUDES

Behold Your Mirror is the Lord's  
Andante from Rosamunde  
Voluntary in F Major

Paul Benoit  
Franz Schubert  
Charles Zeuner

## WELCOME—GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Veritas

Ryan Braught

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9: 1-2, 13-14, 19-20

## \*HYMN

Great Is the Lord

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## \*OPENING PRAYER

## \*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD

Mighty to Save  
Sing to the King  
I Will Follow

Youth Praise Band  
On Screen  
On Screen  
On Screen

*Children 3 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's church.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Have Thine Own Way, Lord  
Andy Walls-trombone, Otis Kitchen-organ, Daphne Witmer-piano

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought & Prayer  
Offertoire in G Major

Franz Joseph Haydn

*(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

## MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

Betty Bowers, Millie Brubaker, Dave Fisher, Carl Haas, Ned Harms, Ray Hutchison, Floyd Myer, Mary Jane Myer, Jim Slotter, Josh Stauffer, Alex Troxell

## MESSAGE

Blessed Are You  
(Matthew 5:11-12; Luke 6:22-23)

## \*GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD

How Firm a Foundation

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

G.F. Handel

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

Organist/Pianist—Otis Kitchen; Video Tech—Derek Witmer  
Youth Praise Band Director—Janelle Witmer  
Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong;  
Worship Leader—Jim Eshleman; Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis

**A ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR TABLE** is presented in celebration of the arrival of Preslie Margaret Davis who was born on February 12 in Charlottesville, VA. She is the daughter of Marc and Bethany Davis, sister of Ella, and granddaughter of Sally and Geoff Davis.

**A ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR TABLE** is presented in celebration of the arrival of Melissa Chuwan who was born on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Women's and Babies Hospital of Lancaster. She is the daughter of Khem & Krishna Chuwan and the granddaughter of Bhupal and Lachhi Chuhan as well as Devi and Sabitra Khadka.

**2011 CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** Please pick yours up at the narthex table. You may also sign up to receive extra copies of the directory if you feel that you need extras.



## The Persecuted Church in Uzbekistan

The Voice of the Martyrs reports that Uzbek Pastor Dmitry Shestakov, the pastor of the officially registered Full Gospel Church, was released from prison on January 21, 2011. Pastor Shestakov had been serving a four-year work camp sentence after being accused of "incitement of national, racial and religious enmity" under Article 156 of Uzbekistan's penal code. According to VOM no official church representatives went to greet him in front of the prison when he was released other than the two courageous elders from the Andijan Church.

Praise God for the release of Pastor Dmitry Shestakov.

Pray for Pastor Shestakov's smooth reintegration into normal life, as well as for his faithfulness and suffering for Christ to be strong encouragement for other Christians around him.

Pray that Christians in Uzbekistan should stand firm and courageous in the face of persecution.

## The Persecuted Church in Nigeria

Christian leaders in Bauchi state said religious violence sparked by a row over a billiards table on Jan. 27 bore signs that Muslim extremists were prepared for a large-scale slaughter of Christians. Initially authorities said only 18 people were killed after sectarian violence erupted in the areas of Tafawa Balewa and Bogoro, where there are large Christian populations in the predominantly Muslim Bauchi state of northern Nigeria. Since then, estimates have ranged wildly from 25 to 96 people killed over a three-day period starting Jan. 27, with Christian leaders asserting that Muslim extremists used the billiards table incident as a pretext for unleashing attacks with a stockpile of weapons hidden in mosques.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would fill and equip believers in Nigeria to respond to violence with forgiveness and love.

Pray for the families of those who have been killed, that they would be comforted with the comfort God provides.

Pray for Christianity to spread and to free those who are locked in the stronghold of fear, violence, deception, and hatred.

### ☆Contact the Church Office☆

Amy Smith - *Administrator*

Phone: 898-0181; E-mail: office@hempfieldcob.org; Fax: 898-0403

Website: www.hempfieldcob.org

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

### ☆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 – *Pastor for Special Ministries*

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

*Scheduled Day Off: Fridays*

Geoff Davis – *Associate Pastor*

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

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 February 20, 2011**

Sunday School: 97      Traditional Service: 52      Blended Service: 180

**Giving for February 20, 2011**

General Offering: \$7,795      Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$4,014

*Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$9,500*