

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 4, 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.

## Hempfield COB Vision

*Firmly rooted and living deeply in the character of Christ to become a healthier church that powerfully shares Christ with the world.*



☆This Week: December 4-11☆

<b>TODAY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 4:00 P.M. Family Christmas Celebration
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. Sr. High Cell Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 6:00 P.M. Younger Youth Cell Group 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 Service Pastor John Layman Preaching "Valuable Lessons from Mary" Luke 1:26-38

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- December 14**—Herald Deadline
- December 16**—Parents Night Out
- December 18**—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
- December 20**—Ministry Team Social
- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS.** Please see Gerry Shuman in the narthex after church to order yours!

**LEADERSHIP & MINISTRY TEAM SOCIAL,** December 20th, 6:00 PM. Join us for a light meal and fun time of getting to know one another. All members of the new and current ministry teams and leadership team are invited. Please RSVP to church office (898-0181, office@hempfieldcob.org) or Tom Fritz (665-2793, twfritz@ptd.net).

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY HERALD** has been moved to **Wednesday, December 14th** due to the Christmas Holiday. Please submit all information for the newsletter to the church office by that date. Thank you.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:** 4 (15 oz.) cans vegetables, 3 (15 oz.) cans fruit, 1 (15 oz.) can cranberry sauce, 1 (15 oz.) can yams or sweet potatoes, 1 (10 oz.) jar gravy, 1 (6 oz.) box stuffing, 1 (13 oz.) box mashed potatoes, 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin, 2 (7.25 oz.) boxes macaroni & cheese, 2 (3 oz.) boxes jello, 1 frozen turkey or ham. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**DON'T MISS** the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Brass Concert of Holiday Favorites featuring *QuintEssentially Brass*, Friday, December 23, 2011 at First Reformed UCC Church, Lancaster beginning at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be picked up in the narthex from Gladys Ulmer after the church services.

**IT'S TIME TO WORK ON THE 2012 HCOB DIRECTORY!** If you have any changes or additions you would like to be included in the 2012 directory, please get them to Amy Smith in the church office by Friday, December 23. 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 and leave a message on the church voice mail at 898-0181 ext. 5.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE THE HERALD**

**NEWSLETTER.** Amy needs help each month in the office to assemble the newsletter. This simple job takes one person half an hour to 45 minutes during the church office hours (9:00 AM—2:30 PM). If you would like to volunteer, please sign up for a date on the narthex table. Thank you for helping with this important ministry!

**IF YOU APPLIED FOR CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE** through the church, you should be receiving a form from the state in the mail. When you receive the form, please bring the original in to the church and give it to Deb Bendit. Or you may give us a photocopy of the form and keep the original for your own records.

**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](http://www.hempfieldcob.org). If you do not have internet access, 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.

## **HCOB YOUTH NEWS**

- ★ Family Christmas Celebration—TONIGHT 4:00-6:30 PM
- ★ Sr. High Cell Group— Monday 6:30-8:00 PM at Dum's home
- ★ Younger Youth Cell Group—Wednesday 6-7:30 PM at Church
- ★ Parent's Night Out (babysitting opportunity)—Friday, Dec 9, 5:30 - 9:00 PM
- ★ Youth Mystery Dinner—Saturday, Dec 10, 5:00-7:30 PM at church
- ★ Parent's Night Out (babysitting opportunity)—Friday, Dec 16, 5:30 - 9:00 PM

## **Healthy Hints from our Congregational Health Team**

Are you getting sick while you sleep? Apologies if this news keeps you awake at night, but a recent study found that a typical pillow hosts more than 400,000 bacteria, yeast, and mold colonies. Although they aren't all harmful, some of the microorganisms can cause diarrhea, bronchitis, and asthma. To reduce unwelcome bed buddies, toss your pillow in the washing machine twice a year. And if you can't even remember when you bought it, get a new one.



## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am**

### **Nursery Care (infants-3 year olds)**

Nursery Care is provided in the nursery room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor by Bob & Mary Ellen McEvoy. Beepers are provided to assure you of your child's contentment.

### **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.

### **God Squad**

Kids in grades 1-5 will become the God Squad. The God Squad is a group of kids who will greet children and families who are new to the church and help them to feel welcomed and comfortable within the church. They will also be trained to help with Discipleship Island.

**10:15 am**

### **Nursery Care (infants-3 year olds)**

Nursery Care is provided in the nursery room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor by Donna Schaidle & Betty Lull. Beepers are provided to assure you of your child's contentment.

### **First Look (3 year olds-Kindergarten)**

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 and will begin at 10:15.

### **Discipleship Island (Grades 1-5)**

Join other kids in Grades 1-5 as we experience who God is, how He sees you, and how much He loves you. Come discover the active part that you can play in the life-long adventure of becoming more like God.

# "Christmas in December"

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

**Will Derek discover that Christmas is about more than finalizing his Christmas list?**



Join us for dinner and a show, celebrating the wonder of the Christmas season and the gifts of the HCOB Community. There will be congregational singing of Christmas carols, puppets, the sharing of musical gifts, all framed by an original Kent Rice production. Following the show, we will share in a meal together, provided by the Fellowship and Hospitality Team.



**Sign up in the narthex  
or by calling  
the church office.**



## *Advent & Christmas@ HCOB*



**Advent Materials** are available in your Sunday School class and in the narthex. There are a variety of materials for all ages. Please stop in the narthex and select something for each member of your family.

**Christmas Love Offering**-- This year's Christmas Love Offering will be designated for Habitat for Humanity. Our church is leading an inter-faith home building project on Fairview Avenue in Lancaster and the Christmas offering will go towards this specific project. Special envelopes will be available on the narthex table so you can give specifically to Habitat for Humanity.



**Parent's Night Out**-- Fridays, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM-9:00 PM. Allow us to give your kids up to and including grade 5 a night of fun while you cross some things off your never-ending list!!! Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. PLEASE pre-register so we know how many kids we will have for dinner. Children are welcome to attend both evenings. You may pre-register by calling the church (898-0181), signing up in the narthex, or emailing Jen at [jen@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:jen@hempfieldcob.org).

### **HCOB Christmas Eve Services**

**6:30 "Family-Friendly" Service:** Children of all ages are welcome to attend as we set aside the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season and reflect upon the timeless joy and hope of our Savior's birth.

**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.



☆Today's Worship Service☆  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDES

Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol	French Carol/Irvine
Mary, Did You Know?	Lowery & Green/Loose
The Holly & The Ivy	English Carol/Price
Angels We Have Heard On High	French Carol/Irvine

WELCOME--GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

ANTHEM                      How Should a King Come?      Sanctuary Choir

\*HYMN                      Comfort, Comfort O My People                      176

MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

Richard Heagy, Elizabeth Stacks Millhouse, Doug Nauman, Corinne Nissley,  
Brenda Wright

SPECIAL MUSIC      In the Bleak Midwinter      QuintEssentially Brass

SKIT                      The Quintessence of Christmas  
With HCOB Puppet Theater & QuintEssentially Brass

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thought  
Offertory—Silent Night (Gruber/Harvey)      QuintEssentially Brass  
*(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

SCRIPTURE READING      Isaiah 40:1-2

MESSAGE                      The Comfort of Peace

\*HYMN                      Good Christian Friends, Rejoice                      210

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDES

Riu Riu Chiu	Spanish Carol/Marlatt
We Wish You A Merry Christmas	English Carol/Rutter

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

Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice  
Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz  
Video Tech—Doug Howard

Sound Techs—Blaine Garber & Jaynelle Troxell  
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

QuintEssentially Brass: Trumpet – Doug Albert and Gene Clark, Horn – Kris  
Albert, Trombone – Andy Walls, Tuba – Geoff Davis

**THANK YOU TO ALL** for your prayers and support as our little grandson, Wyatt, made his rough introduction into the world. He continues to improve and gain strength, and we are optimistic he will make a full recovery. Kate and Rich remain strong, and we believe they and all of our family have been uplifted in prayer. We are so grateful!  
--Jim & Claire Eshleman

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** for the delicious food, the beautiful cards, your caring thoughts and most of all your prayers, through which God worked by His love and His grace to sustain our family in the loss of our mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Kathryn Jane Dewar.  
--Tom, Lois & Kayla Dewar

**THE HCOB MINISTRY TEAM THANKS THE CONGREGATION** for the notes and gifts of appreciation that were given to them last Sunday. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring and encouraging congregation.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who contributed to the Thanksgiving Offering for Water Street Health Services financially or with material items. In addition to a good supply of material items, we also contributed \$2,077.66 toward their ongoing health ministries.

**THE INSTALLATION OF THE HEATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED** for the week of December 12. If you come to the church during that week, please park as far away from the building as possible to leave room for the crane to maneuver. Thank you for your cooperation.

*"If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth."*  
-- C.S. Lewis

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 30, 2011

## Working Balance

(Beginning of Period)

January 1, 2011 \$4,395.83

## Receipts

General Offering \$399,677.66

Interest on Checking Account \$7.02

Total Receipts \$399,684.68

**Total Receipts & Beginning Balance \$404,080.51**

## Expenditures

Stewards of Finance \$38,461.73

Evangelism Team \$98,383.93

Education Team \$20,690.69

Deacons \$4,407.94

Worship Team \$13,500.75

Leadership Team \$138,479.31

Stewards of Property \$48,025.38

Social Service Team \$17,323.26

Fellowship & Hospitality Team \$2,993.88

Taxes \$20,403.26

**Total Expenditures \$402,670.13**

**Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2011 \$1,410.38**

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

## ☆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 8:30 A.M. to 2:00P.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 November 27, 2011**

Sunday School: 84      Traditional Service: 48      Blended Service: 236

**Giving for November 27, 2011**

General Offering: \$6,712      Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$31,340

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

Thanksgiving Offering for Water Street = \$2,077.66

Habitat Goal: \$15,000

Habitat money raised: \$7,622