

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 11, 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 11-18☆

<b>TODAY</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent 11:30 A.M. Blood Pressure Checks
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. Sr. High Cell Group 7:00 P.M. Stewards of Property
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:00 P.M. Silver Singles 7:00 P.M. Worship Team
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	HERALD DEADLINE 6:00 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 9:00 A.M. Sewing Circle 6:00 P.M. Younger Youth Cell Group 7:00 P.M. Evangelism Team 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 A.M. Ladies Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5:30 P.M. Parent's Night Out
<b>SUNDAY</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering 8:00 A.M. Traditional Service 8:45 A.M. Youth Caroling @ BV 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Blended Service Pastor Geoff Davis Preaching "Who Knows? Who Cares?" John 1:1-13

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- December 20**—Ministry Team Social
- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services



**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**-- Friday Dec. 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. 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.





**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 issue.

**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](mailto:office@hempfieldcob.org)) or Tom Fritz (665-2793, [twfritz@ptd.net](mailto: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.

**STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET** for 2012 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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**THE HELPING HANDS MINISTRY** is sponsored by the Social Service Team and is available to help you if you have a need for some extra help around the house, getting to appointments, cooking meals, yard work etc. If you could use a Helping Hand or would like to be a part of this ministry by helping others please contact Rich Bushong at 664-4395 or [grb@dejazzd.com](mailto:grb@dejazzd.com).

## HCOB YOUTH NEWS

- ★ 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 16, 5:30 - 9:00 PM
- ★ Caroling at Brethren Village—Sunday, Dec. 18—leave the church at 8:45 AM
- ★ Caroling in the City—Friday, Dec. 23—Contact Ashley Kern if interested
- ★ Thanks to Mary Ann Fisher for making yesterday's Youth Mystery Dinner happen!

☆Today's Worship Service☆  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDES

Magnificat in G Major  
Magnificat  
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
Chorale Prelude  
Chorate Setting

Guilmont  
Gorriti  
Praetoriss  
Near  
Johnson

WELCOME--GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us continue on the path to the manger.

**All: Winding through the ordinary,**

One: Weaving through the busyness,

**All: Overcoming roadblocks & detours.**

One: A way to go home,

**All: Leaving the past in the past,**

One: Moving from darkness,

**All: Coming into the light.**

One: Advent is a path to our God,

**All: A way to come home,**

One: To find new life,

**All: And transformation through the Christ Child.**

\*HYMN Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee? 182

\*INVOCATION PRAYER

\*HYMN The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (v.1 & 2) 202

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:26-38

ANTHEM Breath of Heaven Sanctuary Choir

WORDS ABOUT CHRIST'S BIRTH

ANTHEM Christmas Grace Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

Parke Eckman, Ned Harms, Richard Heagy, Harriet Hughes,  
Elizabeth Stacks Millhouse, Doug Nauman, Jeff Peters, Brenda Wright

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:46-55

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thought

Offertory—Resonet in Laudibus 14<sup>th</sup> Century German Carol

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

MESSAGE Following Mary's Model

ANTHEMS Sanctuary Choir

Magnificat (Solo: Diane Garber)

Mary, Did You Know?

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Wake, Awake for the Night is Flying J. S. Bach

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

Preacher—Pastor John Layman; Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz  
Video Tech—Derek Witmer; Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Jaynelle Troxell  
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper; Worship Leader—Nathaniel Dum

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BRYAN AND JULENE HARNISH** upon the birth of Aubrey Mae Harnish who was born November 30, 2011. The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate her arrival. The grandparents are Dick & Cindy Harnish and the great-grandparents are Roger & Gladys Ulmer.

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

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR COOKIE BAKERS** who contributed to the Brethren Village Auxiliary Cookie Sale on December 2. It was a very successful fundraiser with sales of \$1,521.00. --Gerrie Hurst & Lois Killian

**THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS** for the lovely box of fruit, cheese and goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.—Barry & Brenda Wright, Jim & Wilda Drake, The HCOB Ministry Team, Maggie Carper, John Haldeman, Jean Zurin, Rhoda Hollinger, Ralph Moyer



## 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 Jill Stout. 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**

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Nursery Care is provided in the nursery room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor by Lois & Kayla Dewar. 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.

## ☆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 December 4, 2011**

Sunday School: 135      Traditional Service: 54      Blended Service: 241

### **Giving for December 4, 2011**

General Offering: \$13,165.50      Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$31,465

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

Habitat Goal: \$15,000

Habitat money raised: \$8,722