

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 18, 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.



HCOB
Calendar

☆This Week: December 18-25☆

TODAY	4 th Sunday in Advent 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
MONDAY	6:30 P.M. Sr. High Cell Group
TUESDAY	6:00 P.M. Ministry Team Social
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 6:00 P.M. Younger Youth Cell Group 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir
SATURDAY	6:30 P.M. Family Christmas Eve Service 9:00 P.M. Traditional Christmas Eve Service
SUNDAY	Christmas Day NO 8:00 SERVICE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. Blended Service Pastor John Layman Preaching "A Birth That Changes Everything" Luke 2:1-20

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- December 26 & 27**—Church Office Closed
- January 1**—Regular Sunday Schedule
- January 2**—Church Office Closed
- January 5**—Monthly Prayer Experience
- January 18**—Herald Deadline



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.



Caroling in the City-- JOIN US on Friday, December 23rd from 6:00-8:00 PM for caroling in Lancaster City! We will map out our route ahead of time just in case you care to join us along the way. Help spread the joy of Jesus ...on the street. We will meet outside the Prince Street Garage on the corner of Orange and Prince. Beautiful voices not necessary! Bring friends and family – young and old! Let's worship in community by sharing the precious message of Jesus vocally!

We'll also be handing out candy tied with Bible verses and inspirational messages. Then join us at the "after-party" for refreshments and fellowship at the Veritas Community Room (3rd floor of Prince Street Cafe). See Ashley Kern or Jason Haldeman if you have questions.

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.





Service of Remembrance 2012 January 22, 2012—10:15 AM

On Sunday morning, January 22, we will be holding **one service at 10:15 AM** to remember and honor our loved ones who have died in 2011. We will **not be having our normal 8:00 AM service** on that day.

If you would like to remember a loved one who has died in the past year, please complete the Name & Photo Submission Form that is available on the narthex table at church or on our church website (www.hempfieldcob.org). Names and pictures will be displayed on the projection screen during the service. If you do not wish to submit a picture, your loved one's name will be displayed on the screen when his or her name is read. **All forms and pictures must be submitted to the church office by Sunday, January 8th.**

We also invite you or a member of your family to come forward during the service to light a candle in memory of your loved one. If no one from your family can be present or you would prefer not to come forward, someone else will light the candle for you. You will also receive the candle and a white carnation as a gift from the church at the end of the service. Thank you in advance for your help as we prepare for this special service.

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).

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 4th Sunday.

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.

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. 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.

DO YOU ENJOY VISITING? We are looking for persons to serve on a **Visitation Team** and give assistance to the deacons. If you are interested and would like more details, contact Wes Bowers (867-1435, Ruth Johnson (569-2430) or Lois Killian (560-9429).

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, 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.

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
- ★ Caroling in the City—Friday, Dec. 23—Contact Ashley Kern if interested
- ★ Youth Mission Fundraising Lunch—Sunday, Jan. 29, after church-- Parents needed to plan menu and shepherd the cooking staff! Please contact Kent.

☆Today's Worship Service☆
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TIME OF REFLECTION

Take some time and consider what you believe – not what you know, but who you know and who you believe.

PRELUDES

Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep	Alee Wyton
Once in Royal David's City	Gauntlett
Jesu Bambino	Pietro A. Yon

WELCOME--GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 18:25-28

OPENING PRAYER

*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD Bless'd Be the God of Israel 174

ANTHEMS

Christmastime	Sanctuary Choir
I Know Now	Soloist: Kim Stauffer

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

2-Cent-A-Meal
Offertory Thought
Offertory—Christmas Fantasy J. S. Bach / Rebling
(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

SPECIAL MUSIC Winter Snow Katelyn Witmer

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-12

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Parke Eckman, Ned Harms, Richard Heagy, Harriet Hughes, Doug Nauman,
Jeff Peters, Jaynelle Troxell, Brenda Wright

MESSAGE Who Knows? Who Cares? (John 1:1-13)

*GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*BENEDICTION 1 John 1:1-4 (The Message)

Responsive Reading

One: Christ Lives!

All: Christ Lives Through Me!

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All: Christ Lives Through Us!

*POSTLUDE Carolgue March J. Greener

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

Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis; Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Video Tech—Alex Troxell; Sound Techs—Mike & Donna Denlinger
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper; Worship Leader—John Layman

THANK YOU for all the cards, visits and prayers during my recovery from my recent fall & surgery. And a special thank you to Pastor John & Peggie for meeting me on the tarmac when my plane landed. That was such a nice surprise.
—Corinne Nissley

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely box of fruit, cheese and goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.—Maurice Lowe, Jr., Gerry Zellers, Corinne Nissley, Torie Hostetter, Grace Brubaker

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES— There will be no 8:00 AM worship service or 9:00 AM Sunday School. We will gather for a festive Christmas Day worship at 10:15 AM.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES—We will observe our regular Sunday morning schedule.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Nursery Care (infants-3 year olds)

Nursery Care is provided in the nursery room on the 1st 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.

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Nursery Care (infants-3 year olds)

Nursery Care is provided in the nursery room on the 1st 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 11, 2011

Sunday School: 114

Traditional Service: 41

Blended Service: 225

Giving for December 11, 2011

General Offering: \$12,779

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$31,810

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

Habitat Goal: \$15,000

Habitat money raised: \$9,742