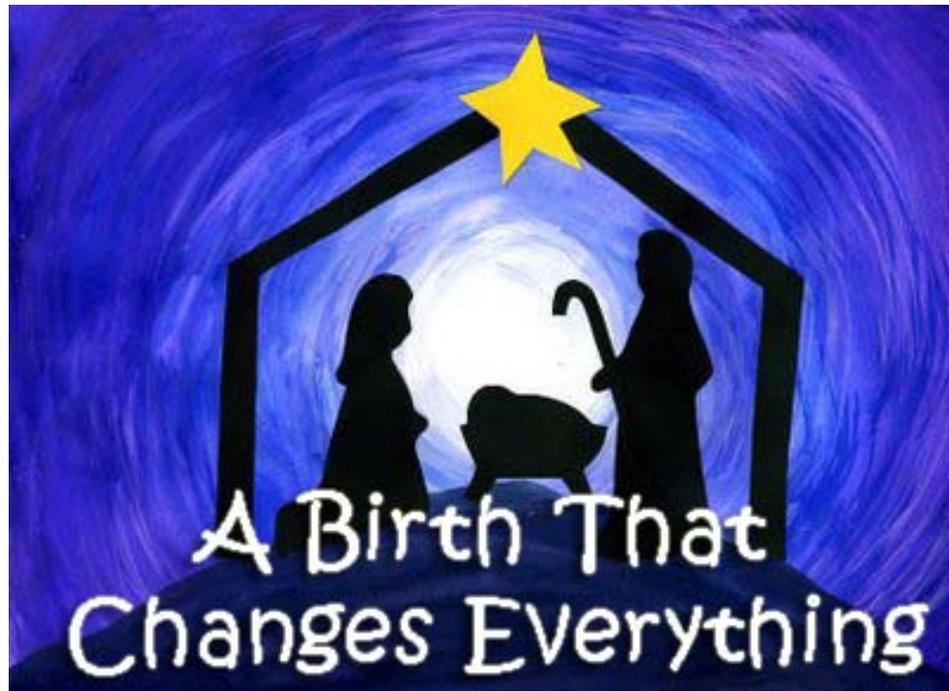


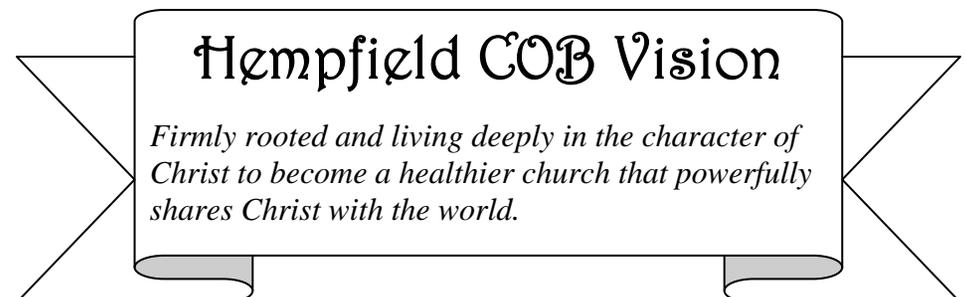
Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 25, 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.





THE LADIES BIBLE STUDY will be doing a series this winter by Priscilla Shirer called "He Speaks to Me." We will study how God spoke to Samuel and how He desires to speak to us personally today. The Bible study will be held at Ruth Johnson's home from 9:15-11:00 AM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays starting January 19th and will meet for 6 sessions. If you are interested in participating in this study please contact Jamie Bushong or Ruth Johnson.

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.

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.

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.



☆This Week: December 25-January 1☆

TODAY	Christmas Day!
MONDAY	Church Office Closed No Sr. High Cell Group
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 6:00 P.M. Younger Youth Cell Group
FRIDAY	Church Office Closed
SUNDAY	New Year's Day 8:00 A.M. Traditional Service 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Blended Service Pastor John Layman Preaching "Loving the Garbage Collector!" Psalm 103:1-12

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

January 1—Regular Sunday Schedule

January 2—Church Office Closed

January 5—Monthly Prayer Experience

January 18—Herald Deadline

January 22—Remembrance Sunday

HCOB YOUTH NEWS

- ★ No Sr. High Cell Group this week
- ★ Younger Youth Cell Group—Wednesday 6-7:30 PM at Church
- ★ 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☆

PRELUDES

WELCOME--GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy; for unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

All: Silent night, holy night! Wondrous Star, O lend thy light! With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Leader: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

All: O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*SPECIAL MUSIC Christ Is Born Choir & Congregation

*INVOCATION PRAYER

HEARING THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-20

SINGING OUR CHRISTMAS JOY Joy to the World 318

ANTHEM Christmas Grace Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—He Shall Feed His Flock Handel

(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE A Birth That Changes Everything

*HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem 191

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Hallelujah Chorus Handel

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

Preacher—Pastor John Layman; Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Video Tech—Dave Bendit; Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Matt Markey
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely box of fruit, cheese and goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.—John Kreider, Bounce & Betty Bowers, Pauline Hess

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, December 26, Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2 for the Christmas and New Years holidays.

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.



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.

10:15 am

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 18, 2011

Sunday School: 86 Traditional Service: 44 Blended Service: 257

Giving for December 18, 2011

General Offering: \$11,442.92 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$31,810

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

Habitat Goal: \$15,000

Habitat money raised: \$11,724