

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



March 18, 2012  
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: March 18-25☆

<b>MONDAY</b>	4:30 P.M.	Education Team
	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
	7:00 P.M.	Evangelism Team
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:00 P.M.	Family Night @ Friendlys
	6:00 P.M.	EPRA
	6:30 P.M.	Social Services Team
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	5:30 P.M.	Connections
	6:00 P.M.	Younger Youth Cell Group
	7:00 P.M.	Brethren Village Worship
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 A.M.	Youth on a Mission Basketball Tournament
<b>SUNDAY</b>		2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
	7:00 A.M.	Field Trip to St. Stephens Church
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service Pastor Geoff Davis Preaching "The Atoning Sacrifice" 1 John 2:1-17
	6:30 P.M.	Love Feast

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

**March 27**—Leadership Team

**April 1**—Palm Sunday

**April 5**—Prayer Experience

**April 6**—Good Friday Breakfast & Evening Service

**April 8**—Easter Egg Hunt

**April 8**—Easter Sunday

# Love Feast

## What is it?

*It is a re-enactment of the Last Supper of Jesus, which was a celebration of the Passover. Jesus adapted it for us to remember his redeeming death for us and his loving service to his disciples. It also reminds us of the future Messianic banquet we will have with our Lord in glory.*

## How do we do it?

*We gather first for a quiet time of personal reflection and confession. Then we eat a simple meal together (the fellowship meal) followed by a time of washing one another's feet (as commanded by Jesus in John 13:14). We end with bread and cup communion.*

## When does this happen?

*Next Sunday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) the Love Feast will begin at 6:30 PM and finish between 7:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.*

## Who can come?

*Everyone is welcome!*

## Why should you come?

*Because Jesus commanded us to do this in remembrance of him. It is a powerful and meaningful time in our life as a community of faith.*

*The Love Feast is a meal and worship event in honor of Jesus our Savior.*

*You are invited! Hope to see you there!*



**CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS ARE HERE!** Make sure you pick up your eggs from the youth in the gym today.

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Please tell your friends and your friends' friends about the "Youth on a Mission" 3 on 3 basketball tournament Saturday, March 24 here at HCOB from 9am - 3pm. Join us for some fun as we raise money for the senior high missions trip! Registration \$15 per person, contact Kari Housner for details.

**NEW TREASURER--**The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that Dave Bendit has volunteered to be our new Treasurer. As previously communicated, Allan Hurst will be retiring in April. Dave will be transitioning into the position during April. Starting in April, questions and requests can be directed to Dave. We know we speak for the entire Church when we say how thankful we are for Allan's years of service and for Dave's willingness to step into this important role.

**THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE** is looking for someone to work with the team and our Web Master, Shawn Smith, in presenting our church and all of its great ministries on the HCOB website. If you feel God leading you in this type of ministry, please contact Lois Dewar @ 201-0606 or email [ldknitter@yahoo.com](mailto:ldknitter@yahoo.com)

**COOKIE BAKERS!!** We need you to help us make the Community Egg Hunt yummy! If you are willing to bake cookies for the kids and the families who come to our Egg Hunt on April 7th, please sign up in the narthex. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen no later than 5:00 on Friday, April 6th. THANK YOU!!!

**FIELD TRIP TO ST. STEPHENS BAPTIST CHURCH--**Arrangements are being made to have a van load or two of current or past youth parents and/or young adults attend the March 25 worship service at St Stephens Baptist church in DC. Over the years parents have hinted at wanting to "share the experience" their kids have spoken of each time they returned from our DC service projects. Anyone (not youth this time) interested in making this trip should contact Ed Haldeman by Sunday, March 18th so necessary transportation arrangements can be made. Departure time on Sunday March 25th, will be around 7 am returning around 4 pm!

**FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR MARCH:** Juice, Spam, Hot cereal, Baking mixes, Canned pasta. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

The Education Team is preparing for **GRADUATION SUNDAY**, which will be held on June 3 at the 10:15 a.m. service. If anyone in your family graduated in December, 2011, or will graduate this summer from a post-high school program (technical or vocational training, community college, college, nursing school, etc.), please contact Sally Davis ([sallydavis@verizon.net](mailto:sallydavis@verizon.net) or 569-6284) by April 20. The Team would like to recognize his/her accomplishments with an invitation to the service and the meal immediately following. Thank you.

**RENOVARE CONFERENCE--**The essence of Christian spirituality is our relationship with God. The Renovare Essentials Conference is all about Christian spirituality. Richard Foster (author of *Celebration of Discipline*) and others will present a day of teachings about the essential elements of a vibrant Christian spirituality on April 21, 2012 at the chapel at E-town College. What a great opportunity this is! If you want more information, or wish to register, go to the district website: [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)

**THE ANNUAL EASTER CANDY SALE AT BRETHERN VILLAGE** will be held Friday, March 30, 2012 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in Wolfe Auditorium. Candy will be sold at \$4.00 a half pound. Please consider making candy for the sale and patronizing it. As an alternative to making candy, you might consider a donation to the Brethren Village Sale. Some suggestions for homemade candy- coconut cream eggs, peanut butter eggs, butter cream eggs, opera fudge, lollipops, peanut clusters, peanut butter cups, peanut brittle, any of your favorite candy. **Please label candy telling what it is and that it is for Brethren Village.** Take to church kitchen March 25-28. Thank you.

**CAMP SWATARA BIRDWATCHING TRIP**—May 18-20—\$125/person. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the outer office for more details.

#### **CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

If you are interested in playing on the Hempfield team April 7 at E-Town college, contact Ronald Myer 371-1900. There will be three games against other Brethren teams.

The Education Team will pay 75% of the cost for any child to attend **CAMP SWATARA** one time over the summer. Good-As-Gold Certificates are available on the bulletin board in the church office.

## Easter Season 2012



**Love Feast—March 25, 6:30 P.M.**  
Come for an evening of spiritual renewal and reflection on the Last Supper of our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will eat a simple meal together, wash each other's feet and partake of the Bread and Cup.

### Good Friday Breakfast April 6, 6:00 AM

Join with other Christians in our community for breakfast, a devotional message by our own Pastor Kent Rice, special music and meditation on the significance of this special day.



### Good Friday Evening Service April 6, 7:00 PM

Make this special service of meditation on the sacrificial death of Christ part of your Holy Week observances. Pastor John will share an evening meditation with Good Friday special music.



### Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 7, 8:00 AM

Join for a morning of family fun! There will be age-leveled Easter Egg Hunts for kids up to and including Grade 5, entertainment, and yummy refreshments. Come join us in hunting for the prize eggs! Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends! We hope to see you there!

### Easter Services-Sunday, April 8 *Pastor John Layman preaching*

Join us on this festive Easter day! Remember that because He lives, "we too shall live." Come and celebrate with us the promise of life eternal! Sing Easter hymns, join in the joy of special music, and shout and celebrate Eternal life offered through Jesus!



## HCOB YOUTH NEWS

- ★ TODAY: Easter Eggs ready for pickup!
- ★ Sr. High Cell Group— Monday 6:30-8:00 PM at Dum's home
- ★ Younger Youth Cell Group—Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM at Church
- ★ Family Fun Night at Friendlys on Centerville Road— March 20—5:00-8:00 PM
- ★ 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament Missions Trip Fundraiser—March 24—9 AM-3 PM
- ★ District Junior and Senior High Service Project, GAIN Warehouse— April 21—9 AM-1 PM
- ★ Youth District Cabinet applications due—April 30

### Healthy Hints from our Congregational Health Team

Gardening is a great way to burn off 250-300 calories in an hour. Weeding, mowing, hauling mulch – anything that makes you sweat – qualifies as exercise; switch activities every 20 min. to give your major muscle groups a workout.

☆Today's Worship Service☆  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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

PRELUDES

Trumpet Voluntary	G. Young
Fount of Every Blessing	An American Folk Tune
Concerto in A Minor	J. S. Bach
Largo	Handel

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*RESPONSIVE READING 716

\*HYMN Christ Is Our Cornerstone 43

MORNING PRAYER & QUIET REFLECTION (Piano: Brendon Duffy)

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

Richard Heagy, Jim Musser, Floyd Myer, Doug Nauman, Brenda Wright  
The Families of: Paula Stoner, Leita Walker, Grace Brubaker, Dennis Heisey

*PRAISE HYMNS	Youth Praise Band
Sing, Sing, Sing	On Screen
Shout to the North	On Screen
Blessed Be Your Name	On Screen

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thought & Prayer	
Offertory—Meditation	Messenet

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Katelyn Witmer

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:4-5 Vincent Deskiewicz, Jr.

MESSAGE Acceptable Sacrifices

\*HYMN Have Thine Own Way 504

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Canticle of Joy J. S. Bach

Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice; Organist—June Lykens Lantz  
Video Tech—Derek Witmer; Sound Techs—Mike & Donna Denlinger  
Youth Praise Band Leader—Janelle Witmer; Worship Leader—Dana Statler

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TABLE** are presented by Doug & Deb Nauman to the honor and glory of God.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ZACH AND CARISSA TOSTEN** upon the birth of a son, Caleb Eugene Tosten, who was born February 29, 2012. The rose on the altar table is in celebration of his arrival.

**SHARE IN A SPECIAL LENTEN CHALLENGE** by picking up a container in the narthex to financially support the Hempfield Bank of Hope through Hope International. Containers will be collected on Easter Sunday.

**WHAT COMFORT BEING SURROUNDED BY SO MUCH LOVE.** Thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards. I thank God for you all and especially our always faithful Pastor John. Love and God bless. --Doris Wright

**THE YOUTH WOULD LIKE TO THANK** the Musser family for the opportunity to sell food at their farm sale. Sales *and* the weather were both brisk and we appreciate the many kind donations of food and time!

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are extended to:

- ✠ Paula Stoner and family upon the death of her father, Claude Steffy, on March 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✠ Leita Walker and family upon the death of her mother, Anna Flory, on March 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✠ Grace Brubaker and family upon the death of her sister, Anna Koser, on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS** and gratitude for all of the cards received and for the love, caring and support the Hempfield congregation has provided for our family at the time of the passing of Enos B Heisey, the father of Dennis. Our thanks to Pastor John who attended the memorial service last Saturday at the Spring Creek COB in Hershey. Enos was quite active in the Church of the Brethren for many years and was recognized at District Conference in 2003 for 50 years in the ministry. He was licensed to the ministry in 1953 at the Heidelberg COB in 1953 and ordained two years later.

--Dennis, Shirley and Ashley Heisey

# THANK YOU for your COMMITMENT to keeping our kids SAFE!\*

Andy and Sheri Barnes  
Dave and Deb Bendit  
Dan Bendit  
Michelle Bendit  
Billie Besser  
Sue Brubaker  
Amy Brubaker  
Galen Brumbaugh  
Rich and Jamie Bushong  
Linda Carper  
Terry and Micki Carper  
Tom Connelly  
Cindy Cope  
Betty Cox  
Ivy Davis  
Lois Dewar  
Kayla Dewar  
Dave Dum  
Mary Beth Fisher  
Sarah Fisher  
Carolyn Fritz  
Blaine and Diane Garber  
Carolyn Gingrich  
Ed and Janice Haldeman  
Jason Haldeman  
Cindy Harnish  
Millie Hoffman  
Sue Hostetter  
Gerrie Hurst  
Ray and Jayne Hutchison  
Jody Kettering

Lois Killian  
Carol and Leon Koser  
John and Peggie Layman  
Betty Lull  
Edie Martin  
Bob and Mary Ellen McEvoy  
Sherry Miller  
Maranda Miller  
Bev Moyer  
Steph Moyer  
Ron and Julie Myer  
Butch Nachbar  
Randy and Linda Rannels  
Kent and Karen Rice  
Marcy Root  
Colette Root  
Melissa Root  
Donna Schaidle  
Amy Smith  
Jen Statler  
Paula Stoner  
Jill Stout  
Jen Walls  
Janelle Witmer  
Keith and Karma Witmer  
Doris Wright  
Keith and Marg Zurin  
Kevin and Sue Zurin

\*If your name is on this list, you have submitted the necessary clearances to serve in our Children's Ministry Department. If your name is not on this list and you would like to serve, please contact Jen Statler for information about how you can join our team!

## ☆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 March 11, 2012

Sunday School: 91

Traditional Service: 40

Blended Service: 179

### Giving for March 11, 2012

General Offering: \$7,330

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$1,177.50

*Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$9,687*

Benevolent Fund Dinner = \$9,295