

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



*Celebrating
Christian Community*

April 15, 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: April 15-22☆

MONDAY	6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group Evangelism Team
TUESDAY	6:30 P.M.	Social Services Team
WEDNESDAY	HERALD DEADLINE	
	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	6:00 P.M.	Younger Youth Cell Group
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
SATURDAY	1:00 P.M.	Brethren Village Spring Social
SUNDAY	Bring a Friend Sunday	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service Pastor Kent Rice Preaching "I'm a Mess!" Matthew 9:11-13

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- April 24**—Leadership Team
- April 28**—Alpha & Omega Banquet
- April 29**—Youth Missions Lunch
- May 3**—Prayer Experience
- May 4**—WORDD Worship

SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday May 23 will be the 7th annual Mother Daughter banquet (modern era); special food, special entertainment and special fellowship to be had by all ladies!

BECOME a MISSION PARTNER to one of the senior high youth going to Costa Rica this summer! Details in the April Hempfield Herald.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR APRIL: Tea, Rice, Cereal, Baked beans, Peaches or Pears, Peas or Green beans. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank on the 4th Sunday.

DEACONS AND DIRT—Come and join the fun at Brethren Village in the Townhouse Activity Room on Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 PM. The annual Spring Social with our Brethren Village Residents promises to be a clay pot full of fun.

THE ALPHA & OMEGA COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET will be hosted here at HCOB on Sat. April 28, 2012 at 6:00 PM. Come and join us for a free meal and hear about how the Lord is working in Lancaster through the A & O Community Center. You will be inspired by the message of Dr. E. Daniel Martin, a motivational speaker and pastor of LifeGate Church in Elizabethtown. A free will offering will be taken during the banquet. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Any questions call Dennis Hughes 569-3332.

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 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.

HABITAT HOUSE WORKDAY--We have planned another work day at the Fairview Avenue Habitat House on May 12, 2012. We expect to be finishing out the house. Please contact Tom Fritz (twfritz@ptd.net) if you can help.

WE ARE MISSING A FEW ITEMS FROM THE KITCHEN that we use regularly when we are having meals. With this spring being a busy time in the kitchen we would really appreciate it if anyone who has borrowed items would return them as soon as possible. One item we use for most meals are glass serving bowls. Four of them are missing. If anyone has borrowed these, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

COPIES OF THE MESSENGER are available on the narthex table for you to borrow and return. This denominational publication contains valuable information about what is happening among the Church of the Brethren worldwide.

HCOB YOUTH NEWS

- ★ Senior highers, please remember to get your passports!
- ★ 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 Millie Hoffman's house
- ★ District Junior and Senior High Service Project, GAIN Warehouse— April 21—9 AM-1 PM
- ★ Youth District Cabinet applications due—April 30
- ★ Estate Sale Fundraiser in Lampeter—May 5
- ★ Memorial Day Yard Sale fundraiser at Molly Snavely's, Main St. Salunga. River party afterward.—May 28th

Healthy Hints from our Congregational Health Team

Curiosity may have killed the proverbial cat, but being inquisitive has an upside. People who ask questions perform better at new tasks, according to recent research. "We may associate asking questions with small children," says study author Sophie von Stumm, PhD, "but it's actually a sign of intellectual maturity."

☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDES

Meditation	Saxton
Aria	Handel
Going Home	Dvorak
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Rathbun

WELCOME—GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord and Giver of Life, we praise You for the Risen Christ. Astounding Good News!

All: A surprise beyond expectation!

One: Christ is alive!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Easter is God's light shining in our darkness.

All: Easter is hope washing over despair.

One: Easter is joy brimming over,

All: Flowing into each day and setting alleluias loose.

One: Astounding Good News

All: That follows us each moment and causes hearts to sing.

*HYMN	He Lives	Insert
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*INVOCATION PRAYER

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thought & Prayer

Offertory—Andante Cantabile

Rachmaninoff

(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURES Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Hebrews 10:25; John 13:34-35

HYMN The Bond of Love Insert

MESSAGE Celebrating Christian Community

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One: Lord, we love You because You first loved us.

All: Help us to LOVE each other, Lord.

One: Just as You accept us in all our humanness,

All: Help us to ACCEPT each other, Lord, just as we are.

One: Just as you forgive us each time that we err and fall—time and time again

All: Help us to FORGIVE each other, Lord, for the wrongs we have done as well as the rights we have left undone.

One: Just as you have given to us, through the sacrifice of your Son

All: Help us to GIVE to others-unselfishly, spontaneously and cheerfully.

One: Just as You have cared for us, and for our very souls, from the beginning of time and through eternity

All: Help us to CARE for others-for their souls-now and through eternity.

HYMN Help Us to Help Each Other 362

SHARING SOME SPECIAL JOYS OF LIFE TOGETHER

Child Dedication

Special Music—Wonder of Wonders Jean & Jerry Barger

Recognizing Retiring Treasurer and Consecrating Incoming Treasurer

Additional Joys

Special Award

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Paul Ebersole, Terry Housner, Harriet Hughes, Jim Musser, Brenda Wright,
The Family of Mary Jane Myer

*HYMN Bless'd Be the Tie that Binds (vs. 1, 2, 3, repeat vs. 1) 421

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Festival Postlude Dasher

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

Preacher—Pastor John Layman; Organist—June Lykens Lantz

Video Tech—Dave Bendit; Sound Techs—Mike & Donna Denlinger

Worship Leader—Ashley Kern

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to Mary Jane Myer and family upon the death of her husband, Floyd Myer, on April 5th. May God comfort the family as they walk through this time of grief.

THANK YOU for the birthday cards and the help you gave me to move to Brethren Village.
--Julia Gladfelter

☆Contact the Church Office☆

Amy Smith - *Administrator*

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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 April 8, 2012

Sunday School: 101 Traditional Service: 55 Blended Service: 318

Giving for April 8, 2012

General Offering: \$11,010 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$1,337.50
Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$9,687

Bank of Hope Easter Offering: \$2,491.41