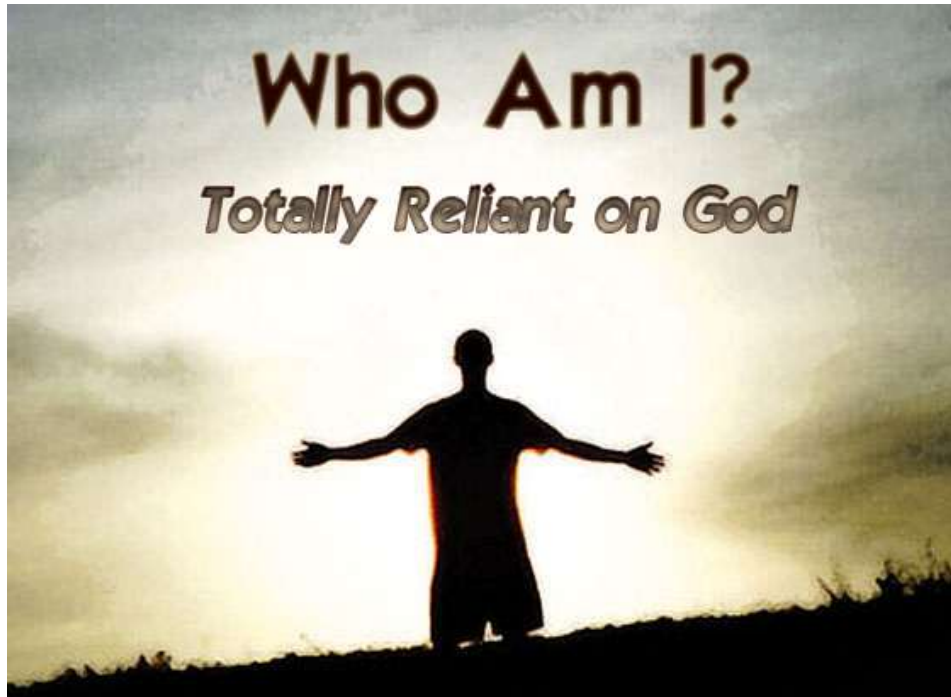


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



- † **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.
- † **Nursery and child-appropriate worship and activities** are available during the 10:15 worship service.
- † **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.

November 18, 2012
10:15 AM

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: November 18-25☆

MONDAY	6:30 P.M. 6:45 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group Younger Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY	6:30 P.M.	Social Services Team
WEDNESDAY	HERALD DEADLINE	
	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	7:30 P.M.	Thanksgiving Eve Service @ E. Pete Mennonite
WED.-MON.	Pastor Kent on vacation	
THURS. & FRI.	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
SUNDAY	7:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Youth Missions Breakfast Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Service Pastor Pete Kontra preaching "Free To Be" Philippians 2:1-8

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- November 28**—Family Gingerbread Extravaganza
- December 2**—QuintEssentially Brass Playing at 8:00 and 10:15 AM
- December 2**—Family Christmas Celebration
- December 7**—Friendship Community Christmas Program at HCOB
- December 9**—Farewell Lunch for Jen Statler
- December 15**—Parent's Night Out
- December 16**—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering

Kids of all ages...

Join us for a
**FAMILY GINGERBREAD
HOUSE MAKING
EXTRAVAGANZA!!!**

Wednesday, November 28th
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
HCOB's Fellowship Hall

Come create a gingerbread house (or village) as a family. There will be games, music, and prizes (most creative, most colorful, best use of candy, etc.) for the gingerbread creations.

Each family is asked to bring a box of graham crackers and their favorite candy for decorating. We will share everyone's candies so that you will have lots of choices for decorating.



Come share in a night of FUN with your family, and other HCOB families. Sign up in the narthex and bring some friends.

Family Christmas Celebration

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m.** for *Message on the Mount*, presented by Matt Cox (brother of Karen Rice) of Miracle Mountain Ranch.

Using rope tricks, animals, and stories from the ranch, Matt will focus on biblical truths of Christmas in an informal, fun, and family-friendly format.

Please join the Education Team for this entertaining and inspirational message, followed by fellowship and a meal hosted by the Fellowship and Hospitality Team.

Sign-up sheets for the meal will be in the Narthex today and next Sunday, November 25.

We hope to see you there as we celebrate the true spirit of the Christmas Season.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21--7:30 PM

We will join East Petersburg Mennonite Church at their location for a special service on Thanksgiving Eve. Come and prepare your heart for the Thanksgiving Holiday as we enjoy singing, special music from the combined choirs of both churches and a brief meditation by Pastor Pete Kontra.

We will also remember those who are less fortunate than us by taking a **special offering to benefit the local food bank.**

The following is a list of suggested holiday items and other items that are especially needed at this time:

Box macaroni & cheese, cranberry sauce, noodles, canned potatoes/yams, rice, boxed mashed potatoes, canned pasta, jar gravy, canned meat (tuna, Spam), boxed stuffing, baked beans, jello, pancake mix & syrup, can pumpkin, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit.

A monetary offering will also be collected for River of Life Health Services in Columbia. It is a medical care center for people who don't have insurance and can't afford the care. Checks can be made out to "East Petersburg Mennonite Church" with "River of Life Health Center" written in the memo line.

Healthy Hints from our Congregational Health Team

Having your last child grow up and leave home can bring on some mixed emotions such as sadness or loss. Even though you've raised him/her to be independent, letting go can be painful. Here are a few tips to help the process:

- Avoid comparing your child's timetable to your own. Instead, focus on ways to help him succeed when he leaves home.
- Keep in touch (just not every day). Make an effort to maintain regular contact via visits, phone, email, texts or video chat.
- If you are having difficulty, lean on family and friends for support. Share your feelings. If depression lingers more than two weeks, speak to your doctor, your pastor, parish nurse or a therapist.
- Stay positive. Consider how you can use your extra time and energy toward your marriage or other relationships. Resume or begin a new hobby that you may have put on the back burner.
- Keep busy or take on new challenges. It can ease the sense of loss.



TURKEY DRIVE 11/18 – The Force for Food Committee is coordinating the annual turkey collections for Water Street Ministries. Water Street needs 3,500 turkeys to provide over 21,000 holiday meals. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and can be placed in the collection box in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren (notation-Turkey Drive). Today we will be collecting frozen or fresh turkeys in the rear of John Naas hall.

YOUTH MISSIONS BREAKFAST next Sunday, Nov 25 from 7:30 to 9:00. Join us in John Naas Hall for buffet-style french toast, sausage links, fruit, yogurt and fellowship! All donations go to 2014 National Youth Conference.

COFFEE & CHOCOLATES FROM SERRV are leftover from the Gift Fair. Items are available in the church kitchen. Pay by the honor system.

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.

FAREWELL LUNCH FOR JEN—On Sunday December 9, immediately following the 10:15 worship service we will be celebrating Jen Statler’s years of service to Hempfield as our Children’s Ministry Coordinator as she prepares to step out of that role and into what new things God has in store. There will be lasagna, pizza for the kids, ice cream, and all the rest, so please come and join us as we thank her for showing the love of Jesus to our children and caring for them in such a personal way.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned cranberry sauce, canned yams or sweet potatoes, jar gravy, box stuffing, box mashed potatoes, canned pumpkin, boxed macaroni & cheese, boxed jello, whole frozen turkey or ham. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank on the 4th Sunday.

SEVERAL SOUND OPERATORS ARE NEEDED for our worship services (8:00 or 10:15). Interested persons should contact Rich Bushong at 664-4395. Minimum age is 16.

IT’S TIME TO WORK ON THE 2013 HCOB DIRECTORY! If you have any changes to your contact information that you would like to be included in the 2013 directory, please submit them to Carolyn Gingrich by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**. You can submit changes to Carolyn at 898-7445, queenacarolsue@comcast.net or leave a note in the tray labeled “Directory information” in the outer office of the church.

COLLEGE STUDENT AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED. If you know of any HCOB family members who are in college or the military, we would like to have their contact information for the 2013 directory. Please submit this information to Doris Wright by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**. You can submit it to Doris at 898-8296 or by leaving a note in the tray labeled “Directory Information” in the outer office. If you leave a note, please label it “College Student” or “Military Personnel.”

BRETHREN VILLAGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. Friday December 7 9:00-4:00 and Saturday December 8 9:00-12:00 at Brethren Village Wolfe Auditorium. Crafts, cookies and food. Cookie sale is Friday only for \$4.00 per pound. Available for purchase: Lunch on Friday, Coffee & Donuts on Saturday. It is sponsored by the Brethren Village auxiliary.

CAN YOU BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES? Please consider baking cookies and bring them to the church kitchen December 2-5. Mark that they are for Brethren Village. Label the kinds of cookies and if they contain peanut butter or nuts. Some diabetic varieties would be appreciated. Each congregation is asked to bring 12 full batches of cookies. All cookies are appreciated but the Christmas varieties sell well.

SCOTT HOLLINGER FUND—On Sunday June 5, 2011, Scott Hollinger was awarded the 2nd “Soaring Eagle Steele Award for Courageous Living.” As a congregation we also want to give each of you an opportunity to give to a fund to financially help Scott and the Hollinger family as Scott wrestles with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) and the many medical costs and expenses associated with that journey. Envelopes marked “Scott Hollinger Fund” are on the narthex table for your convenience.

BIBLE 2 SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - our afterschool program for Manheim Central 5th & 6th graders (AMP) needs more helping hands for Tuesdays or Thursdays (2:40pm - 5:00pm) Please contact Kori at 615-2944 or info@bible2school.com.

☆Today's Worship Service☆

TIME OF REFLECTION

“For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” (Luke 18:14 - NLT) What have you been doing lately – humbling or exalting yourself?

PRELUDES

Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet	Carl Simone
A Prayer of Thanksgiving	P. Tchaikovsky
Ode to Praise	Robert J. Hughes
Hymn of Thanksgiving	Robert J. Hughes

WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 18:24-29

OPENING PRAYER

*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me 507

*PRAISE SONGS

Holy, Holy, Holy	On Screen
How Great Is Our God	On Screen

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory—In God, My Faithful God (Canon) J. S. Bach
(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:5-8

ANTHEM Fairest Lord Jesus Sanctuary Choir, Soloist: Abby Wright

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Jody Kettering, Lowell Landis, John & Peggie Layman, Mary Jane Myer,
Corinne Nissley

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14

MESSAGE Totally Reliant on God

*HYMN To God Be the Glory 102

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE The Thankful Heart Rejoices Lani Smith

Please place your offering in the offering basket on the table inside the sanctuary doors.

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

Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz

Sound Techs—Rich & Jamie Bushong

Video Tech—Alex Troxell

Worship Leader—Sue Brubaker

Sanctuary Choir Director & Praise Band Leader—Barry Carper

THE FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED by Millie Hoffman in honor and praise to God and in thankfulness to Him for sending Pete Kontra and his family to our church. They are such a blessing!!

PASTOR KENT AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE LEAVING

FOR VACATION in North Carolina this Tuesday afternoon. Kent returns to work on Tuesday the 27th. The Rices would like to wish a big "Happy Thanksgiving" to their HCOB family!

THANK YOU for your great response to help those who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. We received over 500 blankets, 300+ coats, 40 + sleeping bags, 190 bags of men's, women's, and children's sweaters and cloths. We received over 3 ½ tons of items. Items were taken to a distribution center at Gerritsen Beach Brooklyn, St. Jacobi Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, the Salvation Army on 86th Street in Brooklyn, and the Brooklyn First Church of the Brethren. Reverend Earl Foster also took some blankets to folks affected in his neighborhood.
--Dana Statler for Brethren Village

HCOB Youth News

- ★ Sunday November 25, 7:30 AM: Youth Missions breakfast
- ★ Monday 6:30 PM: Sr. High Cell Group at Fisher's
- ★ Monday 6:45 PM: Younger Youth Cell Group at Millie Hoffman's

☆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 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

☆Contact Church Staff☆

Our pastors are here to help when you need them. Please feel free to contact them at the phone numbers below if you have an emergency need.

Pete Kontra – *Senior Pastor*

Cell: 224-1917; E-mail: pete@hempfieldcob.org

Scheduled Day Off: Friday

Kent Rice – *Pastor for Special Ministries*

Cell: 723-6197; E-mail: kent@hempfieldcob.org

Scheduled Day Off: Monday

Geoff Davis – *Associate Pastor*

Home: 569-6284; E-mail: geoffdtuba@verizon.net

Jen Statler – *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Cell: 572-2749; 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 November 11, 2012

Sunday School: 59 Traditional Service: 41 Blended Service: 182

Giving for November 11, 2012

General Offering: \$7,012 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$3,687.50

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