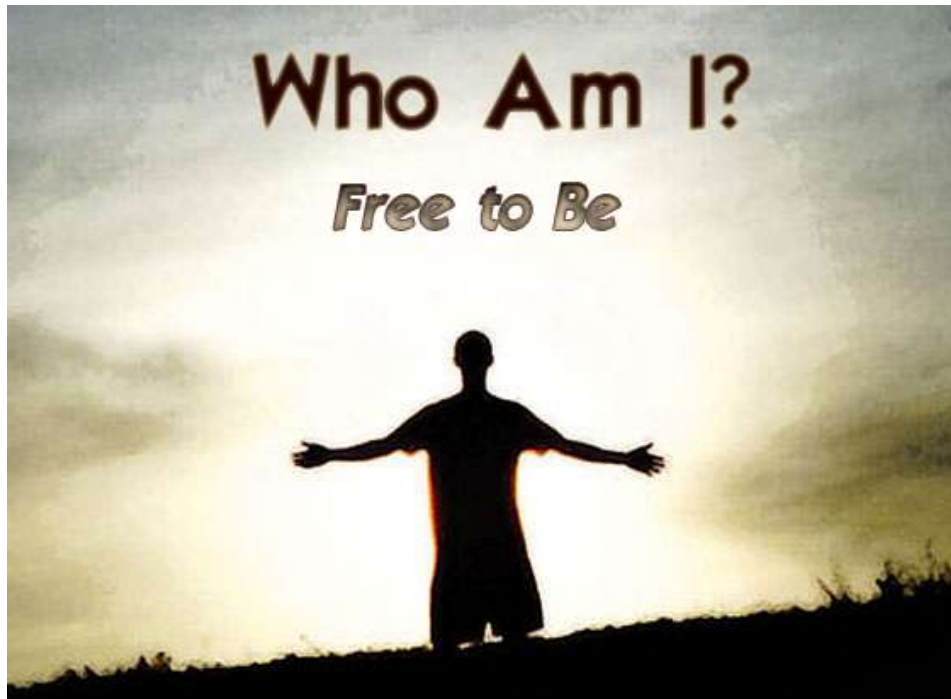


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



November 25, 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.
- † **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.

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 25-December 2☆

TODAY	7:30 A.M.	Youth Mission Breakfast
MONDAY	6:30 P.M. 6:45 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group Younger Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Leadership Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Family Gingerbread Extravaganza Sanctuary Choir
SUNDAY	1 st Sunday in Advent QuintEssentially Brass in both services 8:00 A.M. Traditional Service 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Blended Service Pastor Kent Rice preaching "The Gift of Life" Genesis 1:26-31 4:00 P.M. Family Christmas Celebration	

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- 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
- December 18**—Leadership Team Social
- December 19**—Herald Deadline
- December 24-25**—Church Office Closed
- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services

GIFT IDEA AND FUNDRAISER FOR BRETHREN VILLAGE

AUXILIARY. Craig Smith's book, *Every Monday*, for \$15.00 and Victoria Smith's CD's, *Victoria's Heart*, *Victoria's Holiday* and *Victoria's Romance* for \$10.00 each or three for \$28.00 will be on sale in the narthex between now and Christmas. Craig reads the Christmas story at the end of *Victoria's Holiday*. A portion of these sales will be donated to the Brethren Village Auxiliary. Craig is the Atlantic Northeast District Executive and Vicki, his wife, is Executive Director of Meant to Be Ministries. They have recently become members of our church.

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."

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.

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.

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





Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



Founded in 2009, *Quint Essentially Brass* is devoted to surprising and delighting audiences by presenting the best in the brass quintet repertoire. This premier musical group featuring Andy Walls, Geoff Davis, Kris & Doug Albert and Gene Clark will be playing sounds of the season at Hempfield COB on Sunday, December 2nd for our 8:00 and 10:15 services. Don't miss this opportunity!



Parent's Night Out—Saturday December 15 from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM. Allow us to give your kids up to and including grade 5 a night of fun while you cross some things off your never-ending list!!! Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. PLEASE pre-register so we know how many kids we will have for dinner. Children are welcome to attend both evenings. You may pre-register by calling the church (898-0181), signing up in the narthex, or emailing Jen at jen@hempfieldcob.org.

HCOB Christmas Eve Services

6:30 PM—"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 PM—"Traditional" Service

Join us as we draw close to God through a beautiful night of choir anthems, candle-lighting, hymns, special music, the quiet remembrance of Holy Communion and a meaningful message from Pastor Pete.



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Advent Materials

Children's Advent Calendars are available in the narthex. Please pick one up to use with your family as you count down the days until Jesus' birthday celebration!

Christmas Love Offering-- This year's Christmas Love Offering will be designated for Faith Comes By Hearing. This ministry records the word of God on Audio Bible to connect with the world's illiterate population. Special envelopes will be available on the narthex table so you can give specifically to Faith Comes by Hearing.



Family Christmas Celebration

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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.

☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDES

Scherzino	Ludwig van Beethoven
Chanson Triste (Opus 40, No. 2)	P. I. Tschaikowsky
Pax Vobiscum	Richard Purvis
Thanksgiving	Richard Purvis

WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 37

CELEBRATING OUR IDENTITIES IN CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP/PRAYER OF PRAISE TO GOD

*HYMN Here in This Place 6

CHRIST LIVING THROUGH US Christmas Love Offering

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory—His Eye Is on the Sparrow Bob Heffley
(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 103:1-5

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Paul Ebersole, Jody Kettering, Lowell Landis, John & Peggie Layman, Mary Jane Myer, Corinne Nissley, Vicki Smith

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-8

MESSAGE Free to Be

VIDEO God's Chisel Remastered The Skit Guys

ANOINTING

*HYMN I Know Not Why God's Wondrous 338

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng David Angerman

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 Pete Kontra; Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Matt Markey; Video Tech—Doug Howard
Worship Leader—Doug Hinton

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS of money and turkeys during last week's turkey drive. The Force for Food Committee reports that 63 turkeys and \$730 were collected and forwarded to Water Street Missions for their holiday meals program. Once again your generosity will help in this important annual Water Street ministry.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR--We have begun the call process for Hempfield's new Children's Ministry Coordinator. This will be an internal search, opening the way for whom God may lead within our congregation. Please join us as we pray for wisdom and discernment. And for any person who feels led to serve as Children's Ministry Coordinator, please submit a letter of inquiry to Ray O'Boyle by December 16, 2012. Ray's address is 158 East Harrisburg Ave., P.O. Box 253, Rheems, PA 17570.

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



Faith Comes By Hearing is a 40 year old non -profit religious ministry whose mission is to record the pure word of God and use heart language Audio Bibles in a format that will connect with the worlds 50% illiterate population.

The New Testament has been recorded into 692 languages and has reached over 5 billion people worldwide. After a heart

language Audio Bible is recorded, FCBH establishes Audio Bible listening groups. More than 700,000 listening groups in over 185 countries have been established. Each Bible listening group costs \$157, which includes a Proclaimer or other Audio New Testament, shipping and customs, distribution, training, follow-up and reporting. A Proclaimer has a built in generator and solar panel to charge the battery. A battery will play for 15 hours, can be recharged over 1000 times and is loud enough to be heard clearly by groups of up to 300 people.

In 2007 the 1st Audio Bible stick was developed for use in USA churches.

“You’ve Got the Time” listening groups were started where a commitment was made to listen to the New Testament 30 mins /day for 40 days.

The Audio Bible brought forth a new opportunity for ministry. A chaplain and some soldiers took their Audio Bibles with them on deployment, but were concerned about the high visibility in the field. They approached FCBH and a Military Bible Stick was designed.

It is a portable, digital black audio stick about the size of a stick of gum that plays the entire New Testament. More than 240,000 Military Bible Sticks have been delivered and requests still come in at a rate of 2000-3000 per week. Each stick costs \$25.00 as well as a card offering a free MP3 Bible for their spouse or a KIDZ Bible.

With the harvesting of technology the Digital Bible platform has made God’s word available anytime or anywhere using mobile apps, streaming pod casts and downloads.

On the Narthex table are some mobile apps. – feel free to take one.

Please visit their web site: Faith Comes By Hearing.com - you will be blessed! Check out some of the categories - Who We Are, What We Do, Partners, What We Believe etc.

Your donation will show love and bring hope to those hearing the pure word of God! They are good stewards of your monies – 88.3% of all monies donated go directly into their ministry programs. The Great Commission can be fulfilled in our lifetime!

Please use the Christmas Love Offering envelopes with checks made out to: Hempfield COB with FCBH in the memo line.

☆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 18, 2012

Sunday School: 123

Traditional Service: 35

Blended Service: 278

Giving for November 18, 2012

General Offering: \$11,557

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$3,687.50

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