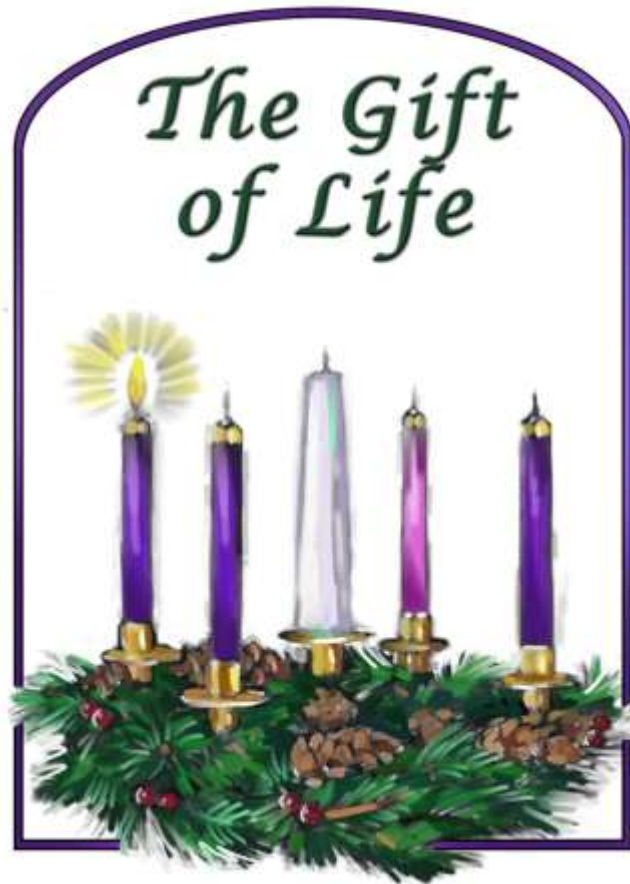


# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 2, 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: December 2-9☆

<b>TODAY</b>	4:00 P.M.	Youth Mission Breakfast
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. 6:45 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group Younger Youth Cell Group Search Committee
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 P.M.	Deacons Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Praise Band Sanctuary Choir Evangelism Team
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 P.M.	Prayer Experience
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:00 P.M.	WORDD Christmas Program
<b>SUNDAY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Service Pastor Pete Kontra preaching "Christmas: A Time to Receive" 1 John 3:1; Ephesians 2:4-5 Farewell Luncheon for Jen Statler

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- 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

# Family Christmas Celebration



**Join us tonight 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.



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



### **GIFT IDEA AND FUNDRAISER FOR BRETHERN 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BUCKET PARTY**—We have been invited to help Florin COB pack 1000 disaster relief clean-up buckets on December 14, 2012, starting promptly at 6:00 PM. Please meet at the Florin church if you would like to help. The Disaster Relief Auction is underwriting the cost of the buckets. We would like an approximate count of those who can help, so please call or email Tom Fritz at 665-2793 or [twfritz@ptd.net](mailto:twfritz@ptd.net).

**2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be picked up in the narthex from Gladys Ulmer after the church services.

**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](http://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.

**QUINTESENTIALLY BRASS CONCERT**—Don't miss the 14<sup>th</sup> *Annual Brass Concert of Holiday Favorites* featuring *QuintEssentially Brass*, Friday, December 21, 2012 at First Reformed UCC Church, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster beginning at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET** for 2013 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.

## HCOB Youth News

- ★ Monday 6:30 PM: Sr. High Cell Group at Fisher's
- ★ Monday 6:45 PM: Younger Youth Cell Group at Millie Hoffman's
- ★ Sunday Jan 27: Omelet breakfast fundraiser
- ★ Feb 15-18: Winter Retreat



## Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



Founded in 2009, *QuintEssentially 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 today 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](mailto: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.



## Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



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**  
Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. Join us 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. A meal will follow. Please sign up in the narthex today.

### 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☆

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

## PRELUDES

Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol	Grainger/Allen
Silent Night	Gruber/Price
Greensleeves English	Carol/Price
God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen	English Carol/Elkjer

Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice  
Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz  
Sound Techs—Blaine Garber & Jaynelle Troxell  
Video Tech—Dave Bendit  
Worship Leader—Lowell Landis  
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

## WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC	Every Valley	Handel/Kundra
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*QuintEssentially Brass*  
Trumpet – Doug Albert and Gene Clark  
Horn – Kris Albert  
Trombone – Andy Walls  
Tuba – Geoff Davis

CHILDREN'S STORY	The Gift of Life	Deb Bendit
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*HYMN	All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1, 2, 3, 7)	48
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TESTIMONY	Lowell Landis
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## MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

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

## SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thought	
Offertory—Sheep May Safely Graze	Bach/Watts

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

ANTHEM	How Should a King Come?	Sanctuary Choir
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SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 1:26-31
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MESSAGE	The Gift of Life
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*HYMN	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	356
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## \*BENEDICTION

*Please be seated and quietly enjoy the sounds of QuintEssentially Brass as they close our service.*

## POSTLUDE

Rejoice and Be Merry	English Carol/Price
We Wish You a Merry Christmas	English Carol/Price

**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.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are extended to Frank and June Lantz and their family upon the death of their son-in-law, Matt Gover.

**THANK YOU** to the congregation and the pastors for cards, prayers and meals that were provided during Lowell's recovery.

--Lowell & Linda Landis and Betty Strickler

**THANK YOU** from us at the food bank of Trinity United Church of Christ in East Petersburg. We are most grateful for your food donations, helping the less fortunate of our area, and also for your help throughout the year!



**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:office@hempfieldcob.org); Fax: 898-0403

Website: [www.hempfieldcob.org](http://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](mailto:pete@hempfieldcob.org)

*Scheduled Day Off: Friday*

Kent Rice – *Pastor for Special Ministries*

Cell: 723-6197; E-mail: [kent@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:kent@hempfieldcob.org)

*Scheduled Day Off: Monday*

Geoff Davis – *Associate Pastor*

Home: 569-6284; E-mail: [geoffdtuba@verizon.net](mailto:geoffdtuba@verizon.net)

Jen Statler – *Children’s Ministry Coordinator*

Cell: 572-2749; E-mail: [jen@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:jen@hempfieldcob.org)

## ☆ Bulletin Deadline ☆

*All bulletin information must be in to the church office by Wednesday noon.*

## ☆ HCOB Family Facts ☆

### Attendance for November 25, 2012

Sunday School: 77

Traditional Service: 39

Blended Service: 170

### Giving for November 25, 2012

General Offering: \$6,274

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

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