

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 9, 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 9-16☆

TODAY	11:30 A.M.	Farewell Luncheon for Jen
	11:30 A.M.	Free Blood Pressure Checks
MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
	6:45 P.M.	Younger Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY	11:00 A.M.	Silver Singles
	7:00 P.M.	Worship Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 A.M.	Sewing Circle
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
	7:00 P.M.	Fellowship & Hospitality Team
SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Parents Night Out
SUNDAY	3 rd Sunday in Advent	
	2-Cent-A-Meal Offering	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
	Pastor Geoff Davis preaching "Christmas: The Gift of Enough" 2 Corinthians 9:6-15	

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

December 18—Leadership Team Social

December 19—Herald Deadline

December 24-25—Church Office Closed

December 24—Christmas Eve Services



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.



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.



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be given by nurses after church today. Please also feel free to stop by and ask them any questions about this.

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 HCOB members

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."

THE SILVER SINGLES will be meeting this Tuesday, December 11, at the Olive Garden at 11:00 AM.

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 4th Sunday.

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.

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. 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 14th *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!

THE HELPING HANDS MINISTRY is sponsored by the Social Service Team and is available to help you if you have a need for some extra help around the house, getting to appointments, cooking meals, yard work etc. If you could use a Helping Hand or would like to be a part of this ministry by helping others please contact Rich Bushong at 664-4395 or grb@dejazzd.com.

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.

4 PLY YARN NEEDED FOR BRETHERN VILLAGE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. Please place any donations for this ministry in the box labeled "Yarn for Brethren Village" that is in the narthex. Please contact Betty Aulthouse with any questions.



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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 30, 2012

Working Balance

(Beginning of Period)

January 1, 2012 \$13.71

Receipts

General Offering \$414,925.78

Interest on Checking Account \$7.80

Total Receipts \$414,933.58

Total Receipts & Beginning Balance \$414,947.29

Expenditures

Stewards of Finance \$40,933.41

Evangelism Team \$98,781.97

Education Team \$17,848.41

Deacons \$1,074.51

Worship Team \$14,762.39

Leadership Team \$133,543.23

Stewards of Property \$59,151.88

Social Service Team \$19,755.61

Fellowship & Hospitality Team \$3,283.36

Taxes \$18,520.89

Total Expenditures \$407,655.66

Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2012 \$7,291.63

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

☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDES

Christmas Selections Daphne Witmer, Jen Hinton, The Myer Family

WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAISE MUSIC

My Soul Magnifies the Lord
Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

LIGHTING THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE 1 John 4:9-10

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Deb Bendit

*HYMN Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing 12

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thought
Offertory—O Holy Night Adolph Adam
(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:1-9

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:
Betty Bowers, The Family of Paul Ebersole, Jody Kettering,
John & Peggie Layman, Mary Jane Myer, Corinne Nissley, Vicki Smith

ANTHEM Prepare the Way of the Lord Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:1

MESSAGE Christmas: A Time to Receive

*HYMN Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee 182

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Sleepers Awake Bach/Handel

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

Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra
Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Jaynelle Troxell
Video Tech—Derek Witmer
Worship Leader—Ronald Myer
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper
Praise Band Leader—Daphne Witmer

FAREWELL LUNCH FOR JEN—Today, 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.

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.

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely box of fruit, cheese and goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.— Pauline Hess, Jean Zurin, Jeanette Martin, Jim & Wilda Drake, Grace Brubaker, Rhoda Hollinger, Pastor Pete & Shelley, Pastor Kent & Karen, Amy & Shawn Smith, Betty Aulthouse

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to J.C. Wine upon the death of his sister, Ruby Sheldon, on November 28th.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to the family of Paul Ebersole upon Paul's death. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00pm on Dec 13th at Brethren Village. Please be in prayer for the family during this difficult time.

HCOB Youth News

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

☆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 December 2, 2012

Sunday School: 99 Traditional Service: 59 Blended Service: 247

Giving for December 2, 2012

General Offering: \$11,588.81 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$3,812.50

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