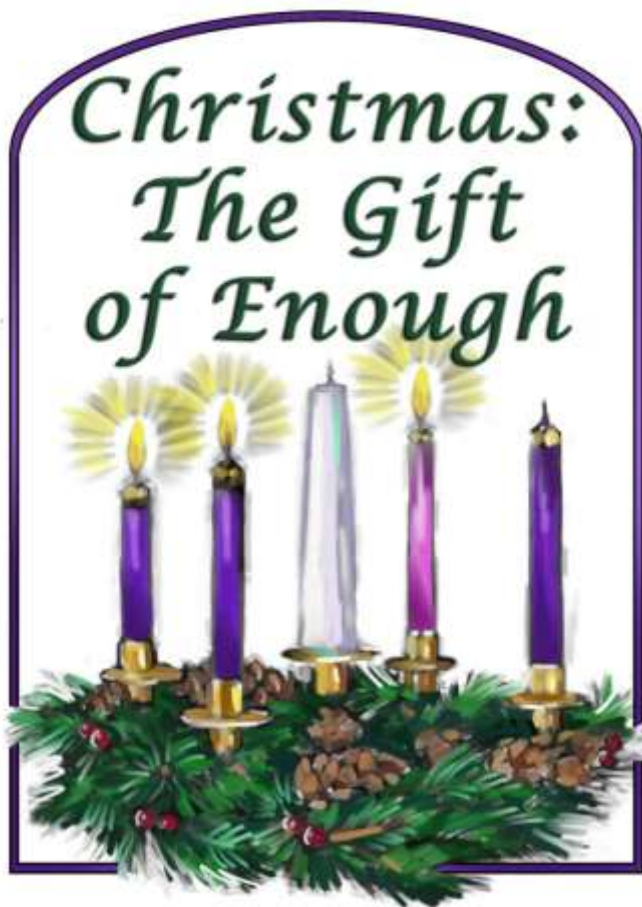


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 16, 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 16-23☆

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| TODAY | 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering |
| MONDAY | 6:30 P.M. Sr. High Cell Group 6:45 P.M. Younger Youth Cell Group |
| TUESDAY | 5:30 P.M. Search Committee 6:30 P.M. Leadership Team Social |
| WEDNESDAY | Herald Deadline 6:00 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir |
| SUNDAY | 4 th Sunday in Advent 8:00 A.M. Traditional Service 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Blended Service Pastor Pete Kontra preaching "Christmas: The Glorious Scandal" Luke 2:1-20 |

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- December 24-25**—Church Office Closed
- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services
- December 26-31**—Pastor Pete on Vacation
- December 30**—Youth Missions Lunch
- December 31-January 1**—Church Office Closed
- January 11-12**—Leadership Team Retreat

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.

Service of Remembrance 2013 January 20—10:15 AM



On Sunday morning, January 20, we will be holding **one service at 10:15 AM** to remember and honor our loved ones who have died in 2012. We will **not be having our normal 8:00 AM service** on that day.

If you would like to remember a loved one who has died in the past year, please complete the Name & Photo Submission Form that is available on the narthex table at church. Names and pictures will be displayed on the projection screen during the service. If you do not wish to submit a picture, your loved one's name will be displayed on the screen when his or her name is read. **All forms and pictures must be submitted to the church office by Sunday, January 6th.** We also invite you or a member of your family to come forward during the service to light a candle in memory of your loved one. If no one from your family can be present or you would prefer not to come forward, someone else will light the candle for you. You will also receive the candle and a white carnation as a gift from the church at the end of the service. Thank you in advance for your help as we prepare for this special service.



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 **TODAY**. 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 **TODAY**. 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."

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS for the altar table in the coming year please sign up for a Sunday on the chart in the outer office.

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.

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.

THE LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be doing the 6 week study "The Girl's Still Got It" written by Liz Curtis Higgs. Walk with Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her calling, yet uncertain of her future. Hold Naomi's hand and watch love put the pieces of her broken life back together. And hang out with Boaz, their kinsman-redeemer, who blesses both women and honors God, big time. With best-selling author Liz Curtis Higgs by your side, you'll tarry in the corners of their homes, listen to their conversations, and consider every word of every verse until you can say, "I totally get the book of Ruth. And I see what God is trying to teach me through this rags-to-riches redemption story—he has a plan for my life." Girl, does he ever! We will meet January 10th and 24. For February and March we will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. We meet from 9:15AM to 11:00AM at the home of Ruth Johnson 2014 Miller Road, East Petersburg. Please contact Jamie Bushong at jvb@dejazzd.com or 664-4395 (before 9PM) by December 22nd if you would like a book. The book contains a study guide and we will use the companion DVD during our time of study.

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!

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.

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

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 Aulhouse with any questions.

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 Dec 30: NYC Meeting for parents and youth immediately following the 10:15 service
- ★ January 18-20: District Senior High Retreat at Camp Swatara
- ★ Sunday Jan 27: Omelet breakfast fundraiser
- ★ Feb 15-18: Winter Retreat

☆Today's Worship Service☆

TIME OF REFLECTION

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

PRELUDES

Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf" Martha Sobaje
Veni Emmanuel Plainsong, 13th Century
Psalm 42

WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Lord, Thou Dost Love (vs. 1, 4) 387

OPENING PRAYER

*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD Emmanuel On Screen

ANTHEM I Know Now Sanctuary Choir, Soloist-Kim Stauffer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Deb Bendit

LIGHTING THE 3RD ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMN God, Whose Giving 383

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory—Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus Paul Ambrose
(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:25-33

ANTHEM One Child Sanctuary Choir, Soloist-Kristin Stauffer

MORNING PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

PRAISE HYMN Enough

MESSAGE The Gift of Enough

*GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD
Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee 182

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star arr. Saxton

**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—Pete Kontra; Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

PASSIONATE WORSHIPERS NEEDED! We love having people share their hearts and gifts with the congregation! If you are interested in leading worship, reading scripture, or sharing your passion for worship in some way, please contact Pastor Pete, Pastor Kent or Pastor Geoff.

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely box of fruit, cheese and goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.— Chuwan Family, Dudley & Deanna Myers, Corinne Nissley, William & Dorothy Walters, Maurice Lowe Jr., Telok Katwal, Ralph Moyer, Sally Boudier, Julia Gladfelter, Torie Hostetter

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Dorothy Walters on 65 years of marriage!

THANK YOU TO CARL & NANCY HAAS for the nice visit when they delivered our fruit basket. --Dudley & Deanna Myers

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION for all the cards, prayers and visits in recent weeks. I appreciated each one. --Corinne Nissley

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who helped with the WORDD Christmas Program. 333 individuals attended and witnessed the Christmas story through the eyes of the developmentally disabled and enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments.

VERY SUCCESSFUL COOKIE SALE at Brethren Village on December 7. A special thank you to all our record setting cookie bakers who made this possible. \$1,707.00 was raised to help the Auxiliary with their projects!



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 December 9, 2012

Sunday School: 99

Traditional Service: 31

Blended Service: 252

Giving for December 9, 2012

General Offering: \$9,526

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$3,812.50

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