

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 23, 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 23-30☆

<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M.	Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Service
	9:00 P.M.	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
<b>MON. – TUES.</b>	Church Office Closed	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
<b>WED.—TUES.</b>	Pastor Pete on Vacation	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	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 the Holy Spirit" John 14:15-17
	11:30 A.M.	NYC Youth and Parent Meeting

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- December 31-January 1**—Church Office Closed
- January 6**—Ministry Team Commissioning
- January 16**—Herald Deadline
- January 20**—Service of Remembrance
- January 20**—Child Protection Training

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 & 25 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.**

**MINISTRY TEAM & DEACONS COMMISSIONING**— If you are a member of the church ministry teams (including deacons) for 2013, please make sure you are present at the 10:15 AM service on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We want to pray for you and your ministry as we commission our church leadership for the upcoming year.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC SIGN UP SHEET** for 2013 is now in the narthex. Consider sharing your voice or instrument with the congregation and to glorify God.

# 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



SERVICE OF  
*Remembrance*

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 6<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



**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 world's 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.

# ☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDES  
Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head  
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
Good Christian Men, Rejoice (In Dulci Jubilo)

June Lykens Lantz, organ  
A Spanish Hymn  
John Innes  
John Innes/Richard Willis  
John Innes

## WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 201

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

SANCTUARY CHOIR He Loves Us More/More than Wonderful

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Deb Bendit

## LIGHTING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ADVENT CANDLE

\*HYMN What Child Is This? 215

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought  
Offertory—Ave Maria (Schubert) Donna Reed, marimba  
*(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

## MORNING PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20

MESSAGE Christmas: The Glorious Scandal

SANCTUARY CHOIR Christmastime

## \*CHRISTMAS CAROL MEDLEY

O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joy to the World  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
The First Noel

## Fall On Your Knees (O Holy Night)

## \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Joy to the World Hustain/ Handel

*\*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—Kent Rice; Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

**PASTOR PETE WILL BE ON VACATION** December 25-January 1. Pray for a time of relaxation and refreshment for him and his family. If you have need of a pastor during this time, please contact Pastor Kent or Pastor Geoff.

**THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS** for the lovely box of fruit, cheese and goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.—Maggie Carper, Harold & Jean Musser, Lynn Peters, John & Peggie Layman, Richard & Sarah Landis, JoAnn Rupp

**2-CENT-A-MEAL OFFERING:** The congregation raised \$1,209 for the 2 Cent a Meal offering last Sunday. The donation was sent to the Church of the Brethren's Global Food Crisis Fund for community development programs in 32 countries. Thank you for your generosity!

**THANK YOU** for all the prayers and good wishes during my recent illness. Pastor Pete's visit was uplifting. The box of goodies and flowers were put to good use. —Betty Bowers

**AS NEW MEMBERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU** for your prayers, meals, notes, and kind words of support and affirmation over the past several weeks and during Victoria's hip surgery and this period of recuperation. With appreciation for your care, --Craig & Vicki Smith

## HCOB Youth News

- ★ 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

## ☆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 16, 2012**

Sunday School: 133

Traditional Service: 45

Blended Service: 270

### **Giving for December 16, 2012**

General Offering: \$10,131

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

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