

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

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February 3, 2013
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: February 3-10☆

MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
	6:45 P.M.	Younger Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Deacons Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	4:30 P.M.	Education Team
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
THURSDAY	9:15 A.M.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 P.M.	Prayer Experience
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Doug Hinton preaching "Follow Me" Luke 5:1-11; Mark 6:7-13, 30-31
	11:30 A.M.	Congregational Gathering

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- February 15-18**—Youth Winter Retreat
- February 17**—1st Sunday in Lent, Communion in both services
- February 18**—Brethren Village Musical Program
- February 20**—Herald Deadline
- February 23**—Hospitality Seminar with Fred Bernhard
- February 24**—Fred Bernhard preaching
- March 1**—WORDD Worship

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING—We will be holding a congregational gathering on Sunday, February 10 after the 10:15 worship service to vote on the approval of Karen Rice as our new Children's Ministry Coordinator. If you are a member, please make every effort to attend this brief but important meeting.

FRIENDS TOGETHER WEEK—June 10-14, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It's not too early to start thinking about Friends Together Week for the developmentally disabled. We are planning an exciting theme for this year and are looking for volunteers to serve one on one with camp individuals. So if you can spare a week, day or whatever your schedule permits to help with camp, please see Betty Cox, Gladys Ulmer, Ellie Lehman or Jean Caldwell.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT will be at the church on Tues April 30th at 6:00 PM. The Mother/Daughter banquet event is being extended to all ladies in the congregation to have a fun evening socializing, eating, and being entertained. Mark your calendars now!

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN—In the last month, Claire Lincoln had a computer program that wiped out her list of e-mail addresses for the e-mail prayer chain. If you have not received a prayer request in the last month and would like to be placed back on the list, please contact Claire Lincoln at clavic54@comcast.net or 898-2603.

BRETHREN VILLAGE MUSICAL PROGRAM—Hempfield COB will be presenting a musical program at Brethren Village on Monday night Feb. 18th at 7:00 in the Fieldcrest Auditorium. Please come out to support our musicians and to hear some of our favorite choir/orchestra numbers.

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.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY: Pancake mix & syrup, Peanut butter & jelly, Spaghetti sauce & noodles, Macaroni & cheese. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank. Thank you!

☆Hospitality Seminar with Fred Bernhard☆

Saturday, February 23, 2013, 8:00am-12:00pm



“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” –Hebrews 13:2

How do you view the people around you? Just as strangers to be feared or potential angels whom God loves?

Fred Bernhard is coming to Hempfield to lead us in exploring why and how the practice of Biblical Hospitality is vital to our congregation’s life. He will also expand that to include how we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the wider community in ways that invite rather than repel. Fred is a long-time friend of Pastor Pete’s and a pastor himself with a passion for Biblical Hospitality. Fred has written many books on hospitality and taught many congregations how to become more welcoming to the community around them.

Jesus showed love to all people. He came and tore down the social barriers that kept people from loving each other. Maybe simply put, **Hospitality is seeing every person as an opportunity to share the love of Jesus.** That affects all that we do, personally and as the church. **The church must be a safe place for people to come.** And it is us who must make it that. Every detail of every ministry, must be about striving to make all people feel welcome, like we truly want them here. Because we do.



All of us here at Hempfield are invited and encouraged to come out the 23rd and be a part of growing in Christ in this important way. It truly will be a good use of your time.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in Him may not perish but have everlasting life.” Let’s let everyone know it! Please join me February 23rd. See you then! -Pastor Pete

☆Today’s Worship Service☆

PRELUDES

Morning Song	Stanley Saxton
I Feel the Winds of God Today	John Longhurst
Voluntary in F Major	Camille Saint-Saens

WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:9

*HYMN Proclaim the Tidings Near and Far 282

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17:22-28

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought	
Offertory—Arioso	J.S. Bach
<i>(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)</i>	

*HYMN Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 110

ANTHEM Be Strong in the Lord Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Paula Connelly & Family, John & Peggie Layman, Maurice Lowe, Sue Musser,
Mary Jane Myer, Corinne Nissley, Vicki Smith

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8a

SPECIAL MUSIC I Told the Good News Kent Rice

MESSAGE Clear as a Bell

*HYMN Heart with Loving Heart United 420

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Capriccio J.W. Hassler

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

Preachers—Pastors Pete Kontra & Kent Rice
Organist/Pianist—Otis Kitchen
Sound Techs—Blaine Garber & Jaynelle Troxell
Video Tech—Doug Howard
Worship Leader—Ron Myer
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

TOP 10 GOOD NEWS STORIES--Last Sunday, January 27th, Pastor Geoff preached a sermon in which he shared his "Top 10 Good News Stories to Share with the World." We have printed copies of this list available on the narthex table for you to pick up. So take a copy home and encourage your heart with His Good News and then share that encouragement with as many other people as you can.

HCOB Youth News

- ★ Monday 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM—Sr. High Cell Group at Hinton's
- ★ Monday 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM: Younger Youth Cell Group at Hoffman's
- ★ Feb 15-18: Winter Retreat
- ★ March 8-9, 9:30pm - 6:00am: District Sr. High All-Nighter at Ephrata COB

☆Contact the Church Office☆

Amy Smith - Administrator

Phone: 898-0181; E-mail: office@hempsfieldcob.org; Fax: 898-0403

Website: www.hempsfieldcob.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@hempsfieldcob.org

Scheduled Day Off: Friday

Kent Rice – Pastor for Special Ministries

Cell: 723-6197; E-mail: kent@hempsfieldcob.org

Scheduled Day Off: Monday

Geoff Davis – Associate Pastor

Home: 569-6284; E-mail: geoffdtuba@verizon.net

☆ Bulletin Deadline ☆

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

☆HCOB Family Facts☆

Attendance for January 27, 2013

Sunday School: 96

Traditional Service: 40

Blended Service: 214

Giving for January 27, 2013

General Offering: \$8,634

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$20

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,069