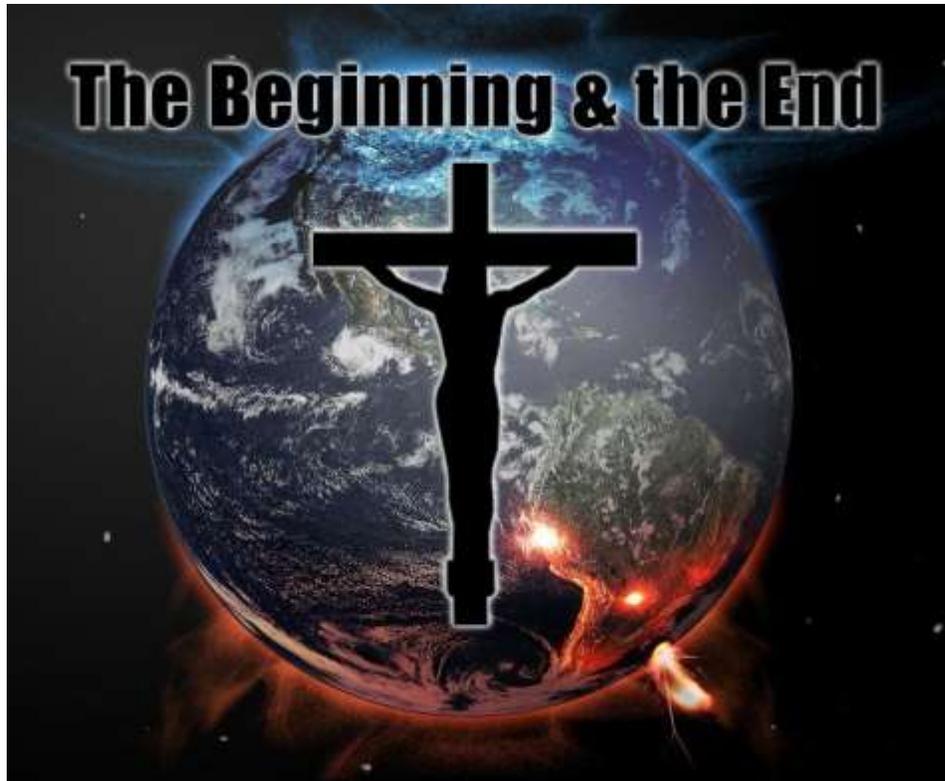


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



March 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: March 3-10☆

MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Senior 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
	5:30 P.M.	Connections
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
	7:00 P.M.	BV Mid-week Service-Pastor Pete leading
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.	Blended Service Pastor Kent Rice preaching "Prepare"
		Mark 10:35-45

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- March 17**—Love Feast & 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
- March 17**—No 8:00 Service
- March 20**—Herald Deadline
- March 23**—Easter Egg Hunt
- March 24**—Palm Sunday
- March 29**—Good Friday Breakfast
- March 31**—Easter Sunday

CONNECTIONS IS STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6!! It will run for 4 weeks on Wednesdays in March from 5:30-7:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30 for a small donation and classes will run from 6:00-7:00. Please sign up in the narthex for dinner and a class.

DO YOU NEED A BREAK from the fast pace of everyday life? If so, come and join us for a peaceful **evening of prayer at the Prayer Experience** this Thurs. March 7th. This is a safe place where there is no pressure to pray out loud. We will be focusing on 2 Corinthians 1: 8b -11 where it talks about Paul being under such pressure that he despaired of life. Paul, the pillar of the New Testament, really??? As Christ was raised from the dead we will be looking at how He can help raise us from the "dread" of life's circumstances.

COBY'S BENEFIT BANQUET Thursday, March 14, 6:30 P.M., Middle Creek COB. See poster in the narthex for more details. The theme is "A Prairie Home Companion." In addition to a great meal, expect some corny humor, lively music and EMazin Grace a Banjo/guitar duo. Reservations needed by March 8. Call Don Fitzkee 717-656-6580 or e-mail don@cobys.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED for the preschool and elementary age classes! There is a strong need for individuals willing to teach or assist in the children's Sunday School classes during the 10:15 am church hour. Do you enjoy kids? Do you have fun getting excited about all God has to share with us? Do you like to do creative activities? Maybe you enjoy assisting and getting to know the great kids in our congregation. Our Sunday School program is in great need of people who are interested in sharing God with the children of our congregation. You are only asked to teach or assist approximately once a month. You can even find a person to share the responsibility or have Karen pair you up with someone. Curriculum is provided. Perhaps you can't commit to every month and would prefer to be a substitute? No problem. Please contact the Children's Ministry Coordinator, Karen Rice, if you are interested. (Adults who are leading or assisting with our children, need to have their Child Protection Clearances. Let Karen know if this is something you are interested in pursuing.) Thank you SO much for considering it. Just a warning...it is hard not to get hooked in by these amazing kids once you start! Huge blessing!

ATTENTION POST-HIGH GRADUATES. If you or anyone you know is graduating from a college or technical school, please contact Steph Moyer (slmoyer@gmail.com) by April 1, to fill out a short questionnaire. We want to celebrate with you as you finish this chapter of your life!

THE EDUCATION TEAM IS OFFERING A GRANT to individuals pursuing a career in Christian Ministry or attending a Christian college or university. Inquiring applicants can send a letter to the Education Team. The deadline for the grant is May 1, 2013.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR MARCH: Rice, spam, cereal, baked beans, boxed potatoes. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank. Thank you!

EASTER CANDY SALE sponsored by the Brethren Village Auxiliary will be held Friday, March 22 in Wolfe Auditorium 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Candy will be sold at \$4.00 per half pound. Please patronize the sale, as it is a source of raising funds for Village Auxiliary projects.

DONATIONS OF HOMEMADE CANDY are needed for the Village sale. Some suggestions for candy- Coconut Cream Eggs, Peanut Butter Eggs, Butter Cream Eggs, Opera Fudge, Fudge, Lollipops, Peanut Clusters, Peanut Butter Cups, Peanut Brittle, any of your favorite kind of candy. Diabetic candies are appreciated. Bring to the church kitchen March 17-20. **Please make sure the candy is labeled and marked for Brethren Village. If you are unable to make candy, please consider this alternative.** You can also donate money which we will use to purchase candy from Linda Rannels' Geneva Bakery and resell it at the Village. There will be a table in the narthex to receive your donations or sign up to make your own candy. For each multiple of \$8.00 donations, a pound of candy can be purchased. **Let's do this to show our appreciation to Linda for all the years she has directed the youth Easter candy sale!!** They will not be selling candy this year.

THE ANNUAL BROTHERS VILLAGE GOOD SAMARITAN BANQUET will be held May 9th at Middle Creek COB. For more details, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the outer office.

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
- ★ March 8-9, 9:30pm - 6:00am: District Sr. High All-Nighter at Ephrata COB

Easter Season 2013



Love Feast

Please join us for Love Feast March 17 following the 10:15 worship service. There will be no 8:00 worship that day.

Why Love Feast? At the Last Supper Jesus shared communion with His disciples and humbled himself by washing their feet. We follow Jesus' example by gathering together for our Love Feast, where we will wash one another's feet, eat a simple meal together, and share in communion. We will have separate seating for men and women and families that want to participate together. If you want to join us and simply observe, please feel free. If you are physically unable to wash feet, there will be a table for washing hands as a way to participate. It is a time for us to love one another, build our relationships, and open ourselves to God's Holy Presence. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Pete, Pastor Kent, or Pastor Geoff.

Good Friday Breakfast March 29, 6:00 AM

Join with other Christians in our community for breakfast, a devotional message, music and meditation on the significance of this special day.



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 23, 9-10:30 AM

Open to all ages!!! No one is too young or too old! Crafts, prizes, silly guests, lots of eggs and FUN! Invite friends! (sign-up sheet in Narthex)

Easter Services—Sunday, March 31

Pastor Pete Kontra preaching

The world makes a lot of empty promises, which we can try and use to fill the emptiness within ourselves. With God, as He showed through Jesus, the impossible is possible. Death is life. An empty tomb means there is promise, hope. Emptiness is full of promise!



☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDES

WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAISE SONGS

Youth Praise Band

Open the Eyes of My Heart
By Your Side

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 4:18-25

HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 70

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory

(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

ANTHEM Until Then Sanctuary Choir (Dudley Myers, soloist)

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Chhrey Chea, Sarah Landis, John & Peggie Layman, Randy & Patti McClune,
Lois Moyer, Mary Jane Myer

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:31-34

MESSAGE The Beginning and the End

*HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 582

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra
Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Sound Techs—Blaine Garber & Jaynelle Troxell
Video Tech—Doug Howard
Worship Leader—Doug Hinton
Youth Praise Band Leader—Janelle Witmer
Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

NOW SERVING...coffee, snacks & fellowship in Chapel Hall each Sunday from 8:00-10:00 AM. Please join us!

WELCOME BACK, JUNE LANTZ! We are glad to have June ministering to us again at the organ and piano now that she is home from Florida.

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE for the cards, prayers, visits and delicious meals while Sue was in the hospital and recuperating at home. We are truly blessed with our church family. Thank you. —Jim & Sue Musser

☆Contact the Church Office☆

Amy Smith - *Administrator*

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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

Karen Rice – *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Cell: 413-1137; E-mail: karen@hempfieldcob.org

☆ Bulletin Deadline☆

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

☆HCOB Family Facts☆

Attendance for February 24, 2013

Sunday School: 82 Traditional Service: 39 Blended Service: 205

Giving for February 24, 2013

General Offering: \$6,706 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$140

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