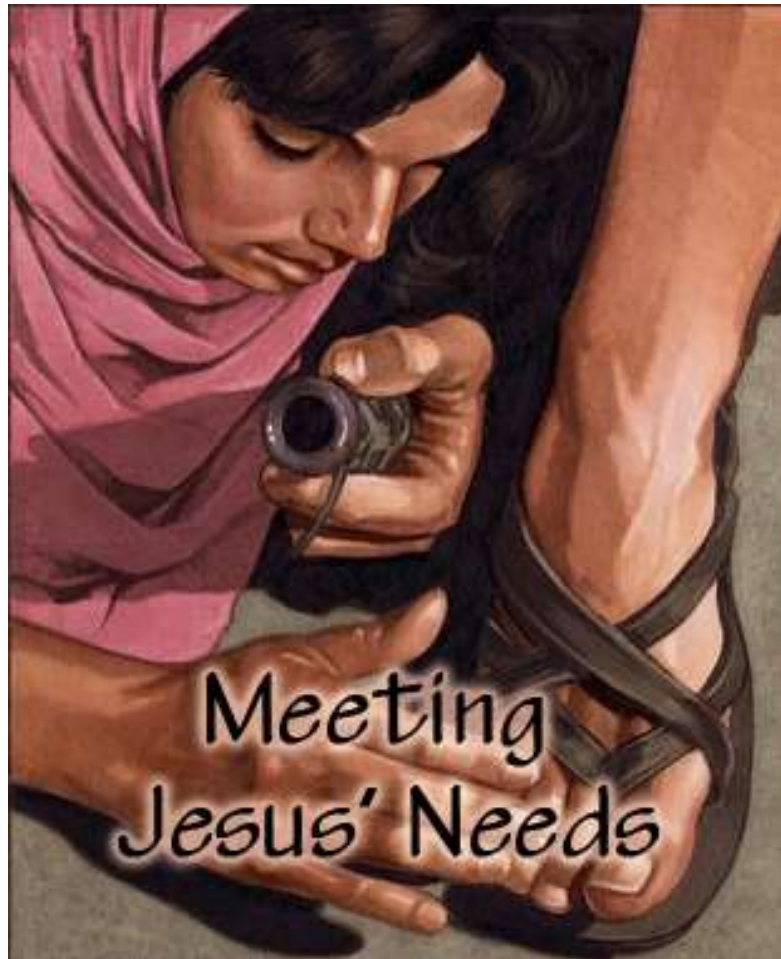


# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



March 17, 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 17-24☆

<b>TODAY</b>	2-Cent-A-Meal Offering 11:30 A.M. Love Feast
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. Senior High Cell Group 6:45 P.M. Younger Youth Cell Group
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. Social Services Team
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	HERALD DEADLINE 6:00 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 5:30 P.M. Connections 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir 7:00 P.M. Evangelism Team
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 A.M. Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Cemetery Board Meeting
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Palm Sunday 8:00 A.M. Traditional Service 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Blended Service Pastor Pete Kontra preaching "Ride On" John 12:12-19

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- March 29**—Good Friday Breakfast
- March 31**—Easter Sunday
- April 4**—Prayer Experience
- April 16**—Heifer Project Dinner

## Easter Season 2013



### Love Feast

**Please join us for Love Feast TODAY following the worship service.** 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**

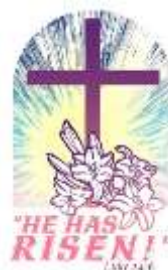
### Good Friday Breakfast March 29, 6:00 AM

Join with other Christians in our community for breakfast and to hear a brief message by Andy Agaba, leader of *Hiinga*, a Lancaster-based micro-finance ministry to small farmers in East Africa. Find out more at [www.hiinga.org](http://www.hiinga.org).

### Easter Egg Hunt

#### Saturday March 30, 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!



**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.

**ALPHA AND OMEGA COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET** will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM at Middle Creek COB. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and hear how the Lord is working in the Hispanic population of Lancaster City through this dynamic ministry. Attendance is free and a love offering will be taken to support Alpha and Omega. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the outer office with more information. Please sign up in the narthex to attend and see Dennis Hughes with any questions.

**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 worldwide.

**SCOTT HOLLINGER FUND**—On Sunday June 5, 2011, Scott Hollinger was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> “Soaring Eagle Steele Award for Courageous Living.” As a congregation we also want to give each of you an opportunity to give to a fund to financially help Scott and the Hollinger family as Scott wrestles with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) and the many medical costs and expenses associated with that journey. Envelopes marked “Scott Hollinger Fund” are on the narthex table for your convenience.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL BANQUET** will be held here at HCOB on April 16 at 6:00 PM. Ardyth Neill, the President of Heifer Foundation, will be our speaker for the evening. More information can be found on the flyer in the outer office. You can sponsor a table of 8 for \$150 or purchase individual tickets at \$20 each. Please sign up in the narthex.

**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.

**ANNUAL COB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** at E-town College will be Sat 3/29. If you would like to play, call Ronald Myer this week (371-1900).

**SPRING BOARD MEETING OF THE HEMPFIELD COB CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 PM in Chapel Hall

**LANCASTER AREA SENIOR ADULT SPRING BANQUET** Thursday April 11, 2013, at 12:00 noon at Middle Creek COB Cost: \$13.50 per person. Contact Carolyn Fritz by March 24<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend.

## 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
- ★ April 1--Pre-advance registration for National Youth Conference 2014. \$100 check needed to reserve your spot (this will also apply toward total student cost)
- ★ April 20--Senior High Service Project at Parker Ford, PA. Registration deadline April 15. Cost is free and lunch will be provided.
- ★ June 25-30 -- Creation Festival
- ★ July 28 - Aug 3--Senior High Youth Regional Missions Trip

# ☆Today's Worship Service☆

## TIME OF REFLECTION

*"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Ephesians 1:7*  
*How will you prepare yourself for Love Feast today?*

## PRELUDES

Prelude	W. A. Mozart
Adagio	C. H. Rinck
All the Way My Savior Leads Me	Lowry/Whitsett
Still, Still with Thee	Mendelssohn

## WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF MILLIE BRUBAKER'S SERVICE Ron Myer

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 28:6-9

## OPENING PRAYER

\*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 106

CHRIST LIVES THROUGH US Leadership (Servant) Team Report

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:3-9

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought  
2-Cent-A-Meal Offering  
Offertory—Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Will Thompson  
*(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

SPECIAL MUSIC Sanctuary Choir

Hiding in the Shadow of God  
Just As I Am

## MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*  
Chhrey Chea, Julia Gladfelter, Sarah Landis, John & Peggie Layman,  
Randy & Patti McClune, Lois Moyer, Family of Mary Jane Myer

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:36-50

MESSAGE Meeting Jesus' Needs (John 12:1-11)

\*GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD Take My Life 389

## \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Allegretto G. F. Handel

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

Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis; Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz  
Sound Techs—Rich & Jamie Bushong; Video Tech—Derek Witmer  
Worship Leader—Janice Haldeman; Sanctuary Choir Director—Barry Carper

**THE FLOWERS** are presented by Doug & Deb Nauman to the honor and glory of God and in remembrance of past loved ones.

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

**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!

**THE ROSEBUD** is presented in celebration of the arrival of Gavin Carter Splain who was born on March 10<sup>th</sup> to Frank and Kim Splain. The proud grandparents are Kevin and Sue Zurin.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are with the family and friends of Mary Jane Myer as they grieve her death on March 14, 2013.

# Leadership Team Retreat Summary

The Leadership Team participated in a winter retreat on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Glenn and Sue Brubaker's garage. Pastor Geoff facilitated the retreat. We worked on team building, trust, our cares and concerns for the church, and what we feel is working and not working within the Leadership Team. We developed goals for 2013 and made a commitment to our common promise for Jesus this year...to "Put Jesus' purposes before our own."

## The Goals we established include:

1. Articulate a vision for and begin living in discipleship.
2. Analyze, design, and develop a prototype model for adult education that supports discipleship.
3. Increase our outreach into the community through the use of our facilities, property, and giftedness.
4. Create new opportunities for brothers and sisters to share their cares and concerns.

We are determined to addressing these goals in a meaningful way during 2013. You will see evidence of progress toward them throughout the next few months.

## We identified five strategies for accomplishing these goals.

They include:

1. Sharing the diverse giftedness of our congregation
2. Increasing the commitment level of the congregation
3. Creating opportunities for existing and new small groups to meet
4. Repenting of anything not aligned with God's purpose
5. Encouraging one another.

Since their completion is not solely dependent on the ministry teams, we intend to engage members of the congregation to share in the process. Firmly rooted and living deeply in the character of Christ we commit to become a healthier church that powerfully shares Christ with the world.

## ☆Contact the Church Office☆

Amy Smith - *Administrator*

Phone: 898-0181; E-mail: [office@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:office@hempfieldcob.org); Fax: 898-0403

Website: [www.hempfieldcob.org](http://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](mailto:pete@hempfieldcob.org)

*Scheduled Day Off: Friday*

Kent Rice – *Pastor for Special Ministries*

Cell: 723-6197; E-mail: [kent@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:kent@hempfieldcob.org)

*Scheduled Day Off: Monday*

Geoff Davis – *Associate Pastor*

Home: 569-6284; E-mail: [geoffdtuba@verizon.net](mailto:geoffdtuba@verizon.net)

Karen Rice – *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Cell: 413-1137; E-mail: [karen@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:karen@hempfieldcob.org)

## ☆ Bulletin Deadline ☆

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

## ☆ HCOB Family Facts ☆

### Attendance for March 10, 2013

Sunday School: 85

Traditional Service: 37

Blended Service: 198

### Giving for March 10, 2013

General Offering: \$9,078

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$310

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