

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



March 24, 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 24-31☆

TODAY	Palm Sunday	
MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Senior High Cell Group
	6:45 P.M.	Younger Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Leadership Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M.	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
	5:30 P.M.	Connections
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir
FRIDAY	Church Office Closed for Good Friday	
	6:00 A.M.	Good Friday Breakfast
SATURDAY	9:00 A.M.	Easter Egg Hunt
SUNDAY	Easter Sunday	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
		Pastor Pete Kontra preaching "Emptiness Is Full of Promise" Matthew 28:1-10

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- April 4**—Prayer Experience
- April 16**—Heifer Project Dinner
- April 17**—Herald Deadline
- April 18**—Congregational Gathering



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!

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 24th if you would like to attend.

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 27th 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.

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.

BUS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE--Ken Kreider is again offering Elite coach transportation to Annual Conference this year (June 28-July 4). Pickups will be made in various locations. Contact Ken at 717-367-7622 or kreiderk@etown.edu for more information.

Easter Season 2013



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.

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!

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 13—Youth Ping-Pong Tournament
- ★ 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☆

PRELUDES Marimba: Donna Reed, piano: J. L. Lantz J. L. Lantz
 Prelude on "Ellers" Hagarty
 Come, Christians, Join to Sing Broughton
 Beautiful Isle of Somewhere/Send the Light

WELCOME—GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:22-29

***PRAISE SONGS** Praise Band
 Sing to the King
 Nothing but the Blood
 Amazing Love

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 53:1-12

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
 Offertory—The Palms Faure
(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

***HYMN** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 238

MORNING PRAYER

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Shelley Kontra, Daphne Witmer, Jen Hinton
 How Deep the Father's Love for Us

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11

MESSAGE What's That Stirring Within You?

***HYMN** All Glory, Laud and Honor 237

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** On This Glad Day Scarlatti

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

Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra; Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong; Video Tech—Dave Bendit
Worship Leader—Del Kautz; Praise Band Leader—Shelley Kontra

THE FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED by Leon and Carol Koser to the honor and glory of God and in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

AFTER SERVING AS THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR HEMPFIELD CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN SINCE 1996, MILLIE BRUBAKER HAS DECIDED TO RETIRE. Over the past 17 years, she has faithfully ensured that all financial data for the church was entered timely and accurately. Please join Hempfield in thanking Millie for her dedication to the Financial Secretary position over the years.

JULIA GLADFELTER WILL BE 100 ON APRIL 3RD! Let's send her some cards as a birthday blessing! Her address is Brethren Village, P.O. Box 5093, Lancaster PA 17606.

THANKS TO DONNA REED who brightens our service with her skillful and joyous music on the marimba!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the 2 Cent-A-Meal offering last week. We raised \$419.40 to send to the Church of the Brethren's Global Food Crisis Fund to assist hungry people to develop food security.

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!

☆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

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 March 17, 2013

Sunday School: 64 Traditional Service: N/A Blended Service: 205

Giving for March 17, 2013

General Offering: \$7,433 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$310

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