

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



November 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.

Get to know us more at
www.hempfieldcob.org

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.



HCOB
Calendar

☆ This Week: November 24-December 1 ☆

SUNDAY	Turkey Collection Sunday	
MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Sr. 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
	6:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 P.M.	Thanksgiving Service
THURS. – FRI.	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
SUNDAY	QuintEssentially Brass Playing	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
		Pastor Kent Rice Preaching "Hope"
		1 Peter 1:3-6
	4:00 P.M.	Christmas Family Celebration

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

- December 6**—WORDD Christmas Celebration
- December 7**—Deacons Assembling Fruit Baskets
- December 9**—Leadership Team Social
- December 11**—Gingerbread House Competition
- December 15**—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
- December 18**—Herald Deadline
- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR SALE today and December 1. Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in the narthex after the church services. The plants cost \$6, and you can choose from white, pink or red. Plants will be available for pickup after the Christmas Eve Services.

BOXES OF BLESSINGS—The Social Service Team is asking you-the congregation-to help fill boxes of non-perishable food for four families in our local area for the holiday season. The families have 4, 5, 6, and 11 people in them, with the children being age 5 and up. We would like to include gift cards in the boxes. The gift cards should be for grocery stores, Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's, Park City etc. If you would prefer to donate money toward the purchase of gift cards, please put it in an envelope and mark it for "Boxes of Blessings." If you have any questions, contact Ellie Lehman at 569-0366. The boxes will be delivered approximately 14 days before Christmas. The last date to make any contributions is December 8th. We are asking you to share your blessings with those families. Thank you in advance for supporting this endeavor.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER: Rice, Peas, Stuffing, Canned pasta, Macaroni & cheese, Pancake mix & syrup. **For the holidays**, the following items are needed: 4 (15 oz.) cans vegetables, 3 (15 oz.) cans fruit, 1 (15 oz.) can cranberry sauce, 1 (15 oz.) can yams or sweet potatoes, 1 (10 oz.) jar gravy, 1 (6 oz.) box stuffing, 1 (13 oz.) box mashed potatoes, 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin, 2 (7.25 oz.) boxes macaroni & cheese, 2 (3 oz.) boxes jello, 1 frozen turkey or ham. Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY—Claire Lincoln is feeling better and will be taking back the Prayer Chain ministry again. Please contact Claire with any prayer requests.

HCOB YOUTH NEWS

- ★ Younger Youth Cell Group—Monday, 6:45 PM—Millie Hoffman's
- ★ Sr. High Cell Group—Monday, 6:30 PM—Hinton's



Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



Children's Advent Calendars are available in the narthex and upstairs near the children's classrooms. Please pick one up to use with your family as you count down the days until Jesus' birthday celebration!

Christmas Love Offering-- This year's Christmas Love Offering will be designated for Milagro House, an organization committed to providing education, housing & counseling for women and their children experiencing homelessness. Some women are recovering from addiction, some are mentally ill and most of them have been abused. Special envelopes will be available on the narthex table starting **December 1** so you can give specifically to Milagro House.



QuintEssentially Brass will be playing sounds of the season at HCOB on **Sunday, December 1** for our 8:00 and 10:15 services.

This premier musical group featuring Andy Walls,

Geoff Davis, Kris & Doug Albert and Gene Clark group is devoted to surprising and delighting audiences by presenting the best in the brass quintet repertoire. Don't miss this opportunity!

Family Christmas Celebration
Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 P.M. Join us to experience the Christmas Story as presented by *Piercing Word*. This will be an entertaining and profound depiction of the familiar story that will help you set your focus on Christ at the start of Advent. A meal will follow and a love offering will be taken to benefit the ministry of Piercing Word.



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Brethren Village Christmas Bazaar & Cookie Sale-- **Friday, December 6** 9:00-4:00 and **Saturday, December 7** 9:00-12:00 at BV Wolfe Auditorium. Crafts, cookies, and food. Cookies at \$4.00

per pound will only be sold on Friday. It is sponsored by the BV Auxiliary.

Can You Bake Christmas Cookies? Please consider baking cookies and bring them to the church kitchen **December 1-4**. Mark them "for Brethren Village." Label the kinds of cookies and if they contain peanut butter or nuts. Some diabetic varieties would be appreciated. Each congregation is asked to bring 12 full batches of cookies in disposable containers if possible. All cookies are appreciated, but the Christmas varieties sell well. PLEASE SIGN UP AT TABLE IN NARTHEX.

Team Gingerbread House Competition!

Join us on **Wednesday, December 11th** at 6:30pm for our annual Team Gingerbread House Competition! Arrive ready to work as a team to build an all candy Gingerbread "House"... or church, barn, scene, Nutcracker, ... let your mind go wild! It just has to be made out of all candy, graham crackers, icing and sweat with a Christmas theme. Participants are asked to bring some of their favorite candies to share with the group and a box of graham crackers to build your structure. Icing will be provided. Prizes will be awarded!



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.

Family Christmas Celebration!

 Sunday Dec 1 at 4:00pm 



 **Come see the Christmas Story presented straight from the Bible by Piercing Word!** 



 **Then stay for a delicious meal!
A love offering will be taken to benefit
the ministry of Piercing Word.** 



Wednesday November 27

7:30 PM

- ★ East Petersburg Mennonite Church will join us here at HCOB for a special service on Thanksgiving Eve.
- ★ Bring your whole family and prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday as we enjoy singing, special music from the combined choirs of both churches, a children's story by HCOB's Pastor Kent Rice and a brief meditation by Pastor Bob Nolt of East Petersburg Mennonite Church.
- ★ We will also collect a special monetary offering to benefit the newly formed East Petersburg Faith Outreach.

☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDES Familiar Hymn Selections

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAISE SONGS

Hallelujah, Your Love Is Amazing
Jesus, Lead On
Glorious Day
How Great Is Our God

Praise Band

SCRIPTURE Matthew 9:35-38

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory

(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Chhrey Chea, Tom Connelly, Jason Kettering, John Kreider, Sarah Landis,
Claire & Vic Lincoln, Harold Musser

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Prayer

Jen Hinton

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 4:2-6

MESSAGE

Discipleship: The Life of a Salty Opportunist

*HYMN

For Christ and the Church

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Gentle Shepherd

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

Organist/Pianist—Daphne Witmer

Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra

Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong

Video Tech—Dave Bendit

Praise Band Leader—Shelley Kontra

THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 1 BULLETIN is moved up to **Tuesday, November 26 at noon** because of the Thanksgiving holiday. This is a firm deadline. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Brethren Disaster Ministries has challenged the Church of the Brethren to raise \$500,000 for **TYPHOON HAIYAN RESPONSE**. As part of this challenge, **HEMPFIELD WILL TAKE A SPECIAL OFFERING** over the next couple weeks. Please make your check payable to HCOB and designate your donation to Emergency Disaster Fund. Please pray for all impacted by the widespread devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and Vietnam.

THE BRETHERN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION will be sending \$200,000 of the proceeds from the 2013 auction to Brethren Disaster Ministries in support of their efforts to raise \$500,000 to aid the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. **THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED** make this year's auction a success and made it possible to provide this blessing to those who have lost everything.

CONGRATULATIONS to Abby Brubaker and Mitch Crawford on their wedding here at HCOB on November 2, 2013. May God grant you many happy years together!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Vic and I are awed by the prayers, cards, calls, and food that you have bestowed on us. Thank you to Pastors Pete & Kent for visiting us in the hospital. Also, thanks to Amy and Joanna Huacani for doing the prayer chain. What a blessing, joy, and privilege to belong to such a caring congregation. God is good and His Spirit moves among us. Once again, thank you, and God bless.
—Vic and Claire Lincoln

THANK YOU once again for the use of your facilities for COBYS Resource Parent Training on 10/28/13. The space worked perfectly for our needs, and the volunteers who watched the children were great! We appreciate the continued support of congregations such as yours!

Blessings, Emily Rice for COBYS Family Services

☆ Contact the Church Office ☆

Amy Smith - *Administrator*

Phone: 898-0181; E-mail: office@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 November 17, 2013

Sunday School: 68 Traditional Service: 35 Blended Service: 226

Giving for November 17, 2013

General Offering: \$10,346.80 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,570
Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,069