

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 1, 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](http://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.*



☆ This Week: December 1-8 ☆

<b>TODAY</b>	QuintEssentially Brass Playing in Worship 4:00 P.M. Family Christmas Celebration
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 4:30 P.M. Education Team 6:30 P.M. Praise Band Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 A.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Prayer Experience
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:00 P.M. WORDD Worship Christmas Program
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 A.M. Deacons Assembling Fruit Baskets
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 A.M. Traditional Service 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Blended Service Pastor Geoff Davis Preaching "Live in Peace" Matthew 1:6-25

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

**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

## HCOB YOUTH NEWS

- ★ No Cell Groups this Monday
- ★ Dec 26: Youth Grab-N-Go fundraiser meal at 11:30
- ★ Jan 17-19: Sr. High District Retreat at Camp Swatara
- ★ Feb 14-17: Youth Winter Retreat at Montrose



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR SALE TODAY ONLY.** 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 8<sup>th</sup>.** We are asking you to share your blessings with those families. Thank you in advance for supporting this endeavor.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:** Tuna, Spam, Stew, Tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce, Helpers (tuna, chicken or hamburger). **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. **No egg cartons are needed at this time!** Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank. Thank you!

**SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY:** In the event of inclement weather, service cancellation information will be available after 6:00 AM on our church website at [www.hempfieldcob.org](http://www.hempfieldcob.org). If you do not have internet access, you can also listen for information on the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5. In addition, efforts will be made to personally advise early service worship participants and children's Sunday School class teachers if possible.

**STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET** for 2013 is on the bulletin board in the outer office. If you would be willing to take a turn opening and closing the church on Sunday for one month, please sign up for this important ministry.

# Family Christmas Celebration!

Today 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.**



## ☆ Today's Worship Service ☆

### PRELUDES

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
The Holly and the Ivy  
I Wonder As I Wander  
Joy to the World

QuintEssentially Brass  
Plainsong/Price  
French Carol/Price  
Niles/Snell  
Handel/Snell

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE IN CHRIST

*Children dismissed to Children's Church*

ADVENT ANTHEM                      Come, Let Us Adore Him                      Sanctuary Choir

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE                              1 Corinthians 15:19-23

### MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

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

\*HYMN                                      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus                                      178

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—Pieds-En-L' Air (Capriol Suite)

Warlock/Marlatt

*(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

A Catalonian Christmas Carol

QuintEssentially Brass  
Spanish Carol/Marlatt

SCRIPTURE                              1 Peter 1:3-6

MESSAGE                                      Hope                                      John the Baptist

\*HYMN                                      Angels We Have Heard on High                                      197

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDES

Rejoice and Be Merry

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

English Carol/Price

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

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz; Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice  
Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Blaine Garber  
Video Tech—Doug Howard; Choir Directors—Jen Hinton & Kristin Stauffer

**QuintEssentially Brass:**

Trumpet—Doug Albert and Gene Clark; Horn—Kris Albert  
Trombone—Andy Walls; Tuba—Geoff Davis

**WE WELCOME QUINTESENTIALLY BRASS** here this morning! Thank you for sharing your gift of music in honor to God!

**DON'T MISS THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRASS CONCERT OF HOLIDAY FAVORITES FEATURING QUINTESENTIALLY BRASS**, Friday, December 20, 2013 at First Reformed UCC Church, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster beginning at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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.

**TURKEY DRIVE**—On behalf of Water Street Ministries, the Force for Food Committee thanks all of you for your generosity last week as we collected 41 turkeys and \$873.20 in donations. Combined these donations will provide 500 holiday meals.

## **Bible Power** For Salvation

Carl Haas has announced the completion of his Bible study guide *Bible Power for Salvation*. The book should be available by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This book is written to address specific Biblical principles regarding being a Christian and being saved. Anyone from an atheist to a mature Christian should learn from this book. The book is designed for either personal spiritual growth or for group Bible study.

The first printing will be offered to anyone in the Hempfield COB on a donation basis. Anyone wanting a free copy of *Bible Power for Salvation* should contact Carl at [haasbiblepower@gmail.com](mailto:haasbiblepower@gmail.com) or by phone at 717-361-8559.

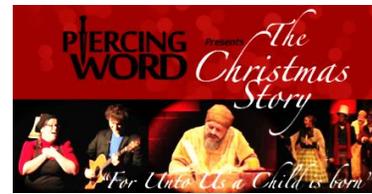


## *Advent & Christmas@ HCOB*



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!

**QuintEssentially Brass** will be playing sounds of the season at HCOB today for our 8:00 and 10:15 services. This premier musical group featuring Andy Walls, Geoff Davis, Kris & Doug Albert and Gene Clark is devoted to surprising and delighting audiences by presenting the best in the brass quintet repertoire. Don't miss this opportunity!



**Family Christmas Celebration today 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.

**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 8** so you can give specifically to Milagro House.





## Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



**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.

## ☆ 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 24, 2013

Sunday School: 88      Traditional Service: 40      Blended Service: 158

### Giving for November 24, 2013

General Offering: \$7,789      Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,820  
*Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,069*