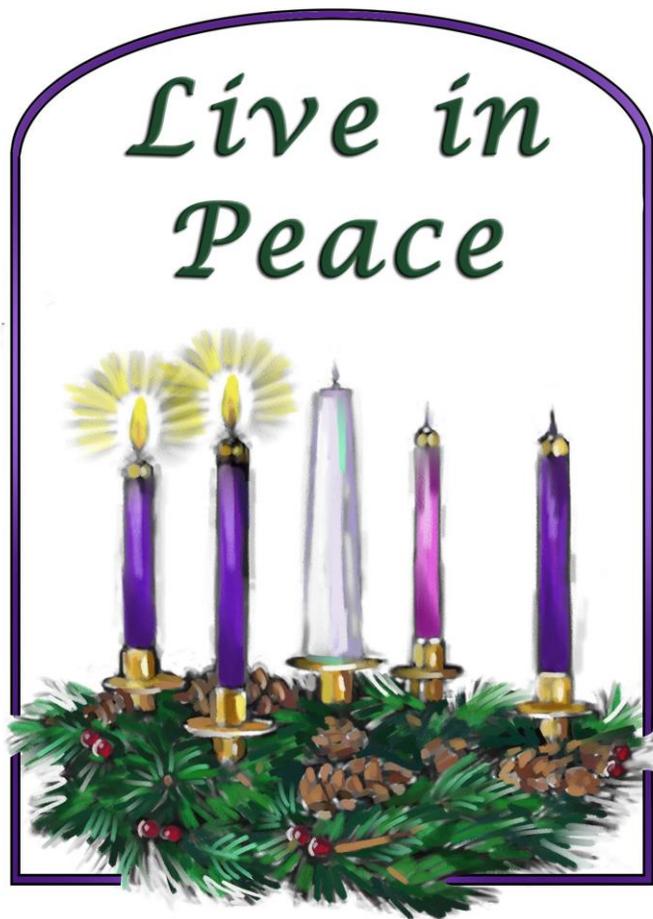


# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 8, 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 8-15 ☆

<b>TODAY</b>	11:30 A.M.	Free Blood Pressure Checks
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 P.M.	Leadership Team Social
	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
	6:45 P.M.	Younger Youth Cell Group
	7:00 P.M.	Stewards of Property Team
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:00 P.M.	Silver Singles
	6:30 P.M.	Fellowship & Hospitality Team
	7:00 P.M.	Worship Team
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 A.M.	Sewing Circle
	6:30 P.M.	Team Gingerbread House Competition
	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUNDAY</b>	2-Cent-A-Meal Offering	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
		Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching "Grow in Joy" Luke 1:39-45; 1 Peter 1:6-9

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

- December 18**—Herald Deadline
- December 23-January 4**—Church Administrator on Vacation
- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services
- December 24 & 25**—Church Office Closed
- December 26-January 1**—Pastor Pete on Vacation
- December 29**—Youth Grab 'N Go Lunch Fundraiser
- December 31 & January 1**—Church Office Closed



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



**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.





**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be given by nurses after church today. Please feel free to stop by and ask them any questions about this issue.

**2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be picked up in the narthex from Gladys Ulmer after the church services.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** If you play a woodwind or brass instrument and would be interested in playing Christmas Eve please contact Daphne Witmer 898-6247. We will rehearse 8:15 Christmas Eve.

**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.

**POPCORN OPPORTUNITY!** Ever want to be a missionary? Go on a mission trip? But don't have the time? Here's a way you can be involved in missions without leaving home. The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction is seeking volunteers to assist and eventually take over the caramel popcorn operation at the auction. All equipment and training is provided, and it's only two days a year. This means you would be part of a disaster relief effort which has raised over \$13,000,000 for disaster relief. For complete details, contact Bob or Sally Bingaman at 717-581-5651 ([paearl1@comcast.net](mailto:paearl1@comcast.net)).

**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 ministry.

**THE HELPING HANDS MINISTRY** is sponsored by the Social Service Team and is available to help you if you have a need for some extra help around the house, getting to appointments, cooking meals, yard work etc. If you could use a Helping Hand or would like to be a part of this ministry by helping others please contact Cindy Harnish at 872-8951.



### *Adoption Update from Shawn & Amy*



Dear HCOB Family,

We just wanted to let you all know where we are in our adoption journey. We have been working on our paperwork for several months now and answering more personal questions than we ever thought anyone should know about us! It has been frustrating as we encountered various delays with circumstances in our life that sidetracked us, but we have finally finished our paperwork and mailed it to COBYS on Monday! We are praising God that this huge project is now done.

Now we just wait and see what God has in store for us. The next step is that COBYS will read all the many pages of our paperwork and assign us to a caseworker. We will then have to go through some interviews and the state will create our "family profile." After that profile is completed, our house will be inspected and I believe that is the final step before we are allowed to start looking at the case files of specific kids. We are not sure exactly how long this process will take, but it will probably be at least 6 months. So we still have a wait in front of us, but at least our major part is done. Yeah!

Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement, support and patience as we travel this road. We know that God is in control even in the midst of delays and frustrations so we trust Him to deliver just the right child to us at just the right time. Please continue praying and we will keep you updated whenever we have new information to share.

Have a blessed Christmas,

*Shawn & Amy Smith*

# ☆Today's Worship Service☆

## TIME OF REFLECTION

*What's the current emotional state in which you live?*

## PRELUDES

A Prelude for Advent Gambini  
O Word of God Incarnate ("Mienich")  
Psalm 92, "Comfort Ye My People" (Chorale, Torratina, Harmonization)

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE IN CHRIST Jason Haldeman  
*Children dismissed to Children's Church*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:12-16

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN O Come, O Come Immanuel 172

\*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD Praise Band  
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
Go Tell It On The Mountain  
Come All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING Milagro House Kent Rice

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought  
Offertory—Song of Hope (A Traditional Hebrew Melody)  
*(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:6-7

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow  
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

## MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

Chhrey Chea, Tom Connelly, Julia Gladfelter, Torie Hostetter, Jason Kettering,  
John Kreider, Sarah Landis, Harold Musser

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:67-79  
MESSAGE Live in Peace (Matthew 1:16-25)  
\*HYMN When Peace, Like a River 336  
\*BENEDICTION It Came Upon the Midnight (v.1 – a capella) 195  
\*POSTLUDE Joy Composer Unknown

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

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz  
Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis  
Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Matt Markey  
Video Tech—Dave Bendit  
Praise Band Director—Shelley Kontra

## ***HCOB YOUTH NEWS***

- ★ **Younger Youth Cell Group**—Monday, 6:45 PM—Millie Hoffman's
- ★ **Sr. High Cell Group**—Monday, 6:30 PM—Hinton's
- ★ **Dec. 22**—Youth Caroling @ Brethren Village; 8:45-10:00 AM
- ★ **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

## Financial / Ministry Statement

November 30, 2013

### Working Balance

(Beginning of Period January 1, 2013) \$7,384.80

### Receipts

General Offering	\$422,649.17
Interest on Checking Account	\$3.71
Total Receipts	<u>\$422,652.88</u>

**Total Receipts & Beginning Balance** **\$430,037.68**

### Expenditures

Stewards of Finance Team	\$43,304.18
Evangelism Team	\$105,215.29
Education Team	\$18,097.58
Deacons	\$1,346.78
Worship Team	\$18,051.66
Leadership Team	\$154,466.93
Stewards of Property Team	\$62,243.45
Social Services Team	\$20,198.79
Fellowship & Hospitality Team	\$2,007.10
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$424,931.76</u></b>

Checking Account Balance as of November 30 **\$5,105.92**

Outreach is paid through November 30

Amount needed weekly to meet budget \$10,069

Actual average weekly giving \$8,993

## ☆ 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 December 1, 2013

Sunday School: 96      Traditional Service: 42      Blended Service: 216

### Giving for December 1, 2013

General Offering: \$10,216      Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,820

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

Giving to Philippines Disaster Relief Fund = \$5,000

Thanksgiving Offering for EPFO = \$941