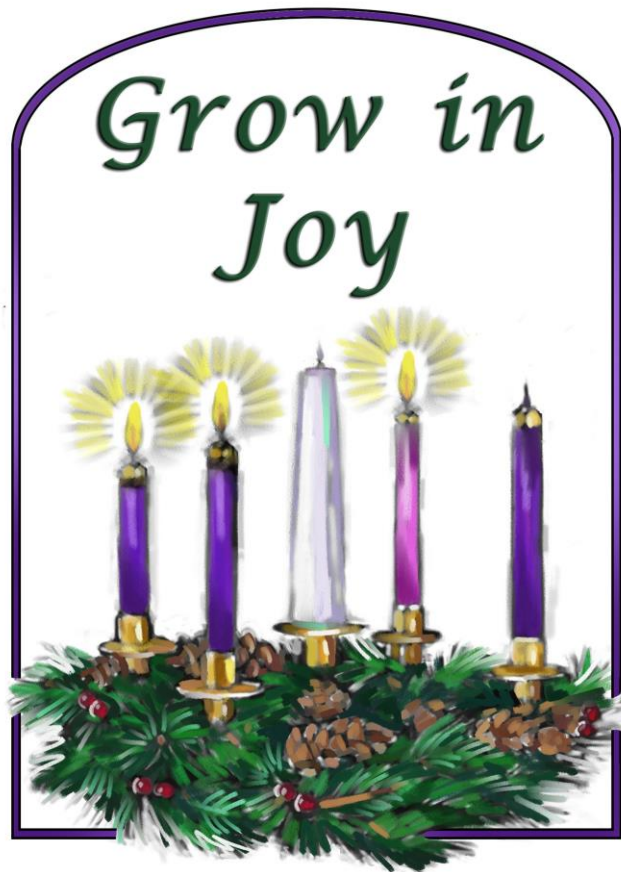


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 15, 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: December 15-22 ☆

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| TODAY | 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering | |
| MONDAY | 6:30 P.M. | Sr. High Cell Group |
| | 6:45 P.M. | Younger Youth Cell Group |
| TUESDAY | 6:30 P.M. | Fellowship & Hospitality Team |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Worship Team |
| WEDNESDAY | Bulletin Deadline for Dec. 22, 29 & Jan 5 Services | |
| | 6:00 A.M. | Ladies Prayer Breakfast |
| | 6:30 P.M. | Praise Band Rehearsal |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 A.M. | Traditional Service |
| | 9:00 A.M. | Sunday School |
| | 10:15 A.M. | Blended Service |
| | | Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching "Go in Love" |
| | | Luke 2:1-21; 1 Peter 1:22-23 |

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

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



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.

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.

LOST-EXTRA SET OF KEYS FOR THE SOUND BOOTH roll top and closet. They are on a steel ring with a red plastic piece also on the ring. There are three keys on the ring. Please see Rich Bushong if found.

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.hempfielddcob.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.

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.

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 are available on the narthex table so you can give specifically to Milagro House.



HCØB 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.



Service of Remembrance 2014

January 19—10:15 AM



SERVICE OF
Remembrance

On Sunday morning, January 19, we will be holding **one service at 10:15 AM** to remember and honor our loved ones who have died in 2013. We will **not be having our normal 8:00 AM service** on that day.

If you would like to remember a loved one who has died in the past year, please complete the Name & Photo Submission Form that is available on the narthex table at church. Names and pictures will be displayed on the projection screen during the service. If you do not wish to submit a picture, your loved one's name will be displayed on the screen when his or her name is read. **All forms and pictures must be submitted to the church office by Sunday, January 5th.** We also invite you or a member of your family to come forward during the service to light a candle in memory of your loved one. If no one from your family can be present or you would prefer not to come forward, someone else will light the candle for you. You will also receive the candle and a white carnation as a gift from the church at the end of the service. Thank you in advance for your help as we prepare for this special service.

☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRELUDES

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| Infant Holy, Infant Lowly | Wetherill |
| And There Were Shepherds | Martin |
| The Snow Lay on the Ground | A Carol arr. by Jonson |
| Come, O Come Emmanuel | Wetherill |

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY OF CHRIST

--Jamie Bushong as Elizabeth

Children dismissed to Children's Church

HYMN SING

Christmas Carols

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:6-9

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory— Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus Pricew / Ambrose
(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Chhrey Chea, Tom Connelly, Julia Gladfelter, Torie Hostetter, Jason Kettering,
John Kreider, Sarah Landis, Jim Musser, Doris Wright & Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

Do You Hear What I Hear Kent Rice

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

MESSAGE

Grow in Joy

*HYMN

Joy to the World 318

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

A Christmas Carol Anonymous

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

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz; Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra
Sound Techs—Rich & Jamie Bushong; Video Tech—Alex Troxell

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE for the Dec. 22 & 29 and Jan 5 services is moved up to this Wednesday morning, December 18. This is a firm deadline.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to Doris Wright and her family upon the death of Doris's sister, Peggy Polin. May God comfort the family in this time of sadness.

TO OUR WONDERFUL CARING CONGREGATION, the 'Boxes of Blessings' were filled to overflowing and included \$900 worth of gift cards to Giant, Walmart, Kohl's, and Target. Thank you for your generosity and sharing your blessings.
—Ellie Lehman and the Social Service Team

COOKIE BAKERS YOU ARE SUCH A BLESSING! Thank you so much for the dozens of cookies that were provided for the Brethren Village Auxiliary Cookie Sale. \$1,641.75 was raised to be spent on items to enhance the lives of the residents! Thank you to our members that shopped there as well.
- Gerrie Hurst and Lois Killian

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely fruit basket we received. It is wonderful to be part of such a thoughtful and loving church family.
—Harold & Jean Musser, Pete & Shelley Kontra, Kent & Karen Rice, Shawn & Amy Smith, Maggie Carper, Dudley & Deanna Myers, Sally Boudier, Corinne Nissley, William & Dorothy Walters

THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS who assisted with Friends Together Week (camp) and the Special Friends (developmentally disabled) activities throughout the year. We ended our year with a Christmas Program and an attendance of 385. We are looking forward to Communion and a Time of Remembrance to begin 2014.

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED, once again, by the people of HCOB (represented by the Deacons). We want to thank you for the gift of fruit and "goodies" delivered to our home last week. We have appreciated all the loving care and prayers over the years. God Bless You All! --The Lantzes

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

☆ 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 8, 2013

Sunday School: 83 Traditional Service: 47 Blended Service: 177

Giving for December 8, 2013

General Offering: \$9,114 Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,960
Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,069