

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 22, 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 22-29 ☆

<b>TODAY</b>	8:45 A.M.	Youth Caroling at Brethren Village
	7:30 P.M.	Youth Christmas Lock-In
<b>MON. – FRI.</b>	Church Administrator on Vacation	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30 P.M.	Family Christmas Eve Service
	9:00 P.M.	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
<b>TUES. – WED.</b>	Church Office Closed	
<b>THURS. – SUN.</b>	Pastor Pete on Vacation	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
		Pastor Doug Hinton Preaching “Anticipate Christ” Matthew 2:1-12
	11:30 A.M.	Youth Grab ‘N Go Lunch Fundraiser

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

- December 23-January 4**—Church Administrator on Vacation
- December 26-January 1**—Pastor Pete on Vacation
- December 31 & January 1**—Church Office Closed
- January 5**—Ministry Teams Commissioning
- January 10-11**—Leadership Team Retreat
- January 15**—Herald Deadline
- January 20**—Martin Luther King Day—Church Office Closed
- January 26**—Youth Grab ‘N Go Lunch Fundraiser

## 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.



## 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.



## Service of Remembrance 2014

January 19—10:15 AM



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 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



**CALLING ALL YOUTH!** The Sr. High Cell group invites you ALL (Jr and College) to join us for a Christmas Party Lock-In tonight (Dec. 22nd). We meet 7:30pm at the church and will stay until 8:30 Monday, Dec. 23rd. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, \$5 for late-night pizza. We're having a cookie exchange - bring some if you have them! Remember what you signed up for, Sr. High Cell group, and everyone else bring something to eat or drink if you are able. Contact the Hintons with questions 569-5635 or 989-0142! Merry Christmas!!

**“GRAB ‘N GO” LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 29**—Youth NYC Fundraiser—Next Sunday plan to stop by the gym after church and grab a convenient lunch for you and your family. This is a fundraiser for our youth who would like to attend the 2014 National Youth Conference.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS** for the altar table in the coming year please sign up for a Sunday on the chart in the outer office.

**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.

**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!

## ☆ Today's Worship Service ☆

### PRELUDES

He Comes to Us	Gilbert M Martin
Holy Was the Night ("The Bagpipers Carol")	E. J. Lorenz
Christmas Fantasy (Theme: J.S. Bach)	G. Rebling
Fantasia on a French Carol ("Gloria")	arr. by Hughes

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE OF CHRIST

--Deb Bendit as Mary

*Children dismissed to Children's Church*

### PRAISE SONGS

My Soul Magnifies the Lord  
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

### SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:22-23

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought  
Offertory—Greensleeves: "What Child Is This" arr. Dorothy Wells  
*(Please sign the attendance book during the offertory)*

### MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*  
Betty Aulhouse, Chhrey Chea, Julia Gladfelter, Torie Hostetter, Jason Kettering, John Kreider, Sarah Landis, Jim Musser, Doris Wright & Family

### CHRISTMAS ANTHEMS

In the Bleak Midwinter	Sanctuary Choir
Do You Hear What I Hear?	

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

### MESSAGE

Go in Love

### \*HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	201
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### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Adeste Fideles

Clement Loret

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

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz

Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra

Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong

Video Tech—Nate Polonchak

Sanctuary Choir Directors—Jen Hinton & Kristin Stauffer

Praise Band Leader—Shelley Kontra

**THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE ON VACATION** from December 23-January 5. Volunteers will be answering the phones on some of those days, but not all of them due to the holiday schedule. No one will be checking the church e-mail during those weeks.

**PASTOR PETE WILL BE ON VACATION** from December 26-January 1. If you have need of a pastor during that time, please call Pastor Kent or Pastor Geoff.

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 15, 2013

Sunday School: 37      Traditional Service: 17      Blended Service: 129

### Giving for December 15, 2013

General Offering: \$8,592      Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,960

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

*2-Cent-A-Meal Offering = \$899.53*

## **HCOB YOUTH NEWS**

★ Dec. 22—Youth Caroling @ Brethren Village; 8:45-10:00 AM

★ Dec. 22—7:30 PM—Youth Christmas Lock-in

★ Dec 29: 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 ☆