

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



*Music Celebration Sunday*

May 18, 2014  
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: May 18-25 ☆

<b>TODAY</b>	11:30 A.M.	Congregational Vision Conversation
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. 6:45 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group Younger Youth Cell Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	HERALD DEADLINE	
	6:00 A.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast
	6:30 P.M.	Praise Band Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	11:00 A.M.	Congregational Vision Conversation
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching "The Gift of Promise" Acts 1:1-14
	11:30 A.M.	Youth Grab 'N Go Lunch Fundraiser

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

- June 1**—Graduation Sunday
- June 7**—Annual Conference Briefing
- June 15**—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering

**FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR MAY:** Corn, Peaches, Boxed potatoes, Peanut butter, Chili or canned pasta. **No egg cartons are needed at this time!** Please put items in the coatroom and they will be taken to the food bank.

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS** interested in forming connections here at Hempfield Church of the Brethren: A group has begun meeting Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Pathfinders classroom. Please feel free to join us for conversation, prayer, and fellowship. If you have any questions, would like more information, or are interested in getting involved outside of Sunday mornings, please contact Janelle Witter. (janellewitter1@gmail.com or 717-538-4113)

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS ASSEMBLY**—Brethren Disaster Ministries that one of their biggest needs is for clean-up buckets after natural disasters occur. Please come out and help assemble these buckets at Florin Church of the Brethren on Friday, May 30 (starting at 10:00 AM) and Saturday, May 31 (starting at 9:00 AM). Please contact Tom Fritz (665-2793 or twfritz@ptd.net) if you have any questions or are interested in helping with this project.

**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.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL  
THE MEMOIRS OF NEHEMIAH**

This year's summer combined Sunday school class will be studying and discussing the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah. This is the memoirs of Nehemiah as he relates the history of God's faithfulness to the people of Judah and Jerusalem as they reestablished their religion and spiritual character. This informative Old Testament book reveals lesson on effective prayer, spiritual renewal, visionary ministry, the benefits of teamwork, overcoming opposition and the value of celebratory worship. Nehemiah teaches us how to be faithful disciples in a society that challenges the values of trusting in God.

The class will meet in the Adult Choir Room over the summer months of June, July and August.

## Thank you from Pastor Joseph Armah

*Last Sunday, Pastor Armah visited our congregation to bring greetings from our Christian brothers and sisters in the country of Liberia.*

Dear Pastor Kent,

Just thought to let you, the senior pastor, the rest of the ministers and the entire congregation know that I highly appreciated the warm reception received from you during my short visit with brother Ray and his wife Jayne. I like to make particular reference to the fact that you allow us to share with you our hearts as it relates to what the Lord is doing in Liberia through our different ministries.

I was especially astonished when you and brother Ray sang a traditional Gospel song from my own tribe (Dayah yaa tee nee wee) which means “God is so good to us.”

We look forward to working with you closely in order to send more workers out in the field as the harvest is plentiful in many areas including ministry to street girls, ministry to single mothers, Discipleship ministry to pastors in the remotest part of Liberia.

Brothers and sisters, many people who once worshipped idols and mountains are coming to the Lord all over my home district, and that the crying need this very hour back home is to raise healthy and effective Spiritual leaders who will help these new believers.

We prayerfully ask you to take this journey with us as partners in this world leadership moment so as to reach the Gola people in that remotest part of country as you saw in the slides.

Brothers, for my passion and love for the work of the kingdom of God, I rejected and destroyed and denounced all my traditional rights and titles just to allow God to use me so as to win some to Christ. I encourage you to lift up your eyes, as you have always done and look in the field so that together we will reap a great Harvest. Amen! and Amen!

In Christ Love,

Pastor Joseph G. Armah Sr.

## ☆ Today's Worship Service ☆

### GATHERING MUSIC

This World Is Not My Home  
Poor Wayfaring Stranger  
Be Still, Moses

Gospel Ensemble

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*RESPONSIVE READING

681

#### \*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

### CHILDREN'S TIME/KIDS PRAISE

I'm So Glad I'm Here  
I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing  
Hallelu/Praise Ye the Lord

### MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

Betty Aulhouse, Grace Brubaker, Gloria Brumbaugh, Chhrey Chea,  
Lew Fisher, Richard Gingrich, Julia Gladfelter, Millie Hoffman, Joel Kettering,  
John Kreider, Sarah Landis, Yvonne Musser, Jason Smith, Harold Stauffer

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—I Will Follow You

Katelyn Witmer

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

#### \*PRAISE BAND

*Children are invited to join us up front!*

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord  
Sing, Sing, Sing

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

I Hear God's Music  
To God Be the Glory

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Praise Band

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

Pianist—BJ Haverstick  
Sound Techs—Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong  
Video Tech—Nate Polonchak  
Praise Band Leaders—Shelley Kontra & Kent Rice  
Sanctuary Choir Directors—Jen Hinton & Kristin Stauffer

**JESUS SAID, “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME.”** Today our children are going to worship with us and we hope to make them an active part of this music-filled service. They will be invited to help us praise God during Children's Time and to play instruments with the Praise Band! This is an open-door service, so please feel comfortable to move in and out as you need, but know that joyful "noise" is welcome! Help yourself to an activity-bag found in the narthex if you/your family would like!

**THE FLOWERS** are provided by Jim & Sue Musser to the honor and glory of God.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING** by the front and back doors? Thank you, Carl Lehman and Gerrie Hurst, for your tireless efforts--it shows visitors that we care and creates a positive feel coming into the building!

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are extended to Paula Stoner and her family upon the death of Paula's mother, Lucille Steffy, on May 12. May God comfort their family during this time of grief.

**SCOTT HOLLINGER FUND**—On Sunday June 5, 2011, Scott Hollinger was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> “Soaring Eagle Steele Award for Courageous Living.” As a congregation we also want to give each of you an opportunity to give to a fund to financially help Scott and the Hollinger family as Scott wrestles with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and the many medical costs and expenses associated with that journey. Envelopes marked “Scott Hollinger Fund” are on the narthex table for your convenience.

### **HCOB YOUTH NEWS**

- ★ **Sr. High Cell Group**—Monday, 6:30 PM—Hinton's
- ★ **Younger Youth Cell Group**—Monday, 6:45 PM—Millie Hoffman's
- ★ **Grab 'N Go Lunch Fundraiser**—Sunday May 25, 11:30 AM
- ★ **Creation Festival**—June 24-29
- ★ **National Youth Conference**—July 19-24

## ☆ 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 May 11, 2014**

Traditional Service: 58

Blended Service: 206

**Giving for May 11, 2014**

General Offering: \$8,571

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$400

*Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,201*