

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



- † **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.

November 23, 2014
10:15 AM

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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.



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 on **Sunday, November 30** 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

On **Sunday, December 7th, at 2:30 PM** join us for our Family Christmas Celebration. We will have Bethlehem set up in the gym! Yes, the plan is to set up Bethlehem in the gym so that families can move around and enjoy different activities, such as making a snack, wood working, games, and more!

After that concludes, we will all join together to hear Piercing Word present the Christmas story. So, put it on your calendars!



Christmas Love Offering-- This year's Christmas Love Offering will be split between two causes: #1—The Nigerian Church of the Brethren which is suffering intense persecution right now and #2—Friendship Community which needs help to do badly needed repairs on their residential homes where they care for individuals with developmental disabilities. Special envelopes will be available on the narthex table starting **December 7**.



Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



Brethren Village Christmas Craft Bazaar and Cookie Sale. Friday, December 5, 9:00-4:00 and Saturday, December 6, 9:00-12:00 at Brethren Village Wolfe Auditorium. Crafts, cookies, and food. Cookies at \$4.00 per pound will only be sold on Friday.

Can You Bake Christmas Cookies? Please consider baking cookies and bring them to the church kitchen **November 30- December 3**. 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 **Friday, December 12 at 6:30 pm** 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 all be made out of candy, graham crackers, and icing 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.





☆ This Week: November 23-30 ☆

MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Servant Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Thanksgiving Eve Service
THURS. – FRI.	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
SUNDAY	QuintEssentially Brass playing in both services	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service
		Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching “The Last Adam”
		Isaiah 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

December 5—WORDD Christmas Program

December 7—Family Christmas Celebration

December 12—Gingerbread House Competition

December 14—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering

December 16—Servant Team Social

December 17—Herald Deadline

HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today

- ✝ **Staff:** Kent & Karen Rice
- ✝ **Team:** Education
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** Youth, Outbreak Festival
- ✝ **Congregation Quality:** Thankful (1 Thessalonians 5:18)



Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday November 26
7:30 PM

- ★ We will join East Petersburg Mennonite Church at their location for a special service on Thanksgiving Eve.
- ★ Bring your whole family and prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday as we enjoy singing, special music from the combined choirs of both churches and a brief meditation by Pastor Jeff McClain of East Petersburg Mennonite Church.
- ★ We will collect a special monetary offering to benefit TNT Youth Ministries. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the East Petersburg Food Bank.
- ★ ***We want to hear what you're thankful for!*** As part of the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, we will create a video presentation sharing all your expressions of thanks. Please share what you're thankful for: Email Pastor Pete (pete@hempfieldcob.org), write a note and place it in Pastor Pete's office door mailbox, mail a note to the church, whatever works for you. Sign your name or not—either way let's give God our thanks!



USHERS NEEDED—We need ushers for the 10:15 Sunday service. Please contact Jim Stauffer (665-6454) if you can serve in this ministry.

SUICIDE PREVENTION EVENT

Fully Alive: Not Just Existing November 29, 4-8

Place: Lititz COB, 300 W Orange St, Lititz, PA 17543

Alexa Moody, one of the speakers from this year's National Youth Conference will be giving a presentation in Lititz concerning suicide and understanding mental illness in order to live a healthy and fulfilled life. Mental illness and suicide affect more people every day. We hope to approach these topics in a holistic manner in a safe environment to allow people to be educated and share their experiences. Alexa will give a presentation to better understand mental illnesses such as major depression, anxiety, and bi-polar for 1.5-2 hours. A meal and time to meet different counselling agencies and non-profits will follow. We will end with a service of praise, sharing, and anointing. All are invited to this: middle and high school youth, parents and grandparents, and college age.

GRAB 'N GO LUNCH—NOVEMBER 30

Hello Hempfield! We will have Grab 'N Go lunches the last Sunday of November. This month will feature enchiladas – including a dessert variety. Don't make dinner November 30—Grab your lunch and Go! All donations go toward the Youth Mission Fund – Thank you!!

TURKEY DRIVE TODAY - The Force for Food Committee is coordinating the annual turkey collections for Water Street Ministries. Water Street needs 3,500 turkeys to provide over 21,000 holiday meals. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and can be placed in the collection box in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren (notation-Turkey Drive). Today we will be collecting frozen or fresh turkeys in the rear of John Naas hall. Last year we donated 41 turkeys and \$875. Let's do it again! Thank you for your annual support in providing a holiday meal to those in need.

A BOX WILL BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX TO COLLECT CHRISTMAS CARDS for members of the congregation who are residing in retirement communities and nursing homes. The deacons will deliver the cards to the recipients along with their fruit basket on December 13. Please write the name of the recipient on the envelope.

These residents include: Betty Aulhouse, Richard & Julia Binkley, Sally Boudier, William & Betty Bowers, Millie Brubaker, Maggie Carper, Paul Cope, Jim & Wilda Drake, Julia Gladfelter, Pauline Hess, Rhoda Hollinger, Matora Hostetter, Dick Landis, Henry Lehman, Gladys Metzler, Pearl Miller, Jeanne Moser, Harold & Jean Musser, Dudley & Deanna Myers, Corinne Nissley, Hiram Royer, Gerry Shuman, Arlene Swarr, Bill & Dorothy Walters, Bob White, Jean Zurin.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER—canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned cranberry sauce, canned yams or sweet potatoes, jars of gravy, boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes flakes, canned pumpkin, boxed macaroni & cheese, boxed jello. Please continue to donate both paper and plastic grocery bags. **Please note egg cartons are no longer needed.**

HCOB Youth News

- ★ **Mondays, 6:30 PM**—Sr. High Youth Cell Group in youth room (NO Sr. High Cell on Dec. 1)
- ★ **Thursdays, 6:30 PM**—TNT Youth Ministries in gym
- ★ **Nov 29, 4:00 PM**—“Fully Alive” Suicide Prevention Event
- ★ **Nov 30, 11:30 AM**—Grab 'N Go Fundraising Lunch—ENCHILADAS!

☆Today's Worship Service☆

GATHERING PRELUDES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP PRELUDE

*PRAISE SONGS

Praise Band

Children ages 3 years old-5th grade are invited to Children's Church

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:1-4

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Sylvia Heffley, Leon Koser, John Kreider, The Family of Jacob Lapp,
June Lantz, Harold Musser, Deb & Doug Nauman, Bill Sayers, Jason Smith,
Paula Stoner, Alex Troxell, Gladys Ulmer, Abby Wright, Jean Zurin

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory

CHRIST LIVING THROUGH US

Boxes of Blessings

Ellie Lehman

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-23

MESSAGE

Enjoy Christ

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

567

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

Pianist—Jen Hinton

Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice

Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong

Video Tech—Dave Bendit

Praise Band Leader—Shelley Kontra

Worship Leader—Laura Meiser

IN THIS PERIOD OF THANKSGIVING, we want to express our deep appreciation to the Hempfield congregation for the prayers, words of comfort, concern and encouragement during this year, as we experienced some major physical concerns and for Pastor Pete who was present when we needed him.

—Galen & Gloria Brumbaugh

THE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY at Brethren Village was sponsored by our church. Thank you to those who helped, including the entertainment by Pastor Kent.

- Gerrie Hurst and Lois Killian

THANK YOU to all the bakers and delicious snack makers! Thank you for the donations of food, soda, and other snacks! Thank you for the time, energy, and help at the Alpaca farm from families and folks from all generations! At this year's 12th Annual Eastland Alpaca Open House, we raised \$3,007 to go toward our youth mission fund. We are blessed to have so many faithful servants willing to donate time, money, and energy so that the Kingdom of God can be expanded and strengthened. Blessings!

☆ 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 staff members are here to help when you need them. Please feel free to contact them if you have a need.

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☆ Bulletin Deadline ☆

All bulletin information must be in to the church office by Wednesday noon.

☆ HCOB Family Facts ☆

Attendance for November 16, 2014

Traditional Service: 28

Blended Service: 179

Giving for November 16, 2014

General Offering: \$7,758

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$1,505

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