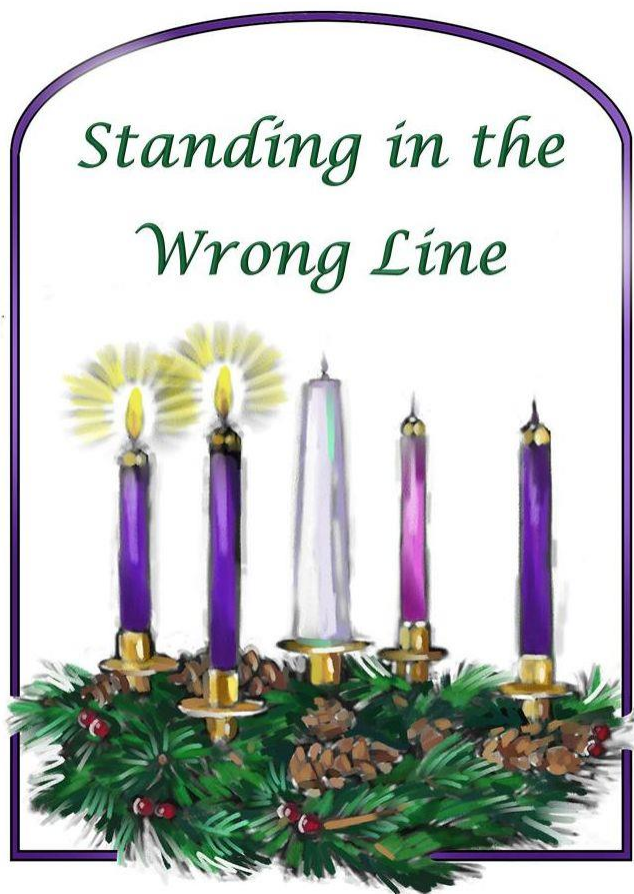


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 7, 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

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 7-14☆

TODAY	2:30 P.M.	Family Christmas Celebration
MONDAY	6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group Property Team
TUESDAY	12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M.	Silver Singles Worship Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Sewing Circle Praise Band Practice Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	6:30 P.M.	TNY Youth Ministry
FRIDAY	6:30 P.M.	Gingerbread House Competition
SUNDAY	2-Cent-A-Meal Offering 8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Service Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching "Start with the Obvious" Luke 3:1-19

☆Future Dates to Keep in Mind☆

- December 16**—Servant Team Social
- December 17**—Herald Deadline
- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services

BOXES OF BLESSINGS—Non-perishable food is being collected for 4 families in need. We will be collecting the food up to December 14 and the "Boxes of Blessings" will be delivered the week of December 15. A few gift cards would also be appreciated. Give a little Jesus to those less fortunate than ourselves. Any questions can be directed to Ellie Lehman at 569-0366 or ellalehman@verizon.net.

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.

TNT THANKSGIVING OFFERING—Since the Thanksgiving Eve service was cancelled last week, we were unable to collect the expected offering for TNT Youth Ministry at that time. If you would still like to give to this ministry, please place your offering in the designated basket in the narthex. Thank you!

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.**

DON'T MISS the 16th Annual Brass Concert of Holiday Favorites featuring *QuintEssentially Brass*, Friday, December 19, 2014 at First Reformed UCC Church, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster beginning at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

SAFE CHURCH PROGRAM--Hempfield COB is now part of Samaritan Counseling's Safe Church Program for 2015! Our Safe Church Team will be attending seminars throughout this coming year so that our church is current on new changes in Child Protection laws that will be implemented on January 1, 2015. Parts of the new law that we will be learning about and implementing in our new Child Protection Policy include mandated reporting of suspected child abuse by volunteers, and screening and obtaining specific background checks every 36 months for our volunteers. Our Team will keep the congregation posted in the next months as we all learn how to better protect our precious children!

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. 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.

STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET for 2015 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 important 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.

HCOB Youth News

- ★ **Mondays, 6:30 PM**—Sr. High Youth Cell Group in youth room
- ★ **Thursdays, 6:30 PM**—TNT Youth Ministries in gym
- ★ **Jan 16-18**—Sr. High District Retreat @ Camp Swatara

HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today

- ✝ **Staff:** Doug & Jen Hinton
- ✝ **Team:** Property, Finance
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** New Members, SIM (Hutchisons)
- ✝ **Congregation Quality:** Merciful (Luke 6:36)

☆ Today's Worship Service ☆

GATHERING PRELUDES

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star	Bach
Good Christians ALL, Rejoice	German
O Jesus Sweet	Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP PRELUDE	O How Happy! O How Holy!	Italian
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LIGHTING THE 2 ND ADVENT CANDLE	Hutchison Family
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*PRAISE SONGS

O Come, Emmanuel	
He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)	

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

ADVENT SHARING	Shawn & Amy Smith
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MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Sylvia Heffley, Jason Kettering, Leon Koser, John Kreider, June Lantz, Carl Lehman, Deb & Doug Nauman, Bill Sayers, Jason Smith, Alex Troxell, Gladys Ulmer, Abby Wright, Jean Zurin

CHRIST LIVING THROUGH US

Christmas Love Offering	Jason Hoffman
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SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 53:1-5
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OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought	
Offertory—Away in a Manger	Kirkpatrick and Mueller

SANCTUARY CHOIR	Christmas Alleluia
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MESSAGE	Standing in the Wrong Line
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*PRAISE SONG	Go Tell It on the Mountain	Praise Band
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Go Tell It On the Mountain A Spiritual

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

Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Preacher—Pastor Kent Rice
Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Blaine Garber
Video Tech—Dave Bendit
Sanctuary Choir Director—Laura Meiser
Praise Band Director—Jen Hinton

THE FLOWERS ON THE WELCOME TABLE are provided by John Kreider's family in celebration of John's 90th birthday on December 9th. If you would like to send John a card in celebration of this milestone, please send it to him at 3320 Hossler Road, Manheim PA 17545.

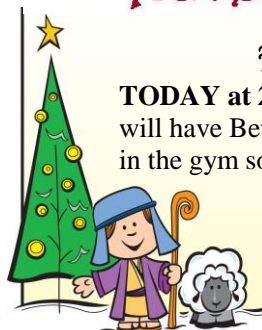
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for the prayers, concern, cards and visits during Jake's illness and passing. And Pastor Pete was there to comfort us and give us courage to go on. We also appreciated the visits of Kent & Doug.
—Mary Lapp & Family

ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE--Thank you to the congregation for your continued generosity for those in need. The November 23 Turkey Drive raised 48 turkeys and \$1,119 for Water Street Ministries. Many hungry people will be fed as a result of these donations. May the Lord's blessings be with you this Thanksgiving season.
--Force for Food Committee

MANY THANKS for your prayers, calls, and cards. And a special thanks to our deacons, Dave & Mary Ann Fisher, for the flowers and grand visit!
Your Organist, June Lantz



Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



Family Christmas Celebration

TODAY 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.

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. Please use the special envelopes available on the narthex table and in your bulletin and put your gift in the offering plate any time during the month of December.



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.

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.

**Hempfield Church of the Brethren
Financial / Ministry Statement
January 1 through November 30, 2014
Year-to-Date Actuals vs. Budget***

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

	Actual Jan-Nov 2014	Budget* Jan-Nov 2014	Actual Under/(Over) Budget
Beginning Balance 1/1/14	\$3,697		
Income			
General Fund Donations	\$442,057		
Interest	\$4		
Misc Income (Crdt Card Reward \$500, Healthcare Tax Credit \$3,612)	\$4,113		
Total Income	\$446,174		
Expenses			
Finance	\$45,303	\$46,851	\$1,548
Evangelism Team	\$120,830	\$113,438	(\$7,393)
Education Team	\$19,234	\$27,271	\$8,037
Deacons	\$1,221	\$5,592	\$4,371
Worship Team	\$17,672	\$24,461	\$6,789
Leadership	\$162,004	\$168,205	\$6,201
Stewards of Property	\$54,645	\$69,575	\$14,930
Social Service Team	\$16,299	\$25,942	\$9,642
Fellowship & Hospitality	\$2,408	\$4,904	\$2,496
Total Expenses	\$439,617	\$486,237	\$46,620
2014 Actual % of Budget	90.4%		
Checking Account as of 11/30/14	\$10,253		

Outreach is paid through November 30, 2014

	2014	2013	\$ Increase
General Fund Donations 1/1 to 12/1	\$442,057	\$433,808	\$8,249
2014 Donations % of 2013	101.9%		

*Budget shown is 11/12's of the annual budget, i.e., assumes the budget is spread evenly throughout the year.

☆ 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.

Pete Kontra – *Senior Pastor*

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Scheduled Day Off: Friday

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Doug Hinton – *Pastor of Youth & Discipleship*

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Geoff Davis – *Associate Pastor*

Home: 569-6284; E-mail: gdavis6320@comcast.net

Karen Rice – *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

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Laura Meiser – *Music Director*

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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 30, 2014

Traditional Service: 51

Blended Service: 217

Giving for November 30, 2014

General Offering: \$9,662

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,130

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