

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 14, 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: December 14-21 ☆

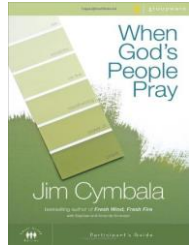
<b>TODAY</b>	2-Cent-A-Meal Offering 11:30 A.M. Free Blood Pressure Checks
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. Sr. High Cell Group
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:00 P.M. Servant Team Social
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	HERALD DEADLINE 6:00 A.M. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6:30 P.M. Praise Band Practice 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:30 P.M. TNT Youth Ministry
<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 "His First Birthday Party" Luke 2:1-20

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

- December 24**—Christmas Eve Services
- December 24-26**—Church Office Closed
- January 1-2**—Church Office Closed
- January 2**—WORDD Worship
- January 11**—Ministry Team Commissioning
- January 18**—Service of Remembrance

*The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study*

will be using the 6 session DVD Bible Study by Jim Cymbala, *When God's People Pray*. In this small group Bible study, best-selling author and pastor Jim Cymbala helps you understand, personalize and apply the transforming power of prayer in your life. Go through this study and learn how to pray with newfound confidence! When used together, the Participant Guide and companion DVD provide you with a practical tool that can transform your faith. Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can.



The Bible Study meets at Ruth Johnson's home in East Petersburg. We meet from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. For January we will meet on the 15th. Starting in February we will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month ending in April. Contact Ruth Johnson (569-2430) or Jamie Bushong (664-4395) by December 21st if you are able to join us and would like to have a participant's guide.



*Advent & Christmas@ HCOB*



**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 put your gift in the offering plate any time during the month of December.

**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.





**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available. Please pick yours up from Gladys Ulmer in the narthex after church.

**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.

**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!

*Service of Remembrance 2015*  
*January 18—10:15 AM*

On Sunday morning, January 18, we will be holding **one service at 10:15 AM** to remember our loved ones who have died in 2014. 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 pick up the Name & Photo Submission Form from the narthex table and complete it. 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 4<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.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**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.

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

## HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today

- ✝ **Staff:** Shawn & Amy Smith
- ✝ **Team:** Evangelism
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** College & Young Adults, Love Feast
- ✝ **Congregation Quality:** Enduring (James 1:2-4)

# ☆Today's Worship Service☆

## GATHERING PRELUDES

Comfort, Comfort, All My People  
O Come, O Come, Immanuel  
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Genevan Psalter  
12<sup>th</sup> Century  
Praetorius

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP PRELUDE      Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring      J.S. Bach

LIGHTING THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ADVENT CANDLE      Bushong/Barnes Family  
Zephaniah 3:14-20

\*PRAISE SONGS      Praise Band

My Soul Magnifies the Lord  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Away In a Manger

*Children ages 3 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church*

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought  
Offertory—What Child Is This?      Oboe Solo—Ben Johnson

SANCTUARY CHOIR      Jesu, Rose of Heaven

## MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

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

ADVENT SHARING      Peggie Layman

SCRIPTURE      John 1:1-5

MESSAGE      Quietening Love

\*HYMN      O Little Town of Bethlehem      191

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE      Sleepers, Wake      Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme

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

Pianist—June Lykens Lantz; Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra  
Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong  
Video Tech—Doug Howard; Sanctuary Choir Director—Laura Meiser  
Praise Band Director—Shelley Kontra

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are extended to Robin O'Boyle and her family on the death of her mother, Esther Sauder, who died on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**DEAR FRIENDS AT HEMPFIELD,** That joyful time of the year is fast approaching. Our facility here is being decorated with more than a hundred trees throughout the walls, which creates a very festive atmosphere for the residents. This stimulates many happy memories of Christmases that we have shared together in the past. Your thoughtfulness and greetings to me have been very valuable and it would give me great pleasure if I could respond to each of you. However, be very sure that our past Christmases bring happy recollections of meaningful worship services that still unite us in the present. I pray that each of you will have a blessed Christmas and experience the presence of Christ among you—each and every one. Sincerely yours in Christian fellowship and love,  
Jacob C. Wine

**MANY THANKS TO THE RECORD NUMBER** of bakers who provided cookies for the Brethren Village Cookie and Craft Sale and for those who attended. \$1,557.00 was raised from the cookie sale alone.  
—Gerrie Hurst and Lois Killian

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** for their prayers, cards and well wishes for us in our continuing health struggles. —Deb & Doug Nauman

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who donated their time and materials to help make “Christmas in Bethlehem” a success. You helped light up Christmas for all the kids (young and old) who came!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** for your cards, calls, visits and especially your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital and since my return home. It is fantastic having the great support of family, church family and friends showing their love. Thank you to Pastor Pete and Doug Hinton for their visits and prayers and for their support. --Roger & Gladys Ulmer.

## ☆ 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*

Cell: 224-1917; E-mail: pete@hempfieldcob.org  
*Scheduled Day Off: Friday*

Kent Rice – *Pastor of Outreach & Mission*

Cell: 723-6197; E-mail: kent@hempfieldcob.org

Doug Hinton – *Pastor of Youth & Discipleship*

Cell: 717-951-5290; E-mail: doug@hempfieldcob.org

Geoff Davis – *Associate Pastor*

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

Karen Rice – *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Cell: 413-1137; E-mail: karen@hempfieldcob.org

Laura Meiser – *Music Director*

Cell: 689-0465; E-mail: laura@hempfieldcob.org

## ☆ Bulletin Deadline ☆

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

## ☆ HCOB Family Facts ☆

### **Attendance for December 7, 2014**

Traditional Service: 35

Blended Service: 226

### **Giving for December 7, 2014**

General Offering: \$13,649      Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,150

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