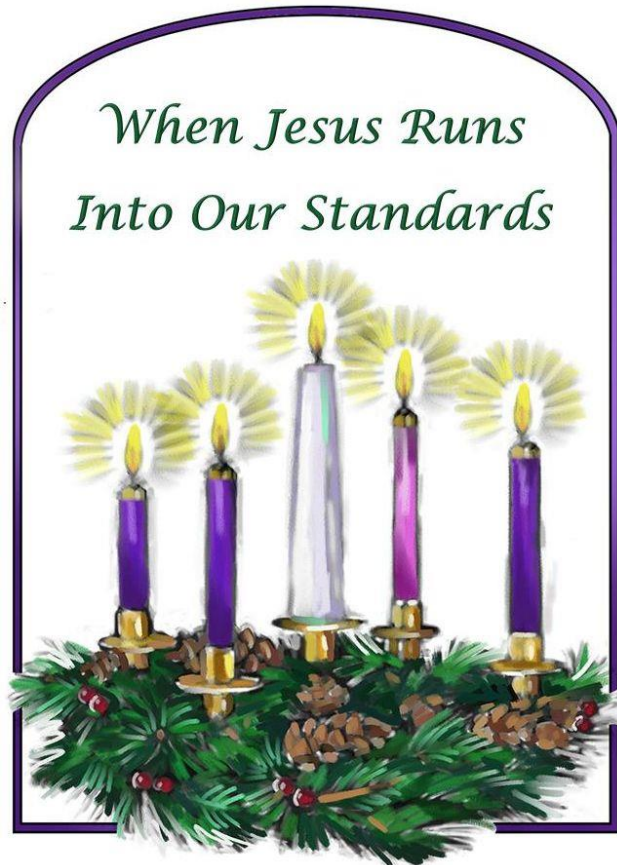


# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



December 28, 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 28-January 4 ☆

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast
<b>THURS. – FRI.</b>	Church Office Closed	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:45 P.M.	WORDD Worship
<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 “Follow Me” Matthew 4:18-22

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

**January 1-2**—Church Office Closed

**January 2**—WORDD Worship

**January 4**—Nigerian Church Update

**January 9-10**—Leadership Team Retreat

**January 11**—Ministry Team Commissioning

**January 18**—Service of Remembrance

**HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today**

- † **Staff:** Kent & Karen Rice
- † **Team:** Social Services
- † **Ministries and Specials:** Youth, Praise Band
- † **Congregation Quality:** Hospitable (Romans 12:13)

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1-2 FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.**

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

*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.

**UPDATE ON THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN IN NIGERIA,**

**JANUARY 4, 7:00 PM**—Boko Haram terrorists continue to persecute our Christian brothers and sisters in Nigeria with devastating effects on families and churches. On Sunday, January 4 at 7:00 PM here at HCOB, Roy Winter of Brethren Disaster Ministries will give a presentation on the US church's planned response to this crisis. We will also hear first-hand accounts of the situation from Rev. Dr. Musa Mumbala, have a time of prayer, and collect an offering for the Nigeria Crisis Fund. Please join us to support the church in Nigeria which is experiencing such terrible difficulties right now.

**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.**

**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! Team members include Pastors Pete Kontra and Doug Hinton, Karen Rice, Galen Brumbaugh, Deb Bendit, Sue Brubaker, Ray and Jayne Hutchison, and Donna Reed. Please pray for Hempfield’s Safe Church Team members!

**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.

**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.

## HCOB Youth News

★ Jan 16-18—Sr. High District Retreat @ Camp Swatara

## ☆Today’s Worship Service☆

### GATHERING PRELUDES

O Little Town of Bethlehem  
O Christ-Child Sweet

Arr. By Lani Smith  
J.S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WORSHIP PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46

#### \*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

#### SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

#### MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

Sylvia Heffley, Leon Koser, June Lantz, Carl Lehman, Deb & Doug Nauman,  
Robin O’Boyle & Family, Bill Sayers, Jason Smith, Alex Troxell, Abby Wright,  
Jean Zurin

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

It Was Love

Diane Garber

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—What Child Is This?

Arr. By Lani Smith

#### \*HYMN

When the Storms in Life Are Raging

558

#### SCRIPTURE

Philemon 1:1-17

#### MESSAGE

Jesus and Our Understanding

#### \*HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages

328

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

Raise Now Your Song on High

Saint-Sains

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

Pianist—June Lykens Lantz  
Preacher—Pastor Doug Hinton  
Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong  
Video Tech—Ben Johnson

**PASTOR PETE WILL BE ON VACATION THIS WEEK.** Please contact Pastor Doug or Pastor Kent if you need any pastoral assistance.

**THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS** for the lovely fruit basket and to our loving congregation for all the encouraging cards. What a blessing! -- Betty Aulthouse, Rhoda Hollinger, Jim & Wilda Drake, Sally Boudier, Allegra Stauffer

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS** who helped with the Friends Together Week and the activities throughout the year for the Special Friends. You helped to provide a lot of enjoyment for many developmentally disabled adults. We look forward to many good times in 2015.

## ☆ 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*

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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*

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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 December 21, 2014**

Traditional Service: 44

Blended Service: 234

### **Giving for December 21, 2014**

General Offering: \$9,952

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,250

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