

Hempfield Church of the Brethren



January 4, 2015
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 complete a welcome card** which you will find in the pew in front of you so that we can get to know you better and 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.



What's New at the EPFO?

☆ This Week: January 4-11 ☆

TODAY	7:00 P.M.	Nigerian Church Update
MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Deacons Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Praise Band Practice Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	TNY Youth Ministry Prayer Experience
FRI. – SAT.	Leadership Team Retreat	
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Service Pastor Geoff Davis Preaching “A Different Kind of Follower” Acts 11:19-30

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

January 11—Ministry Team Commissioning
January 18—Service of Remembrance

HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today

- † **Staff:** Amy & Shawn Smith
- † **Team:** Evangelism
- † **Ministries and Specials:** College & Young Adults, Love Feast
- † **Congregation Quality:** Patience (Ephesians 4:2)

2015 is here and opportunities for ministry abound!

First, we'd like to thank all those who have supported this ministry with their prayers, time and donations. The missional heart of Hempfield Church of the Brethren continues to inspire! So many people have stepped up in various ways, including more and more folks from the community. Here are a few highlights from 2014:

- This year's Outbreak Festival was well-attended and “the spirit was good” even though it was cut a little short by severe thunderstorms! This year's Outbreak Festival will be September 5 at East Pete Park.
- Our first year participating in the Extraordinary Give was a huge success! 53 unique donations were received for a total of \$5,175 before the “stretch pool” funds are applied! We anticipate an even better response this year as we increase our presence in the community!
- Several “informational sessions” were held to share the vision and two fundraising concerts at HCOB were a big success!
- Our Board of Directors expanded as of January 1
- Meetings were held to explore the possibilities of a downtown Community Center
- Pastor Geoff and Keith Witmer facilitated a corporate planning session to establish goals and ensure our focus is consistent—thank you!
- Tim Basom and Pastor Kent became volunteer basketball coaches (1 hr/wk) at East Pete Elementary so that the program would not be disbanded. We are now in relationship with 13 new kids and their parents!

Please join us in praying for God's leading as we work on such initiatives as after-school programs; counseling referrals; mentoring; drug education; food and clothing distribution; and local service projects. Please let us know about needs we can address, especially in areas where “the church” is not historically as welcome--contact Kent, Pete or Dave Schott. Please also email kent@epoutreach.org if you'd like to receive email updates. Peace and blessings in 2015!



UPDATE ON THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN IN NIGERIA,

TONIGHT, 7:00 PM—Boko Haram terrorists continue to persecute our Christian brothers and sisters in Nigeria with devastating effects on families and churches. Tonight 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 now.

WELCOME CARDS—If you are visiting with us this morning, please take a minute to fill out a Visitor Card (located on the back of each pew). Members and visitors alike are also invited to fill out the back of the card if they need to speak to a pastor or have prayer requests and other needs. The Evangelism Team is also asking that each of you take notice if the person who sits close to you hasn't been coming for awhile--please mention it to a pastor or deacon OR, better yet, give them a call! We're all part of The Body and it's up to *all of us* to care for each other. Special thanks to Gladys Ulmer for her help with entering and managing the attendance pad information for lo these many years!

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 TODAY.**

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.

MINISTRY TEAM COMMISSIONING will be held next Sunday January 11 during our 10:15 service. If you are a member of a ministry team in 2015, please make it a point to attend this service so that we can pray for you and commission you for ministry in the new year.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP YOUR 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES, PLEASE SEE GLADYS ULMER.

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.

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.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR JANUARY—Soup, Helpers, Peanut butter, Spaghetti sauce, Canned pasta. Please continue to donate both paper and plastic grocery bags. **Please note egg cartons are no longer needed.**

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.

HCOB Youth News

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

☆Today's Worship Service☆

GATHERING PRELUDES

Kings from the East Came Riding
March of the Three Kings

Balcombe
G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP PRELUDE Sages from Afar

Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91:14-16

*PRAISE SONGS

PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:13-16

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought--\$6.18

Offertory— Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach

Visitors, please complete the welcome card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

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 Mariann Gilbride and Alexis Gettings
Were You There on that Christmas Night?
Christmas Lullaby

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:18-22

MESSAGE Follow Me

*HYMN I Am Thine, O Lord 505

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Simone

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

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz
Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra
Sound Techs—Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong
Video Tech—Dave Bendit
Praise Band Leader—Jen Hinton
Worship Leader—Kevin Zurin

OUR SPECIAL MUSICIANS TODAY: Mariann Gilbride and Alexis Gettings are mother and daughter who have sung together from time to time since Alexis was about 8 years old. Mariann has been a cantor and Music Ministry member for about 30 years at her local Church and belonged to the Jubilate Deo Chorale and Orchestra where she was a soloist and chorale member for around 15 years. Alexis is currently a featured soloist and female lead for the Broken Shillelaghs, a premier Irish Band of Southern New Jersey. They are both honored to participate in the service for the Church of the Brethren. Mariann is the sister of Deacon Tom Connelly and Alexis is Tom's niece.

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS for the lovely fruit basket and to our loving congregation for all the encouraging cards. What a blessing!

-- John Kreider, Ruth Cope

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL for the prayers and cards I received during my convalescence. It is great being part of the family of God. --Sylvia Heffley

☆ 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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☆ Bulletin Deadline ☆

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

☆ HCOB Family Facts ☆

Attendance for December 28, 2014

Traditional Service: 26

Blended Service: 207

Giving for December 28, 2014

General Offering: \$13,422

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$2,320

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,600