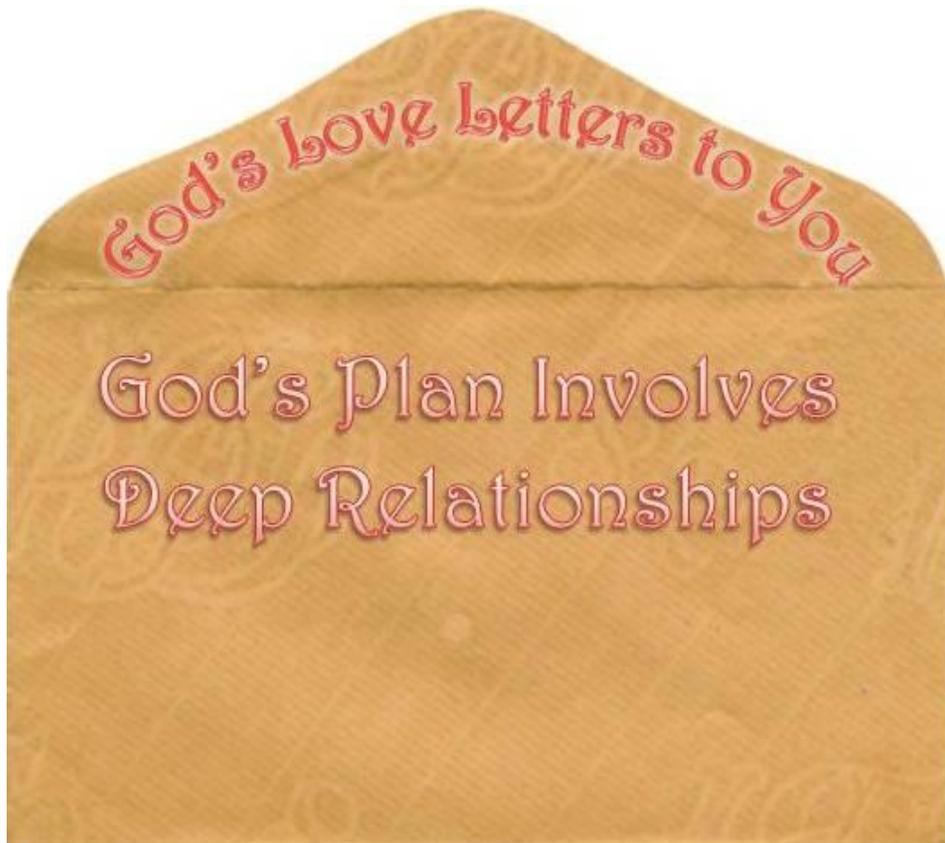


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



March 1, 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.



☆ This Week: March 1-8 ☆

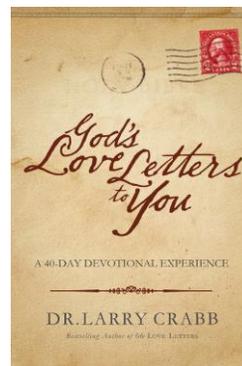
MONDAY	6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group Education Team
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Deacon Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Connections Praise Band Practice Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Bible Study TNT Youth Ministry Prayer Experience
FRIDAY	6:45 P.M.	WORDD Worship
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching “God’s Plan: To Grow Up” Jeremiah 1:4-10

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

- March 13—Movie Night
- March 15—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
- March 15—Love Feast (No 8:00 Service)
- March 17-23—Costa Rica Missions Trip
- March 28—Easter Egg Hunt

Lenten Church-Wide Book Study

WHAT We Are Doing Together



We are very excited about a new church-wide book study which we will be doing together during the six weeks before Easter! Please join us to build relationships with one another and with Jesus as we read and discuss *God's Love Letters to You: A 40-Day Devotional Experience* by Larry Crabb. Starting on Wednesday, February 18, you will have the opportunity to join a small-group discussion led by Pastor Pete on Wednesday nights during “Connections.” Or, starting Sunday, February 22, you are invited to join one of our Sunday School classes at 9:00 AM for small-group discussion. Other groups may be formed in the near future.

WHY We Are Doing This Together

After reviewing the Reveal Survey, we discerned several top priorities for our church. People want the church to: #1—provide a clear pathway to guide them in their growth, #2--encourage personal responsibility in their faith walk, and #3—help them develop a personal relationship with Jesus. One of the recommended ways to encourage personal and church growth is a Bible based, church-wide curriculum because personal engagement with the Bible is a critical spiritual growth catalyst. It is our hope that through this church-wide study, we can encourage people to create a daily discipline of seeking God, to discuss together what we are learning about ourselves and God, and to move forward as one body in the church. We desire to be many faithful people of different ages and walks of life, moving forward together to seek God’s Hand in our lives.

HOW Can You Be Involved?

- ✠ Pray that God’s Spirit will freely and powerfully work in our church family.
- ✠ Become a small-group facilitator. Facilitators will receive a brief lesson plan to open the discussion. They will not be experts leading the group, but simply fellow believers who will encourage discussion by asking questions.
- ✠ Pick up a book in the narthex, read it and join a discussion group! No payment is required, but donations of \$6/book will be gladly accepted.

As people seeking Christ’s call, we want to begin to move forward, responding to His leading and our results from Reveal. Will you join with us: to read, to grow, to listen, to build on what Christ has begun?



THE 2015 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are on a table in the narthex, so please pick up your copy. If you would like extra copies you can sign up on a sheet at the table and they will be distributed later. Thank you so much to the team who helped prepare the directories this year. Your help was really appreciated!

JR. HIGH CELL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED—As we move forward, I am looking for a couple of people interested in leading the junior high cell group next year. This will include grades 6th through 8th to align with our District events. Join with me in prayer that God may lay this on the heart of two or three of His servants here. As we look forward, we will seek out curriculum for the facilitators to move through and plan events that can allow our youth to grow in their walk with Jesus. Please contact Pastor Doug with any questions.

PLEASE SIGN PETITION FOR AID TO NIGERIA—Our Christian brothers and sisters in Nigeria are continuing to suffer intense persecution. They need our prayers and assistance. One way you can help is by signing a petition that will be sent to US political leaders asking for government aid and assistance to be sent to those suffering in Nigeria. We can't allow these people to slip "off the radar" and be forgotten. If God leads you, please sign the petition in the narthex today!

BELL CHOIR—After a long hiatus there will be bells ringing in our sanctuary again! The bell choir at Hempfield COB is being formed now. If you haven't heard a bell choir in some time you may be surprised at just how many sounds one can draw from a simple bell. Ringing bells is a fun brain/body workout and it's a very unique way to worship our amazing God. Rehearsals will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to be a part of this exciting opportunity, please see Laura Meiser, email her at laura@hempfieldcob.org or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. And in case you were wondering, the ability to read music is helpful but not necessary. Looking forward to ringing our praise to our great, good God!

ONGOING FOOD BANK NEEDS—Tuna, Peanut butter, Baked beans, Spaghetti sauce, Spaghetti noodles, Macaroni & cheese. Please continue to donate both paper and plastic grocery bags. **Please note egg cartons are no longer needed.**

OPEN CHURCH MEETING—On Thursday, March 12th, at 7:00PM in Chapel Hall Carl Haas will be presenting details of his proposals for changes to the Hempfield Church of the Brethren Policies and Procedures document. At the September 7, 2014 Congregational Gathering the congregation voted to have the Leadership Team review Carl's proposal, and also the congregation at an open meeting. Everyone is welcome.

CAMP SWATARA PAUL BUNYAN WORK DAY—March 7, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. Willing hands and cheerful help are needed at Camp Swatara on Saturday March 7th to bring in wood to refill woodsheds for the 2015 camping season! Plan to saddle up any blue oxen named Babe, bring your chainsaws, wood splitters, pick-up trucks, etc. to help with the work. A morning coffee break and a hot lunch fit for a lumberjack will be provided. Register for the day by calling the camp office any time before March 2nd. 717-933-8510 or jebbling@campswatara.org.

SPRING WEEKEND CAMPS are coming up in March at Camp Swatara for kids grades 1-9. Pick up a brochure on the narthex table or contact Janice Haldeman (569-5426) if you are interested in finding out more.

HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today

- ✠ **Staff:** Pete & Shelley Kontra
- ✠ **Team:** Deacons & Deaconesses
- ✠ **Ministries and Specials:** Nursery, Vacation Bible School
- ✠ **Congregation Quality:** Love (John 13:34-35)

HCOB Youth News

- ★ **Mondays, 6:30 PM**—Sr. High Cell Group in the youth room
- ★ **Thursdays, 6:30 PM**—TNT Youth Ministries in gym
- ★ **Friday March 27 & Saturday March 28**—Sr. High Lock-in at Lancaster COB

☆Today's Worship Service☆

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP PRELUDE

In the Heart of Jesus C. H. Forrest (Arr. by Johnson)

In the heart of Jesus there is love for you. Love most pure and tender, love most deep and true.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAISE SONGS

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Laugh Out Loud

Praise Band

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

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:1-8

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—The Old Rugged Cross Greg Hackenberger & Cheryl Myers

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

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 327

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Betty Aulthouse, Cindy Eckman, Joanna Huacani, June Lantz, Carl Lehman,
Deb & Doug Nauman, Jason Smith, Abby Wright, Marg Zurin

SPECIAL MUSIC

There's Still Room Laura Meiser

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 8:4-9

MESSAGE

God's Plan Involves Deep Relationships

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory 102

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

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

Pianist—Betty Jean Haverstick

Preacher—Pastor Doug Hinton

Sound Techs—Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong

Video Tech—Dave Bendit

Worship Leader—Jamie Bushong

Praise Band Leader—Rod Myers

THANK YOU for all of the cards, love, prayers, and meals that our church family has showered us with as we welcome Katie to the world and adjust to being a family of four. We appreciate the love and support you show to each of us.
-The Hintons

Easter Season 2015

Love Feast

Sunday, March 15, 11:30 AM



Please join us for Love Feast March 15 following the 10:15 worship service. There will be no 8:00 worship that day. We will follow Jesus' example by gathering

together to wash one another's feet, eat a simple meal together, and share in communion.

Easter Egg Hunt

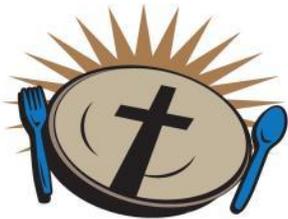
Saturday March 28, 1:00 PM

Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! All ages welcome! Bring your own bucket to collect, or make a fancy bag when you get here. We will have it, rain or shine!



Good Friday Breakfast

April 3, 6:00 AM



Join with other Christians in our community to enjoy a delicious breakfast, special music and a brief devotional to help you reflect on the significance of Christ's life and death for us.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 8:00 & 10:15 AM

Pastor Pete Kontra preaching

Join us for an inspirational service to sing joyful songs together, special music from our choir and a meaningful message from Pastor Pete to remind us of the true significance of Easter.



☆ 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

Doug Hinton – *Pastor of Youth & Discipleship*

Cell: 717-951-5290; E-mail: doug@hempfieldcob.org
Scheduled Day Off: Tuesday

Kent Rice – *Pastor of Outreach & Mission*

Cell: 723-6197; E-mail: kent@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 February 22, 2015

Traditional Service: 0

Blended Service: 108

Giving for February 22, 2015

General Offering: \$6,228

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$220

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