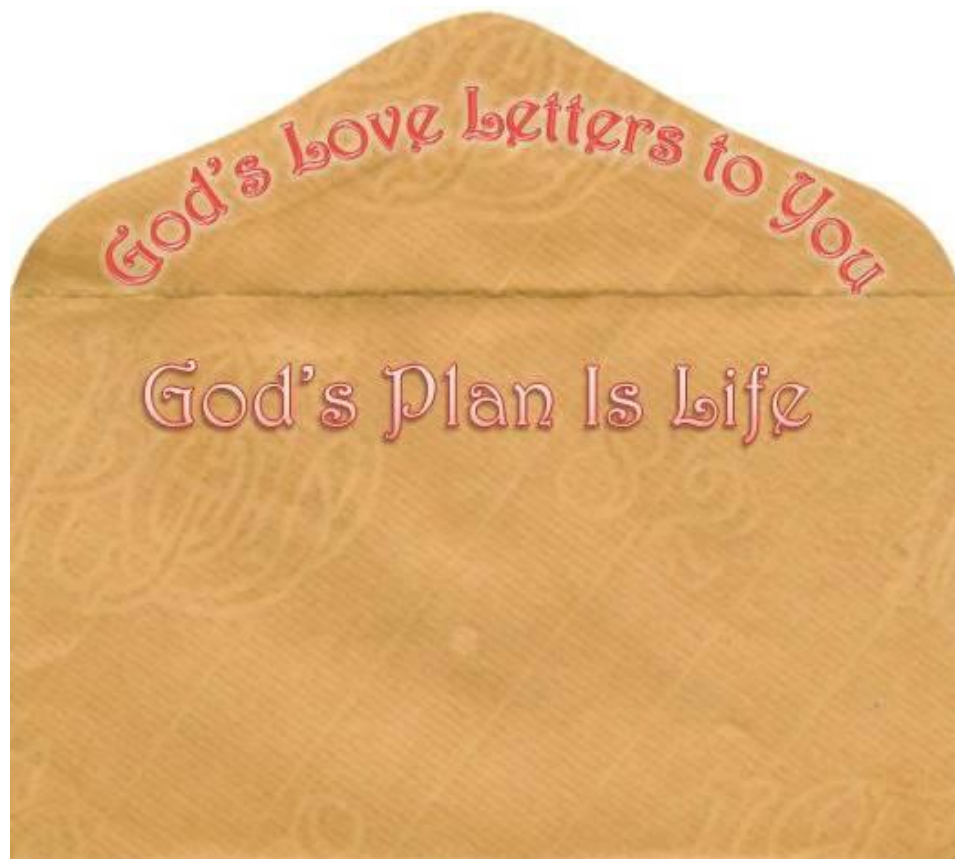


Hempfield Church of the Brethren



March 15, 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.



HCOB
Calendar

☆ This Week: March 15-22 ☆

TODAY	2-Cent-A-Meal Offering 11:30 A.M. Love Feast
MONDAY	6:30 P.M. Sr. High Cell Group
TUESDAY	Costa Rica Trip Begins 7:00 P.M. Evangelism Team
WEDNESDAY	HERALD DEADLINE 6:00 A.M. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 5:30 P.M. Connections 6:30 P.M. Praise Band Practice 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. Ladies Bible Study 6:30 P.M. TNT Youth Ministry 7:00 P.M. Cemetery Association Meeting
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. Traditional Service 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching "God's Plan: To Be Free" Galatians 5:13-18

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

March 28—Easter Egg Hunt

March 29—Youth Grab 'N Go Lunch

April 3—Good Friday Breakfast, Office Closed

April 5—Easter Sunday

Easter Season 2015

**Love Feast
TODAY, 11:30 AM**



Please join us for Love Feast today following the 10:15 worship service. 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.





EASTER FLOWER SALE!—Today is the only day to buy flowers to help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter and then take them home to beautify your house and garden! Daffodils, mini daffodils, hydrangea & tulips will be available for \$6/each. You can pick them up after the Easter service on April 5. Sign up and pay at the narthex table.

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.

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.**

ALPHA & OMEGA COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET will be held on Sat. April 18th, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Lititz Church of the Brethren. Come and join us for a free meal and hear about how the Lord is working in Lancaster through the A&O Community Center. A free will offering will be taken during the banquet. Sign-up sheets are on a table in the narthex. Any questions call Dennis Hughes 569-3332.

HCOB CEMETERY ASSOCIATION meeting will be held in Chapel Hall on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM.

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
- ★ **Sunday, March 29**—Youth Grab ‘N Go Fundraising Lunch

DONATIONS OF HOMEMADE CANDY are needed for the Village sale. Some suggestions for candy- Coconut Cream Eggs, Peanut Butter Eggs, Butter Cream Eggs, Opera Fudge, Fudge, Lollipops, Peanut Clusters, Peanut Butter Cups, Peanut Brittle, any of your favorite kind of candy. Diabetic candies are appreciated. Bring to the church kitchen March 22-25. **Please make sure the candy is labeled and marked for Brethren Village. If you are unable to make candy, please consider this alternative.** You can donate money which we will use to purchase candy from Linda Rannel’s Geneva Bakery and resell it at the Village. There will be a table in the narthex to receive your donations or a sign-up sheet to make your own candy. For each multiple of \$8.00 donations, a pound of candy can be purchased. **Let’s do this to show our appreciation to Linda for the time she has spent with youth fund raisers!**

EDUCATIONAL GRANT—The Church, through the Education Team, is offering a GRANT to individuals pursuing a career in Christian Ministry or attending a Christian college or university. Inquiring applicants can send a letter to Donna Reed, secretary of the Education Team, via the church mailbox or rdreed2@verizon.net. The deadline for grant applications is May 1, 2015.

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.

SCOTT HOLLINGER FUND—On Sunday June 5, 2011, Scott Hollinger was awarded the 2nd “Soaring Eagle Steele Award for Courageous Living.” As a congregation we also want to give each of you an opportunity to give to a fund to financially help Scott and the Hollinger family as Scott wrestles with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) and the many medical costs and expenses associated with that journey. Envelopes marked “Scott Hollinger Fund” are on the narthex table for your convenience.

HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today

- ✝ **Staff:** Kent & Karen Rice
- ✝ **Team:** Fellowship & Hospitality
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** Adult SS, Immerse International
- ✝ **Congregation Quality:** Spirit-led (Romans 8:12-14)

☆Today's Worship Service☆

TIME OF REFLECTION

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" - 1 John 3:1

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP PRELUDE Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Ignaz Franz

CALL TO WORSHIP God's Love Letters to You; Psalm 6

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN Christian, Let Your Burning Light 402

*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD Praise Band

Your Grace Is Enough
Amazing Love (You Are My King)

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
2-Cent-A-Meal Offering
Offertory—Early Spiritual Geoff Davis & Otis Kitchen

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

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:22-30

SPECIAL MUSIC Give Me Jesus Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Betty Aulthouse, Julia Binkley & Family, Paul Cope, Wilda Drake, Cindy Eckman, June Lantz, Carl Lehman, Yvonne Musser, Deb & Doug Nauman, Jason Smith, Marg Zurin

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:13-23

MESSAGE God's Plan Is Life

*GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD

Sent Forth by God's Blessing 478

*BENEDICTION Congregational Prayer 781

*How can we discern our errors, O God? Clear us from hidden faults.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer.
Look graciously on our remorse; help us to turn from evil.
We offer you ourselves, body and soul, to be cleansed.*

*As we drink the cup, give us assurance of forgiveness
through the blood of Christ.
Accept our promise to be true to you and give us power to fulfill it.
Let us find strength in the breaking of the bread to live and to die,
for Jesus' sake. Amen*

*POSTLUDE Allegretto Franz J. Haydn

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

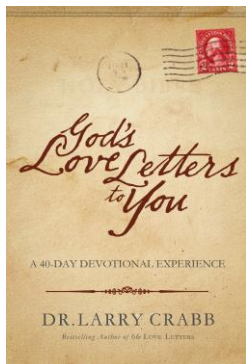
Pianist—Otis Kitchen
Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis
Sound Techs—Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong
Video Tech—Dave Bendit
Worship Leader—Del Kautz
Praise Band Leader—Kent Rice

THE FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED by Rick & Bonnie Bard to the honor and glory of God.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are with Julia Binkley and her family as they grieve the death of Julia's husband, Richard Binkley, on March 7, 2015. May God comfort them in this time of grief.

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 and on the church phone (898-0181). You can also listen for information on the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5.

Let's Grow Together!



We are very excited about the church-wide book study which we are 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. If you don't have a book yet, please pick one up in the narthex and read it! No payment is required, but donations of \$6/book will be gladly accepted. Then join a small group discussion. Pastor Pete leads a group during "Connections" on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00 PM. Or join one of our Sunday School groups that meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

This Week's Reading Schedule

As we go through *God's Love Letters to You*, our next two weeks readings are found below. This week, read from days 21 through 26, and next week from days 27 through 32.

Week of 3/15 – 3/21

Sunday Sermon and Sunday Focus: Matthew
Weekly Reading: Day 21 Matthew through Day 26 Romans

Week of 3/22 – 3/28

Sunday Sermon and Sunday Focus: Galatians
Weekly Reading: Day 27 1 Corinthians through Day 32 Colossians

If you have any feedback, please contact Pastor Doug. Positive, negative, and constructive feedback are welcome as we look to the fall curriculum, sharpening our process of communication and building one another up!

☆ 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

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*

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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 March 8, 2015

Traditional Service: 34

Blended Service: 192

Giving for March 8, 2015

General Offering: \$11,056

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$3460

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