

# Hempfield Church of the Brethren



March 22, 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](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.*



HCOB  
Calendar

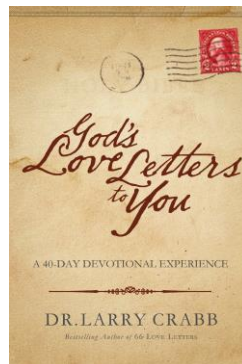
☆ This Week: March 22-29 ☆

<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 P.M.	Sr. High Cell Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:30 P.M.	TNT Youth Ministry
	7:00 P.M.	Servant Team
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:30 P.M.	Sr. High Lock-In
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1:00 P.M.	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Palm Sunday	
	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Pastor Kent Rice Preaching "Followers or Disciples" John 12:12-19
	11:30 A.M.	Youth Grab 'N Go Lunch

☆ Future Dates to Keep in Mind ☆

**April 3**—Good Friday Breakfast, Office Closed  
**April 5**—Easter Sunday

# 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 27 through 32, and next week from days 33 through 40.

### Week of 3/22 – 3/28

Sunday Focus: Galatians  
Weekly Reading: Day 27 (1 Corinthians) through Day 32 (Colossians)

### Week of 3/29-4/4

Sunday Focus: John  
Weekly Reading: Day 33 (1 Thessalonians) through Day 40 (Revelation)

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!



**EASTER FLOWER SALE!**—Today is the last 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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**— Boxed potatoes, Canned fruit, Canned pasta, Cereal (hot or cold), 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.

**ATTENTION POST-HIGH GRADUATES.** If you or anyone you know is graduating from a college or technical school, please contact Donna Reed (rdreed2@verizon.net) by Sunday, April 26, to complete a short survey. We want to celebrate with you as you finish this chapter of your life!

## 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

**EASTER CANDY AND CRAFT SALE** sponsored by the Brethren Village Auxiliary will be held Friday, March 27 in Wolfe Auditorium 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Candy will be sold at \$4.00 per half pound. Please patronize the sale and help raise funds for BV Auxiliary projects.

**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.

**EXCITING NEW IDEA**—A classified section in the Herald. This section would be used for various personal items and services. In addition, the section could be used for community activities and church related needs. A sample page is on the Narthex table. This idea cannot happen without people to help get it off the ground and keep it in operation. This could be your chance to contribute to our church family. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Carl Haas. Phone - 361-8559, Email - imcarlhaas@hotmail.com

**THE HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP MINISTRY** is planning a clean-up day on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Participants will meet at 9:30AM at the church. If you would like to participate in this ministry of caring for our community's environment, please sign up in the narthex. We need about 10 people to help out with this project. Contact Cody Musser (575-2011) if you have any questions.

## HCOB Prayer Calendar for Today

- ✠ **Staff:** Amy & Shawn Smith
- ✠ **Team:** Servant Team
- ✠ **Ministries and Specials:** Children, Discipleship Ministry
- ✠ **Congregation Quality:** Peacemaking (Matthew 5:9)

# ☆ Today's Worship Service ☆

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP PRELUDE      God So Loved the World      Sir John Stainer

## CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAISE SONGS      Praise Band

Here for You

Above All

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

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—A Lenten Prayer (Psalm 62)      Anna Laura Page

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

\*HYMN      Wonderful Grace of Jesus      150

SCRIPTURE      Romans 14:5-9

## MORNING PRAYER

*Please include the following people in your prayers:*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC      How Great Thou Art      BJ Haverstick & Otis Kitchen

SCRIPTURE      Galatians 5:13-18

MESSAGE      God's Plan: To Be Free

\*HYMN      When I Survey the Wondrous Cross      259

## \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE      Recessional on Diademata      Gordon Young

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

Organist/Pianist—Otis Kitchen; Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra  
Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong; Video Tech—Ben Johnson  
Worship Leader—Rod Myers; Praise Band Leader—Shelley Kontra

**THE FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED** by Joel and Penny Kettering in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary and in gratitude to each of our church members for their love and support given to us—what a wonderful church family! We are honored and blessed to be a part of HCOB.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are with the Cope Family as they grieve the death of Paul Cope on March 13<sup>th</sup>. May God comfort them in their loss.

**THANK YOU** so much for your financial gift to the Nigeria Crisis Fund. Because of your generous contribution, our struggling brothers and sisters in the Lord are receiving much needed aid and support. People are being fed and temporary shelters are being built because you cared enough to give. May God continue to bless you all. —In Christ, Jay Wittmeyer, Roy Winter, Carl & Roxane Hill (co-directors of Nigeria Crisis Response)

**IN LATE NOVEMBER 2014**, we started on a journey that turned out to be much longer than we anticipated. After a month of many diagnostic tests, we were told that I was in need of major abdominal surgery. This surgery was performed on February 12 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. During this entire journey we both felt the power of the many prayers lifted up in our behalf. We both want to thank our church family for the many cards, phone calls, meals, visits by Pastor Pete, Pastor Doug, our deacons Joel and Penny Kettering and others. This support gave us the courage and strength to rely on God and made the journey much easier. Unfortunately, this journey is not complete, as I begin chemotherapy on March 24. We ask for your continued prayers and support for the next 4 to 6 months. —Carl & Ellie Lehman

**THANK YOU** for everyone's prayers, support and kindness during Paul's last weeks. One never realizes how important the Church Family is until difficult situations arise that cannot be handled alone. Thank you to Jim Musser for helping to move Paul's furniture, Pastor Pete for the visits and the service, B.J. Haverstick and Otis Kitchen for the blessed music, Gladys Ulmer for coordinating, Lois Killian and the ladies for the snacks, Amy Smith for the bulletin, Rich Bushong for the sound and everyone else who prayed, called, visited and celebrated Paul's life with us Tuesday afternoon. You are all truly blessed. --Paul Cope Family

# Easter Season 2015

## 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

## 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.

## 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 March 15, 2015

Traditional Service: N/A

Blended Service: 198

### Giving for March 15, 2015

General Offering: \$10,392

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$3910

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

*2-Cent-A-Meal Offering = \$791.36*