

Church Staff

Our staff members are here to help when you need them. Please feel free to contact them if you have a need.

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Please submit bulletin information to Amy by Wednesday noon.

HCOB Family Facts

Attendance for December 27, 2015

Traditional Service: 37

Blended Service: 152

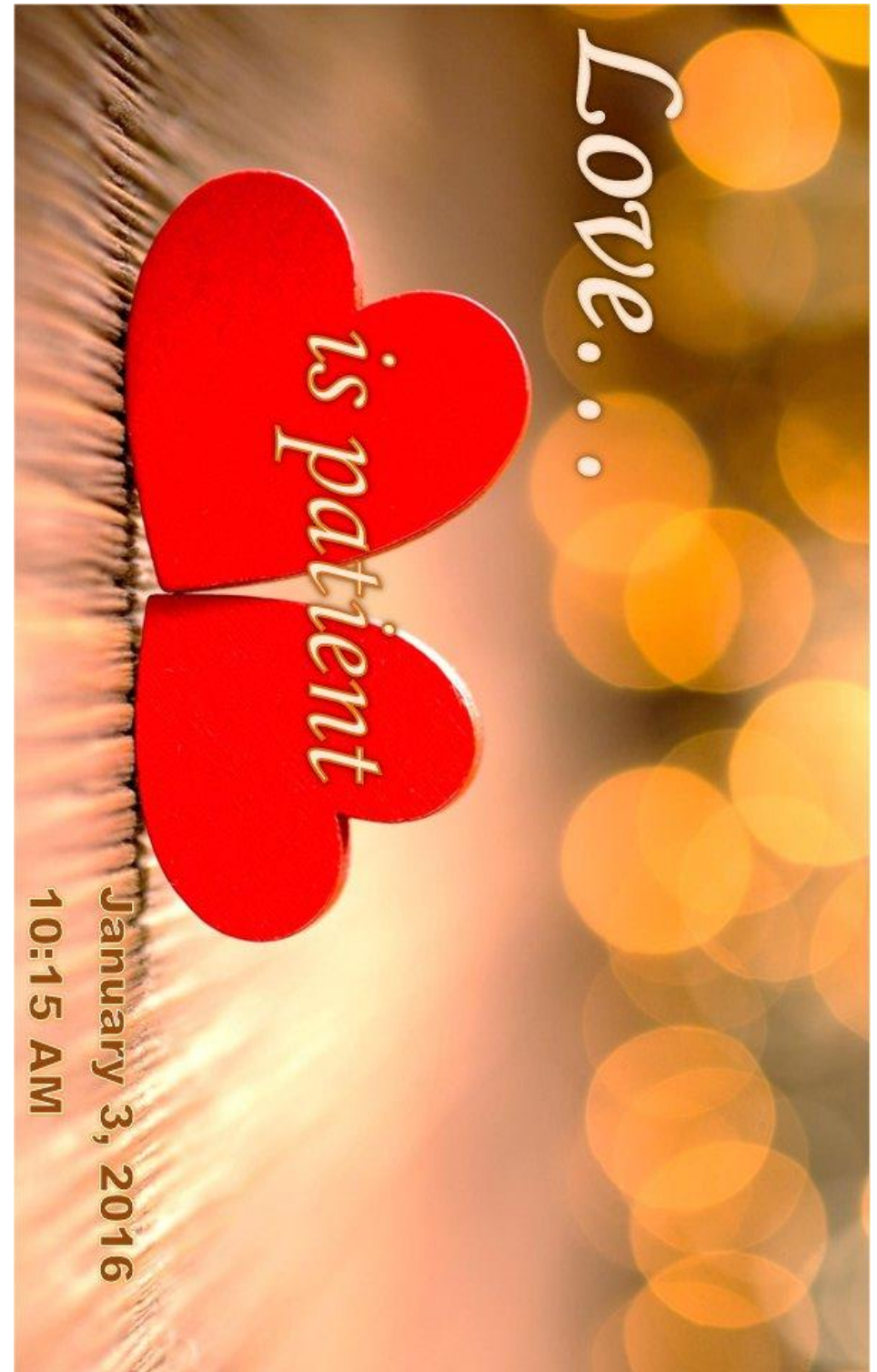
Giving for December 27, 2015

General Offering: \$9,168

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$30,924

Christmas Love Offering = \$8,136

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,955



Hempfield Church of the Brethren Welcomes You!

To help you enjoy your visit this morning...

- ✝ 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. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:00 AM.
- ✝ Nursery (ages 0-2) and “Kids Church” (3 years-5th grade) are available during the 10:15 worship service.
- ✝ Large print hymnals and bulletins are available in the narthex.
- ✝ Hearing assistive earpieces are available at the sound booth.
- ✝ We have a special gift for you after the service.

Visit us at www.hempfieldcob.org

Today's Prayer Requests

- ✝ **Staff:** Kent & Karen Rice
- ✝ **Teams:** Education
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** Youth
- ✝ **Congregation Quality:** Peace (John 14:27)
- ✝ **Individuals with Specific Needs:** Betty Aulthouse, Ned Harms, Russ Herr, Jen Hinton & Family, Tiffanie Howard, Harriet Hughes & Family, Frank & June Lantz, Pearl Miller, Lois Moyer, Harold Musser, Deb & Doug Nauman, Joyce Ober, Jason Smith, Brenda Wright

Family News

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.

ONGOING FOOD PANTRY NEEDS—Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, tuna & other canned meats, macaroni & cheese, canned fruits, vegetables, juice. Please continue to donate grocery bags.

KIDS ACTIVITY BAGS--The kids seem to be enjoying the Activity Bags so much they need to be restocked! If you are interested in donating fun stuff to fill them with, there is a box in the Narthex that you can put the things in and the bags will be cleaned out and restocked. Ideas? Small packs of crayons, coloring or activity books, games, toys (that don't make noise and are okay for all ages), small books...Thank you so much for supporting our Children's Ministry!

Service of Remembrance 2016

January 24—10:15 AM

On Sunday morning, January 24th, we will be holding **one service at 10:15 AM** to remember our loved ones who have died in 2015. 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 10th.

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.

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. You can also listen for information on the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5.

Family News

CELEBRATING HENRY LEHMAN'S 100 YEARS!

The Hempfield congregation is invited to a party to celebrate the 100th birthday of long-time member Henry S. Lehman. Saturday, January 9, 2016 (his birthday is January 11). 1-3 pm in the Fieldcrest Great Room, Brethren Village. The party is a reception, so come and go as you wish. At 2 PM there will be a short program to celebrate and to cut the cake. (No presents, please; only your presence.) RSVP to Jessica Jakobovic (Henry's granddaughter): jessicakatej@gmail.com; 17 Ridgeview Circle, Charlottesville, VA 22902; 434-207-8707

THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS & CHURCH for the lovely basket of Christmas goodies and the love and encouragement that came with it!
--Gerry Zellers

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS GOODIES that Pete and Janet Moore dropped off for me. It is very much appreciated and I pray God's blessings on all of you at Hempfield. --Corinne Nissley

GREETINGS FROM THE FAMILY OF ABEL to you and your ministry. I am Evelyn Abel and I wish you a happy Christmas and new year in advance. My father has shown me your e-mail and I am very grateful for your assistance. God has answered your prayer; I am now a respected and full time student of Brighter Future High school Numan. I promise your effort will not be in vain, keep on praying for me... My second semester begins on 9th January 2016 and the school fees will be NGN60,000.00 (Sixty thousand naira). May God in His infinite mercy continue to bless you in abundance. Yours Faithfully, Evelyn Abel on behalf of the family.

THANK YOU FOR BLESSING US this Christmas season. Scott continues to let his light shine—All for His glory, Stacy Hollinger

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your prayers and the surprise gift we received. We cannot tell you how much it means to be remembered even though we are no longer physically present in the congregation. Our church family remains in our hearts and prayers. The Hammonds pretzels and Lancaster County Swiss cheese are a wonderful treat-one which we cannot get there in Florida.
Sincerely, Russ & Charlotte Herr

This Week @ HCOB

TODAY	6:30 P.M.	Young Families Fellowship
MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Education Team
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Deacons Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Young Adult Fellowship Praise Band Practice Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	7:00 P.M.	Prayer Experience
FRI. – SAT.		Leadership Team Retreat
FRIDAY	6:45 P.M.	WORDD Worship
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Worship Ministry Team & Deacons Commissioning Pastor Kent Rice Preaching “Fast Promises” 2 Peter 3:8-13 Youth Cell Group

Upcoming Events

January 18—Church Office Closed for MLK Day
January 24—Service of Remembrance (no 8:00 service)

HCOB Youth

★ **TODAY**—No youth Cell Group tonight

Worship Today

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

There's a Song in the Air
On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Wilbur Held
arr. by Johnson

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Alfred V. Fedak

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136:1-9

*PRAISE SONGS

Praise Band

Love Is Here
Love Came Down
Amazing Love

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Dennis Janyer

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

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-12

HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:31b – 13:13

MESSAGE

The Greatest of these Is Love

*HYMN

Renew Your Church

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing

Melchoir Vnulpus

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