

Church Staff

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HCOB Family Facts

Attendance for November 13, 2016

Traditional Service: 28

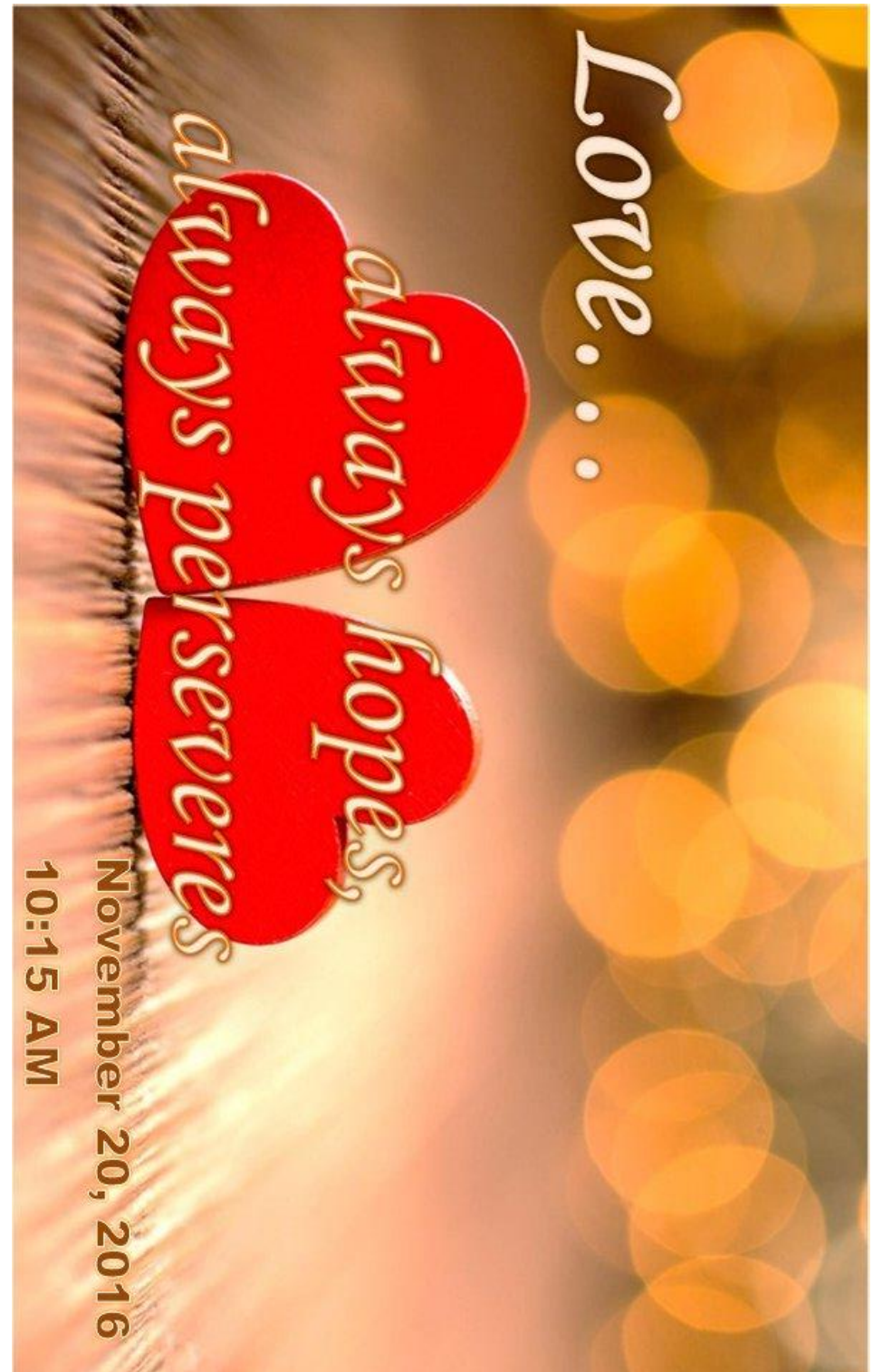
Blended Service: 153

Giving for November 13, 2016

General Offering: \$9,957.94

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$7,094

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.
- ✚ 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:** Geoff & Sally Davis
- ✚ **Teams:** Stewards of Finance & Property
- ✚ **Ministries and Specials:** Adult Sunday School, EYN Nigerian Brethren
- ✚ **Most Excellent Way:** Love Is Not Proud (1 John 2:16)
- ✚ **Individuals with Specific Needs:** Reba Fisher, Barry Haverstick, Sallie Hoppert, Frank & June Lantz, Luisa Nivar, Bob & Joyce Ober, Dougie Shuman, Jim Slotter, Vicki Smith, Brenda Wright, Linda Ziegler

Family News

E100 READING: This coming week please complete the following readings in your E100 book and be prepared to discuss them with your small group:

Samson & Ruth

- ✓ Ladies' Man: Judges 13-16
- ✓ Love Story: Ruth 1-4

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

When: Sunday, December 4 beginning at 3pm

Where: Hempfield COB

What: Gather your team, make your plans...or just show up for our annual Gingerbread House Competition! Bring a candy to share and a box of graham crackers. Icing will be provided. Prizes will be awarded (everyone's a winner)!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS—Cereal, crunchy peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, tuna & other canned meats, macaroni & cheese, canned fruits, vegetables, juice, canned tomatoes (14-16 oz), Chicken noodle soup (10 ½ oz.), Chicken Rice soup (10 ½ oz.). Please continue to donate egg cartons & grocery bags.

CAN YOU BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES? Please consider baking cookies and bring them to the church kitchen November 27- 30. Mark them "for Brethren Village." Label the kinds of cookies and if they contain peanut butter or nuts. Some diabetic varieties would be appreciated. Each congregation is asked to bring 12 full batches of cookies in disposable containers, if possible. All cookies are appreciated, but the Christmas varieties sell well. PLEASE SIGN UP AT TABLE IN NARTHEX.

BRETHREN VILLAGE CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND CRAFT

BAZAAR SALE Friday, December 2, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Wolfe Auditorium. Cookies, crafts, and food. Cookies at \$4.00 per pound. It is sponsored by the Brethren Village Auxiliary.

DECEMBER DISASTER RELIEF TRIP—We have an opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in love with Brethren Disaster Relief in Detroit Michigan the week of December 4, 2016 to December 10th. The project is repairing homes that were damaged in flooding in 2014. There is no cost other than meals when traveling to and from the site which is by van, meals and lodging are provided. The lodging is in historic monastery at the St Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church. Come learn new skills and get to know other volunteers as we serve and fellowship together in the Lord's service. Please contact Dave Dum at 278-0618 or davesdum@gmail.com for more information.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be given by nurses after church today.

Family News

TURKEY DRIVE TODAY – Today we will be collecting frozen or fresh turkeys in the rear of the gym for Water Street Ministries. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and can be placed in the collection box in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren (notation-Turkey Drive).

GREET & EAT WITH CRAIG SMITH—Save the Date—January 15th after the 10:15 Sunday service. Craig Smith is retiring! Join us in honoring him for all his years of service as the ANE District Executive.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday November 23, 7:00 PM @ E. Pete Mennonite Church

Bring your whole family and prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday as we enjoy singing together, special music from a combined choir and a brief meditation by our pastor, Doug Hinton. As part of the service, we invite you to support the work of Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Center by donating a tangible item for their Baby Boutique. Every year, Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Center impacts more than 1,200 lives through education, unplanned pregnancy intervention, and post-abortion restoration. The Boutique is filled with new and like-new items that are helpful to clients as they care for their babies. Here are some things they desperately need. Diapers: all sizes thru size 6, especially sizes 5 and 6, Baby Wipes, Diaper ointment, Crib bedding, New or like new double strollers, regular strollers, and umbrella strollers, New or like new Pack ‘n Plays, New Boppy nursing pillows, Bassinets, High chairs, Clothing: infant to 4T - warm weather and cool weather, New layette items: brush and comb sets, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, digital thermometers, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby towels, washcloths and receiving blankets. We will also be collecting a monetary offering for Mennonite Central Committee & Brethren Disaster Ministries.

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.

POINSETTIA SALES—Worship team welcomes your assistance in decorating the sanctuary with our annual poinsettia tree! Red, White and Pink Poinsettias may be ordered November 26 and December 4 for \$5 each. They will be displayed December 18 and then ready for pick up after the Christmas Eve service. Thank you!

This Week @ HCOB

TUESDAY	12:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Bulletin Deadline Leadership Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Thanksgiving Eve Service
THURS. & FRI.	Church Office Closed	
SUNDAY	1 st Sunday of Advent 8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.	Traditional Worship Sunday School Blended Worship Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching “As You Have Promised” Luke 2:22-40 Youth Cell Group

Upcoming Events

- December 1**—Prayer Experience
- December 4**—QuintEssentially Brass in Worship
- December 4**—Gingerbread House Competition
- December 11**—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering

THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN DEADLINE has been moved up to Tuesday, November 22 at noon because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Worship Today

November Memory Verse—1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

TIME OF REFLECTION

*What do you think "hope" means? What role does "hope" play in your life?
What is your greatest hope right now?*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 46:3-10

OPENING PRAYER

*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD I Am Thine, O Lord 505

*PRAISE SONGS

No Longer Slaves
Lead Me to the Cross

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

VIDEO Lights

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 17:21-27

SPECIAL MUSIC Sanctuary Choir

We Shall Be Thankful
Go Ye Into All the World

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE John 5:1-18

MESSAGE Love Always Hopes; Love Always Perseveres

*GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant? 307

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis; Worship Leader—Ron Myer

Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz

Sanctuary Choir Director & Praise Band Leader—Laura Meiser

Sound Techs—Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong; Video Tech—Ben Johnson

INTRODUCING "BREEZE"—our new online church directory! Breeze will be a great tool to improve communication and build community in our church family, and we hope that you will all participate! The first step is for you to create your own Breeze account. On Monday, November 21, all of you who registered your e-mail with the church office will receive an e-mail with simple instructions on how to create a Breeze account. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Amy in the church office at office@hempfieldcob.org or 717-898-0181.

WE WANT TO THANK the congregation for all the notes, gifts and encouragement! It is truly a blessing to serve you.

Your Pastors: Pete, Doug, Kent & Geoff.

SERMON CONVERSATIONS--After the 10:15 worship service anyone is invited to Chapel Hall to have open conversation with the preacher about today's message. Questions, concerns, thoughts—all are welcome!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated food, time, and money toward our Eastland Alpaca Open House fundraiser! Without your help, we would not be able to raise the funds so that our youth can become the hands and feet of Christ in our community, nation, and abroad. We also want to thank Hess Barbecue who donated pulled pork, brisket, and stuffed chicken—we would not have the success that we did without their generosity.

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