

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 March 19, 2017

Traditional Service: 33

Blended Service: 206

Giving for March 19, 2017

General Offering: \$16,253

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$940

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,914

March 26, 2017

One

10:15 AM

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:** Pastoral Relations
- ✚ **Ministries and Specials:** Nursery, The Persecuted Church
- ✚ **That They May Be One:** Unity Thro' Loving One Another (Rom 13:8)
- ✚ **Individuals with Specific Needs:** Mark Beach, Galen Brumbaugh, Jim & Wilda Drake, Reba Fisher, The Family of Julia Gladfelter, Cindy Harnish, The Family of Ed Haldeman, Melvin Hess, Glen Krebs, Frank & June Lantz, Cindy Lapp, Carl Lehman, Pearl Miller, Cheryl Myers, Deb Nauman, Bob & Joyce Ober, Dougie Shuman, Rebecca Strite, Bill Walters, The Family of J.C. Wine, Brenda Wright, Linda Ziegler, Earl Zimmerman

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:

The Spirit Cometh!

- ✓ The Surprise Gift: Acts 2
- ✓ A Completely Different Team: Acts 3-4

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS--Interested in donating to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th? We are in need of bags of candy to fill eggs. We also are in need of small prizes (about \$1 to \$5 value) for our prize table. Please leave donations in the church office by Sunday, April 2nd. Thank you so much! --Karen Rice, Children's Ministry Coordinator

POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: If you, or someone you know is graduating from a college, university, or other post high school program, please send the name & contact information to Donna Reed, secretary of the Education Team, (church mailbox, via Breeze, or rdreed2@verizon.net) by April 16, 2017 in order to complete a short questionnaire that is due April 23, 2017 We would like to celebrate with you as you finish this chapter of your life! Graduation Sunday is June 4, 2017.

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.). Egg cartons are no longer needed. Please continue to donate grocery bags.

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. Please include a short resume. The deadline for grant applications is May 1.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER? We want to thank everyone for participating in this fun event. We appreciate all of you wonderful cooks who have opened your homes to share God's gift of hospitality. Those of you who have signed up to be guests, don't forget to pick up your dinner locations in the narthex. May you be richly blessed by breaking bread together.

Family News

THE MESSENGER is a denominational publication which contains valuable information about what is happening among the Church of the Brethren worldwide. Copies are available each month on the narthex table for you to borrow. For those who have a "paper" subscription, there is also a BONUS online. It has some of the same articles, but also some extras such as Bible studies & pictures. **New subscriptions:** If you would like your own copy mailed to you, now is the time to subscribe. You can do it on your own, or take advantage of our church group rate. In an effort to keep our church expenses within our budget, we are asking that all Messenger subscribers pay for their own subscription. However to get the lowest possible price (\$14.50 per year) we will send in all the requests together. There is a promotional price for new subscriptions of \$7.25. If you want a personal subscription, please contact Donna Reed by April 21.

A SAFECHURCH RETREAT FOR ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE--April 22, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM; Gretna Glen Retreat Center, 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA Adult survivors are invited to join with others from faith communities on April 22 for a day of reflection on how the story of Tamar, a daughter of King David, who was raped by her brother, speaks to us today about healing, resilience, and hope. Through art, journaling, and discussion we will explore how our stories speak out about surviving, resilience, and ways to use our voices for healing and justice in our churches and community. Those who have previously attended these retreats are welcome to come back! We are including some new activities and fresh material, so please add your voice! Registration forms with more information about the retreat are available in Deb Bendit's mailbox in the church office.

VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Before we know it, VBS will be upon us! Let's make sure we get it on our calendars AND set aside time to share ourselves with our children during VBS. VBS 2017 will be held Monday, July 10th to Thursday, July 13th. It will run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

★Our theme is Galactic Starveyors: Discovering the God of the Universe!★
Theme verse: Colossians 1:15-16
Our first outer space theme!!!

PLEASE check out the sign-up sheets in the narthex and be sure to put VBS on your calendars!!!!

FURNITURE NEEDED FOR CHAPEL HALL - The hospitality team is looking for a buffet server or side board with storage for the coffee area in chapel hall. If you have a piece you would like to donate please contact Mary Lou Ruth at gmlruth@gmail.com or 717-682-6488.

This Week @ HCOB

TODAY	12:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M.	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Leadership Team
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Quilting Group E100 Study Praise Band Practice Choir Rehearsal
THURS. – FRI.		Church Administrator on Vacation
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Service Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching "The Pain of Progress" Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75 Youth Cell Group

Upcoming Events

April 6—Prayer Experience
April 7—WORDD Worship
April 8—Easter Egg Hunt
April 9—Palm Sunday
April 13—Love Feast
April 14—Good Friday Breakfast
April 14—Office Closed
April 16—Easter Sunday

Youth News

★ **Sundays, 6:30 PM**—Youth Cell Group @ the church

Worship Today

TIME OF REFLECTION

"The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." – 2 Chronicles 16:9

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Prelude on "Gwalchma!" Jones / Medlock
We Shall Walk Through the Valley Ritter
Prelude in G Minor J. S. Bach
Ave Verum (Blessed Savior) W. A. Mozart

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 31:1-5

*HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This 530

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory--Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior Hughes / Doane
Visitors, please complete the welcome card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-11 (The Message)

SPECIAL MUSIC Though You Slay Me Kent Rice

MORNING PRAYER

*WORSHIPING IN MUSIC Praise Band

Come As You Are
Whom Shall I Fear

VIDEO Where Is God Today?

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-11 (NIV)

MESSAGE Rejoice in Our Suffering?

*HYMN Rejoice, the Lord Is King 288

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Postlude in E Minor Broughton

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

Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis; Worship Leader—Laura Meiser
Organist/Pianist—June Lykens Lantz; Acolyte—Rowan Meiser
Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong
Video Tech—Dave Bendit; Praise Band Leader—Kent Rice

THE FLOWERS are presented by Barry & BJ Haverstick to the honor and glory of God and in celebration of Barry's birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JAMES DRAKE. He is celebrating his 91st birthday on Monday, April 27.

THANK YOU to my church family for the prayers and support I have received during and after my surgery. --Mary Ellen McEvoy

OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS are given to Ed Haldeman and family on the death of Ed's father, Dave Haldeman.

DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2 BULLETIN MOVED UP. The church administrator will be on vacation March 30 & 31. Therefore, the deadline for the April 2nd bulletin will be moved up to Tuesday, March 28th. Any announcements for the April 2nd bulletin must be submitted to Amy in the church office by noon on Tuesday, March 28th or they will not be included in the April 2nd bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

THE CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING DATE has been changed from Thursday, April 20 to Sunday, April 23rd after church.

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!

Easter Season 2017

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 8, 10:00 AM



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!

Love Feast

Thursday April 13, 6:30 PM



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Good Friday Breakfast April 14, 6:00 AM



GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Join with other Christians in our community to enjoy a delicious breakfast, and hear from a special speaker, Bishop Christopher Mwitwa Ndege. Bishop Christopher is a Tanzanian seminary student attending Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, VA. His seminary education will empower him to help Tanzanian churches improve their teaching and training material as they equip followers of Jesus Christ to share the Gospel. With friendships in the Lancaster area and at Hempfield Church of the Brethren, Bishop Christopher comes to share his story of God's calling and the work he is engaged with. An offering will be taken to support the cost of Bishop Christopher's education.

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