

Church Staff

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Please submit bulletin information to Amy by Wednesday noon.

HCOB Family Facts

Attendance for November 12, 2017

Traditional Service: 41

Blended Service: 159

Giving for November 12, 2017

General Offering: \$9,202.33

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$7,505

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

November 19, 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:** Pete & Shelley Kontra
- ✝ **Teams:** Spiritual Gifts
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** College/Young Adults, Choir
- ✝ **That They May Be One:** Unity Thro' Agreement (1 Cor. 1:10)
- ✝ **Individuals with Specific Needs:** Jim & Wilda Drake, Frank & June Lantz, Cindy Lapp, Mary Lapp, Family & Friends of Henry Lehman, Carl Lehman, Jeanette Martin, Gladys Metzler, Dudley Myers, Deb Nauman, Bob & Joyce Ober, Nate Polonchak, Brenda Wright, Carrie Ziegler, Linda Ziegler

Family News

CHRISTMAS FAMILY CELEBRATION--Sunday, December 3rd— following 10:15 service--Mark your calendars and plan to attend! There will be a light lunch, crafts for all ages, an art show, talent show and music to bring in the Christmas season! Please keep an eye out for more information AND for sign-up sheets. The sign-up sheets will be in the narthex beginning November 5th. It will be a wonderful time of joy and laughter with your own family as well as the church family!!!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE--Join your neighbors from East Petersburg Mennonite Church here at Hempfield Church of the Brethren for a Thanksgiving Eve service on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 7:00PM**. The service will be co-lead by pastors Pete Kontra and Jeff McLain. Our combined choirs, praise band, and intergenerational musicians leading us in praising God and we will enjoy a time of contemplative prayer. Our offering from this service will benefit Brethren Disaster Ministries and Mennonite Disaster Service.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS— Thank you for the 132 pounds of food donated to the pantry in October. In October we served 156 families including 236 children, 371 adults, and 82 seniors for a total of 689 people served in October. Items requested for November: Black beans, NO or LOW salt peas, corn, green beans, Cream of chicken soup, Boxed pasta, Cereal. Egg cartons are no longer needed. Please continue to donate grocery bags.

CAN YOU BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES? Please consider baking cookies and bring them to the church kitchen November 26- 29. 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 THE NARTHEX.

BRETHREN VILLAGE CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND CRAFT BAZAAR SALE Friday, December 1, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Wolfe Auditorium. Cookies, crafts, and food. Cookies at \$4.00 per pound. It is sponsored by the Brethren Village Auxiliary.

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.

Family News

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER 26TH BULLETIN is moved up to Tuesday, November 21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. This is a firm deadline. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

PASTOR DOUG WILL BE ON VACATION NOVEMBER 21-28. If you need a pastor during this time, please contact Pastor Pete Kontra. Thank you!

TURKEY DRIVE TODAY--Today is the day the Force for Food Committee is collecting turkeys (fresh or frozen) for Water Street Ministries. Water Street needs 3,500 turkeys to provide over 21,000 holiday meals. A van is located in the rear of John Naas hall for turkey drop off. If you forgot to bring a turkey, monetary donations are also 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). Water Street Ministries shelters 170 people per night and serves 146,000 meals annually. Thank you for your annual support in providing a holiday meal to those in need.

BRING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SHUT-INS—During the Christmas season the Deacons are encouraging our congregation to remember our members who are residents in retirement communities, as well as persons who have had recent major health issues. Please write an encouraging note on a Christmas card and bring them to the church. There will be a box on the narthex table to collect the cards, and the Deacons will deliver them to our members. Please put your cards in the box by December 3. A list of those living in retirement communities will be provided at the box. Thank you for being a blessing to one another!

TEAM GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION! Join us on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm for our annual Team Gingerbread House Competition! Arrive ready to work as a team to build an all candy Gingerbread "House"... or church, barn, scene, Nutcracker, ... let your mind go wild! It just has to be all made out of candy, graham crackers, icing and sweat with a Christmas theme. Participants are asked to bring some of their favorite candies to share with the group and a box of graham crackers to build your structure. Icing will be provided. Prizes will be awarded!

YOUNG ADULTS/YOUNG FAMILIES SMALL GROUP--Join us for Small Group on Tuesday, November 21 from 6-8:15 for Pizza night and study. Food and fellowship from 6-7. Childcare provided by our awesome youth! This group includes young adults and young families and is currently working in the E100 NT.

This Week @ HCOB

TODAY	Turkey Drive 6:30 P.M.	Youth Cell Group
MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Outreach Team
TUESDAY	6:00 P.M.	Young Adults/Young Families Small Group
TUES. – TUES.	Pastor Doug on Vacation	
WEDNESDAY	6:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Praise Band Practice Choir Rehearsal Thanksgiving Eve Service
THURS. & FRI.	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Service Youth Cell Group

Upcoming Events

December 1—WORDD Worship Christmas Program

December 3—1st Sunday in Advent

December 3—Family Christmas Celebration

December 6—Gingerbread House Competition

December 7—Prayer Experience

December 10—2-Cent-A-Meal Offering

Youth News

- ★ **Today, 6:30 PM**—Youth Cell Group @ the church. Come with a friend to dig in during our new youth group study series, "Honest to God." Sheri and Morgan will be leading!
- ★ Please pray for our Senior High youth as they serve the community of Washington DC this weekend on their service trip.

Worship Today

TIME OF REFLECTION

How do you face change and transition? How has God helped his people through change? How will you help HCOB through the change and transition before us?

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Prelude in E Minor	J. S. Bach
Enter His Courts with Praise	Adam Mason
The Lord's Prayer	J. S. Bach
How Firm a Foundation	E. Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 28:6-9

OPENING PRAYER

*GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD

Blessed Be Your Name
Jesus Messiah

SPECIAL MUSIC Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Emma Walls
Kids come forward and gather around the piano

CHILDREN'S STORY

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory—Sonatina (from "God's Time Is the Best") J. S. Bach
Visitors, please complete the welcome card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 31:1-9

MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Blessings; Thanks Be to God Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 34:1-9

MESSAGE Be Strong and Courageous (Joshua 1:1-9)

*GIVING THANKS FOR THE WORD A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 165

*BENEDICTION

Eternal Lord, as we leave this place of worship and communion,
may we go, knowing that you never leave or forsake us.
Help us to go with the song of faith in our hearts,
the peace of Christ in our lives,
the protection of the Spirit beside us,
and the security of your presence beneath us. Amen

*POSTLUDE

Festive Recessional W. Belland
**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Preacher—Pastor Geoff Davis; Worship Leader—Kim Glass
Pianist/Organist—June Lykens Lantz; Video Tech—Ben Johnson
Sound Techs—Rich Bushong & Mitchell Barnes
Praise Band Leader—Kent Rice; Acolyte—Preston Howard
Sanctuary Choir Director—Laura Meiser

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD! Next Sunday, Pastor Pete Kontra will be preaching on Acts 1:1-14.

Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week as we prepare to worship together. More information on the sermon topic can be found at our online church calendar (www.hempfieldcob.org) when you click on the Sunday service for next week.

A TRIBUTE TO ARLENE- There is a wall hanging in the hallway of the church and a display in the showcase with an exhibit related to Arlene Slotter. "At the Cross" was pieced and machine quilted by Arlene and donated by Allen and Gerrie Hurst. She donated her first creation of "At the Cross" to the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction this past September where it brought \$450.00. The Hursts loved the original quilt so much that they commissioned Arlene to make a second one for our church. The purpose of this donation is to glorify God and to honor Arlene for her faithful devotion to the Lord. We thank her for donating so many beautiful quilts over the years to the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction and to our church.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to Kent & Karen Rice and other family and friends of Henry Lehman who died on November 10.

A BIG HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" to those who contributed monies to the offerings designated to helping the quilting group. The monies are deeply appreciated and will be used to make more quilts for the honor and glory of God and for the good of mankind. Thanks again, The Quilting Group.

THANK YOU to all who donated time, talent, and resources to the Eastland Alpaca youth mission fundraiser the past two weekends! Pastor Doug and friends are looking forward to sharing what an impact you made!

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Purpose

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- ♥ We challenge you to give ...and the Outreach team will match your donation.

Process

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- ♥ We will count up the final “harvest” and on November 26, a giving tree will “grow” in the narthex. On the tree will be vouchers that anyone can redeem for \$100 portions of the “harvest.” All we ask is that you give the \$100 to bless someone who is in need during the Christmas season.
- ♥ Then on the other side of the voucher, describe in words, take a picture, etc. to show how others were blessed with the \$100. Bring this back to church by Christmas Eve and place it on the tree so we can see how many different ways we as a congregation have blessed others. No names, please!!!
- ♥ Ways to Bless... Buy groceries for a family in need, leave a Christmas tree on someone’s door step, buy hats and gloves and distribute them to those in need, place the money in a Salvation Army bucket, give gifts to a family in need this season, donate to a non-profit. The options are endless!!!!

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