

## 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 17, 2017

Traditional Service: 34

Blended Service: 189

### Giving for December 17, 2017

General Offering: \$9,505.17

Building Fund Year-To-Date: \$14,175

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

# All in the Family



*December 24, 2017*

*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-5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hempfieldcob.org)**

## Today's Prayer Requests

- ✝ **Staff:** Laura & Darren Meiser
- ✝ **Teams:** Outreach
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** Young Adults, Love Feast, Retirees
- ✝ **That They May Be One:** Unity Thro' the Peace of Christ (Col. 3:15-17)
- ✝ **Individuals with Specific Needs:** Jim & Wilda Drake, Jordan Fisher, Frank & June Lantz, Cindy Lapp, Mary Lapp, Carl Lehman, Jeanette Martin, Curtis May, Dudley Myers, Deb Nauman, Nate Polonchak, Jim Stauffer, Brenda Wright, Carrie Ziegler, Linda Ziegler

## Family News

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** December 25-26 for the Christmas holiday.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**—Items requested: 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.

**SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY:** In the event of inclement weather, you can receive information about service cancellations in a variety of ways:

1. Via text if you have signed up with the church office for this service
2. On our church website at [www.hempfieldcob.org](http://www.hempfieldcob.org)
3. On the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5.

**STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET** for 2018 is on the bulletin board in the outer office. If you would be willing to take a turn opening and closing the church on Sunday for one month, please sign up for this important ministry.


**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.

**THANK YOU** for all the birthday cards that you sent me. It meant a lot and made my birthday bright! –John Kreider

**THANK YOU** to our loving church family for the beautiful fruit basket and the thoughtful cards delivered to us by the deacons. We are grateful to be part of such a loving church family. --Betty Aulhouse, Sally Boudier, Allegra Stauffer, Curtis & Jean May, Jean Musser

**THANK YOU** for all the gifts, cards, cookies and warm wishes during this Christmas season. I am truly blessed to be part of this wonderful church family. Blessings to you all! –Amy Smith, Church Administrator

**THANK YOU** for the thoughtful delivery of food from Pastor Pete's party. I truly appreciated it! –Sally Boudier



*Service of Remembrance 2018  
January 21—10:15 AM*

On Sunday morning, January 21st, we will be holding a special service to remember our loved ones who have died in 2017. 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 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

## This Week @ HCOB

<b>TODAY</b>	7:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service
<b>MON. – TUES.</b>	Church Office Closed	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast Praise Band Practice
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:15 A.M.	Traditional Service Sunday School Blended Service

## Upcoming Events

- January 1**—Church Office Closed
- January 4**—Prayer Experience
- January 5**—WORDD Worship
- January 5 & 6**—Leadership Team Retreat
- January 7**—Ministry Teams Commissioning



## Advent & Christmas @ HCOB

**Christmas Love Offering**— This year's offering will benefit the ministry of **Bible 2 School**. This ministry helps the Bible come alive to public school children through a Bible elective held during their school day. They introduce kids to Jesus, grow them in their faith and connect them to the greater church community. Special envelopes are available on the narthex table for you to give your offering through Christmas Eve. Please make checks out to Hempfield Church of the Brethren.

### HCOB Christmas Eve Service—7:00 PM

Our whole church family is invited to worship together on Christmas Eve this year! Please join us for this joyful and family-friendly service as we celebrate Christ's birth with music, choir anthems, candlelighting and more.

## Worship Today

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC      Christmas Carol Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ADVENT CANDLE

\*PRAISE HYMNS

Praise Band

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Music Box Dancer

Larnie Myer

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:1-4

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought

Offertory—Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Mark Hayes

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir, Soloist-Diane Garber

In the Bleak Midwinter

MORNING PRAYER

“IT’S MY CHRISTMAS EVE”

Randy Ziegler

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:1-25

MESSAGE

All in the Family

\*HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

A Christmas Eve Memory

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

Preacher—Pastor Pete Kontra

Worship Leader—Doug Hinton

Pianist—Jen Hinton

Sanctuary Choir Director—Laura Meiser

Sound Techs—Matt Markey & Rich Bushong

Video Tech—Dave Bendit

Praise Band Leader—Kent Rice

Acolyte—Colton Ebersole

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD!** Next Sunday, **Pastor Doug Hinton will be preaching on Luke 16:19-31.** 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](http://www.hempfieldcob.org)) when you click on the Sunday service for next week.

## A Time of Transition @ HCOB

**TODAY IS PASTOR PETE'S LAST DAY WITH US AS OUR PASTOR.** We have appreciated his ministry over the last several years and will miss his Godly leadership and loving care for our church family. We pray God's blessings on him in his new ministry as NE Atlantic District Executive for the Church of the Brethren.

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR PETE & SHELLEY

Dear Hempfield Brothers and Sisters,  
Shelley and I were so blessed by your loving words and actions during our Fellowship lunch last Sunday. Thank you for being such a wonderful and faithful Body who continually show the love of Christ in powerful ways. We pray God's blessing upon you and know that He has great things in store for you in the days ahead. We will miss seeing you every week (and some every day!), and our love for you will always be strong as we all step into this new time. And we can't wait until we see you again! God bless you. -Pete and Shelley Kontra

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**Visitation:** Pat Cox, Galen Brumbaugh, Del Kautz, and Kevin Zurin will help with visitation as needed. They will be in touch with Pastor Doug and the Deacons to keep communication lines open and congregational needs covered.

**Preaching:** Del Kautz and Pastor Geoff will be preaching once a month with Pastor Doug preaching twice a month. We may call on other individuals to preach as well when need or nudge arise!

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