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Please submit bulletin information to Jaynelle by Wednesday noon.

HCOB Family Facts

Attendance for December 8, 2019

Traditional Service: 38

Blended Service: 178

General Offering for December 8, 2019 = \$12,729.31

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,900

Building Fund for December 8, 2019 = \$0.00



December 15 10:15

For whoever does the will of
my *Father* in heaven
is my *Brother*
and *Sister*
and *Mother*

Matthew 12:50

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:** Dave & Emmy Schott
- ✝ **Teams:** Fellowship & Hospitality
- ✝ **Ministries and Specials:** Adult Sunday School Classes & Immerse Int'l
- ✝ **God Is Calling Me to Be:** generous (2 Corinthians 9:11)
- ✝ **Individuals with Specific Needs:** Betty Aulhouse, Gloria Brumbaugh, Richard Gingrich, Bob & Sylvia Heffley, the family of Landis Kreider, Clarence Moyer, Jim Musser, Kevin Zurin

HCOB Family News

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: 18 oz jelly, oatmeal (regular & instant), and pancake mix. HCOB donated 336 pounds of food to the pantry in November!

QUINTESENTIALLY BRASS Don't miss the 21st Annual Brass Concert of Holiday Favorites featuring QuintEssentially Brass, Friday, December 20, 2019 at First Reformed UCC Church, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster beginning at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

CHURCH SAFETY: For the safety of the church and our children, the doors to the Sunday School wing and John Naas Hall will be locked each, at 10:10 am. If you arrive after 10:10 you will need to enter through the main doors in the Narthex. Please continue to sign your children in at the Children's Ministry table before going into the service.

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.

MANY THANKS TO THE BAKERS who provided cookies for the Brethren Village Cookie and Craft Sale and for those who attended. \$880 was the net profit from the cookie sale alone.

THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS who helped with the setup, take down, scenery, costumes and refreshments for the WORDD Christmas program on December 6. It was a great way to start the holidays for the 325 in attendance!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, LADIES! HCOB is hosting a free livestream showing of IF:Gathering, the popular women's conference, and we are hoping you will join us! On February 7-8 we will come together for fellowship, good food but most importantly to connect with one another as we sit under anointed teaching all focused on Jesus. Who He is. What He has done. And what that means to us. More information to follow but you can get a head start by registering at <https://local.ifgathering.com/hempfieldcob/>. If you have any questions, touch base with Laura Meiser (laura@hempfieldcob.org or 717.689.0465) or Jen Houck. This event is open to women of all ages and there will be something for everyone to take away. Hope to see you there!

HCOB Family News

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
3. On the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5.

Please note: the church office follows Hempfield School District. If the school district is closed due to weather, the church office is officially closed and staff may use their own judgment about coming into the church.

STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET for 2020 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.

GIVING TREE - The Outreach Team is sponsoring our annual Giving Tree during the Advent season. This is a great way to help an individual, family, or organization in our community with a financial blessing. This year, we are offering denominations of \$50 and \$100 to allow participants to double the blessing! The Outreach Team will be at the table in the Narthex after the 8:00 service, and before and after the 10:15 service for the next week or until all the money has been distributed.

THE WORSHIP TEAM invites the congregation to take a close-up look at the items displayed in the baptistry area which represent “Generations of Faith”; specifically, the genealogies of Jesus listed in Matthew and Luke. Two women are highlighted: Ruth was a foreigner in Israel, and harvested both barley and wheat in Boaz’s fields, and Rahab was a prostitute who helped Israelite spies escape from Jericho using a rope to lower them from the city wall, and tied a scarlet cord to her window, which identified and protected her household when the Israelite army later stormed the city. David, the shepherd boy who became a king, is alluded to with a shepherd’s crook as well as an instrument to hold sheep still as they are being sheared, in addition to the royal fabrics and kingly crown. The carpenter Joseph, Jesus’ earthly father, probably used tools very similar to the many different ones displayed.

MANY THANKS to Rich and Jamie Bushong, Terry and Micki Carper, Dave and Emmy Schott, and others who contributed these unusual items to make this unique display.

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.

This Week At HCOB

December 15 - 22

TODAY	Third Sunday of Advent	
MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Outreach Team
	7:00 P.M.	QE Brass Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	Herald Deadline	
	6:00 A.M.	Ladies Prayer Breakfast
	8:00 A.M.	Quilting Group
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	6:00 P.M.	Praise Band Rehearsal
FRIDAY	10:00 A.M.	Kids Connect
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Traditional Service
	8:50 A.M.	Praise Band Practice
	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Blended Service

Upcoming Events

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
December 24 & 25 – Church Office Closed
December 26 – Prayer Experience

Youth News

★ December 22 – Youth Christmas Party

Worship Today

PRELUDES

Masters in this Hall
Sing We Now of Christmas

*POSTLUDE

Oh, How Joyfully!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

Holy Is the Lord
O Holy Night

Preacher – Pastor Doug Hinton
Worship Leader – Kent Rice
Accompanist – Jen Hinton
Praise Band Leader – Laura Meiser
Sound Tech – Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong

Video Tech – Dave Bendit

Special Music – Sanctuary Choir

Offertory – Jason Hoffman, Daphne Witmer, Janelle Witter

Acolyte – Vanessa Houck

SCRIPTURE Matthew 12:46-50

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:53-57

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Thought
Offertory – Silent Night

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD! Next Sunday, **Geoff Davis** will be preaching on **Genesis 18:1-15, 37:18-36, Luke 10:38-42, 22:54-62**. 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 next Sunday's service.

THE FLOWERS are presented today in the honor and glory of God

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/CAREGIVERS take note! We have something new for your toddlers and preschoolers! Friday December 20 at 10:00 a.m. we will be in the multipurpose room for a time of fun and fellowship for your little ones. As we gather, children will enjoy a short Bible story and some music and movement activities. After that, they are free to enjoy the play stations and run off some energy as they learn and grow in God's kingdom. Feel free to invite friends and community members as well! Please contact Laura Meiser or Emmy Schott with questions.

Visitors, please place your completed guest card in the offering plate.

SPECIAL MUSIC Sanctuary Choir & Geoff

Long, Long Time Ago

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

*HYMN The First Noel 199

SCRIPTURE Matthew 19:27-30

MESSAGE Jesus Empties Himself

*HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High 197

*BENEDICTION



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