

Here Come "The Holidays"

Pastor Pete Kontra

There used to be a commercial on TV for one of the communications companies, advertising their ability to connect people with all the different cities they live and work in. The person comes on the screen, phone in hand, talking about all the places they need to stay connected to:

"I live in Delaware, do business in Chicago, have a brother studying in Prague, and buy products from Philadelphia. I need a phone for a place called Dela-Cago-Prag-adelphia."

That seems to sum up our lives so often. We move from one thing to the next with computer-fast speed. I look at my calendar as I write this—today is November 20. Thursday is Thanksgiving. And I know that in, what will feel like no time, it will be New Years Day.

It's hard to avoid when I walk into the store and on Halloween they have all their Christmas items on display. As one person shared with me, she said, "I went to the store to buy a cornucopia for Thanksgiving, and I could not find one. It's like Thanksgiving gets skipped over now."

Yes, once we reach October it's like we now enter into the new holiday, one a friend of mine so aptly named one Sunday morning as we stood in our prayer circle in my office: "Hallo-Thanks-Mas."

Ah yes, "The Holidays." What does it mean anymore these days?

Thanksgiving, Advent, buying gifts, hanging lights, preparing food, writing cards, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day, football, sleeping on the couch, turkey, family, pie, travel, ham...well, you get the picture.

There is so much to be thankful for, so much God has given to us. Yet all that can make the time go so fast that it all gets lumped together into what we call "The Holidays". Hallo-Thanks-Mas.

And yet, as with so many things in our lives, we have complicated what "The Holidays" truly are—holi days. The word "holiday" developed out of the Middle and Old English word "holyday". Yes, now it has taken on many other definitions, but so has our understanding of what this time of year is all about.

"The Word became flesh and lived among us."

Simplify things this year. Savor the Savior each day throughout the next month. Because whether you experience this time as a joy or as a burden, with good memories or painful ones, God is present within it all. These are holy days. *"The Word became flesh and lived among us."* Yes, as complicated as we can make it God has made it pretty simple. God has come in Jesus to live among us, to walk with us through each day, to shine His Light into our darkness, and to give meaning and purpose to our otherwise routine "holiday" lives.

Take the time to be with God, remembering Him because He remembered us. I pray that you truly encounter God's presence in your life and come to know His peace found in Jesus Christ. Make the "holidays" just that, holy days. God bless you.

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Grains of Rice

Pastor Kent Rice

Under Pressure

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. – Eph. 6:4

I have a habit of stopping by Wawa regularly, but it's not for the coffee. Ask anyone who drives old cars around and they can tell you which gas stations and convenience stores have free air pumps. Tires with slow leaks can get expensive if you are dropping in three or four quarters every couple of days. And the thought of *buying* air just seems...wrong!

Yesterday I needed a "lift" and so I pulled into Wawa. Unfortunately, a car was already in the spot next to the air pump, so I waited. And waited. It wasn't a long time, but I'm not very patient by nature and so it seemed like an eternity. A young man was sitting in his not-so-old car and my finely-honed people-watching instincts guessed that he was looking at his phone.

I had some options:

1. Yell "hurry up!" out the window
2. Honk loudly
3. Honk softly as if to say, "I'm honking in a not-angry-but-informative kind of way."
4. Walk up to his car and ask him to get started
5. Pull up next to him and try to encourage him to conduct his free transaction before the chicken breasts in my grocery bag began expressing their concerns.

I chose #5.

"Are you getting air?" I asked.

"I'll be quick," he replied, then paused. "Do you have a "tire gauge?"

When you can practically see the quotation marks when someone is *speaking*, you know they are not operating in their comfort zone! I guessed that he had been googling on his phone how to fill a tire.

"There's a gauge built in," I replied. "Do you want me to help you?"

He accepted my offer and so I showed him where to look on the tire to see how much air pressure is needed (44 psi in this case.) I showed him how to operate the pump and discussed a little about the nuances of air pressure. His tires were fine and by pointing at my vehicle I was able to give him an example of what a low tire looked like. He thanked me, drove off, and I was able to cook my chicken breasts for lunch.

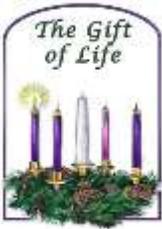
The point of the story is not that Pastor Kent is a great guy or that Wawa has free air. It is this: No one—not a dad, mom, relative, or friend—had taken the time to show this young man how to fill a tire. It's not a good feeling when you don't know how to do something and you're flailing around.

Here at Hempfield Church of the Brethren in 2013, we'll be hearing a lot about mentoring—about "coming alongside" to help someone, to share wisdom and experience. There will be plenty of lost people knowing that they need a lift but not knowing what to do. Spiritual depth, a love of Scripture and having the confidence to reach out to others does not come naturally. How will people learn those things? A church is a village and it is *everyone's* job to take care of each other. We can do that. And when new people come, we need to welcome them in such a way that says, "God is doing something great here and we're excited that you want to be a part of it!" We can do that, too!

Everyone has something to share. With God's help we can make our village a place that is different from the others. And different is good.

Messages in December

December 2



The Gift of Life—*Genesis 1:26-31*

Pastor Kent Rice Preaching

The first present under our collective tree this Advent Season is the gift of Life. Life is good--very good! Created in God's likeness and given the whole world to explore. What a gift!

December 9



Christmas: A Time to Receive—*1 John 3:1; Ephesians 2:4-5*

Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching

Life begins with God's giving to us a gift we simply need to receive. And when we receive, it changes everything. In order to give anything at all worth giving, we must first receive God's love in Christ.

December 16



Christmas: The Gift of Enough—*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

Pastor Geoff Davis Preaching

As we continue our look at the gifts God has given us, we look at one that flies in the face of everything the world tells us about Christmas. God has promised to provide for all our needs (not our wants). And what more powerful gift is there than that? Well, there's one that Pastor Pete will talk about next week.

December 23



Christmas: The Glorious Scandal—*Luke 2:1-20*

Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching

The Christmas story and all that Jesus' life eventually would entail is the biggest scandal in all of history. From day one God has made it absolutely clear that He will go to any length to reach you. God made our story His, and His story ours. We can live differently now because of God's gift of Jesus.

December 24



Christmas Eve Services

6:30 PM—“Family-Friendly” Service

Children of all ages are welcome to attend as we set aside the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season and reflect upon the timeless joy and hope of our Savior's birth.

9:00 PM—“Traditional” Service

Join us as we draw close to God through a beautiful night of choir anthems, candle-lighting, hymns, special music, the quiet remembrance of Holy Communion and a meaningful message from Pastor Pete.

December 30



The Gift of the Holy Spirit—*John 14:15-17*

Pastor Kent Rice Preaching

Christmas is not over! There is one present left. Jesus told us he would send a Counselor to be with us forever--the Holy Spirit. As we move into 2013 and the fulfillment of God's vision for HCOB, we will need the Spirit's power to move through us in an unprecedented fashion. Without it, we'll be like hamsters on a treadmill generator, trying to power a city block and getting nothing but tired. Move in our midst, O Spirit of God!

December Ministry Schedules

December 2
December 9
December 16
December 23
December 30



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NURSERY—SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bob & Mary Ellen McEvoy
Jill Stout & Jen Hinton
Jill Stout & Colette Root
Doris Wright & Kelly Moore
Jill Stout & Jen Hinton

SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Rich & Jamie Bushong
Matt Markey
Dave Schott
Matt Markey
Rich & Jamie Bushong

WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

December 2
December 9
December 16
December 23
December 30

Kent Rice
Randy Ziegler
Ray O'Boyle
Dennis Hughes
Tom Fritz

SPECIAL MUSIC



December 2
December 9
December 16
December 23
December 30

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

QuintEssentially Brass, Sanctuary Choir
Sanctuary Choir
Sanctuary Choir
Sanctuary Choir
TBA

DEACON GREETERS

December 2
December 9
December 16
December 23
December 30

Wes Bowers
Carl Haas
Ruth Johnson
Tom Connelly
Millie Hoffman

OFFERING TABULATORS

Dave Dum, alternate, Rick Schaidle

NURSERY—WORSHIP

Donna Schaidle & Betty Lull
Colette Root & Kelly Moore
Sherry, Katie & Lauren Miller
Betty Cox & Lydia/Sarah Fisher
Marg Zurin & Jaynelle Troxell



SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Jaynelle Troxell
Rich Bushong & Jaynelle Troxell
Rich & Jamie Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong
Rich & Jamie Bushong

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBA
Ron Myer
Pete Kontra
Kent Rice
TBA



VIDEO TECHNICIANS—10:15

Dave Bendit
Derek Witmer
Alex Troxell
Doug Howard
Dave Bendit

SUNDAY SCHOOL SEC.

Bev Moyer

HCOB Adult Sunday School

† **THE CHRISTIAN PATHFINDERS** class meets in the room across from the nursery, just outside the side door to the sanctuary. We study the International lesson. We have three or four regular teachers who each teach about one Sunday a month. We have several socials a year with the majority of our class participating. Our offerings are used for special needs within our congregation or community. The contact person is Ruth Johnson.

December 2	Blessed in Christ	Teacher: Denny Bushong
December 9	One in Jesus Christ	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
December 16	Part of One Body in Christ	Teacher: Jim Kettering
December 23	Alive in the Light of Christ	Teacher: Bob Heffley
December 30	Christ's Love for the Church	Teacher: Tom Fritz

† **THE HOME BUILDERS** class meets in the library. We study the International Lesson each quarter. Millie Hoffman is the contact person.

December 2	Blessed in Christ	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
December 9	One in Jesus Christ	Teacher: Thomas Connelly
December 16	Part of One Body in Christ	Teacher: James Kettering
December 23	Alive in the Light of Christ	Teacher: TBA
December 30	Christ's Love for the Church	Teacher: Dennis Bushong

† **THE SEEKERS** class is currently meeting upstairs. We are studying in the New Testament book of Galatians, we are looking at some of issues of legalism in the young church that Paul was writing to. We are seeing that not much has changed over the years and that we continue struggle with following the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. We meet upstairs in the educational wing. Rich Bushong is the contact person.

December 2	Galatians 2:11-21	Teacher: Rich Bushong
December 9	Galatians 3:1-14	Teacher: Pete Cope
December 16	Galatians 3:15-29	Teacher: Kent Rice
December 23	Galatians 4:1-18	Teacher: Tom Fritz
December 30	TBD	Teacher: TBD

† **CONVERSATIONS**— Conversations class meets in Chapel Hall weekly. We will continue our examination of Donald Miller's 'Convergence' series: "Frustrations and False Gods: Living in a Fallen World". We'll continue looking at three video conversations and then having our own conversations about what we've seen and what the Bible has to say. And, as always, we'll be examining the questions that you bring to class. Geoff Davis facilitates.

Youth News

ANNOUNCEMENT: Starting Monday, December 3, Senior High Cell Group will meet each Monday from 6:30-8:00 at the home of Doug and Jen Hinton, 160 Stevens Street, East Petersburg (just down the street from the church). Doug and Jen have felt called to host cell group and will facilitate the group every other week, with the help of little Luke and Porter the Boxer. The past few months the group has been studying Love Languages and relationships with Pastor Kent. If you are interesting in facilitating this group at Hinton's house once or twice a month, please contact Pastor Kent. Many thanks to the Fishers, Dums and Barnes families for their help in hosting!

Younger Youth cell group continues to meet Mondays from 6:45 - 8:15 at the home of Millie Hoffman, led by Keith and Karma Witmer.

Cell groups are a great way to include friends--especially unchurched friends! It's a fun, social environment where in-depth spiritual questions can be freely asked and discussed. Think of friends who could use some support as they navigate the turbulent waters of adolescence and invite one today!

"Once upon a time, I was the perfect parent—and then I got married and had kids." -- Walt Mueller, Center for Parent/Youth Understanding (www.cpyu.org)



Advent & Christmas@ HCOB



Founded in 2009, *QuintEssentially Brass* is devoted to surprising and delighting audiences by presenting the best in the brass quintet repertoire. This premier musical group featuring Andy Walls, Geoff Davis, Kris & Doug Albert and Gene Clark will be playing sounds of the season at Hempfield COB on Sunday, December 2nd for our 8:00 and 10:15 services. Don't miss this opportunity!

Children's Advent Calendars are available in the narthex. Please pick one up to use with your family as you count down the days until Jesus' birthday celebration!



Christmas Love Offering-- This year's Christmas Love Offering will be designated for Faith Comes By Hearing. This ministry records the word of God on Audio Bible to connect with the world's illiterate population. Special envelopes will be available on the narthex table so you can give specifically to Faith Comes By Hearing.

Family Christmas Celebration Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. Join us for *Message on the Mount*, presented by Matt Cox (brother of Karen Rice) of Miracle Mountain Ranch. Using rope tricks, animals, and stories from the ranch, Matt will focus on biblical truths of Christmas in an informal, fun, and family-friendly format. A meal will follow.



Brethren Village Christmas Bazaar Friday December 7 9:00-4:00 and Saturday December 8 9:00-12:00 at Brethren Village Wolfe Auditorium. Crafts, cookies and food. Cookie sale is Friday only for \$4.00 per pound. Available for purchase: Lunch on Friday, Coffee & Donuts on Saturday. It is sponsored by the Brethren Village auxiliary.

Can You Bake Christmas Cookies? Please consider baking cookies and bring them to the church kitchen December 2-5. Mark that they are 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. All cookies are appreciated but the Christmas varieties sell well.

Parent's Night Out—Saturday December 15 from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM. Allow us to give your kids up to and including grade 5 a night of fun while you cross some things off your never-ending list!!! Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. PLEASE pre-register so we know how many kids we will have for dinner. Children are welcome to attend both evenings. You may pre-register by calling the church (898-0181), signing up in the narthex, or emailing Jen at jen@hempfieldcob.org.



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HCOB Family News



Church DIRECTORY

IT'S TIME TO WORK ON THE 2013 HCOB DIRECTORY! If you have any changes to your contact information that you would like to be included in the 2013 directory, please submit them to Carolyn Gingrich by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**. You can submit changes to Carolyn at 898-7445, queenacarolsue@comcast.net or leave a note in the tray labeled "Directory information" in the outer office of the church.

COLLEGE STUDENT AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED. If you know of any HCOB family members who are in college or the military, we would like to have their contact information for the 2013 directory. Please submit this information to Doris Wright by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**. You can submit it to Doris at 898-8296 or by leaving a note in the tray labeled "Directory Information" in the outer office. If you leave a note, please label it "College Student" or "Military Personnel."

SEVERAL SOUND OPERATORS ARE NEEDED for our worship services (8:00 or 10:15). Interested persons should contact Rich Bushong at 664-4395. Minimum age is 16.



FAREWELL LUNCH FOR JEN—On Sunday December 9, immediately following the 10:15 worship service we will be celebrating Jen Statler's years of service to Hempfield as our Children's Ministry Coordinator as she prepares to step out of that role and into what new things God has in store. There will be lasagna, pizza for the kids, ice cream, and all the rest, so please come and join us as we thank her for showing the love of Jesus to our children and caring for them in such a personal way.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR--We have begun the call process for Hempfield's new Children's Ministry Coordinator. This will be an internal search, opening the way for whom God may lead within our congregation. Please join us as we pray for wisdom and discernment. And for any person who feels led to serve as Children's Ministry Coordinator, please submit a letter of inquiry to Ray O'Boyle by December 16, 2012. Ray's address is 158 East Harrisburg Ave., P.O. Box 253, Rheems, PA 17570.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who participated in the Brethren Village Auxiliary Membership Drive. We collected \$600 to help enrich the lives of the residents.

GIFT IDEA AND FUNDRAISER FOR BRETHERN VILLAGE AUXILIARY. Craig Smith's book, *Every Monday*, for \$15.00 and Victoria Smith's CD's, *Victoria's Heart*, *Victoria's Holiday* and *Victoria's Romance* for \$10.00 each or three for \$28.00 will be on sale in the narthex between now and Christmas. Craig reads the Christmas story at the end of *Victoria's Holiday*. A portion of these sales will be donated to the Brethren Village Auxiliary. Craig is the Atlantic Northeast District Executive and Vicki, his wife, is Executive Director of Meant to Be Ministries. They have recently become members of our church.

THE SILVER SINGLES will be meeting Tuesday, December 11, at the Olive Garden at 11:00 AM.

Christmas Love Offering



Faith Comes by Hearing is a 40 year old non -profit religious ministry based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Their mission is to record and use heart language Audio Bibles to bring His church together and make disciples from every nation, tribe, language and people. [A heart language is the language they use most comfortably at home or in their community.]

The pure word of God found in the New Testament has been recorded into 692 languages and has reached over 5 billion people worldwide. They partner with a variety of well-known ministries such as Wycliffe, Campus Crusade for Christ International, American Bible Society, to name a few, as well as many international groups. Current estimates indicate that 2/3 of the world's population are oral communicators and 50% of those cannot read or write and live on less than \$2.00 per day. Those 50% learn by stories, poetry, proverbs, chants, music, dance and ceremonies. Ironically, an estimated 90% of the world's Christian workers present the Gospel using highly literate communication styles.

After a heart language Audio Bible is recorded, FCBH establishes Audio Bible listening groups. More than 700,000 Audio Bible listening groups in over 185 countries have heard of the hope found only in Christ thru the tireless work of field partners, local churches and missionaries. These life changing discipleship programs are taking place in a variety of settings: churches, village squares, hospitals, prisons, classrooms, factories, homes, businesses and refugee camps. Each Bible listening group costs \$157, which includes a Proclaimer or other appropriate Audio New Testament, along with shipping and customs, distribution, training, follow-up and reporting. A Proclaimer has a built in generator and solar panel to charge the battery, a battery will play for 15 hours and can be recharged to play the entire New Testament more than 1000 times. The sound is digital quality and loud enough to be heard clearly by groups of up to 300 people.

In 2007 the 1st Audio Bible stick was developed for use in USA churches. "You've Got the Time" listening groups were started where a commitment was made to listen to the New Testament 30 mins /day for 40 days. More than 64,000 US churches of all sizes and denominations have taken part in Bible listening groups. Hearing the Word has turned believers into doers of the Word and sparked new ministry outreaches.

From that a new opportunity for ministry was begun. A Marine chaplain and some soldiers took their Audio Bibles with them on deployment. While they were blessed by using it they were concerned about the high visibility in the field. They approached FCBH and a Military Bible Stick was designed. It is a portable, digital black audio stick the size of a stick of gum. It gives the military personnel immediate access to comfort, peace and strength found in God's Word. Since 2008 more than 240,000 Military Bible Sticks have been delivered to the troops thru the chaplains and requests still come in at a rate of 2000-3000 each week. Each stick costs \$25.00 as well as a card offering a MP3 Bible for their spouse or a KIDZ Bible.

With the harvesting of technology the Digital Bible platform has made God's word available anytime or anywhere with the touch of a button, using mobile apps, streaming pod casts and downloads.

Thru a variety of Audio technology methods and listening groups, individuals are being freed from bondage and sin, they are restoring broken relationships and hearing of the love and hope found only in Christ in their own language.

We would encourage you to go to their website: faithcomesbyhearing.com and see Who they Are, What they Do, Where they Work, Who Their Partners Are and What They Believe and their Statement of Faith. I know you will be blessed!

Please prayerfully consider how your donation will show love and bring hope thru God's word until He returns. They are good stewards of your money – 88.3% of all monies go directly into ministry programs.

Please use the Christmas Love Offering envelopes with checks made out to Hempfield COB and FCBH in the memo line.

Praying Attention



John 1:1-5, 14 –“Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is Himself God. He created everything there is – nothing exists that He didn’t make. Eternal life is in Him, and this life gives light that shines through the darkness – and the darkness can never extinguish it. And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. And some of us have seen his glory – the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father!”

We are about to celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ. It is the day God gave us the presence and the present of his Son. There had to be a birthday in order for God to take human form and come to earth to experience all the emotions and feelings that we do, and to show us the way to salvation and reconciliation. But from the beginning, and even before, it was about the cross, our symbol of hope. It was about a man who loved us so much that he willingly suffered pain, rejection, humiliation, and agony so that you and I may receive the grace of God and freedom. Christmas is a wonderful time of expectation, joy, giving, and receiving, and we should enjoy it; and remember the glorious resurrection that we will be celebrating.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.” 2 Corinthians 9:15

Our Church Teams

This month we are highlighting the work of the Social Services Team.

The Social Service Team is composed of five members; Ellie Lehman, Rich Bushong, Cindy Harnish, Emmy Schott and Randy Ziegler.

With many volunteers and the support of the congregation, we contribute to the Good Samaritan Fund at Brethren Village, Disaster Relief Sale for the Heifer Project, The Young Center at Elizabethtown College, and we are currently completing year three of a five year commitment to the Brethren Village Campaign. Contributions are also made to the Pennsylvania Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Bridge of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, Friendship Community and Hempfield’s Bank of Hope for the Dominican Republic through Hope International.

Special Friends meet the first Friday of each month at our church for WORDD (Worship Opportunities to Reach the Developmentally Disabled). There are also four social gatherings held at our church. Their Christmas Program is a must see to truly understand the true meaning of Christmas.

We sometimes send care packages or correspondence to college students, people in BVS and the military. The Force for Food Committee is very active providing community meals at the Lutheran Church in Landisville. They also have a turkey drive in November to help provide turkeys for Water Street Ministries and they have a Mother/Daughter and/or Friend Banquet here at our church. They raise funds for an Outreach Ministry at the banquet.

The 2-Cent-A-Meal offerings are sent to the Global Food Crisis Fund.

Members of the congregation, Jim Musser with sons Justin and Cody, Lowell Landis, Dick Harnish and Jim Kettering are active in the Field of Food Growing Project.

The Ladies of the Sewing Group and the Quilters are busy making comforters and quilting. Two of the ladies are very talented and make prayer shawls and mantles. Our Helping Hands Ministry has provided meals for several families.

If you have a passion for helping others, feeding the hungry, etc., talk to one of us. Only with many volunteers and your help and support can we continue to do these wonderful things.

To God Be the Glory

District Conference Highlights

November/December 2012

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Atlantic Northeast District Conference Wrap-Up October 12-13, 2012

The forty-third Atlantic Northeast District Conference of the Church of the Brethren was held at Elizabethtown College, Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, on October 12-13. **Made Alive in Christ** was the theme. Moderator was Robert Wintsch, member of the Mechanic Grove congregation, which was the host church for this year's conference. A total of 202 delegates attended, representing 75 out of 80 congregations.

Before Friday evening's worship service, a Ministers' Recognition Dinner, hosted by the District Ministry Commission, was held in the Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall. This year Anthony DiBenedetto, Philadelphia Geiger CoB, was recognized for his 50 years of ordained ministry. Newly ordained, licensed, and placed ministers were recognized as well as ACTS and TRIM Graduates.

Friday evening's service of worship and praise was attended by 361. They were inspired by a 53-member district choir, led by Joy Brubaker. Keynote speaker Moderator Robert Wintsch presented an uplifting message on the conference theme **Made Alive in Christ**. An offering was shared of \$2375 for SeBah – Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary).

Saturday's business included the following:

Celebration of two new projects: Potter's House, Islip, NY and Source of Grace, Hyde Park, MA
Disbanding of Gardiner Road Fellowship

Board Chair Dave Stauffer gave updates on the Haitian First CoB and the Disaster Relief Auction
Approved a budget for 2013 of \$634,374

Approved the following slate: Moderator-Elect – **Sherry Eshleman**; Program & Arrangements – **Josh Tindall**; Gifts Discernment – **Stephen Hess, Aida Sanchez, David Shissler**; Standing Committee – **Larry O'Neill**; Alternate Standing Committee – **Donna Hollinger**; District Board Vice-Chair – **Robert Di Salvio**; Church Development & Evangelism – **Mary Etta Reinhart, Chris Smith**; Ministry – **Marvin Foster**; Nurture & Christian Education – **Josh Bytwerk, Donna Lefever-Hoover**; Stewardship – **Robert Pickering, Barbara Hershey Platt**; Witness & Outreach – **David Samaan, Gloria Torres**

Learned from the ANE District Displays

Consecrated Thomas Fritz, from the Hempfield congregation, as the 2013 Moderator.

**Conference next year will be
October 11 & 12 at Elizabethtown College**



District Conference Delegates from HCOB were: Marcy Root, Carolyn Gingrich, Cindy Harnish and Ruth Johnson

HCOB Calendar

Keep up with what's happening at Hempfield COB by checking out our online calendar.

Please go to

<http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

for a full calendar of events

**Toon of
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