

Pastor Pete Kontra

Serving Like Jesus

Jesus washed His disciples' feet. Then He asks, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

No doubt the disciples thought what Jesus was doing was a little peculiar, a little strange given who He was. Washing someone's feet wasn't odd to them, but coming from someone other than a servant was odd. Coming from their Master, their Lord, their Savior, was very odd. He was in a position that made it unacceptable for Him to stoop down to such a "low" level.

But Jesus did.

When we gather for Love Feast it may seem odd. It may feel a little strange. Getting on our knees and washing someone's feet is a little too intimate, a little too humbling for what we are used to.

As we go into the world and wash other's feet, as we serve others in humility and love, no doubt some people will think you are odd, a little strange. The world is not used to someone getting on their knees and serving others when it is not required of them.

When we get to certain positions in life, it's a natural process to begin to think that we are above doing specific tasks or taking certain roles. As we rise up the societal ladder we can become accustomed to being the one who is served. Perhaps as we get older we feel we have earned the right to sit back and allow others to do the work. When we are young we may believe that life owes us something, that we should be able to jump right into the lifestyle we want. It seems so often that our goal in life is to break out of the one who does the serving and move on to "bigger and better" things.

But, without the servants of the world, where would the world be? If there was no one left to serve, how would any of our needs be met?

Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, our Lord and Savior, tied a towel around His waist, poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet. "Do you know what I have done to you?" He asked. "You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

We must serve one another in humility and in love. And as we do to each other, we must go and do to the rest of the world. Because as we do to everyone else, we do it unto Christ. You and I are not above our Master, Jesus. He served in love. Go and do likewise, and the world will be changed, a person at a time.

From Pastor Doug

How is God calling you?

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. --Isaiah 61:1-3

When Jesus was in the temple in Luke 4, he was handed the scroll of Isaiah and read this. Coming away from our powerful anointing service, seeing God move on, in, and through so many people, how are you being called into his service? To bind up the brokenhearted through your time and presence, sitting, speaking, and ministering to them? This ministry is often carried out through our deacons who are charged with touching base and caring for people in our body. To proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners? Our Evangelism and Benevolence teams seek to serve people in our community meeting the needs of those we know and those we do not. To proclaim the year of the Lord, the day of vengeance for our God? We may all be charged with this!! When society shifts from this topic to that, from hating or helping a certain group of people, we must remain steady on the rock and foundation we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. No matter where we gather our information, the Bible tells us we serve a just God, who will judge all, a loving God, who can accept all, a redeeming God who reconciled all people to himself through Jesus' blood on the cross. No matter the news or shifts in societal beliefs, we can 'put on the garment of praise' and stand as 'oaks of righteousness' because our God is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore! We must learn and live out his commandments-growing closer in relationship with him and one another. We have a number of teams at Hempfield who participate in the ministry of the Church; things seen and unseen to further the Gospel and strengthen the body. How is God calling you to grow, to serve, to strengthen others? Pray, seek his hand and heart. Be open to the possibilities to his call!

Mission Possible

Pastor Kent Rice

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone – Col 4:6

If you were cooking a pot of soup for a family get-together, would you even think of serving it without tasting it first? Of course not. Yet we say things all the time that are received as offensive, tasteless or bitter. Taste your words before you speak them. Some words should stay in the pot! Let the Holy Spirit give you the *right* words to say, which comes easier when you've spent time in prayer and have learned to be open and receptive. The Spirit will remind you of things Jesus taught, which will make your words nourishing and more palatable, too.

Praying Attention



“Our personal prayer time is the primary building block for all we can become and all we ever do for God. It is the most important time we will ever spend.”

--Thetus Tenney, mother of Tommy Tenney (author of *The God Chasers*)

HCOB Adult Sunday School

† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** classes will meet in the library. 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 people are Ruth Johnson and Millie Hoffman.

October 4	The Spirit Is Not for Sale	Teacher: Denny Bushong
October 11	Saul Earns Credibility	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
October 18	Peter Takes a Risk	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh
October 25	Trusting the Spirit	Teacher: Jim Kettering

† **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for teaching and discussion that will help us to delve deeper into our Christian faith and life. We will be watching and discussing a video series by Andy Stanley called “Application Is Everything.” Rich Bushong is the contact person.

October 4		Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh
October 11	Application Is Everything	Teacher: Andy Stanley
October 18	Application Is Everything	Teacher: Andy Stanley
October 25	Application Is Everything	Teacher: Andy Stanley

† **CONVERSATIONS**—Conversations Class meets in the Conversations classroom on the second floor each Sunday during Sunday School hour. All are welcome to come. We are continuing our study of the early church and its formation by studying the book of Acts. October will feature a look at Peter and the formation of the church – the rising persecution, Philip in Samaria, Saul’s conversion, the Gentiles included in God’s plan, and the persecution that happened in Jerusalem – all found in Acts 8 -12. Geoff Davis is the teacher.

Messages in October

October 4



Do As I Have Done — *John 13:1-17*

Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching

Many in Jesus' day who believed in Him would not confess it, because they loved praise from men more than praise from God. Even Peter denied Jesus for fear of what others thought. Judas loved money and handed Jesus over to be killed. What do we expect from the world? It's about promoting self at all costs. Right in the middle of it all Jesus shows us what to do: transform the world one foot at a time.

October 11



Can I Get It Right?— *Matthew 11:18-19*

Pastor Doug Hinton Preaching

How can we follow Jesus? Does it mean following a list of rules or deepening a relationship? Will we ever get the critics off our back? People criticized John the Baptist for living an aesthetic life in the wild; they criticized Jesus for eating with sinners. What gives? How can we stay true to Jesus while taking his message to those who need to hear it most? Let's talk...

October 18



The Heat of the Moment—*Genesis 25:19-34*

Pastor Pete Kontra Preaching

In the heat of the moment, how many times has the solution you've come up with created problems bigger than you had before? As smart, as rational, as much as God has given us a higher reasoning as human beings, how often do we find ourselves in an embarrassing, silly, or downright bad situation because we have lived *for* the moment and not *in* the moment, because we have *reacted* instead of *responded* to a situation? Living in the moment: will we get burned by the heat of our passions, or bear fruit by the life of the Spirit?

October 25



My Life's a Mess!—*Luke 8:26-39*

Pastor Geoff Davis Preaching

Many people (you?) seem to be living in a constant state of anxiety – paralyzed by the uncertainties of life, overwhelmed by all the busyness, and empty of the joy that God gave to each of us. They (you?) long to be free of the demands of this world and ache for a more peaceful, meaningful, purposeful life. There's one place to come for a real solutions that will free you of your self-imposed burdens and live the way God meant you to live.

October Ministry Schedules

October 4
October 11
October 18
October 25

NURSERY—SS

TBA
TBA
Steph Moyer
Paula Stoner

NURSERY—WORSHIP

Laura Myer
Carol Koser, Ivy Davis, Brooke Davis
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert, Kensey Rice
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher, Libby Rannels



October 4
October 11
October 18
October 25

SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell
Rich & Jamie Bushong
Dave Schott
Matt Markey

SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



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WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

One of the pastors
Pete Cope
Joel Kettering
Ray O'Boyle

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBA
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SPECIAL MUSIC



October 4
October 11
October 18
October 25

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir
Darren & Laura Meiser
Sanctuary Choir
TBA

VIDEO TECHNICIANS—10:15

Christian Layman
Doug Howard
Ben Johnson
Dave Bendit

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DEACON GREETERS

Betty Cox
Nancy Haas
Paula Connelly
Millie Hoffman

JNH GREETERS

Jean & Jerry Barger
Tom & Carolyn Fritz
Peggy Martin
Jeff & Bev Moyer



OFFERING TABULATORS

Jim Stauffer, Dwayne Hostetter, Sue Hostetter

HCOB Family News

ANNUAL BRETHREN VILLAGE AUXILIARY SPONSORSHIP DRIVE- Suggested Sponsorship fees are \$5, \$10, \$50 and other. Thank you for your response that will be greatly appreciated, as it helps with the many programs that the Auxiliary provides for the Village. Look for your representatives in the narthex October 4, 11, and 18.

-Gerrie Hurst and Lois Killian



MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS who participated in the Bingo Game, Wheelchair Walks, and Birthday Party at the Brethren Village this year. These events really helped to enrich the lives of the residents. We are looking forward to our current Brethren Village Auxiliary Sponsorship Drive. - Gerrie Hurst and Lois Killian

BRETHREN VILLAGE ARTS AND CRAFTS DEPT. extends thanks for the yarn that you supply from time to time that is used for many crafts. Please continue to donate new or partial unused skeins of yarn that can be placed in the box located in the Coat Room.

ANNUAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT—Wednesday, October 21, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at Conestoga Church of the Brethren. Belita Mitchell will speak on "Listening for the Voice of God." Lunch will be provided for all who register by October 15th. No child care will be provided. A flyer with more details is on the bulletin board in the outer office. Please contact Ruth Johnson (569-2430) to register or if you have more questions.



ALPHA & OMEGA FUNDRAISER @ ISAAC'S--The annual Alpha & Omega Community Center Night Out will be held at the Isaac's Restaurant and Deli located on Granite Run drive. The date is Thursday October 15, 2015 from 5:00PM - 9:00PM. You can pick up a flyer from the display in the narthex. Bring the flyer with you to Isaac's, fill it out and hand it to the server when you pay. 25% of the cost of your meal will go directly to Alpha & Omega Community Center. You can also place a takeout order (560-7774) - just bring your flyer when you pick up your order. Please contact Dennis Hughes with any questions (569-3332).

PASTOR KENT'S OFFICE HOURS— In his role as Pastor for Outreach and Mission, Pastor Kent will continue to work from multiple locations, focusing on outreach. The best way to reach him will continue to be by cell phone (723-6197) or email (kent@hempfieldcob.org). He will also be available at the church during his office hours on Tuesdays from 11am - 3pm and Fridays 8am - noon.



HCOB Youth News

We had our first meeting with the combined Junior and Senior High this past Sunday night. What a blessing to be in the presence of God's children! The opportunities of growth and challenge, community and relationship, service and play lay before us in this most important year. Continue to get to know one another, pray for each other, and see how God may use this time to strengthen our collective walk.

I had a parent step forward and say that they could help once a month with our cell group. I've had another parent step forward to say they could help plan special activities. I would love to have two more people step forward to help with our cell group. We had thirteen youth there Sunday night and could have 20-25 there with just youth from HCOB! I am currently seeking out Sunday School curriculum and could use two to three volunteers to teach on a rotating basis. If this is something God lays on your heart, please contact Pastor Doug! Thank you!

OPERATION: *Christmas Blessing*

Purpose

Partner with HCOB to be a blessing to others this Christmas.



Potential

- ♥ The Matthew 25 Thrift Shop has generously donated \$1,000 to HCOB.
- ♥ We challenge you to grow that “seed money” into a bountiful harvest to share with our community and world.
- ♥ How far will \$1000 go? \$2000? More?

Process

- ♥ From October 18 – November 22, you can “grow our seed” by placing your donations in specially marked envelopes.
- ♥ We will count up the final “harvest” and on November 29, 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!!!!

Love Feast

Why Attend Love Feast?

At the Last Supper Jesus shared communion with His disciples and humbled himself by washing their feet. We follow Jesus' example by gathering together for our Love Feast. It is a time for us to love one another, build our relationships, and open ourselves to God's Holy Presence.

What Will We Do at Love Feast?

We will wash one another's feet, eat a simple meal together, and share in communion. We will have separate seating for men and women and families that want to participate together. If you want to join us and simply observe, please feel free. If you are physically unable to wash feet, there will be a table for washing hands as a way to participate. If you want to join us and simply observe, please feel free.

Who Can Come to Love Feast?

All are welcome. Nursery care will be provided for children 3 years and under. Karen Rice will also have a table available for any young children who would like to sit and observe.

When Is Love Feast?

Sunday, October 4 following the 10:15 worship service.

Still Have Questions?

Pastor Pete will host a "Love Feast Q&A session" that Sunday, October 4 at 9:00 AM in his office for anyone who wants to learn more about Love Feast and how it all works, so feel free to come with any questions. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Pete, Pastor Kent, or Pastor Geoff.

HCOB Kids News



Welcome to fall! We are settled into our classes and getting ready to enjoy a new year together. A bunch of us moved up to the youth group! We will miss them, but are excited for what lies ahead of them.

We continue to work on memory verses and the books of the Bible in our new classes. Parents, please help us work on them at home!

At this point all of the children in grades one through five should have a Bible of their own. If not, please contact Mrs. Rice so that she can be sure they get one. Our Bible is a crucial part of our lives as Christians. We want our children to grow up feeling comfortable with using it and the wonders that it holds. Please encourage your children to bring their Bibles to Kids' Church each week. Those who bring them 4 weeks in a row will receive a prize and will begin to get into a good habit of bringing it to church.

We continue to ask that you prayerfully consider helping in our Nursery. It is our little ones first memories of what church is like. We want it to be a loving and positive experience. Contact Karen Rice if you are interested!

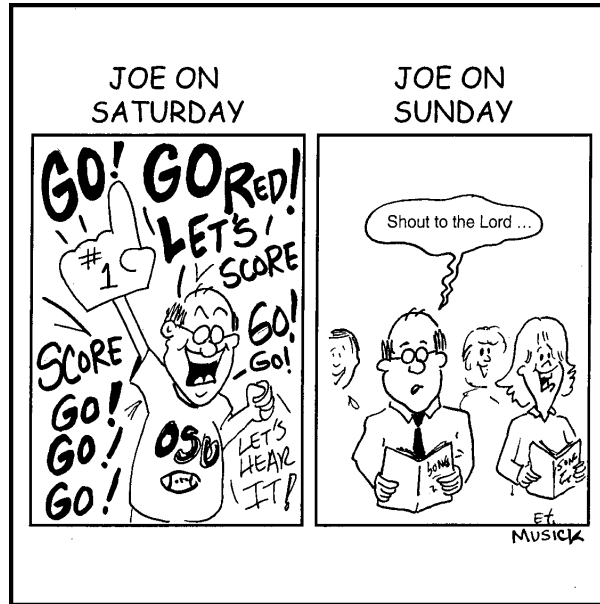
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	2 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	3 ANE District Conference 6:00 PM Sr. High District Barn Party
4 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Love Feast Q & A with Pastor Pete 10:15 AM Blended Worship 11:30 AM Love Feast 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	5 7:30 PM Education Team	6 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	7 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:30 PM Young Adult Fellowship & Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
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For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit

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

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