

## Contact Us

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*Please submit bulletin information to Irene by Wednesday noon.*

## HCOB Family Facts

**General Offering for December 5, 2021 =**

General Fund \$ 18,136.80

*Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$10,575*

**Building Fund for December 5, 2021 = \$ 120.00**

Thanksgiving Offering for TNT = \$244.00

### This Week @ H.C.O.B.

**Today:**

2 Cent a Meal Offering

**Monday:**

2:00pm Brethren World Mission

**Tuesday:**

7:00pm Worship Team

**Wednesday:**

7:00pm Choir Practice

HERALD DEALINE

**Thursday:**

Doug Vacation

**Friday:**

Josh's Day Off

Doug Vacation

Sunday, December 12, 2021

"FOR  
nothing  
WILL BE  
impossible  
WITH GOD."

*Luke 1*



# Worship Today

PRELUDES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65:5-8

Leader: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation

**All: O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

Leader: You make fast the mountains by your power

**All: they are girded about with might.**

Leader: You still the roaring of the seas

**All: The roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.**

Leader: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs.

**All: You make the dawn and the dusk sing for joy.**

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful #212

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Hoffman Family

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-25

SPECIAL MUSIC

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

VIDEO

Elizabeth

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

MESSAGE

**One Thing God Wants You to Know:  
Nothing is Ever Wasted in God's  
Economy**

HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

#201

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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

Preacher – Pastor Laura Meiser

Worship Leader – Justin Kleinfelter

Accompanist – Kim Glass

Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Micah Hoffman

Video Tech – Dave Bendit

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY  
READING AHEAD!** Next Sunday, **Geoff Davis** will be preaching on  
**Luke 1:26-38**. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this  
week as we prepare to worship together.



• The holiday season is always considered a time of giving and to that end we will collect the “2-Cent-A-Meal” offering on TODAY for the **Global Food Initiative (GFI)** program. This program is the primary way that the Church of the Brethren assists hungry people in developing food security around the world.

- Global Food Initiative seeks to:
- invest in small-scale economic development
- join efforts to improve diet and health practices
- champion soil conservation
- promote awareness-raising and advocacy on hunger issues.
- On behalf of the Outreach Team and those that benefit from your giving, Thank You!"



Canning jars on the table in John Naas Hall are free for the taking if you'd like to have them.



As the season of giving is upon us, we are proud of the many ways our church has supported local and worldwide organizations. As we close out the year we are in need of additional giving to meet our budgeted Outreach. In addition to covering

our normal expenses, we need for Outreach budgeted items \$37,000 over the next 3 Sundays. Please consider those in need as our church remains a voice in the world through our giving.

Ronald, Treasurer.

# Announcements



Perfect Christmas Gifts HCOB COOKBOOKS. There will be a table set up in the narthex the month of December. Take one or two and leave a donation in the basket. Thank you!  
Care Of Church Community Team.



There will be a Building soup fundraiser on Dev. 11th & 12th. You may pick up Chicken noodle corn soup on Dec. 11th from 9-11 a.m. and after the service on Dec. 12th. We are planning to make over 100 quarts of soup.

**Gluten free soup may be ordered by contacting Mary Lou Ruth - 717-682-6488 or [gmlruth@gmail.com](mailto:gmlruth@gmail.com) by Dec. 8th.**



Thank you to the Education Team for sponsoring the Gingerbread and Caroling Event. We want to also extend a thank you to Hospitality Team for the hot cocoa and to the Care of Church Team for the apple cider and soft pretzels that were happily consumed by the participants. There were

47 participants at the Gingerbread Competition and 21 carolers. Please visit the gym to view the Gingerbread houses and cast your votes for your top two favorites. The winner will be announced next Sunday in which they will receive top bragging rights. Thanks for all of those who came out to fellowship and spread cheer through East Petersburg.



We are supporting **Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement through Church World Service (CWS)** for our special offering this year. Jesus calls us to care for the outsider "I was a stranger and you took me in" (Matthew 25:35).

# *Sermon Notes*

The Church of the Brethren has long supported refugees in our communities and encourages supporting CWS to help Afghans. Afghans fled their country quickly in August, bringing very little with them. They are fleeing retribution or persecution from the Taliban and have one goal: to live in safety. It is in our power to help them. CWS is supporting these families with housing, legal assistance, case management, mental health support, medical care, school enrollment and community sponsorship.

Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren with the memo line of "Christmas Love Offering". Place your check in the offering plate during any Sunday in Dec, or use one of the special envelopes on the narthex table. Please mark your offering envelope # on the special envelopes.

There are many ways to help Afghan refugees. If you are interested in volunteering either short term (for example, organizing donation drives for clothing and household items, or helping to find transitional and permanent housing), or long term (sponsoring a family), please contact Pete Cope or Dave Bendit. We'll determine next steps, if any, based on our congregation's response. Thank you! Outreach Team