

Contact Us

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

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Please submit bulletin information to Irene by Wednesday noon.

HCOB Family Facts

General Offering for December 12, 2021 =

General Fund \$ 10,301.00

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

Building Fund for December 12, 2021 = \$ 2300.00

Soup Sale \$1880.00

2 Cent-A-Meal = \$

This Week @ H.C.O.B.

Today:

Doug Vacation

Monday:

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Tuesday:

Doug Vacation

Wednesday:

7:00pm Choir Practice

Doug Vacation

Thursday:

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Friday:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 19, 2021

*"Here am I,
the servant
of the Lord;
let it be
with me
according to
your word."*

LUKE 1:38

Worship Today

85% of all people in the U.S. suffer from low self-esteem; they lack confidence about who they are and what they can do. What's your story? What's God's story for you?

PRELUDES Masters in the hall
 What Child is This
 Sing We now of Christmas
 Rod & Cheryl Myers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
 The Schott Family

CALL TO WORSHIP The Wonder of His Love (Video)

PRAISE & WORSHIP God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

SPECIAL MUSIC He is Born Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE **One Thing God Wants You to Know:**
 *God is the Author of Your Story...
 And He Loves You!*

HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #178

*BENEDICTION

One: In this Advent season, let us, in our own hearts, dare to believe the impossible by, like Mary, surrendering ourselves to God, courageously cooperating with God's creative, pregnant power and allowing him to write our stories.

All: Here I am, the Lord's servant. Let it be with me according to your will.

*POSTLUDE

**Those who are able are invited to stand*

Preacher – Pastor Geoff Davis
Worship Leader – Randy Ziegler
Accompanist – Jen Hinton
Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Micah Hoffman
Video Tech – Doug Howard

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD! Next Sunday, **Doug Hinton** will be preaching on **Ephesians 1:3-14**. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week as we prepare to worship together.



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.



A big thank you to the church and all the deacons who made up the beautiful Christmas baskets! A special thank you to Mary Lou Ruth for the delicious zucchini bread!

Thank you messages from the following:

Millie Hoffman

Wilda Drake

Gerrie & Alan Hurst

Jean May

Deanna Myers

Carlene & Gene Strait

Linda & Randy Ziegler

Deb Nauman (also thankful for prayers and cards during her illness)

Ellie Lehman

Jim & Arlene Slotter

Vic & Claire Lincoln

Dick & Jean Caldwell

Kevin & Sue Zurin

Roger & Gladys Ulmer

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.



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).

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



Christmas Giving Tree

TODAY is the **last Sunday** to contribute to the annual **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** is a great way to help an individual, family, or organization in our community. The Outreach Team is offering a paper ornament and denominations of \$50 or \$100 for you to creatively bless someone this beautiful Advent season of giving love and hope. We encourage you to write on the back of the ornament how you used the money to help someone (in general terms) and hang it back on the tree. The Outreach Team will be near the Christmas tree in the Narthex to distribute the funds before and after worship services throughout Advent until \$3,000 has been distributed.



Thank you for your 322 pounds of food items contributed in November.

In November we served:
139 children
269 adults
97 seniors

For a total of 505 people served
We registered 6 new families and re-registered 4 families.
42 volunteers contributed 634 hours to the pantry!

And the winner is.....



*Congratulations to Al, Jen & Sabrina Houck!!
You have exclusive bragging rights for the next year!
Thanks so much for everyone's participation! It was a
fun time.*



MANY THANKS TO THE BAKERS who provided cookies for the Brethren Village Cookie and Craft Sale and for those who attended. \$1,247 was the net profit from the cookie sale alone and benefits the Good Samaritan Fund at Brethren Village.