

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 17, 2023 =

General Fund \$ 15,479.26

Building Fund for December 17, 2023 = \$ 1,55.00

Playground Fun Fund as of December 17, 2023 = \$ 47,570.00

Christmas Love Offering December 17, 2023 = \$350.00

Christmas Love Offering Year-to-Date = \$2,100.00

2 Cent-a-Meal December 17, 2023 = \$ 965.00

This Week @ H.C.O.B.

Today:

Evening Service 7:00pm

Wednesday:

Monday:

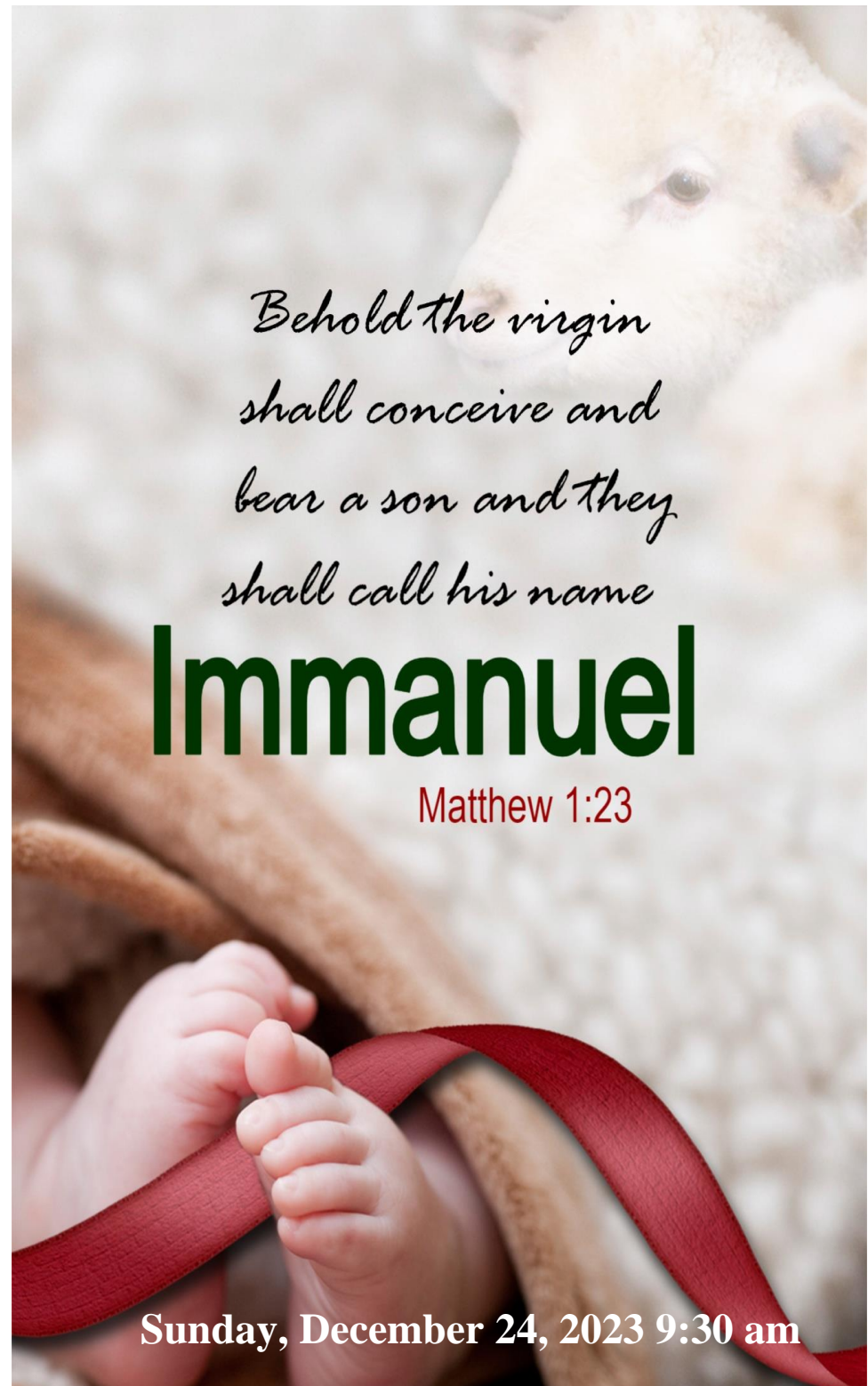
Christmas Holiday
(Church Office Closed)

Thursday:

Tuesday:

Christmas Holiday
(Church Office Closed)

Friday:



*Behold the virgin
shall conceive and
bear a son and they
shall call his name*

Immanuel

Matthew 1:23

Sunday, December 24, 2023 9:30 am

Worship Today

PRELUDE

WELCOME/CANDLE LIGHTING

Hinton Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: The earth was formless and void; there was darkness and chaos.

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Many: For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

One: Whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Many: In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

One: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Many: In the beginning, God created and saw, and it was good.

One: But it did not last. The garden, the fruit, the bite, the fall. God covered humanity's sin then, but could no longer have the same closeness in relationship.

Many: The patriarchs and the Law, judges and kings, the Temple and prophets...nothing seemed to restore the brokenness brought in by sin.

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Many: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

One: In this season of anticipation, we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose again, and we look to when He will come again in glory.

Many: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

All: We gather in anticipation: come, let us seek and worship our God!

***HYMN** O Come All Ye Faithful (vv. 1,4) #212

MARY & THE ANGEL Luke 1:26-38

AVE MARIA Donna Reed

JOSEPH AND THE ANGEL Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #178

JESUS' BIRTH Luke 2:1-7

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem #191

SHEPHERDS FIRST Luke 2:8-20

HYMN Away in a Manger #194

PRESENTATION Luke 2:21-38

HYMN What Child Is This #215

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN** Joy to the World #318

BENEDICTION

**Those who are able are invited to stand*

Preacher – Doug Hinton
 Accompanist – Jen Hinton
 Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Mitchell Barnes
 Video Tech – Doug Howard
 Live Stream – Eric Flick



A big thank you to the church and all the deacons who made up the beautiful Christmas baskets! Also a special thank you to the children who helped to beautifully decorate the bags.
 Thank you messages from the following:

*Millie Hoffman
 Claire & Vic Lincoln
 Betty Cox
 Carlene Strait
 Peggy Layman
 Jean Musser
 Ellie Lehman
 Carolyn & Richard Gingrich
 Millie Brubaker
 Faye Rohrer
 Jean May
 Ruth Johnson
 Gerry Shuman*

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD! Next Sunday, **Doug Hinton** will be leading a celebration of Hempfield Church of the Brethren.

Sunday School This Week:

December 24 – Christmas Eve – No Class

December 31 – New Years Eve – No Class

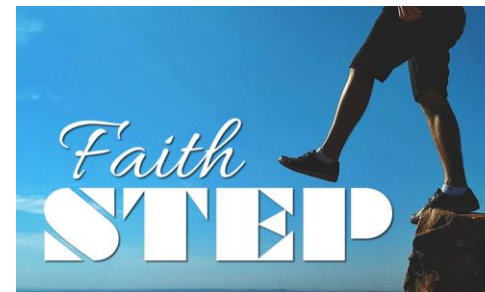
NEW STUDY - Five Elements Toward Relational Healing in the Church

JAN 7	Week 1 Topic: Introduction	Ray
JAN 14	Week 2 Topic: Coronation	Robert
JAN 21	Week 3 Topic: Consideration	Pete
JAN 28	Week 4 Topic: Conflagration	Doug
FEB 4	Week 5 Topic: Collaboration	Dave
FEB 11	Week 6 Topic: Conversation	Galen



Start the New Year strong by participating in a powerful Sunday School series called “**Five Elements Toward Relational Healing in the Church.**” Our world is divided by so many things: race, ethnicity, gender, color, politics, denominations, wealth, age, education, etc. Five Elements is a Christian relational healing approach which has Christ in the center, the Word of God and the Holy Spirit as its power source, and its aim the glory of God. The series runs from January 7 through February 11 and will be held immediately following the worship service in the Gathering Space. It will be led by members of the Five Element’s Men’s Group.

Join us beginning January 7 for an impactful series!



Has God prompted you to do something outside your comfort zone? Did God bless you in an unexpected way? Have you witnessed God’s hand in something. Would you share your experience so others can be blessed?

Introducing a new page in the monthly Herald called Faith Steps. We want to share and celebrate all that God is doing in and around you. Send your submissions to the church office to include them each month. Let’s encourage others by sharing our steps of faith. The first submissions will appear in the February Herald.



The Worship Team would like to thank the following people who purchased poinsettias to be used in decorating the sanctuary for our service this evening.

Rick and Bonnie Bard
Jerry and Jean Berger
Galen Brumbaugh
Betty Cox
Pat Cox
Geoff and Sally Davis
Lew and Reba Fisher
Lydia Fisher
Tom and Carolyn Fritz
Blaine and Diane Garber
Doug and Jen Hinton
Allen and Gerrie Hurst
Ruth Johnson
Mary Ann and Del Kautz
Jim and Jody Kettering
Penny and Joel Kettering
Hank Lantz
Darren and Laura Meiser
Bev and Jeff Meyer
Bob and Yvonne Musser
Julie and Ron Myer
Donna Reed
Faye Rahrer
Donna and Rick Schaidle
Dave and Emmy Schott
Gary and Janice Shenk
Jerry and Paula Stoner

Announcements



Checks For You

... Blood Pressure Checks that is. The Deacon Committee, through their Health Ministry Team, is providing monthly blood pressure checks to all participants of our church family.

Next check January 7, 2024.

Where: Library

When: After the church service



Upcoming Calendar:

- Dec 17th - 5-8pm - Christmas Party
- Dec 24th - NO Youth Group - Merry Christmas!
- Dec 31st - NO Youth Group - Happy New Year!
- Jan 7th - 6-8pm - Youth Group

LOOKING AHEAD...



Christmas Eve Service – December 24 9:30am and 7:00pm
Christmas Holiday – December 25 & 26 (Church Office Closed)
VBS Planning Meeting – January 9 6:30pm in Chapel Hall
Game Day – January 14
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 15 Church Office Closed)
Deacon Commissioning – January 21



SAVE THE DATE! Join us on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30pm in Chapel Hall to brainstorm and dream for Vacation Bible School 2024! Questions? See Emmy Schott or Laura Meiser.