

## 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 1, 2024**

**General Fund \$ 13,162.17**

**Building Fund for December 1, 2024 = \$ 6,300.00**

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

#### **Today:**

2-Cent-A-Meal Offering

6:00pm Youth Group

10:30am Outreach Basket Project

#### **Wednesday:**

7:00pm Property Team

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Youth Choir

#### **Monday:**

Doug Off

2:00pm Church World Missions

7:00pm Worship Team

#### **Thursday:**

6:30pm Praise Band

#### **Tuesday:**

6:30 TNT

#### **Friday:**

7:00pm Blue Christmas

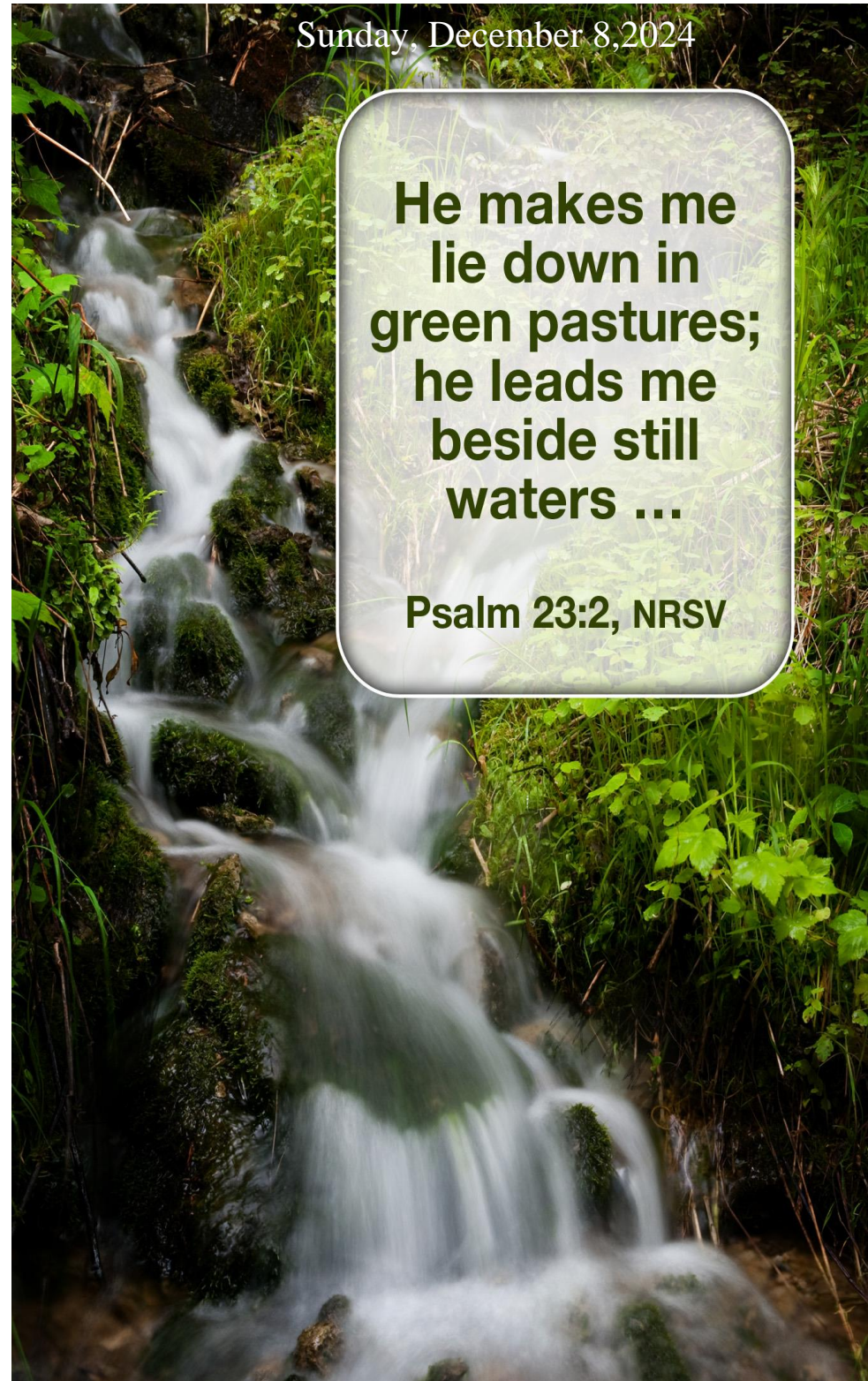
#### **Saturday:**

**Deacons Fruit Baskets**

Sunday, December 8, 2024

**He makes me  
lie down in  
green pastures;  
he leads me  
beside still  
waters ...**

**Psalm 23:2, NRSV**



# Worship Today

**PRELUDES**            O Come, O Come Immanuel  
                        Wexford Carol  
                        The Holly and the Ivy  
                                  QuintEssentially Brass

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HEMPFIELD HAPPENINGS: Galen's Gleanings

## OPENING PRAYER

|       |                                     |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| HYMNS | Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #178 |
|       | Away in a Manger #194               |

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Psalm 23:1-2

### Communal Prayer of Confession:

## One: The Lord is our Shepherd!

**Body: We lack nothing!**

One: And yet we strive in our selfish ways, fearful of missing out.

**Body: We fight amongst ourselves, pushing politics or agendas, drowning out the Shepherd's voice.**

One: We look at one another with contempt or dismissal, speaking down to those we disagree.

**Body: From our mouths come blessings and curses; we know, this should not be.**

One: Jesus said, “Come to me all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

**Body: Jesus, we need your rest! Let us learn from you.**

One: Let us live out Jesus' teachings, learning from Him, that we may find rest for our souls.

**Body: Let us learn from the Good Shepherd, that we may walk together with Him.**

One: He will lead us by still, refreshing waters, allow us to rest in lushest, green grass.

***All: The Lord is our Shepherd. Let us enter into His rest!***

SPECIAL MUSIC      Unto Us a Son is Born  
 QuintEssentially Brass & Sanctuary Choir, Cherl Myers, Flute  
*Children are Invited to Children's Church*

## MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC      Sheep May Safely Graze      QE Brass

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7  
MESSAGE **HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN...**

HYMN            Hark, The Herald Angels Sing            #201

## BENEDICTION

|          |         |          |
|----------|---------|----------|
| POSTLUDE | Patapan | QE Brass |
|----------|---------|----------|

Preacher – Doug Hinton  
Worship Leader – Randy Ziegler  
Accompanist – Jen Hinton  
Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Luke Hinton  
Video Tech – Dave Bendit  
Live Stream – Brad & Abby Lutz

*QuintEssentially Brass*  
 Trumpet – Doug Albert and Gene Clark  
 Horn – Kris Albert  
 Trombone – Scott Cullen  
 Tuba – Geoff Davis

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD!** Next Sunday, **Laura Meiser** will be preaching on **Psalms 23:3; Luke 2:26-56**. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week as we prepare to worship together.

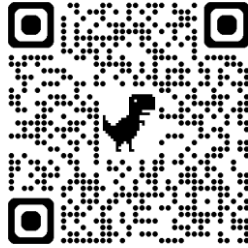


ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?

WELCOME TO HEMPFIELD COB

We are SO glad you are here. Help us to get better acquainted with you. Scan this QR code and take just a few minutes to tell us about yourself.

Come back again!!



## Sunday School This Week:



God gives His best gifts to us in unexpected ways. The Christmas season is a reminder of the gift that God gives to us through his Son Jesus. The prophet Micah gives Israel hope while they are under the threat of violence and oppression,

sharing God's promise that from the insignificant and inconsequential town of Bethlehem will come the world's greatest blessing, who is Christ the Lord. When the Messiah, the Lord Jesus, comes his greatness will span the entire world. The unexpected is what God does best.

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Luke 1:25-38 – The Promise

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Mathew 1:18-25 – The Commitment

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Luke 2:8-20 – The Gift



Merry Christmas, Hempfield COB! The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team is giving out specially-made ornaments to celebrate 50 years as a congregation. These have been designed by the committee, and printed out by Carl Polonchak on his 3D printers, and we pray that they will bring you joy as you remember our amazing church family, and recommit yourselves to glorifying the Lord and

loving and serving our neighbors.

You may pick up your ornament before or after church during the month of December. We have made one per family, but if you would like additional ornaments to give as gifts, please contact any member of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team for additional information.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team:

Galen Brumbaugh, Sue Brubaker, Cheryl Myers,  
Tom Connelly, and Deb Bendit



We collected 20 turkeys and \$1,215.00 for Water Street Ministries Thanksgiving Drive. We are grateful to everyone who donated. It was greatly appreciated as we were able to bless many with our gifts. The Force for Food Team

# Announcements



The LOVE OFFERING for December will be going to support Church of the Brethren -Hurricane Response. Please feel free to use the envelopes titled Love Offering available on the table in the narthex. Checks may be made payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren with Hurricane response in the memo line. *(For more information on Brethren Hurricane relief, see the December Herald).*



If you have changes for the 2025 Church Directory, please submit them to Tom Connelly or Irene Hershey so edits can be made. All changes are due by Sunday, December 15.



2025 Giving Envelopes are available. If you would like new envelopes or to retain your current number, please see Tom Connelly in the Narthex following the service.



We are having a Holiday collection for the '2-Cent-A-Meal' offering on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** for the **Global Food Initiative (GFI)** program. This program is the primary way that the Church of the Brethren assists hungry people developing food security around the world.

## QUINTESSENTIALLY BRASS CONCERT

Don't miss the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Brass Concert of Holiday Favorites featuring *QuintEssentially Brass*, Friday, December 20, 2024, at First Reformed UCC Church, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster beginning at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

It is that time of year for Hempfield COB to remember our fellow members and friends at local retirement communities and those closed in at home. We want to send all of them Christmas wishes through our traditional “postage free” box. The Deacons will deliver the cards along with Christmas goodie bags on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Place your cards in the large box found under the table in the Narthex by December 8<sup>th</sup> so that all can be delivered together.

Thank you for participating in sending Christmas blessings this year!

2024 Christmas Card List Location

|                            |               |                        |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Ken & Rosalie Bowers       | Home          | Faye Rohrer            | BV            |
| Millie Brubaker            | Woodcrest     | Jim & Arlene Slotter   | BV            |
| Galen Brumbaugh            | BV            | Betty Stout            | Home          |
| Dick & Jean Caldwell       | BV            | Carlene Strait         | Pleasant View |
| Wilda Drake                | Lanc. Rehab   | Arlene Swarr           | BV            |
| Elaine Eckman              | BV            | Vicki Von Schaaf       | Home          |
| Lew & Reba Fisher          | Home          | Gerrie Zellers         | Home          |
| Mary Ann Fisher            | Home          | Earl & Betty Zimmerman |               |
| Richard & Carolyn Gingrich | BV            |                        | Magnolias     |
| Ed & Janice Haldeman       | BV            |                        |               |
| John Haldeman              | Home          |                        |               |
| Ned & Shirley Harms        | Woodcrest     |                        |               |
| Jim & Miriam Haverstick    | BV            |                        |               |
| Millie Hoffman             | Home          |                        |               |
| Sallie Hoppert             | BV            |                        |               |
| Dennis & Harriet Hughes    | Home          |                        |               |
| Allen & Gerri Hurst        | BV            |                        |               |
| Bob & Carol Johnson        | Home          |                        |               |
| Ruth Johnson               | BV            |                        |               |
| Hank Lantz                 | Home          |                        |               |
| Peggy Layman               | BV            |                        |               |
| Ellie Lehman               | BV            |                        |               |
| Vic & Claire Lincoln       | Woodcrest     |                        |               |
| Edith Martin               | BV            |                        |               |
| Peggy Martin               | Home          |                        |               |
| Jean May                   | BV            |                        |               |
| Ruth Meily                 | Home          |                        |               |
| Gladys Metzler             | BV            |                        |               |
| Lois Moyer                 | Pleasant View |                        |               |
| Jean Musser                | BV            |                        |               |
| Sue Musser                 | Home          |                        |               |
| Bob & Joyce Ober           | Landis Home   |                        |               |
| Mary Ann Richards          | Landis Home   |                        |               |

Hempfield Church of the Brethren  
Financial / Ministry Statement  
January 1 through November 30, 2024  
Year-to-Date Actuals vs. Budget\*

Dear Hempfield, thank you for the gift to the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction...A few years ago when hurricane Lee came through, my home was flooded and the monetary aid we received greatly helped us in fixing the damage that happened to our home. Raising money to help those in need due to natural disasters is all so much more of a passion since my experience with hurricane Lee! Thank You!

|   | Actual<br>Jan-Nov<br>2024 | Budget<br>Jan-Nov<br>2024 | Actual<br>Under/(Over)<br>Budget |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance 1/1/24  | \$73,103                  |                           |                                  |
| <b>Income</b>   |                           |                           |                                  |
| General Fund Offerings  | \$394,660                 |                           |                                  |
| Interest  | \$389                     |                           |                                  |
| Total Income  | \$468,152                 |                           |                                  |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                           |                           |                                  |
| Finance   | \$50,627                  | \$49,853                  | (\$744)                          |
| Outreach  | \$101,613                 | \$111,604                 | \$9,991                          |
| Education   | \$10,165                  | \$20,327                  | \$10,163                         |
| Deacons   | \$1,883                   | \$3,575                   | \$1,692                          |
| Care of Church Community  | \$1,469                   | \$2,292                   | \$823                            |
| Worship   | \$37,784                  | \$39,557                  | \$1,772                          |
| Leadership  | \$142,590                 | \$183,901                 | \$41,311                         |
| Stewards of Property  | \$72,992                  | \$76,011                  | \$3,019                          |
| Fellowship & Hospitality  | \$7,616                   | \$8,731                   | \$1,115                          |
| Total Expenses  | \$426,739                 | \$495,850                 | \$69,111                         |
| 2024 Actual % of Budget   | 86.1%                     |                           |                                  |
| <b>Checking Account as of Nov 30</b>                                      | <b>\$41,413</b>           |                           |                                  |
| <b>Outreach is paid through Oct 31</b>                                    |                           |                           |                                  |
|   | 2024-47<br>Sundays        | 2023-48<br>Sundays        | <b>\$ Decrease</b>               |
| General Fund Offerings 1/1 to 11/30                                       | \$394,660                 | \$413,818                 | <b>-\$19,158</b>                 |
| 2024 Offerings % of 2023  | <b>95.4%</b>              |                           |                                  |
| * YTD Budget is based on the same amount for all 12 months                |                           |                           |                                  |
| <b>THANK YOU for supporting our ministries for Christ and His church!</b> |                           |                           |                                  |