

Contact Us

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

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Our staff members are here to help when you need them. Please feel free to contact them if you have a need.

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Please submit bulletin information to Irene by Wednesday noon.

HCOB Family Facts

General Offering for December 8, 2024

General Fund \$ 14,070.08

Building Fund for December 8, 2024 = \$ 430.00

2-Cent-A-Meal for December 8, 2024 = \$ 1,106.00

Christmas Love Offering-Hurricane Relief for December 8 \$2,200

This Week @ H.C.O.B.

Today:

5:00pm Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday:

HERALD DEADLINE

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal with Youth

Monday:

Doug Off

6:30pm Outreach Team (Zoom)

Thursday:

6:30pm Praise Band with Youth

Tuesday:

6:30 TNT

Friday:

Saturday:



He leads me
beside still waters. He restores my soul

Psalm 23:2-3

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Worship Today

PRELUDES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEMPFIELD HAPPENINGS: Pastoral Greeting
from Ralph Moyer

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Many: You have promised to guide us along the right paths, your paths, for Your name's sake.

One: Lead us, Lord, in your righteousness. Make straight the path you have set before us.

Many: Your law is perfect, refreshing to our souls. Its precepts are right, giving joy to the heart.

One: The Lord will indeed give what is good and our land will yield its harvest.

Many: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

**All: The Lord, our Lord and Shepherd, will gently lead his sheep.
Amen and amen!**

A TIME OF PRAISE O Come, All Ye Faithful #212

A SCUBA Christmas – God is a Friend You Can Trust
Thanks, God!
One True God
Joy to the World!

Children are invited to Children's Church

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 52:1-2; 6-8

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-35

MESSAGE **HE GUIDES ME....
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE**

HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! #210

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Preacher – Laura Meiser
Worship Leader – Darren Meiser
Accompanist – Jen Hinton
Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Mitchel Barnes
Video Tech – Dave Bendit
Live Stream – Dave Dum

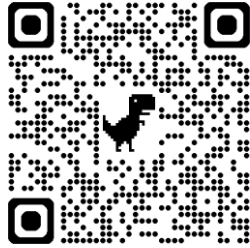
**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY
READING AHEAD!** Next Sunday, **Doug Hinton** will be preaching on
Psalms 23:4; Matthew 2:13-23. Please read and prayerfully study this
passage this week as we prepare to worship together.

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. 15th – Mathew 1:18-25 – The Commitment

Dec. 22nd – Luke 2:8-20 – The Gift

Dec. 29th – No Class



Merry Christmas, Hempfield COB! The 50th 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 50th Anniversary Team for additional information.

The 50th Anniversary Team:

Galen Brumbaugh, Sue Brubaker, Cherl Myers,

Tom Connelly, and Deb Bendit

QUINTESSENTIALLY BRASS CONCERT

Don't miss the 26th 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.

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.



As happens each year, the church mailboxes will change in January. If you are new onto a Ministry Team, you will have a box. However, if you already have a box, it's position is subject to change. Please take a moment to clean out any unwanted material that is currently in the box to make moving it easier. Thank you so much!!



A special THANK YOU goes out to the Hempfield Children's Church for decorating the fruit bags that were delivered to our local retirees this week. Kudos also are given to the Deacons for their support and efforts in delivering Christmas Cheer this year. Blessings to you all!!



The Outreach Team would like to thank those who participated in the CWS Disaster Relief Bucket event after the service last week. A special thanks to Gary Shenk who offered to transport the 25 buckets to the CWS warehouse and for Laura Meiser who assisted with the procurement of supplies.



MANY THANKS TO THE BAKERS who provided cookies for the Brethren Village Cookie and Craft Sale and for those who attended. It was a great event and the \$1,400 raised from the cookies will benefit the Brethren Village residents.

And the Winners Are.....



FIRST PLACE: Mary Ann & Lydia Fisher!



SECOND PLACE: Dave, Emmy & Evelyn Schott



THIRD PLACE: Richard, Diane & Andrew Garber

Thanks to all that participated. What a fun time! If you would like your house, please take it home with you. They will otherwise be disposed of following this week.