

Contact Us

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

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Tues. 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Please submit bulletin information to Irene by Wednesday noon.

This Week @ H.C.O.B.

Today: 12/14

2 Cent a Meal Offering

6:00pm Youth Group

Wednesday: 12/17

6:00pm Advent Study

6:00pm QE Brass Rehearsal

7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

HERALD DEADLINE

Monday: 12/15

Doug's Day Off

1:00pm Brethren World Mission

7:00pm QE Brass Rehearsal

Thursday: 12/18

6:00pm Praise Band

Tuesday: 12/16

TNT

Friday: 12/19

Laura's Day Off

Saturday: 12/20

Sunday, December 14, 2025



Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son, and
they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Worship Today

PRELUDE: Katie Hinton – Piano
Hannah Lutz -- Clarinet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Ray & Jayne Hutchison

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16:1-11

*A Time of Praise Away in a Manger
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Children are Invited to Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-24

SPECIAL MUSIC Mary Did You Know
Abby Greenly

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

MESSAGE **HE CAME WITH A WHIMPER**

*HYMN What Child is This? #215

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Preacher – Laura Meiser
Worship Leader – Deb Bendit
Accompanist – Jen Hinton
Praise Band – Jen Hinton
Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Luke Hinton
Video Tech – Dave Bendit
Live Stream – Rod Myers

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD! Next Sunday, **Doug Hinton** will be speaking on **Mark 5:21-43**. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week as we prepare to worship together.

HCOB Family Facts

General Offering for December 7, 2025

General Fund \$ 8,192.58

Building Fund for December 7, 2025 \$ 230.00

Christmas Love Offering for December 7, 2025 \$ 2,300.00

Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry \$1,600.00

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:



Who exactly is Jesus? What kind of God would come to earth as a human? As Christmas approaches, the season of Advent offers us a chance to reflect on our savior, his purpose, and the surprising ways he invited people near to him. Join pastor Derwin Gray in this five-session Advent study as he unveils King Jesus—the God-man who defied expectations, the king of all creation who

humbled himself to serve and die, the friend to sinners who wants to lift us up.

Dec. 14th – **The Rejected King** – Pastor Doug

Dec. 21st – **Our Friend the King** – Rich Bushong

Dec. 28th – **The Counter-culture King** – Pastor Laura

Jan. 4th – **The Lowly King** – Galen Brumbaugh



A BIG THANK YOU

. . . To each one for your gift-giving. Your generosity produced \$520 in our fund raiser to add to the \$1,000 gift from the Benevolent Fund. With this amount, we can bless 30 families with a \$50

gift. Be sure to see Tom or Penny in the Narthex after the church service to pick up a "GIVING TREE" envelope. A white snowflake will be given to you. Indicate on the back of the snowflake how you passed along this blessing and hang on the tree the following weeks before Christmas.



2026 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.

Announcements



DECEMBER LOVE OFFERING

This year's **Christmas Love Offering** will go towards meeting our budgeted Outreach for 2025. We are currently behind in our Outreach giving by three months plus the

month of December. In addition to covering all our churches normal expenses (payroll, utilities, etc) we need approximately \$30,000 to meet our budgeted Outreach by December 31. Your offerings will support more than 20 ministries.

Thanks for giving to the Christmas Love Offering. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren **with the memo line of "Christmas Love Offering - Outreach.** Place your check in the offering plate during any Sunday for the rest of this year, or use one of the special envelopes on the narthex table. Please mark your offering envelope # on the special envelopes.

If the love offering exceeds the amount needed the Outreach Team has designated **Brethren Disaster Relief** as the recipient of the additional funds.

Thank you from the Leadership Team and Outreach Team



QuintEssentially Brass

Trumpet – Doug Albert and Gene Clark

Horn – Kris Albert

Trombone – Andy Walls

Tuba – Geoff Davis

Don't miss the final engagement of *QuintEssentially Brass* at the 27th *Annual Brass Concert of Holiday Favorites Brass*, Friday, December 19, 2025, 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.



Food Drive Update

Thank you for your participation in our November food drive to support the Hempfield Area and Manheim Central Food Pantries. Not only your personal donations, but also your outreach to

neighbors and friends were evidenced throughout. We had contributors via your Facebook posts, forwarded emails, and word of mouth.

Donations for the two days totaled 1,528 pounds and \$3,860. These donations roughly doubled our poundage for the year and moved our cash donations to over \$11,000. Of the 1,528 pounds donated, 274 pounds were for personal care items, distributed to clients by the Manheim pantry.

December Collections

There is more to be done in our ministry to help combat food insecurity. We became familiar with the Faith Tabernacle Church of God Food Pantry through our Five Elements Prayer Group, inspiring Dave Bedit to become active in its operation. Faith Tabernacle is located at the intersection of Duke and South Ann Streets in Lancaster. While the congregation is predominately black, the neighborhood around the church has changed over the years and the food pantry's clientele is about 90% Hispanic descent.

The source of the food for the Faith Tabernacle Pantry comes from two main sources: CAP – Community Action Partnership & the Central PA Food Bank. During the past year, the availability of free food has dwindled significantly. The church normally gets a small amount of grant money from the State, but this has been delayed due to the budget issues in Harrisburg, so funding is a big issue.

Our donations can help. As a result, **we are committing all our December collections to support the Faith Tabernacle Pantry.** Please place your donations as usual in the closet off the Narthex, in, or around the carts provided. Below is the list of items needed by Faith Tabernacle. Money donations can also be given. Please make checks payable to Hempfield Church of the Brethren with Faith Tabernacle FP in the memo line.

Items needed include: canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, packaged pasta of all types, pasta sauces, boxed mac and cheese, cereal, peanut butter and jelly (no glass containers), one-pound bags of dry beans and rice, canned and boxed soups, pancake mix and syrup.

Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry.



The Worship Team regrets to inform those who ordered the Princettia Sparkling Rouge poinsettias will be getting a variety of pink poinsettia instead. Frysville Farms let us know on December 8 that they have sold out of the Princettia poinsettias and can substitute pink instead. If this does not suit your needs, please see Deb Bedit to arrange for a refund instead. Thank you for your understanding!



IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!

Included in your bulletin today, you will find 2 tickets. Please use these to vote for your favorite Gingerbread House entry. Who will be the winner this year???

Vote, Vote, Vote.



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!!