

Contact Us

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

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Scheduled Day Off: Monday

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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: 12/21

5:00pm Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday: 12/24

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday: 12/22

Doug's Day Off

Thursday: 12/25

Merry Christmas! (Office Closed)

Tuesday: 12/23

NO TNT

Friday: 12/26

(Church Office Closed)

Saturday: 12/27

Sunday, December 21, 2025



Worship Today

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Diane Garber

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosea 6:1-3

*A Time of Praise

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Your Name

Children are Invited to Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:40-48

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:35-43

MESSAGE

**THE TEMPLE OFFICER AND
THE INTERRUPTION**

*HYMN

Comfort, Comfort O My People #176

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Preacher – Doug Hinton
Worship Leader – Del Kautz
Accompanist – Jen Hinton
Praise Band – Jen Hinton
Sound Tech – Rich Bushong & Luke Hinton
Video Tech – Ben Johnson
Live Stream – Bob Johnson

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY
READING AHEAD!** Next Sunday, **Doug Hinton** will be speaking on
John 1:14-18. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week
as we prepare to worship together.

HCOB Family Facts

General Offering for December 14, 2025
General Fund \$ 12,184.35

Building Fund for December 14, 2025 \$ 6,600

Christmas Love Offering for December 14, 2025 \$ 1,200
(\$3,500 to date)

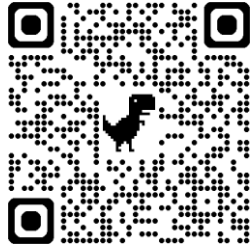
Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry \$ 1,500 (\$3,100 to date)

ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?

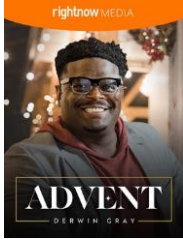
WELCOME TO HEMPFIELD COB

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. 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 \$24,000 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



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 Bendit to arrange for a refund instead. Thank you for your understanding!



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!!



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 \$1,845 raised from the cookies will benefit the Brethren Village residents. This was reportedly the most funds raised from cookie sales past and we greatly appreciate your support of this event.



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 come from the following:

Dennis & Harriet Hughes

Allen & Gerrie Hurst

Faye Rohrer

Ellie Lehman

Doris Wright

Jean May

Ruth Johnson

Lew & Reba Fisher

Peggie Layman

Randy & Linda Ziegler

THANK YOU
SO MUCH
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

The Worship Team would like to thank the members who, instead of purchasing poinsettias this year, donated money toward beautifying the church. We are looking at some unique, handmade pieces that unfortunately won't be completed until after Christmas, but we will be excited to

present them to the congregation as we receive them in January or February.

