

## Contact Us

*Hempfield Church of the Brethren*

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Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9:00AM. to 3:00PM.

Tues. 10:00AM to 4:00PM

***Please submit bulletin information to Irene by Wednesday noon.***

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

**Today: 01/18**

6:00pm Youth Sunday Funday

**Wednesday: 01/21**

7:15pm Choir Rehearsal  
HERALD DEADLINE

**Monday: 01/19**

Doug's Day Off  
Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)

**Thursday: 01/22**

6:00pm Praise Band

**Tuesday: 01/20**

TNT  
6:30pm Education Team  
6:30pm Outreach Team (Zoom)


**Friday: 01/23**

Laura's Day Off

**Saturday: 01/24**

9:00am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 18, 2026



*"Rejoice  
with me ...  
I have found  
my sheep that  
was lost."*

Luke 15:6, NRSV

# Worship Today

## PRELUDE:

\*A Time of Praise      Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)  
Reckless Love

# WELCOME

## MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HEMPFIELD HAPPENINGS Blessings of Hope

## *Children are Invited to Children's Church*

SCRIPTURE                      Matthew 20:1-16                      Abby Lutz

SPECIAL MUSIC      Ancient Words  
Headin' To the Promised Land  
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10

VIDEO      Great is Thy Faithfulness  
HOPE International Global Choir

## MESSAGE JESUS, THE MASTER STORYTELLER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN

## I Love to Tell the Story

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**\*BENEDICTION**

## \*POSTLUDE

Preacher – Kent Rice  
Worship Leader – Karen Rice  
Accompanist – Jen Hinton  
Praise Band – Jen Hinton  
Choir – Laura Meiser  
Sound Tech – Rich Bushong  
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 9:1-12, 35-41**. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week as we prepare to worship together.

## HCOB Family Facts

## General Offering for January 11, 2026

**General Fund \$ 12,741.43**

**Building Fund for January 11, 2026 \$ 12,150**

## 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:



If someone asked you to explain the gospel, what would you say? What is the good news of the Christian faith? Writing to the Galatians, Paul made it clear how easily we can be tempted to turn toward fraudulent gospels, especially those that teach we can earn God's love through our works. Though they may have the appearance of truth, they're lifeless and leave us empty in the end.

In this Book of the Bible series, Kyle Idleman dives into the book of Galatians, one that contains some of the clearest explanations of the gospel in the New Testament. Through biblical study and engaging lessons, Kyle shows that true freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence. Because our gospel is not one based on our works, but faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 2:1-23

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 3:1-29

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Galatians 4:1-31

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 5:1-26

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 6:1-18



**CHURCH MAILBOXES HAVE BEEN UPDATED AND CHANGED FOR 2026. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE BOXES WHEN DISTRIBUTING MAIL.**



Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful cards, kind words, and prayers that have surrounded me during my recovery from spinal fusion surgery. Each note reminded me that I am held—not only by skilled surgeons and modern medicine, but by a community of faith whose love is tangible and sustaining.

Your thoughtfulness has been a genuine source of encouragement during these slower days of healing. I am deeply grateful to belong to such a caring congregation.

With sincere thanks and warm regards, Geoff

## Announcements



### THE 2026 CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!!

The new directories are here and out on the Narthex table to be picked up. Please note: **If you have a church mailbox, your copy/copies are in our mailbox.** Otherwise, please pick yours up. If you would like an additional copy, please let Irene know.



2026 Worship Leader Schedule  
Del Kautz and Janice Haldeman will be teaming up to schedule the 2026 worship leaders for the Worship Team!  
Please be in prayer if you could help to lead worship sometime between March and

December of this year.

Connect with Del and Janice to get on the schedule.

Thank you to all those who have already signed up to lead services in January and February of this year!

HCOB Worship Team



Join us for "Soup and Sides" following the Adult Sunday School gathering on:  
Sunday, February 8, 2026  
NO Lunch in March



Fellowship & Hospitality will have soup sales for the building fund on **January 18<sup>th</sup>, Vegetable Beef Soup** and on **February 1<sup>st</sup>, Chicken Noodle Corn Soup**. Stock up on soup and fill your freezer as we help our building fund. Quarts and pints will be available following the morning worship service. Donations will be accepted.





## Sewing Group Report – 2025

Thank you to those who have donated money or materials to our sewing projects. We made 26 Twin Blankets and 63 Baby Blankets.

Those receiving our blankets were:

Water Street Mission  
Align Pregnancy Center in Columbia  
A Woman's Concern  
Camp Swatara Fund Raising Auction

We entered 2 blankets in the Elizabethtown Fair and 2 different blankets in the Manheim Fair. We won 3 Blue Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and 1 Red Ribbon for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The \$49 prize money was given to the church.

Thank you to all who help with this ministry. Mary Ellen McEvoy



Ruth Meily wishes to thank all those who have sent cards, visits and positive health wishes through her recent hospitalization. All your support has meant a great deal. Thank you!



## When the church acts with generosity to serve others, it is a clear picture of Jesus

Praise God for His faithfulness and the faithfulness of God's people at **Hempfield COB**. Below is a list of 42 Outreach ministries we supported in 2025; this includes our planned budgeted giving, as well as special and designated offerings. Total giving to Outreach was **\$153,608**, which was more than \$31,855 above our planned giving, and almost \$100 more than last year. Even more amazing was that an additional \$77,000 for given to the Building Fund for major repairs on our 50-year-old church building! **THANK YOU!!**

Our impact is felt locally, nationally & internationally.



Outreach Ministry	Offerings	Outreach Ministry	Offerings
Align Life Ministries	1,000	Disciplemakers (College ministry)	1,250
Alpha & Omega Community Life Center	6,000	East Petersburg Fire Department	1,000
bcmPEACE - Harrisburg First COB	1,000	Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry	4,300
Bethany Seminary	1,000	Force for Food Community Meals	636
Bible 2 School	3,550	Friendship Community	5,461
Blessing of Hope	1,000	Habitat for Humanity	2,000
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction	2,500	Hand Up Partner (Lanc Homeless Ministry)	1,000
Brethren Village-Good Sam Fund	10,000	Hempfield & Manheim Food Pantries	12,105
Brethren Volunteer Services	1,000	Hempfield Power Packs	2,000
Brethren World Missions	1,000	Hope International	3,250
Camp Swatara	6,500	Lancaster County Food Hub	1,500
COB 2 Cent-a-Meal Offering	4,394	Outreach Team EP Ice Cream Social	50
COB Atlantic NE District	13,750	Schreiber Center for Pediatric Dev	1,000
COB Brethren Disaster Ministries	1,260	Serving in Missions (SIM)	6,600
COB General Board Ministries	13,750	Sewing Circle	1,460
COB Global Missions	1,200	Special Friends Ministries	1,479
COB Haiti Medical	1,000	Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center	1,500
COB One Great Hour of Sharing	200	Taylor Denlinger Qiu Missionary	6,000
COBYS	9,100	TNT Youth Ministry East Pete	3,039
Deacon Benevolence Ministry	2,673	Veritas Community	1,000
Deb Foti Missionary	6,200	Water Street Ministries	8,901
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>153,608</b>

On behalf of our church, each Ministry above, and each person who was served: **THANK YOU!!**

Here's to another year of faith, love, service, generosity, witness, and stewardship.

**"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11**



# OPEN GYM

for kids

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