



The New Vision

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All are invited to Coffee Hour at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:15 a.m.
Nursery is available for younger children.

Our Staff:

Becky Fuchs – Pastor
John Hess – Director of Music
Gloria Hess – Organist
Amy Boshnaugle – Puppet Ministry
Jackie Sands – Secretary
George Schwert – Custodian

Mountville Church of the Brethren is located at the corner of College, Hoover, & Clay Streets in Mountville, PA. If you have further questions regarding the Mountville Church, please feel free to call the church office at 717-285-5122 or 717-285-7424.

Coming This Summer

At the Mountville Church of the Brethren, summer will end on a high note! Be sure to mark these special events in the life of our church on your summer calendars.

August 21 Blessing of the Students

Plan to attend this special service when we will offer a blessing to all our students, as well as teachers and school employees. Immediately following the brief Congregational Forum (see article on page 3) after worship we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Pizza Party in celebration of the start of the new school year.



September 6 Camp on Clay Street

Don't miss this special Labor Day weekend worship service at our very own Camp Clay. We'll worship with songs and stories around the campfire. But no worries! We will gather for worship in the bug free, air conditioned comfort of our Fellowship Hall.

September 11 Welcome Back Sunday

This Sunday marks the beginning of our Christian Education program for 2016-17. Becky Fuchs will report on Annual Conference at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will begin for our children in their usual classrooms.

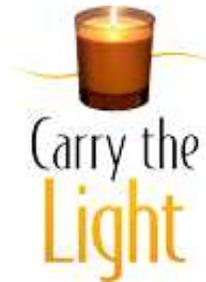
In our 10:15 worship service we will consecrate Sunday School teachers and worship leaders and helpers in our Children's Ministry program. Becky Fuchs will preach and our Chancel Choir will sing.

Pastor's Ponderings

Carry the Light, based on John 1:1-5, was the theme for this year's Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. Moderator Andy Murray wrote that we as Christians believe the one source of our life and our light is Jesus Christ. The same light that existed in the beginning continues to burn brightly in the lives of those who follow Jesus. I John 2:7-14 equates following Jesus and living in the light of Christ with loving one another.

"Anyone who claims to live in God's light and hates a brother or sister is still in the dark. It's the person who loves brother and sister who dwells in God's light and doesn't block the light from others. Whoever hates is still in the dark, stumbles around in the dark, doesn't know which end is up, blinded by the darkness" (9-11 MSG).

So the way to live in the light of Christ is to love. The way to be immersed in darkness is to hate—often considered the opposite of love. If



love seeks to nurture and encourage life, hate acts to rob others of life and the possibility of being all they can be. If love is kindness, hate is anger expressed in hurtful, often violent ways. Love is compassion, therefore hate is a disregard for the well-being of others. If love is hospitality and welcome, hate is a refusal to welcome the immigrant, the refugee, the GLBTQ, the differently-abled.

Many times we proudly say we don't hate anyone. But I challenge you to expand your definition of hate. Whenever we act in ways that interfere with someone's right to be happy, to be all they can be, to have all they need for their comfort and life, or to live abundantly, we are walking in the darkness. Let's immerse ourselves in the warm, light of Jesus Christ and walk proudly in the beams of his love. Let's let the light of Christ shine through us and reflect off of us so that no one stumbles around in the dark any longer.

Health Ministry Corner

Summer can be lots of fun, but there are also more opportunities for accidents and health risks. According to the American Red Cross, there are things you can do to stay safe.

~ Consume plenty of fluids, especially water, when participating in outdoor activities and when the weather is hot.

~ Keep propane and charcoal grills a safe distance from the house, decks, and overhanging branches. Don't leave grills unattended and be sure to clean the grill after use; grease can cause fires!

~ Early morning is the best time to exercise, especially if it's hot and humid. Drink water before exercising and carry a water

Hot Weather Safety

bottle with you if running, cycling, or doing other intense activities. Dehydration can lead to heat stroke which is a medical emergency!

~When biking or skateboarding always wear a properly fitted and approved safety helmet with the safety strap fastened.

~The Red Cross says that drowning is the 2nd leading cause of accidental death for ages 5 to 24. Never swim alone and never leave children unattended near the water.

~According to the U.S. Coast Guard, life jackets could have saved more than 80% of boating fatality victims. Wear a life jacket at all times when boating!



Bits 'n Pieces

Margie Trimble has asked for our prayer support. Those of you desiring to reach out with notes and cards can send them to Margie at the following address:

Torrance State Hospital RFPC B4
Margaret Trimble (B4), State Route 1014, P O Box 111, Torrance, PA 15779

Wow! What a wonderful celebration - 80 years of life and 60 years of marriage. Thanks to all who made it possible. We had people a part of our life journey from when I was one year old, high school, different churches, work and family in attendance. Thank you for all the cards and well wishes. Truly we are blessed! Lew & Fay Powell

Nancy Nissly has expressed her sincere appreciation for your cards, notes, and prayers following a brief hospital stay in late May.

“In these trying times when man’s inhumanity to man is so evident in our society, I would like to thank you for your much needed and greatly appreciated food supplies. You are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers.” - Danielle Peters, Columbia Food Bank

Special Congregational Forum

Sunday, August 21, 2016

The Leadership Team has approved calling a special Congregational Forum following worship on Sunday, August 21. This Forum is called to consider amending the 2016 Budget to add a \$1,800.00 line item to provide funds for the stipend and expenses for student pastor, Naomi Kraenbring, to join us in September.

At the February Forum the congregation approved the exploration of Mountville becoming a host congregation for a student pastor. If approved, this action on August 21 will complete the process to invite Naomi Kraenbring to become our student pastor for the 2016-2017 school year.

This is the only item of business to come before this Forum meeting. Questions or comments may be directed to Forrest Collier, Moderator.

Philadelphia Brethren Heritage Tour

The Atlantic NE District Historical Committee is sponsoring a bus tour of historic Brethren sites on Saturday October 1st. Jeff Bach, Ph.D., Director of the Young Center at Elizabethtown College, will host the tour. Featured will be the Germantown Meetinghouse, the site of Christopher Saur's publishing house, the site of the first Brethren Baptism on the Wissahickon Creek, and the reenactment of the Battle of Germantown with live musket fire! A treat will be a skit at the Meetinghouse demonstrating Ben Franklin's frustration with the pacifist Brethren who would not join the militia. Contact Kelly Bernstein at kbernstein@ane-cob.org to register for \$60 including lunch. See Dave Fuchs if you have questions.

2016 Quilts By Charlie Worrall

Quilts and quilt making are stitched into our cultural heritage.

Quilt making in the United States dates back to the early days of our republic. The earliest quilts in the Smithsonian collection are thought to have been made in the 1780s but it wasn't until the 1800s that quilts were produced from factory-made fabric, enabling the popularity of quilting to develop a wider foothold in American life. Women no longer had to spend a tremendous amount of time and energy to produce hand-woven fabrics. When clothing was the priority use for homemade material, early quilts could only be made if extra fabric were available. Now cloth could be purchased specifically for quilt making.

Early quilt stitchery was frequently done in straight lines on simple prints in uncomplicated designs. The in-home dyeing process was long and involved, too, in early times, and reliable permanent dyes were just not available until commercial production of fabrics appeared domestically as manufacturing investment grew.

The matching, single-bed quilts being donated to the Brethren Relief Auction Fund-raiser in September this year by our Stitch, Sew & Share (SS&S) artisans are fine examples of how quilting fabric and technique adapted to the changing economic and family circumstances in the 1900s. Sara Weaver Wagner found and gave the material to SS&S after her grandmother's passing. These early 1900 style fabrics were carefully hand pieced together by Sara's grandmother. The quilts are trimmed in soft cerulean blue and cinnamon brown. The primary colors are lighter and more delicate (more pastel) than the more contrasting Indigo blues used in the late 1800s. The quilting is done by hand in a cross-hatch pattern typical of the time. Heidi Keller and Fay Powell contributed the hours of quilting stitchery, and Louise Graham added the beautiful binding.

An interesting historical note - Sara's father was the first paid minister at the Midway Church of the Brethren, a parish less than half a mile from where the quilts will be auctioned this fall.

Effie Anna Harsh, Sara's grandmother, was born in 1884 on a farm in Eglon, West Virginia. She was educated in a one-room school not far from her home. At the age of 90, she reportedly could quote poems she learned as a child. Effie was a member of the Maple Spring Church of the Brethren, a church close to her home where she taught Sunday school as an adult. Quilting, sewing and crocheting were an important part of who Effie Anna Harsh was and of her sharing with others.



Among Effie's teachings remembered by her family is this adage:

"God calls us through the church; if the church asks you to do something, do the best you can!"

Effie's words are testimony to the artistry and work in these two lovely quilts.

August Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

Birthday Blessings to:

6 John B. Musser
 7 Flora Jean Beam
 10 Ginny Hart
 Ron Shenk
 11 John C. Hess
 18 Lester Zimmerman
 Max Mele

21 Sophie Harmes
 Toree Hart
 22 Johnathan Thompson
 Stuart Hart
 27 Tammie Mutzabaugh
 31 Alex Mutzabaugh

Happy Anniversary to:

7 John & Louise Graham
 16 Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh
 17 Bud & Ginny Hart
 18 Daryl & Karen Strine
 23 Kevin & Julie Shaffer
 26 Jason & Ali Barclay
 26 Gene & Barbara Swords
 26 Floyd & Alta Bantz
 30 Wes & Valerie Schulz



*Please contact the church office
 if your birthday or anniversary was
 missed. Thank you.*

Mountville COB June	2016 Offerings
For General Fund	\$ 16,974.31
Continuing Our Vision	\$ 1,832.00
Designated	\$ 1,127.00

The Health Ministry Team is providing this list of
 Members and Friends who are unable to attend church regularly.

Merlin & Flora Jean Beam
 1400 Enterprise Dr.
 Lynchburg, VA 24502
 434-239-0889
*Birthdays: Merlin 2/6
 Flora Jean 8/7
 Anniversary: 10/9*

Janet Booz
 3001 Lititz Pike
 Lancaster, PA 17606 581-4059

Gretchen Brock
 Manorcare Health Services
 320 S. Market St.
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Birthday: 5/5

Ruth H. Bushong
 3001 Lititz Pike
 Lancaster, PA 17606 560-4929
Birthday: 10/10

Harold & Jo Ann Enders
 3203 Horizon Dr.
 Lancaster, PA 17601 285-5238
*Birthdays: Harold 6/7
 Jo Ann 8/8
 Anniversary: 2/11*

Ray & Anna Ruth Enders
 375 Primrose Lane
 Mountville, PA 17554 285-4289
*Birthdays: Ray 12/4
 Anna Ruth 11/10
 Anniversary: 12/23*

Ethel Good
 3604 Horizon Dr.
 Lancaster, PA 17601 285-3920
Birthday: 9/26

Olive Kline
 203 Greenbriar Circle
 Lancaster, PA 17603 397-5386

Betty Mowrer
 c/o Vanessa Klaus
 2251 Oswego Dr. Apt. 7
 Columbia, PA 17512 681-2351
Birthday 6/3

Miriam Sampsel
 2401 McKee II
 551 Free Mason Dr.
 Elizabethtown PA 17022
 361-5601 *Birthday: 10/19*

Gene & Barbara Swords
 3001 Lititz Pike,
 Lancaster, PA 17606 560-0345
*Birthdays: Gene 10/25
 Barbara 1/31
 Anniversary: 8/26*

★ *Please remember these persons in your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits.
 We suggest you contact the church office, 285-5122, with any additions or changes.*

AUGUST SERVERS

Ushers
 Norman Bollinger
 Larry Burkholder
 Jerry Bushong
 Bob Keller

Worship Leaders
 7 - Kathy Long
 14 - Amanda Ritchie
 21 - Cathy Funderwhite
 28 - Floyd Bantz

Acolytes
 7 - Amanda Ritchie
 14 - Alexa Taylor
 21 - Catherine Repkoe
 28 - Alexa Taylor

Children's Ministry

7 – Kitty Collier, Sue Beiler, Joan Boshnaugle, Alexa Taylor
 14 – Kitty Collier, Louise Graham, Carol Ritchie, A J Taylor
 21 – Margie Musser, Lois Silver, Carey Taylor, Love Simegn
 28 – Nanette Bushong, Devin Ritchie, Lisa Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie



NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

What plants grow in D I R ₁
 The opposite of play W O K ₂
 One-of-a-kind N I Q U E ₃
 A hug and a K I S ₄
 Sour T A R ₅
 To speak very loudly Y E L ₆
 Immediately N W ₇
 Bees live in a H I E ₈
 A dandelion is this W E D ₉

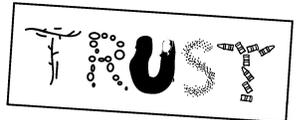
I in your unfailing ;
 my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, fart, yell, now, hive, weed;
 I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV



TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

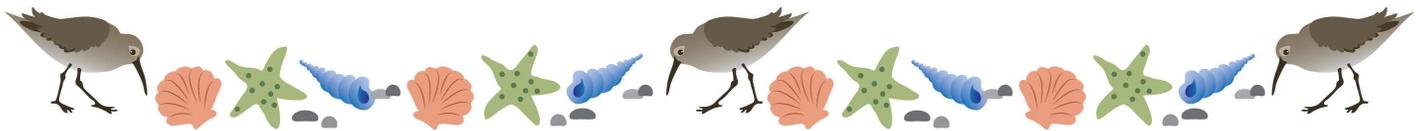
What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.

LOOKING AHEAD

Blessing of the Students & Pizza Party: August 21

Campfire Worship in Fellowship Hall: September 4



Deadline for the September 2016 New Vision articles is Sunday, August 14, 2016.



*"Your young . . . shall see Visions -
your old . . . shall dream Dreams."
- Acts 2:17-21*

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