

The New Vision

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All are invited to participate in our Adult and Children's Sunday School Classes at 9:00 a.m. and 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.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will conclude their study of "Uncovering Racism" on February 7. The Lenten Series "Invitation to Romans" will begin February 14 and continue through the end of March. This will include video material and discussion centering on Paul's letter to the Romans.

Cancellation Policy in Winter Weather

In the event that bad weather makes it necessary to cancel church activities or worship services, these are the ways you will be notified:

- A phone call from a Deacon or other member of our congregation.
- Mountville Church of the Brethren website.
- Facebook notice.

Cancellation notices will be posted no later than 8 a.m. If you are unable to access any of these methods, please call Becky Fuchs, Harry Light, Tom Musser, or Larry Booz.

Decisions to cancel are made jointly by the Chair of Stewards, Harry Light or Jerry Bushong; the Moderator, Forrest Collier; the Leadership Team Chair, Larry Booz; and the Pastor. The decision is made after carefully considering the weather forecast and the condition of the roads in Mountville and our parking lot.

It is our hope that all persons will give priority to their health and safety when making a decision about traveling to church activities and worship services when the weather and road conditions are not optimal.



Health Ministry Corner: Protect Yourself from Colds and Flu

Viruses that cause common colds and flu can spread easily from the infected person to others. You can get these viruses from secretions in the air and from close personal contact. For instance, if you shake hands with someone who is sick, or if you touch a doorknob that an infected person has touched, and then you touch your face, you can transfer these terms to yourself!

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are ways to help prevent getting colds and the flu:

1. Get a flu vaccination!
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer for 20 seconds.
3. Avoid touching your nose, eyes, and mouth . . . germs can enter your body through these openings.
4. Stay away from people who are coughing and sneezing.

If you are sick, you can help prevent the spread of colds and flu:

1. Stay home if possible.
2. Cough and sneeze into a tissue and dispose of it in a trash container, or cough and sneeze into your arm and shirt sleeve, which prevents the secretions from spreading into the air.
3. Wash your hands often and after sneezing and coughing.
4. Disinfect frequently-touched surfaces such as doorknobs, where germs can live for hours and even days!

Continuing Our Vision Update

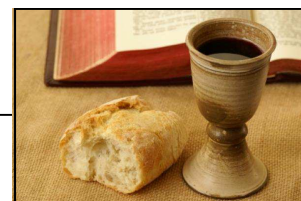
MCOB received COVT contributions totaling \$31,450 from Mountville members and friends for the period of October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The faithful, steady giving of our congregation has now reduced our total debt obligation by about two-thirds. As of the end of 2015, our debt stood at exactly \$411,437. This number represents \$109,991 in principal reduction during 2015. A good way to stay apprised of our declining debt status is occasionally to glance at the COVT chart on the wall above the water fountain in the upper narthex and watch the red line descend toward zero!

Mountville COB December 2015 Offerings

For General Fund	\$ 19,115.70
Continuing Our Vision	\$ 4,882.00
Designated	\$ 5,789.50

*1st Sunday
of Lent
February 14*

*Communion
by
Intinction*



Bits 'n Pieces

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Diehl who died on December 17. Mary was a member of our congregation for over 50 years and her funeral service was held in our sanctuary on January 8.

Dave and I thank you for the many Christmas and wedding anniversary cards sent to us this holiday season. We are grateful and feel blessed to be part of a congregation who is so thoughtful and loving. - Becky Fuchs

Thank you for all the prayers and cards for mom while she was sick. Also a thank you for the prayers, cards and kind words to our family during her funeral. Thank you to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard to provide a warm and delicious lunch for our family and friends. In Christ's love, Duane and Nadine Diehl, son and daughter-in-law of Mary Diehl.

From the *Hempfield Pantry*: During the 2015 year, your members contributed 384 pounds of food to the pantry. **The pantry as a whole processed 239,467 pounds of food in 2015**; that represents **199,556 meals** if calculated at 1.2 pounds per meal, a Dept. of Agriculture method.

Joyous Songs Resounded

Over 25 children, youth and adults gathered on December 13 to go Christmas caroling to friends and members of our congregation at Susquehanna Valley Rehab Center, at Brethren Village and at many of their homes. After they sang until they could sing no more, the group enjoyed hot chocolate and yummy treats at the home of Becky and Dave Fuchs. Those who caroled will tell you that they received a gift of far more magnitude than the gift of time they gave. Everyone is welcome to join us next year as we fill the halls and driveways of our brothers and sisters in faith with songs of great joy!



Generous Birthday Gifts for Jesus

This Christmas season we gave thought to the ways in which we could celebrate Christmas and honor Jesus. Prior to Christmas Eve, we invited everyone to consider spending less on material gifts and give what was saved towards gifts that would please Jesus, since Christmas is really Jesus' birthday! **The birthday gifts for Jesus this Christmas season totaled just over \$6,000.**

These generous gifts will be sent to Brethren Housing Association in Harrisburg and the Nigeria Crisis Fund. Thank you for your openness to the Spirit moving among us and for your generous gifts to Jesus and the people for whom he has asked us to care.





FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

A Few Reminders for 2016!

Deadlines

New Vision articles are due in the church office the 2nd Sunday of the month. Articles received after the deadline will be put in the following month's newsletter.

Bulletin announcements are due in the church office Wednesdays by 2:00 p.m. Announcements received after 2:00 p.m. will be included in the following week's bulletin.

It would very much be appreciated if bulletin and newsletter announcements would be emailed or written and dropped off in box # 174.

Church Key Fobs

In 2012 key fobs were distributed to church members/friends who desired to enter the church building other than during office hours. If you have never had a key fob and would like one, stop by, or give the church office a call and Jackie will see that you receive an activated fob. If you had a fob and no longer need it, please drop it off in the church office or mailbox # 174. The cost for a replacement fob is \$5. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

Room Reservations

If you would like to reserve the fellowship hall, kitchen or a class room for an event or a meeting, please call the church office to see if your date and room are available. Jackie will then give you a *Building Use Form* to fill out and return to the church office. Thank you for helping to keep the church calendar accurate.

Church Table and Chair Loan Policy

Church members are allowed to borrow a maximum of 4 tables and chairs as needed. They are to be returned a.s.a.p. or within 4 days after pick-up. We ask that the tables be cleaned before returning and notify Jackie if there is any damage. Please call the church office to check on availability and to reserve the tables / chairs you need.

Flowers for the Worship Center

If you would like to place flowers in the worship center in memory or in honor of someone, please see the flower chart located in the hallway by the kitchen. There you may sign up for your special date and write what you would like put in the bulletin. Orders are placed monthly with Royer's Flowers about 1 week prior to the upcoming month. You will receive a bill directly from Royer's Flowers for your 2 vases which cost \$35. You may call Royer's direct to place a special request. You may also choose a different florist. Please contact the church office if you plan to use a different florist so you won't be billed twice. Thank you.

February Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

Birthday Blessings to:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Linda Ott | 13 Danica Gabrielson |
| Lynn Landis | Devin Ritchie |
| 2 Bob Keller | 13 Beth Hess |
| 3 Bertha Finkbiner | 14 Ryan O'Day |
| Edna McDonald | 15 David Kerns |
| 6 Merlin Beam | 17 Ed Lentz III |
| 8 Suzanne Over | 18 Dean Berrier |
| 10 Lewis Powell | 21 John Ament |
| 11 Sophia Hart | 27 Becky Fuchs |
| 12 Fikir Simegn (Love) | Dottie Light |

Happy Anniversary to:

- 11 Harold & Jo Ann Enders
14 Jeff & Sophie Harmes



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

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

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| Merlin & Flora Jean Beam
1400 Enterprise Dr.
Lynchburg, VA 24502
434-239-0889
<i>Birthdays: Merlin 2/6
Flora Jean 8/7
Anniversary: 10/9</i> | Ethel Good
3604 Horizon Dr.
Lancaster, PA 17601
285-3920 <i>Birthday: 9/26</i>
Olive Kline
203 Greenbriar Circle
Lancaster, PA 17603
397-5386
Betty Mowrer
c/o Vanessa Klaus
2251 Oswego Dr. Apt. 3
Columbia, PA 17512
681-2351 | Miriam Sampsel
2401 McKee II
551 Free Mason Dr.
Elizabethtown PA 17022
361-5601 <i>Birthday: 10/19</i>
Gene & Barbara Swords
3001 Lititz Pike,
Lancaster, PA 17606
560-0345
<i>Birthdays: Gene 10/25
Barbara 1/31
Anniversary: 8/26</i> |
| Ruth H. Bushong
3001 Lititz Pike
Lancaster, PA 17606
560-4929 <i>Birthday: 10/10</i> | | |


★ *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.*

FEBRUARY SERVERS

Ushers	Worship Leaders	Acolytes
Jerry Bushong	7 - Holly Mele	7 - Alexa Taylor
Geoff Hess	14 - Forrest Collier	14 - Catherine Repkoe
Joel Musser	21 - Kathy Long	21 - McKenna Wolford
John Musser	28 - Dottie Light	28 - Love Simegn

Children's Ministry

- 7 – Joyce Kerns, Sue Beiler, Joan Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie
- 14 – Kitty Collier, Louise Graham, Lisa Boshnaugle, Love Simegn
- 21 – Margie Musser, Lois Silver, Carolyn Berrier, Daron Ritchie
- 28 – Betsy Thomas, Jerry Bushong, Joan Boshnaugle, A J Taylor



True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV pleasant _____

• PRO _____ * • of

The

• ad _____ • a

_____ felt • • fri _____

the _____ • s _____

from •

_____ 27:9, NIV

Answers: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice: Proverbs 27:9, NIV

FRIENDSHIP CARDS



Give someone a hug!

This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



Read to someone!

Wash the dishes!

What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!



LOOKING AHEAD

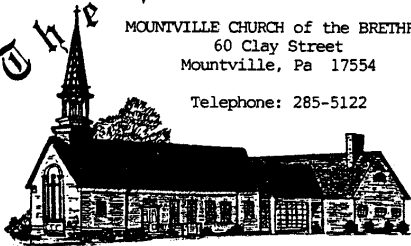
Sunday, Jan. 24 - Covered Dish &
Youth Dessert Auction

Sunday, February, 28 - Youth Fundraiser Luncheon &
Congregational Forum

Thursday, March 24 - Love Feast, 7:00 p.m.

*Deadline for the March 2016 New Vision articles is Sunday,
February 14, 2016.*

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

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Dated Material Enclosed**