



# 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.

## Racism topic for Adult Sunday School

January Adult Sunday School will feature a study of the book by Stephen and Kathryn Reid entitled "Uncovering Racism." We will point out inherently racist systems, structures, and attitudes and learn how we as Christians can take action to avoid complacency.

## Cancellation Policy in Winter Weather

Although the beauty of fall surrounds us these days, snow and ice could be right around the corner. In the event that bad weather necessitates a cancellation of 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.**



# Great Responses at Congregational “Futures” Conversations

On Nov. 8, 2015, after a carry-in fellowship meal, Mountville folks sat down around tables to talk about the future they envision for our church---their dreams and hopes for the coming years as well as highlighting the meaningful experiences that mark our life together now. The Leadership Team designed this discussion to offer the entire congregation opportunity to share their dreams and concerns about our congregational life in the coming years.

Conversation took place around tables in groups of 6-8, guided by a facilitator. Comments were recorded and will be used by the Leadership Team in the planning process for ministries in 2016 and beyond. Much analysis is yet to be done, but a preliminary review of the comments showed:

- Our worship experience received high ratings and much appreciation.
- Support to explore and implement local community-based ministries.
- Appreciation for welcoming and hospitality ministries.
- Support for new small group experiences.
- Desire to include young families in the life of the congregation.

Leadership Team is committed to using this information in creative, constructive ways as the planning for future ministries unfolds. They are also committed to sharing the results of their analysis, planning, and proposals with the congregation in ways that encourage congregational response and support. Watch the “New Vision” and Sunday bulletin for further information. In the meantime, Larry Booz, Leadership Team Chair, and Forrest Collier, Moderator, welcome your comments. Thanks to all who participated in the “Futures” Conversations.

## Feel the Heat!!

The kitchens are fired up to create delectable desserts for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Group Dessert Auction on Sunday, January 25. The silent auction will take place during a covered-dish luncheon after worship. Our Deacons are sponsoring the meal and request that each family unit bring one hot or cold dish to share. Hot dishes should be fully cooked and warmed. Our kitchen crew will keep things warm, but are not be able to actually cook or bake your food.

During our meal, an assortment of delicious desserts and home-made goodies will be on display. Desserts will be made by our youth with the assistance of parents and mentors. You can bid on your favorite food item or items as often as you like during the bidding period. Proceeds from the Dessert Auction will be used to send our junior and senior high youth to work camps this summer.



# Bits 'n Pieces

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved in the funeral service of Edith Kauffman. The service was a lovely tribute to our Mom and the luncheon afterwards was wonderful. We appreciated all of the cards and prayers. Our church family is so loving and generous and we love you. — Joe and Dawn Musser and our family

We extend our sincere sympathy to Nancy Nissly and the Nissly family following the death of Mervin Nissly on December 2. Mervin's funeral was held in our church on December 7.

Congratulations to Wes and Valerie Schulz on the birth of Penelope Zu on December 20. She joins big sisters, Stella and Evelyn in the Schulz family. Penelope is the granddaughter of Jim and Kathy Long.

We extend our sincere thanks to the folks who so beautifully decorated our church for the Christmas season and prepared our sanctuary for worship each Sunday and on Christmas Eve. And many thanks to all those who assisted with worship by playing instruments, acting in dramas, singing, leading worship, and ushering during Advent and on Christmas Eve.

Thank you for your help I making the Christmas Workshop a great success with your donation of toys and gift cards. Families were able to obtain Christmas gifts for their children and your kindness was a great blessing. The holidays can be a very challenging time of the year but your generosity has helped to lighten the load. I hope you have Merry Christmas and please continue to keep us in your prayers. — Crystal Baxter, Brethren Housing Association

Thank you for the much needed and greatly appreciated food supplies!  
— Danielle Peters, Columbia Food Bank

It is with deep gratitude that we send you this letter thanking you for hosting classes for the ACTS certificate program of the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center. You graciously hosted the course Church Leadership and Administration, taught by Joe Detrick. We appreciate your hospitality in offering a meeting space. We recognize that hosting a class is a gift of hospitality—one that is essential to our work of training church leaders. Please know that we appreciate the graciousness of your gift. — Donna Rhoades, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) wishes to thank you, with deepest gratitude, for your generous gift to the Emergency Disaster Fund - a gift which is already working to relieve the suffering of many people affected by disasters, violence, and other crises. — Roy Winter, BDM

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the Church of the Brethren. It is through your generosity that ministries grow and lives are changed. — Stan Noffsinger, General Secretary (*regarding our quarterly giving to the Church of the Brethren.*)

On behalf of Brethren Village, I wish to express my sincere and deep appreciation for your generous gift for the Good Samaritan Fund. There are many ministries serving human need, and we appreciate that your congregation values seniors, and trusts Brethren Village to serve the most valuable seniors through our services that are provided to some without regard of their ability to pay. — Renny Magill, Brethren Village

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*Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

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# January Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

## Birthday Blessings to:



- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Tom Musser     | 15 Corey Eberly    |
| 6 Ruthie Bushong | 17 Joyce Williams  |
| 7 Alan Over      | 16 Geoff Hess      |
| 9 Nicole Rohrer  | 20 Glenn Bushong   |
| 10 Joyce Kerns   | 21 Chaz Harmes     |
| 13 Harry Light   | Jesse Musser       |
| 14 Ty Miller     | 28 Matthew Berrier |
| 14 Julie Ament   | 31 Barbara Swords  |

### Mountville COB November 2015 Offerings

General Fund: \$ 20,529.51  
 Designated: \$ 1,231.10  
 Continuing  
 Our Vision: \$ 17,009.00

*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.

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

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

Mary Diehl  
 c/o Duane Diehl  
 1435 Hamilton St.  
 York, PA 17406  
 755-3804 *Birthday: 3/2*

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. 3  
 Columbia, PA 17512  
 681-2351

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.*

# JANUARY SERVERS

Ushers	Worship Leaders	Acolytes
Norman Bollinger	3 - Larry Booz	3 - Amanda Ritchie
Jeff Harmes	10 - Linda Bushong	10 - Love Simegn
Harry Light	17 - John Graham	17 - McKenna Wolford
Tom Musser	24 - Michael Graham	24 - Claudia Ebersole
	31 - Dottie Light	31 - Indiana Ebersole

## Children's Ministry

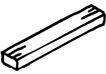
- 3 – Joyce Kerns, Beth Hess, Joan Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie
- 10 – Kitty Collier, Steve Hess, Amy Boshnaugle, Love Simegn
- 17 – Margie Musser, Tess Wolford, Carey Taylor, A J Taylor
- 24 – Sarah Repkoe, Holly Mele, Lisa Boshnaugle, Jackie Hart
- 31 – Nanette Bushong, Devin Ritchie, Carol Ritchie, Love Simegn



## LET THERE BE LIGHT

In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

*Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.*

“ Y O U , \_\_\_\_\_ , A R E  
 -SW + L  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ; T H E  
 -E-E + M     -ST + L  
 \_\_\_\_\_ M Y  
 -B-A + L     -CH + T + S  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 D +  +  - T + S  
 I N T O \_\_\_\_\_ .”  
  
 2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV

## GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



### What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

### What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!



# LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 10 - Bread & Cup Communion

10:15 a.m.

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

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



*Deadline for the February 2016 New Vision articles is **Sunday,**  
**January 10, 2016.***



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

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