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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 Sensenig – 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.

SNOW YUMMY!!

The recipes are being gathered, the eggs are being cracked, the mixers are whirring, and the ovens are heating up to create delectable desserts for our *Annual Youth Group Dessert Auction* on Sunday, January 28. The silent dessert 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 able to actually cook or bake your food.

During our meal, an assortment of yummy 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 high youth to a summer work camp and to help pay some expenses for our senior high youth to attend National Youth Conference.



Dessert Auction 2017

What goodies might be at this year's auction?

Bits 'n Pieces

Many, many thanks to the folks who helped make Advent 2017 happen! Thank you to all the folks who decorated our sanctuary, narthex, fellowship hall and entrance areas. We appreciate all the folks who participated in our Processional Dramas at the beginning of each worship service and all those who read and lit the candles on our Advent wreath each Sunday. Many thanks to John and Gloria Hess and the Chancel Choir for their gifts of music in worship.

Thank you to our caring church family for the prayers, cards and all expressions of sympathy in the death of my brothers, Elwood Bowman. We are blessed to have such a supporting and caring church family. Mary Finkbiner

Address Changes:

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921 N. Grand Ave.
Sherman, TX 75090
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121 Swedesford Lane
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717-872-1543

Walt VanderHeijden
3256 Stonefield Dr.
Mount Joy, PA 17552
717-413-3927

Margie Trimble
288 W. Cottage Ave.
York, PA 17404

Here are portions of thank you notes recently received from recipients of our benevolent outreach:

From Gail G. Rittenhouse, Executive Director of Lancaster County Council of Churches, regarding our giving to their food bank. Thank you so much for your donation of \$468.75. Through your support we are able to provide food for about 25,000 individuals annually struggling with food insufficiency for themselves and their children, run a free clothing bank as well as a clothing bank for interview appropriate attire, shelter homeless mothers and their children during the winter months, and assist individuals needing transportation to work with low cost vehicles. All of these core services are anchored in Faith and delivered with the vision of loving our neighbors as ourselves. Thank you for walking beside us in our journey of service.

From Renny Magill, Vice President of Development at Brethren Village. The note was in regard to our regular budgeted benevolent giving to their Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your generous contribution. Your gift provides peace of mind for family members and Residents who are able to stay at Brethren Village even when they have exhausted their financial resources. We pledge to be good stewards of your congregation's generosity.

Community Ministry in Search of Volunteers

Bible2school Mountville is just about ready to start!! The first Bible2school class will launch on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Organizers are busy spreading the word to all the second graders at Mountville Elementary School. The Bible2school program needs volunteers to help teach the children. If you are able to give a couple hours a week to this community ministry, please contact Pastor Jim at St. Paul's United Methodist Church where the program will meet.

Inside Outreach

Here Is A Look At The Next Two Months

January Outreach Emphasis:

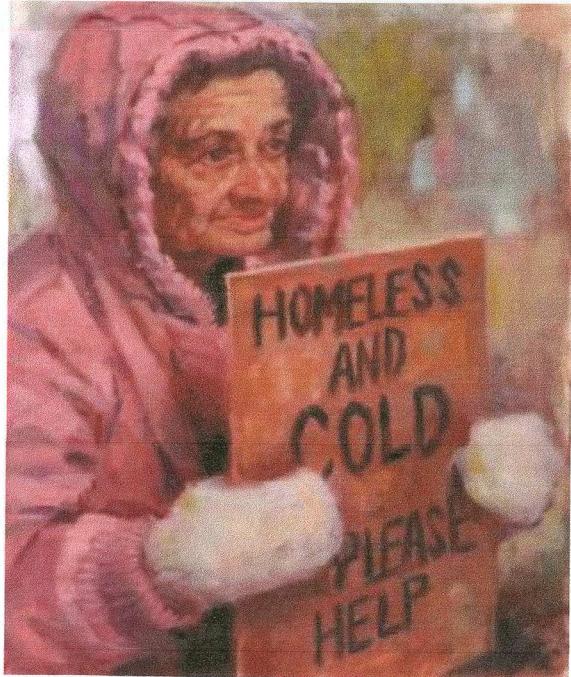
In January we will again support *Hands Across the Street*, a homeless shelter ministry in Columbia. Our church began supporting this a few years ago. Some of our congregation members have signed up to spend the night in the shelter, or provide an evening meal, for those at the shelter. In January you will hear more about this unique opportunity to support our homeless neighbors.

What Is Coming Up in February?

In February we will again have an opportunity to support *Church World Service Blankets/Tools* project. You will likely remember this, but more information will come your way on this in the February newsletter and bulletin announcements.



January Outreach Offering



“Cold hurts.”

Spend just thirty minutes outdoors on a cold night, and it isn't hard to imagine why one of our Columbia Winter Shelter guests would say those words. People who come to Hands Across the Street for help are looking for shelter, food and clothing. They are also looking for a new life.

Homelessness and hunger can happen to anyone—and does. Our mission at Hands Across the Street is *to serve the people of Columbia who come seeking assistance toward living a better life.*

A better life often means finding a place to live. A better life also means *living better*. Sometimes all that's needed is food and shelter for a time—we can do that. For some, it means a framework of caring and support found in professional social services—we can help with that, too. Perhaps there isn't enough for a security deposit on an apartment—Hands Across the Street is there.

One thing is certain: The need is always there, and just one gift makes a difference.

Like the people we serve, it's hard for us to ask for help. But we must in order to continue these valuable services to the poor. It is our calling, and we can't do it without you.

Won't you please consider making a donation to Hands Across the Street so we can continue to help those who need a helping hand?

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 8:00 a.m. If you are unable to access any of these methods, please call Becky Fuchs, Jerry Bushong, Forrest Collier or Nancy Hess.

Decisions to cancel are made jointly by the Chair of Stewards, Jerry Bushong; the Moderator, Forrest Collier; the Leadership Team Chair, Nancy Hess; 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.

Subtle Racism, Spirituality and Healing in Adult Sunday School

Join the Seekers' Class on January 7 & 14 for a discussion on "Subtle Racism" facilitated by Nancy Hess. We will explore Jesus' mandate to love God and our neighbor in the context of racism that is less obvious, but just as dangerous. Come, learn some of the systems put in place to deny racial minorities civil rights and hear personal stories about the realities of today.

For January 21 and 28, Dave Fuchs will discuss "Spirituality and Healing." We will examine what medical research shows about how one's spiritual health affects the healing process, and explore what we can do to benefit.

Getting to Know You!

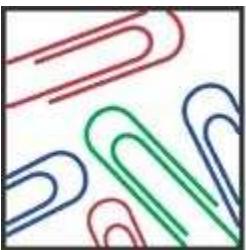
Inquirer's Classes for persons who would like explore their faith and get to know the Mountville Church of the Brethren a bit better will begin in mid-January. This class will be helpful to anyone who is considering membership in our congregation or who has recently started attending worship and would like to know more about this church. There will be four class sessions held at time that is convenient for all members of the group. Participation in the class is not a commitment to church membership, but rather a chance to get to know some other people who attend worship here and to grow in faith. If you are interested in learning more about this Inquirer's Class please speak with Becky Fuchs.

Mountville COB Nov. 2017	Offerings
For General Fund	\$ 20,178.40
Continuing Our Vision	\$ 4,885.00
Designated	\$ 19,296.43



Here We Go a Caroling!

On December 10 about 35 people from age 3-80 sang Christmas carols at the residences of 13 members and friends of our congregation. We enjoyed the smiles, the tears of joy, the hugs, and making music together. Following our singing, the group gathered at the home of Dave and Becky Fuchs for some warm food and lots of warm fellowship. Pictured is most of our group singing for Ella and Foster Eckenrod at Oak Leaf Manor North.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

A Few Reminders for 2018!

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 sanctuary, 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 directly 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.

January Birthdays

Birthday Blessings to:

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



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.

Flora Jean Beam
6655 Red House Rd.
Phenix, VA 23959
434-208-0702
Birthday: Flora Jean 8/7

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

Ruth H. Bushong
4 Conestoga Dr., Rm. 234
Lititz, PA 17543
717-560-4929 *Birthday: 10/10*

Harold & Jo Ann Enders
3203 Horizon Dr.
Lancaster, PA 17601
717-285-5238 *Anniv: 2/11*
*Birthdays: Harold 6/7
Jo Ann 8/8*

Ray & Anna Ruth Enders
375 Primrose Lane
Mountville, PA 17554
717-285-4289 *Anniv: 12/28*
*Birthdays: Ray 12/4
Anna Ruth 11/10*

Ethel Good
Signature Living
31 Millersville Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17603
717-208-8696 *Birthday: 9/26*

Olive Kline
Evergreen Estates
1300 E. King St. C-23
Lancaster, PA 17602
717-397-5386 *Birthday: 4/23*

Kathy Lenox
Meadow View Rehab & Nursing
9209 Ridge Pike
Philadelphia, PA 19128

Miriam Sampsel
2401 McKee II
551 Free Mason Dr.
Elizabethtown PA 17022
717-361-5601 *Birthday: 10/19*

Gene & Barbara Swords
151 Fairview Dr., Apt. 238
Lititz, PA 17543
717-560-0345 *Anniv: 8/26*
*Birthdays: Gene 10/25
Barbara 1/31*

Margie Trimble
288 W. Cottage Ave.
York, PA 17401

★ Please remember these persons in your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits.

JANUARY SERVERS

Ushers

Jeff Harmes
Joe Musser
John Musser
Tom Musser

Worship Leaders

7 - Dottie Light
14 - Linda Bushong
21 - Mike Graham
28 - Love Simegn

Acolytes

7 - Indy Ebersole
14 - Claudia Ebersole
21 - McKenna Wolford
28 -

Children's Ministry

7 -
14 -
21 -
28 -

Joan Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie
Carey Taylor, Love Simegn
Lisa Boshnaugle, Alexa Taylor
Amy Sensenig, Joel Sensenig

A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
QWC'DREYATMIOCNHFASWCOR
MEGTHWEOFLDXHASSGZONL
ETJHEWNEQWIDSCHREROE

_____! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!

What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 7: Bread & Cup Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Jan. 28: Youth Dessert Auction, following
covered-dish luncheon

March 4: Youth Fundraiser Luncheon

Congregational Forum



Deadline for the February 2018 New Vision articles is Sunday, January 14, 2018.



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

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