



The New Vision

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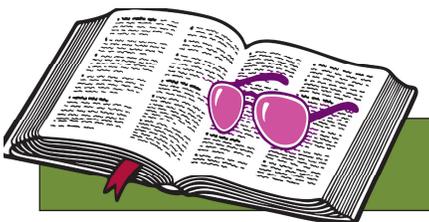
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All are invited to Coffee Hour at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:15 a.m.
Nursery is available for younger children.

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.



COMING THIS SUMMER

Be sure to mark these special events in the life of our church on your summer calendars.

EVERY SUNDAY!

- 9:30-10:10 Sip, Chat and Share is our weekly coffee hour and fellowship time.
- 10:15 Worship for adults in the sanctuary and for children in our children's rooms on the ground floor.

June 28-July 2 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference

Becky Fuchs will serve as our congregation's delegate to Annual Conference which is being held in Grand Rapids, MI. To watch live business sessions and worship services go to www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts

July 9 We will have a blessing and sending of our Junior and Senior High youth and their advisors promptly at 10:15 a.m. before they leave for a service and learning trip to Lybrook, NM. Youth who are attending are Alec Hess, Eric Hess, Daron Ritchie, Devin Ritchie, Amanda Ritchie, Alexa Taylor, AJ Taylor and Love Simegn. Advisors are Cindy Heisey, Nancy and Steve Hess, Tom Musser, and Carey Taylor. The group will return late in the evening on July 16. Please pray for our youth and advisors as they learn and work together with the Dine' people.

August 20 Blessing of the Students Plan to attend this special service of blessing for all of our students, teachers and school employees. Becky Fuchs will preach. Following worship there will be a pizza party in our fellowship hall. Plan to join us for lunch and give our children, youth, and teachers a great send-off to the new school year.

August 27 Campfire Worship Service We will gather around a campfire of sorts for an informal worship service in our fellowship hall. Join us for music and a time of inspiration. Casual dress is required. Feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair.

Pastor's Ponderings

I recently attended the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio, TX, a conference designed to reenergize and educate pastors. The theme was *Beyond the Borders* and many sermons and worship services revolved around the theme of breaking down walls and opening doors to those excluded. I was privileged to hear preachers like Walter Brueggemann, Rob Bell, (the youth know him as “that guy” on the videos), Barbara Brown Taylor, Adam Hamilton, Nadia Bolz-Weber, William Willimon, Yvette Flunder, and more. Worship happened several times a day and was carefully and beautifully planned. I came home with lots of gorgeous, inspiring new hymns for us to sing.

One of the lectures that still has me thinking was given by Brian McLaren who noted that younger generations are migrating away from organized religion. One of the causes is that the church is often organized for the wrong reasons—to preserve traditions, protect wealth and to avoid change. McLaren challenged us to consider the pur-

pose for which our church is organized. McLaren talked about the concept of movements which call people to passionate involvement in creating positive change. Some movements with which we are familiar are the Civil Rights movement, Black Lives Matter, and even the Religious Right movement. After a movement begins, it soon becomes organized. Then the passion for the movement diminishes and commitment fades. Our challenge is to be organized to passionately serve Christ, but not so organized that the passion fades. Another challenge is to discover our passions for some of the issues that cause pain and division in our world, agree on how to address them, agree to do it and in so doing start a new movement for the common good. Interesting to think about. . .

I am grateful for your support of my professional growth and for your encouragement to find ways to feed my soul, challenge my thinking, and keep my passion for ministry with you high. Thank you!

The Holy Space of Love

An ancient story is told of two brothers who shared grain fields and a mill and, at day's end, equally divided the results of their labor. But the unmarried farmer felt that his brother, with a family to support, should have a greater share. So each night, under cover of darkness, he added some of his grain to his brother's.

Meanwhile, the married brother was concerned that his single brother would have no children to care for him in his old age. So each night he, too, added to his brother's granary.

One night, the selfless brothers ran into each other. Grasping what was going on, they laughed and embraced. Rabbinic legend holds that on that spot — where love was freely shared — God decided his Temple should be built. Wherever people act in sacrificial love, the space between them is holy.



Congregational Forum Unanimously Supports Sharing Space with Un Nuevo Renacer

Meeting after worship on June 4, Congregational Forum voted unanimously to endorse and support Leadership Team’s proposal to invite Un Nuevo Renacer Fellowship of the Church of the Brethren to share space and facilities in our church.

Larry Booz described the several months-long process of discussion and exploration of how our congregation might partner with Un Nuevo Renacer to provide a place of worship, fellowship, and study for the Fellowship. These conversations have been cordially warm and productive, leading to the proposal made at the Forum. The plan endorsed by Forum includes the following features:

- Un Nuevo Renacer Fellowship (UNRF) will use the sanctuary for worship Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. On lawn concert Sundays, until 4 PM.
- UNRF will use downstairs classroom space for Bible study and fellowship Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Arrangements for additional use of rooms including Fellowship Hall and kitchen will be made with the church office through Jackie Sands.
- Leadership Team will oversee arrangements for UNRF’s use of office space and equipment, etc., including storage for UNRF-owned material, as needs become apparent.
- UNRF will carry liability insurance, institute a child protection policy, and honor copyright laws in the usage of materials.
- UNRF will make a monthly contribution of \$216 to the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Changes could be negotiated as the size of the Fellowship increases.
- The formal agreement, beginning July 1, 2017, will be reviewed annually, or more frequently if needed.
- Contact persons have been identified within Leadership Team and UNRF to ensure that questions or issues that arise are resolved promptly.

Participants at Forum noted appreciatively the opportunities for our two group to share together, both informally, and at planned special events of worship or fellowship. Other commentators were glad that our congregation can support ministries with the growing Hispanic community in western Lancaster County. Watch future editions of “The New Vision” for news of this unfolding ministry.



Mountville COB April 2017 Offerings	
For General Fund	\$ 22,543.69
Continuing Our Vision	\$ 6,767.00
Designated	\$ 1,342.76

Bits 'n Pieces

To the congregation of Mountville COB, Thank you so much for the generous graduation gifts! I appreciate all of the love and support you have given me during my time at Millersville.

Love, Michelle Field

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Larry and Janice Booz and their family following the death of Janet Booz on Saturday, May 27. Janet's memorial service was held in our sanctuary on June 21.

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

From Rev. David Powers, Hands Across the Street Director, regarding our gift: "On Behalf of Hands Across the Street, I would like to thank you for your generous gift on March 22, 2017 of \$1,105 to benefit our outreach programs. Your contribution will benefit the work that we are doing to help people in Columbia. We are truly grateful for your support of Hands Across the Street so that we can help our neighbors and continue to see improvement in their lives. We are experiencing growing interest in all programs. Our facilities, part-time staff, and financial resources are being taxed by this increased activity. Your generous donation will help us respond to the increased need."

From Jeffrey S. Boshart, Manager - Global Food Initiative, thanking us for our contribution. The amount we sent to Elgin was \$1,536. "It has been the goal of the Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF) for over thirty years to empower others to increase their harvests and improve their lives. This goal is not changing but our name is. Over time the focus shifted from famine relief to a long-term development approach to addressing global hunger needs. In order to better reflect this shift, a new name was selected. I wish to thank you for your continued concern for the poor. It is my prayer that through your generous and sacrificial gifts, you would feel a part of the work being done by God and the GFI, and collectively our efforts might be fully pleasing to him "in every good work."

From Diane L. Gerlach, Vice President/Pantry Coordinator of Hempfield Area Food Pantry: "Thank you for your recent very generous contribution of \$188.33 to the Hempfield Area Food Pantry. Monetary contributions help to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg. The pantry can purchase items at below supermarket costs (many items at 18 cents a pound) which include meats, eggs, dairy products, and other food products not received through food drives and donations. Together we will feed the hungry!"

The entire letter can be found on the church bulletin board. Stop by and read it when you are at church.



Inside Outreach



School Kits Time Is Almost Here

Outreach team is turning its attention to our August School Kits project. That means that we are now gathering funds to purchase the items needed for that effort.

1. Please place your **monetary gift** in a pew envelope and **label it for kits.**
2. Also needed, anytime between now and then, are **packs of #2 unsharpened pencils.** As always, please place them in the bin on the narthex table anytime between now and early August.

Suggestions for Grocery Cart Contributions

Thank you for your continued support of those who live near us and are hungry. When unloading our cart, we find that most items are just what we need. But sometimes we receive things that can't be used, or even eaten. To help everyone remember what is appropriate for the food cart, try singing the words below to the chorus of "When You Wish Upon A Star." Have fun with it, and thanks for the donations!

When you bring things to our cart,
Here's how you can do your part,
Bring things hungry people will enjoy today.

When we're hungry, we want food,
Items folks can't eat aren't good.
Bring your pantry gifts to church for HUNGRY folks.

Items people cannot eat:
Paper products or animal treats,
Skip the pills, the cleaning supplies,
And you'll look wise.

Our pantry cart is just for food
That's what makes our cart so good.
Hungry folks will be so pleased
You shared with them!



Annual Conference 2017

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will be held June 28-July 2 in Grand Rapids, MI. The Conference hall and hotels are located right by the beautiful river for which Grand Rapids is named. Pastor Becky Fuchs is our delegate to the conference this year. Annual Conference Moderator, Carol Scheppard, has chosen the theme *Risk Hope*, inspired by Hebrews 10:23: "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful."

Highlights of conference include a "Jubilee Afternoon," when a wide range of activities replace the business session. The Jubilee afternoon, which was quite popular at the 2016 conference, is inspired by the call for jubilee in Leviticus 25:10-12. Some of the options for that afternoon are visiting the Ford Presidential Library or The Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, attending a concert by Ken Medema, participating in service projects, or attending various workshops.

Each year the conference engages in a "Witness to the Host City" by reaching out to support local ministries in our host city. This year we will be providing supplies to Bethany Christian Services, an affiliate of the Church World Service (CWS) Immigration and Refugee Program who works with refugees in Grand Rapids. Our congregation has generously contributed to this Witness to the Host City.

Worship is always a highlight of conference. Preachers for worship services include Annual Conference moderator Carol Scheppard; Jose Calleja Otero, district executive minister of the Church of the Brethren's Puerto Rico District; Michaela Alphonse, who serves as a mission worker in Haiti with the Church of the Brethren Global Mission and Service; Donna Ritchey Martin, who is a pastor at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren in Myersville, Md; and Matthew Fike, pastor of Lebanon Church of the Brethren in Mount Sidney, Va.

In business sessions delegates will receive reports and consider recommendations about conduct of credentialed ministers, creation care, and some proposals from the review and evaluation committee. You can read details about all of the business items at <http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017/business/>

Even though you may not be traveling to Grand Rapids, you can participate in conference activities via the internet. Worship services and most business sessions will be streamed live over the internet. The link to the webcasts can be accessed at www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts. All of these events can be viewed live or can be seen at a time more convenient for you. Please pray for safe travel for all those who travel to Michigan, for the worship and activities at conference, and for the work of the conference delegate



Risk
Hope
HEBREWS 10:23

July Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

Birthday Blessings to:

2 Marian Bollinger Fay Powell	16 Butch Shenk 17 Norman Bollinger Margie Musser
6 Karen Eberly	19 Brandon Shenk
7 Shannon Barto	21 Alta Bantz
9 Marty Bushong Sam Field George Schwert	22 Michael Long 22 Pey McAllister
10 Cindy Abel	23 Chayanne Sanchez
11 Bill Carlin	29 Jean Carlin
12 Joel B. Musser	30 Stanley Williams

Happy Anniversary to:

20 Donald & Patricia Aument
Norman & Marian Bollinger



*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
434-239-0089
Birthday: Flora Jean 8/7

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

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

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

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

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

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

Olive Kline
203 Greenbriar Circle
Lancaster, PA 17603 397-5386
Birthday 4/23

Margie Trimble
Guandenzie First
1306 Spring Garden St.
6th Floor
Philadelphia PA 19123

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

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

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

JULY SERVERS

Ushers
 Daron Ritchie
 Devin Ritchie
 Love Simegn
 A J Taylor

Worship Leaders
 2 - Nancy Hess
 9 - John Graham
 16 - Lois Silver
 23 - Amanda Ritchie
 30 - Nancy Hess

Acolytes
 2 - Alexa Taylor
 9 - Indy Ebersole
 16 - Claudia Ebersole
 23 - McKenna Wolford
 30 - Marilyn Geist

Children's Ministry

2 - Joyce Kerns, Beth Hess, Joan Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie
 9 - Kitty Collier, Valerie Geist, Lisa Boshnaugle, Love Simegn
 16 - Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler, Amy & Joel Sensenig
 23 - Kitty Collier, Tess Wolford, Carey & Alexa Taylor
 30 - Nanette Bushong, Lisa Boshnaugle, Lisa Boshnaugle, A J Taylor



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hp, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, rife, hide, ried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, refresh, finished

Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!





LOOKING AHEAD

June 29 - July 3
Annual Conference

Sunday, August 20
Blessing of the Students &
Pizza Party

Sunday, August 27
Campfire Worship
Fellowship Hall 10:15 a.m.

Deadline for the August 2017 New Vision articles is Sunday, July 9, 2017.



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

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