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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.

Coming Attractions

June 5 - Graduate Recognition & Teacher Appreciation

We will honor all those who have graduated from schools of higher learning this past year and present them with a small gift. We will also take time to say a big thank you to our Sunday School teachers, Children's worship leaders and all those who help with caring for our children in Children's worship and the nursery. Becky Fuchs will preach.

June 29-July 3 - Church of the Brethren Annual

Conference. Becky Fuchs will serve as our congregation's delegate to Annual Conference which is being held in Greensboro, NC. There are some challenging issues facing our denomination at conference this year, so your prayers for our delegate, the conference leaders, and the conference business, worship, and other events are necessary. Conference worship services and business sessions will be streamed live over the internet. You can access them at www.brethren.org/ac/2016/webcasts.

August 28 - Blessing of the Students

Plan to attend this special service of blessing for all of our students. A pizza party to celebrate the beginning of the school year will follow worship. Becky Fuchs will preach.

September 4 - Campfire Service in the Fellowship Hall

We will worship at Camp Clay, aka the Fellowship Hall. This camp is unique because there are no bugs, little humidity, and no excessive heat. We will worship with songs and stories around the camp-fire. Casual dress is a must. Bring your favorite camp chair!

Please contact the church office a.s.a.p. with the names of those from our congregation graduating from school, college, training program, etc. Thank you!



Pastor's Ponderings



Since I preached on the story of Dorcas/ Tabitha in the book of Acts, I have continued to ponder it. I've been giving thought particularly to the legacy Dorcas left behind when she died. If you recall, Dorcas was devoted to good works and acts of charity. She cared for the least in her village and made sure they had what they needed for life. When she died, the widows in the town told Peter about the clothes Dorcas had made for them and proudly modeled the physical evidence of Dorcas' love and compassion. Dorcas was remembered for her compassion, her generosity, her handiwork, her love of Jesus. What joy there was when Peter brought Dorcas back to life. Her good works could continue to bless people's lives.

We leave a legacy not only when we die, but each time we leave a room, a group meeting, or an encounter with another person. I'm

sure we all know people in whose presence we just naturally feel happy, uplifted, serene and affirmed. They leave us a legacy of love and acceptance and joy. And we also know folks in whose presence we often feel fear, anger, judgments or disappointment. They leave a legacy of shame, hurt, uneasiness, and despair.

I challenge all of us to give serious thought to the daily legacies we leave behind. If you're not sure about your legacy, ask those you trust for honest feedback. Jesus calls us to be bearers of his light in the world and leave love, affirmation, encouragement and forgiveness behind when we finish an interaction with another person. What a world it would be if everywhere we went, we left a legacy of the love, peace, acceptance and hope of Jesus Christ!

Welcome

Student Pastor to Join Us

At our congregational forum in

February, the congregation approved the concept of being a teaching church and welcoming a seminary student should the right opportunity arise. We are pleased to report that the right opportunity and the right person has come our way. Beginning in late August or early September, we will welcome **Naomi Kraenbring** as a student pastor in our congregation. Naomi's last name is pronounced crane-bring.

Naomi has just completed her first year of seminary training through the Connections program of Bethany Seminary and will begin her second year in September. She lives in Mount Joy with her husband Mark and their three daughters and son. The Kraenbrings are members of the Elizabethtown congregation. Naomi is a delightful, motivated, and capable student so we are confi-

dent our congregation will gain as much from this experience as will Naomi.

It will not take long in Naomi's presence to see a familiar sparkle in her eye, notice a familiar pattern to her speech and catch a glimpse of a familiar gesture. That is because Naomi is the sister of Amanda Zepp and sister-in-law to former Associate Pastor Chris Zepp. And since we are playing the "who are you related to" game, that means Naomi is the daughter of Jim and Carolyn Beckwith.

Between now and late August, Naomi, Pastor Becky, and the Leadership Team will work out Naomi's schedule, her learning goals and the ways she will be involved in the life of our congregation.

At a later date we will schedule a very brief congregational forum to approve a recommendation from Leadership Team to pay Naomi the educational stipend Bethany Seminary suggests we offer her.

Bits 'n Pieces

To the Entire Congregation of Mountville Church of the Brethren,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for all of the love and support you showed our Dad these past 2 years. It meant so much to him. Because of all you, Dad found peace and comfort after Mom passed away. For that we will always be grateful. We'd also like to thank you for the wonderful luncheon that you provided after Dad's funeral and the cards you have sent to us and the prayers you have offered. You're a wonderful group of people.

Debbie & Cliff Fox, Diane & Clyde Urban, Doug & Kristina Marks

Dear Friends, Your generous donation of \$922 to the Church World Service Blankets+ program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares." On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you.

May God bless you for your support, Rev. John L. McCullough, Church World Service

Thank you for your generous support of Lancaster County Council of Churches: \$468.75 quarterly outreach giving and \$250 for Fuel Assistance. As we continue our work and look to be more effective, more helpful, and more creative in serving others, we appreciate your investment in LCCC and the residents of Lancaster County.

With many thanks, Matt Weaver, Director of Development and Finance

Endowment Fund Boosts Mountville's Mission

On December 7th of 1989, Moderator Harry Enders and Church Clerk Ella Eckenroed signed the charter document to establish an "Endowment Fund" for Mountville COB. In this original document, the stated purpose was "to enhance the mission of the Mountville Church of the Brethren apart from the general operation of the congregation..."

At the time of its establishment and since, church members have made several sizable gifts designated for the fund. According to the charter document, these gifts and future contributions represent the "cost basis" for the fund. In other words, amounts given to the Endowment Fund are to be invested--not to be spent. However, the charter document also specifies that, at the discretion of Leadership Team, "investment earnings" on the fund may be spent for emergencies, repairs, renovations, capital improvements, debt reduction, or assigned to Educa-

tion or Outreach Teams for special projects.

Historically, instead of using Endowment Fund earnings, Leadership Team has opted to reinvest them. Last year was the exception when Leadership team chose to apply \$30,000 of fund profits to offset the cost of lighting and air conditioning for Fellowship Hall. As of April 1, 2016, our Endowment Fund balance stood at approximately \$95,400.

Church members, friends, and the Mountville community are enjoying important improvements to our Fellowship Hall and kitchen. The foresight shown by Mountville's church leaders back in 1989 remind us how blessed Mountville COB members are to belong to such a financially healthy church today.

See next month's newsletter for further information about your church's Endowment Fund.

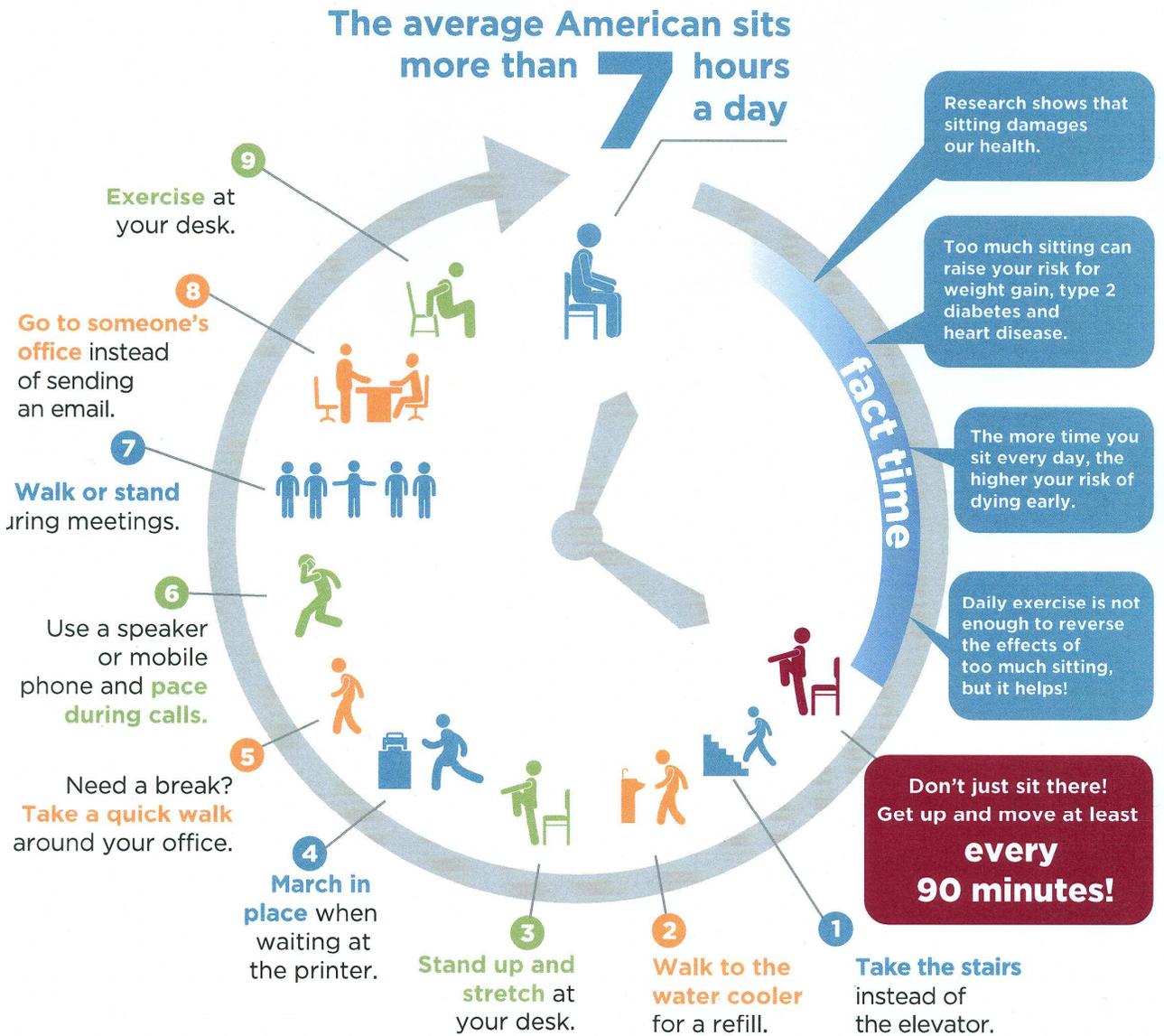


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GET FIT
DON'T SIT DAY.
GET UP & MOVE!
MAY 4, 2016



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Mountville COB April	2016 Offerings
For General Fund	\$ 16,595.05
Continuing Our Vision	\$ 12,917.00
Designated	\$ 1,446.00

May Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

Birthday Blessings to:

1 Pat Landis
 3 Sherri Barto
 5 Karen Strine
 10 Daryl Strine
 11 Dave Fuchs
 A J Taylor
 13 Zach Musser
 21 Kathy VanderHeijden
 22 Jesse Harmes
 23 Larry Booz
 26 Lisa Boshnaugle
 27 Alexander Thompson
 29 June Blouch

Happy Anniversary to:

2 Lew & Fay Powell
 3 Larry & Janice Booz
 12 Don & Sara Wagner
 16 Bob & Heidi Keller
 19 Jerry & Linda Bushong
 19 Corey & Karen Eberly



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 <i>Birthdays: Merlin 2/6 Flora Jean 8/7 Anniversary: 10/9</i>	Harold & Jo Ann Enders 3203 Horizon Dr. Lancaster, PA 17601 285-5238 <i>Birthdays: Harold 6/7 Jo Ann 8/8 Anniversary: 2/11</i>	c/o Vanessa Klaus 2251 Oswego Dr. Apt. 7 Columbia, PA 17512 681-2351 Miriam Sampsel 2401 McKee II 551 Free Mason Dr. Elizabethtown PA 17022 361-5601 <i>Birthday: 10/19</i>
Janet Booz 3001 Lititz Pike Lancaster, PA 17606 581-4059	Ray & Anna Ruth Enders 375 Primrose Lane Mountville, PA 17554 285-4289 <i>Birthdays: Ray 12/4 Anna Ruth 11/10 Anniversary: 12/23</i>	Gene & Barbara Swords 3001 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17606 560-0345 <i>Birthdays: Gene 10/25 Barbara 1/31 Anniversary: 8/26</i>
Gretchen Brock Manorcare Health Services 320 S. Market St. Elizabethtown, PA 17022 <i>Birthday: 5/5</i>	Ethel Good 3604 Horizon Dr. Lancaster, PA 17601 285-3920 <i>Birthday: 9/26</i>	
Ruth H. Bushong 3001 Lititz Pike Lancaster, PA 17606 560-4929 <i>Birthday: 10/10</i>	Olive Kline 203 Greenbriar Circle Lancaster, PA 17603 397-5386 Betty Mowrer	

★ *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.*

JUNE SERVERS

Ushers
 Cindy Heisey
 Lynn Landis
 Joyce Williams
 Stan Williams

Worship Leaders
 5 - Joel Musser
 12 - John Graham
 19 - Michael Graham
 26 - Dottie Light

Acolytes
 5 - Claudia Ebersole
 12 - Indiana Ebersole
 19 - McKenna Wolford
 26 - Amanda Ritchie

Children's Ministry

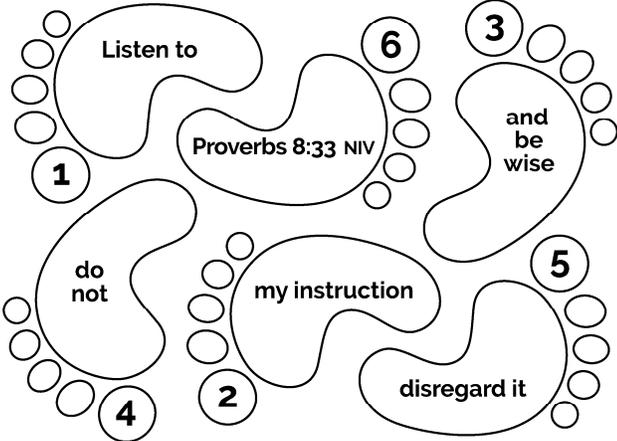
5 – Joyce Kerns, Jackie Hart, Joan Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie
 12 – Kitty Collier, Forrest Collier, Carol Ritchie, Alexa Taylor
 19 – Margie Musser, Terry Few, Carey Taylor, A J Taylor
 26 – Betsy Thomas, Larry Booz, Lisa Boshnaugle, Love Simegn



FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

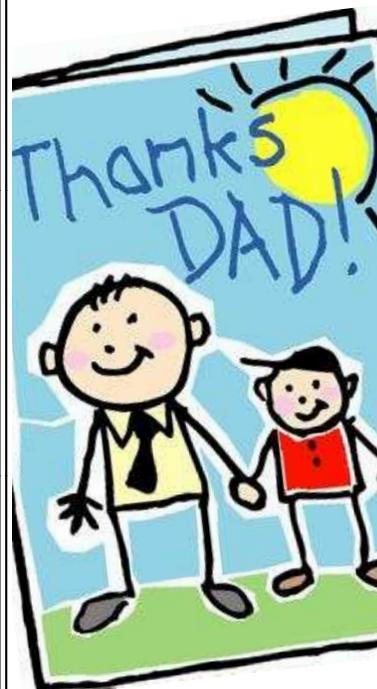
In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;
 _____ .”
 _____ : _____

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it" Proverbs 8:33, NIV



In my
FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

LOOKING AHEAD

Junior High Workcamp, Brooklyn: June 15-19

Sr. High Workcamp, North Carolina: June 19-26

Annual Conference: June 29-July 3

Blessing of the Students & Pizza Party: August 21

Campfire Worship in Fellowship Hall: September 4



Deadline for the July 2016 New Vision articles is Sunday, June 12, 2016.



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

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