



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
Naomi Kraenbring – Student 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 Attractions

April 30 Dan Jurman will be our speaker in worship and will talk to us about the issue of poverty, its causes, and the ways a church like ours might respond. Dan is the CEO of Community Action Partnership in Lancaster and served as the chair of the Mayor's Commission to Combat Poverty.

May 7 Youth Sunday. Our youth are helping to plan and will lead worship. Based on 1 Timothy 4:6-16 our youth will help us consider how to *Grow in Wisdom* and how to encourage them to be wise young people. Puppets will be in worship and we will collect an offering for Global Food Initiative.

May 21 Graduate Recognition and Teacher Appreciation. We will honor our graduates from college, graduate school and technical schools in our worship. We will also express appreciation to all those who have been serving as teachers and caregivers in our Education and Children's Worship programs.

June 4 Join us on Pentecost and help us celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the first followers of Jesus. Becky Fuchs will preach and we will have bread and cup communion.

June 27-July 2 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. Becky Fuchs will be our delegate.

July 9 Help us bless our youth and advisors who are going to work camp in Lybrook, New Mexico. We will begin our service of blessing promptly at 10:15 so they can be on their way to BWI airport for their flight to Albuquerque, NM.



Pastor's Ponderings by Student Pastor Naomi Kraenbring

And in the blink of an eye, it seems, my time with you all draws to a close. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve in ministry alongside Pastor Becky and each of you during these past eight months. Thank you for opening your homes and hospital rooms, your sanctuary and fellowship hall, and your hearts and minds to me during this time. I have grown in my comfort level as a preacher and as a pastor, and your encouragement and affirmation have been nourishing. After an important time of closure as I leave, a time of separation of at least three months, I will look forward to seeing you and connecting with you again in various and new ways, even as my family reconnects with our church family in Elizabethtown and I move on to new courses in the fall.

Most prominent among those new courses next year will be an internship at York Hospital, where I will be working in the chaplaincy department to earn a unit of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). I look forward to this unique opportunity to continue to develop my pastoral care skills, while also learning more about myself as a minister. That position will be about 10 -15 hours a

week, and I plan to take a couple of other classes in addition. At the moment, it looks like I will have another full school year and then a very light year following, with anticipated graduation from Bethany Seminary in May of 2019.

I will continue to look forward to updates I hear about the Mountville congregation, how God is working in new and exciting ways through your ministry in this place. I sense the movement of the Spirit on the horizon, and I will pray for each and all of you as you discern how best to be attentive to your unique call as a congregation. You all exhibit so many gifts – hospitality and compassion, service and mercy, wisdom and loving kindness. Don't be afraid to take a risk. Allow God to expand these gifts more fully, beyond your wildest imaginations!

Until we meet again ...

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. ... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16, 18)

Did You Know??

We have a lot of “behind-the-scenes” ministries that share the love of Christ and make a difference in people's lives.

Members of our prayer chain offer the ministry of prayer to members and friends of our Mountville congregation. Folks who are on our prayer chain are notified of prayer requests either by email or phone. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact Pastor Becky or the church office.

Our card ministry is coordinated by Marian Bollinger. Folks involved in our card ministry send cards of support to those who are ill, who are grieving the death of a loved one and sometimes to folks who are celebrating birthdays. Members supply their own cards and postage. If you are interested in extending the love of Christ and the support of this church family through our card ministry, please contact Marian Bollinger.



New Members of the MountvilleCoB Family

In the past few months it has been a blessing and a delight to welcome 8 new members to our church family. In November we welcomed Claudia Ebersole, Indiana Ebersole, Catherine Repkoe, and Alexa Taylor to our congregation through baptism.

Claudia and Indy are the great-grandchildren of Ruth Moses and the children of Jennifer Ebersole. Claudia LOVES animals and also Taekwondo. Indy likes video games and playing soccer. Claudia is in 5th grade and Indy is in 4th grade at Landisville Intermediate School. They serve our congregation as acolytes.

Catherine Repkoe is the daughter of Sarah Repkoe and the granddaughter of Forrest and Kitty Collier. She is in 5th grade at Ann LeTort Elementary School. Catherine enjoys music, and swimming. Catherine serves our congregation by providing special music and serving as an acolyte.

Alexa Taylor is in 7th grade at Centerville Middle School. Alexa is involved in Girl Scouts and really, really enjoys her time with her cheerleading squad. Alexa is a member of our youth group and participated in last year's work camp trip to Brooklyn NY. Alexa is the daughter of Carey Taylor, the sister of AJ, and the granddaughter of Joyce and Dave Kerns. Alexa is a helper in our crib nursery and serves as an acolyte.

In April we welcomed four new members by reaffirmation of faith. Rick and Linda Weber have been attending our church for about two years. Rick is retired from Donnelly and enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening and cooking. Linda is retired and worked at Dauphin Deposit and then at Serta Mattress. She enjoys reading, cooking, and baking. Rick and Linda came to a library sale at our church, saw one of our brochures and decided to worship with us.

Jeralyn Rettew has been attending our church for over 18 months. She is the sister of Dawn Musser. Jeralyn works for GDI company at Kelloggs. She enjoys hiking and is the mother of two daughters and the grandmother of three. Jeralyn serves as a greeter and was a chaperone at the Columbia overnight shelter in March.

Sue Beiler has worshiped with us for about 7 years. She is a quality assurance specialist who tests software before it goes to financial and investment business clients. Sue has many hobbies some of which include bowling, arts and crafts, working with her Young Living essential oils team and spending time with friends and family. Sue volunteers in our children's worship program.

Please welcome our new members and help them become an integral part of our family of faith.



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Bits 'n Pieces

Many thanks to all those who generously gave gifts of time, resources, creativity, talents and faithful spirits to make a variety of worship services possible during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Becky Fuchs

To Mountville Church of the Brethren, Thank you so much for allowing us to use your beautiful church during our Spring Break mission trip was truly a blessing. Thank you, James Madison University Cru

Mountville COB Historical Videos Are Available

If you attended our Mountville church during the 1960s through the 1990s, you may be interested to know that there are church history videos on DVD available in our church library. Look for these DVDs in a red plastic folder on the library shelves in the lower narthex. Included inside the folder is a plastic sheet to serve as a table of contents for choosing a topic and historical time frame.

These DVDs contain precious footage of people and church events beginning around 1960. You will see faces of past and present members enjoying church meals in Fellowship Hall, youth events and outings, chicken barbecues, Care Group activities, Sunday School and worship services. You may enjoy hearing and seeing former pastors preach and our choir sing. Several of the DVDs feature children of the church singing and playing musical instruments. The earliest videos were movies shot by Willis Nolt on super-8 film and include demolition of the original church at College and Clay and construction of our present building.

Feel free to take one or more DVDs home to watch, enjoy, and return to the red folder in the library for others to view. If you would appreciate having your own copies of any of the discs, please contact Larry Booz or Dell Boshnaugle. We have master copies, plenty of blank DVDS and, thanks to Dell, the expertise and equipment for making copies efficiently at no charge for members and friends of Mountville COB.

Continuing Our Vision Update

Mountville Church of the Brethren received COVT contributions totaling \$29,900 from members and friends for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2017.

As of April 1st, our debt stood at approximately \$271,000. You can stay up-to-date with our declining debt status month-by-month with a “new look” COVT chart on the upper narthex wall just to the left of the door to the church kitchen.



Mountville COB March	2017 Offerings
For General Fund	\$ 18,249.00
Continuing Our Vision	\$ 8,050.00
Designated	\$ 5,877.95



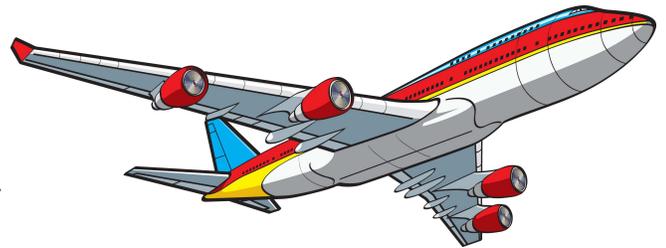
Stress is the body's normal response when faced with challenges and threats; your body and mind focus all the attention on preparing to act and handle the stressor. Stress hormones pump through the blood, the heart beats faster, the muscles tense, and you become more alert. However, if this response lasts too long, it can damage your organs and can make you more susceptible to infection and disease.

The National Center for Telehealth and Technology researches and evaluates technologies for psychological health, and helps people who face issues related to traumatic brain injury and stress. It has long been known that diaphragmatic breathing, or belly breathing, can be a benefit in reducing stress and anxiety and tension by controlling breathing, thereby bringing the body to a state of calm. Babies and young children naturally breathe from their bellies!

Chest breathing is shallow and rapid and supplies less oxygen to the lungs and contributes to stress, whereas diaphragmatic breathing supplies an excess of oxygen to the blood and helps reduce stress and stabilize mood.

Breathe2Relax is a free app that is available to help you learn and practice diaphragmatic breathing. Give it a try!

Lybrook, NM, Here We Come!!!!



As you know our youth are excited about participating in New Community Project's Service and Learning Tour to the Diné (Navajo) Reservation in Lybrook, NM. During their time in New Mexico our youth and their advisors will help with building projects for elderly members of a native community northwest of Albuquerque. They will learn a little about the history of the Diné and their spiritual practices, explore current social issues and the impacts of fracking, and visit a nearby Chaco Culture National Historical Park, one of the Southwest's outstanding archaeological sites. This will be an experience our youth will long remember.

This trip is far more costly than our usual summer workcamp. But thanks to your amazing generosity this year and in past years, we have raised almost all the funds we need to pay for the trip. We began our year with a healthy balance in our Youth Fellowship Fund from past dessert auctions and fundraising luncheons after church. But this year our congregation has been exceptionally generous. You baked and bid for a total \$1,775.00 received at our dessert auction. In March, we added a little over \$900 that you contributed for a scrumptious lunch. We have received individual donations from friends and members of the church who are eager to support this trip. And baked goods in exchange for donations to the Youth Fellowship Fund are still being produced. At this point our registration fees are paid and we have the money for our plane tickets. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The youth are humbled and so very grateful for your generosity and for your strong encouragement of this service and learning opportunity.

New Mexico:



State Flag

State Bird:



Greater Roadrunner

State Flower:



Soaptree Yucca

Inside Outreach



Food Bank Donation Update: When you consider what foods to place in the stairway grocery cart in May please consider the needs of the Columbia Food Bank. This month they are in need of the following items: Sides sold at the grocery store that do not need refrigeration, and are usually only \$1 each. Also instant mashed potatoes are often in short supply. But most important to remember is that anything you can give is always welcome and much appreciated!

Blankets/ Tools Sunday Was Well Supported: The mission moment and appeal for this was held on Feb. 26. Our congregation made this Church World Service project successful. Mountville received \$1,317 for this program. Outreach Team thanks you!

Hygiene Kit Packing Successful: On Sunday, April 2 we had many stay after worship to help pack 300 Church World Service hygiene kits. They were placed in boxes and loaded in the Bollinger van for transport that same day to New Windsor, MD. Thanks to everyone for the support shown with money and hands to pack!

Brethren Disaster Ministries - A Mountville COB Emphasis In May: Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) implements programs and opportunities for people to better the lives of those struck by disaster. The three areas are the Rebuild Program, Children's Disaster Services, and Global Response. Below is a short summary of the individual mission of each of these as taken from the their website.

Rebuild Program: This program engages volunteers to repair and rebuild storm damaged homes for some of the most vulnerable disaster survivors, thereby easing trauma and promoting recovery. BDM Rebuild projects are supported by a network of volunteers from across the country who reduce the recovery costs for homeowners by providing free construction labor. At each rebuild project site, BDM partners with local Long Term Recovery organizations who are working with their community to identify unmet needs after a disaster, including home destruction or damage cases that BDM can help repair. Trained construction leaders and household leaders provide volunteer orientation and instruction on the work site, as well as meals at the volunteers housing. Unskilled volunteers willing to learn are invited to work alongside those who are skilled and willing to teach. Volunteer housing is provided, often at local churches or community buildings, where weekly volunteers and leaders stay, eat and become more connected with the community.

Children's Disaster Services: Since 1980 Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires any natural or human caused disaster. Volunteers from across the country, participate in specialized experiential training, undergo a rigorous screening process, learn to work with children after a disaster, are capable of mobilizing rapidly and responding both locally and nationally. Volunteers arrive to a disaster location with a *Kit of Comfort* containing carefully selected toys that promote imaginative play. Volunteers give children individualized attention and encourage them to express themselves, thereby starting the healing process. Although many volunteers are motivated by faith, CDS training is open to anyone over 18 years old.

Global Response: Every year, natural disasters, violence, and other emergencies put thousands of people at risk of losing their lives, their homes, and their sources of income. In the developing world, unrelenting poverty and disparity make disaster recovery especially difficult. Through the Emergency Disaster Fund, (EDF), countless disaster survivors are given hope in desperate situations. The EDF enables the Church of the Brethren to actively support coordinated disaster relief efforts, mostly through faith-based international partners, wherever disaster strikes.

May Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

Birthday Blessings to:

1 Dell Boshnaugle	15 Steven O'Day
Carey Taylor	17 Ruth Boshnaugle
4 Kevin Wolford	20 Foster Eckenrod
5 Gretchen Brock	21 Caitlin Berrier
6 Michael Graham	22 Amanda Ritchie
Jeff Harmes	Beverly Ritzman
7 Tess Wolford	24 Michael Wagner
8 Margo Smith	28 Mary Jane Winters
12 Brenda Yoh	Mark Yoh
13 Art Thomas	29 Janice Booz
Betsy Thomas	Clyde Burkholder
14 Bryce Eberly	30 Carolyn Berrier
Walt VanderHeijden	31 Sara Wagner

Happy Anniversary to:

3 Wayne & Shirley Smith
4 Brett & Sherri Barto
6 Glenn & Ruthie Bushong
Harry & Dorothy Light
11 Jack & Cindy Abel
15 Walt & Kathy VanderHeijden
24 John & Chris Musser
25 Mike & Pey McAllister
28 Lloyd & Bertha Finkbiner
29 Steven & Nancy Hess
30 Jim & Kathy Long



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

Merlin & Flora Jean Beam
6655 Red House Rd.
Phenix, VA 23959
434-239-0089
Birthdays: Merlin 2/6
Flora Jean 8/7
Anniversary: 10/9

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

Olive Kline
203 Greenbriar Circle
Lancaster, PA 17603 397-5386
Birthday 4/24

Janet Booz
3001 Lititz Pike
Lancaster, PA 17606 581-4059

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

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

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

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

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

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.

MAY SERVERS

Ushers
 Jeff Harmes
 Geoffrey Hess
 Joel Musser
 Daryl Strine

Worship Leaders
 7 - Youth
 14 - Dottie Light
 21 - Kathy Long
 28 - Love Simegn

Acolytes
 7 - Darron McAllister
 14 - Alex Wolford
 21 - Catherine Repkoe
 28 - Claudia Ebersole

Children's Ministry

7 - Joyce Kerns, A J Taylor, Joan Boshnaugle, A J Taylor
 14 - Kitty Collier, Tess Wolford, Amy Sensenig, Love Simegn
 21 - Margie Musser, Lisa Boshnaugle, Carey Taylor, Amanda Ritchie
 28 - Lisa Boshnaugle, Alexa Taylor

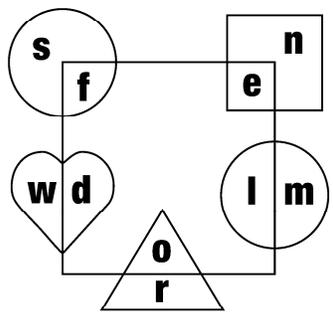


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:
 To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.





“Consider how the wild _____
 grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
 in all his splendor was _____
 like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 4 - Pentecost / Communion, 10:15 a.m.

June 29—July 3 - Annual Conference

Sunday, August 20 - Blessing of the Students &
Pizza Party

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



Deadline for the June 2017 New Vision articles is Sunday, May 14, 2017.



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

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