



The New Vision

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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.

Awesome and Amazing Autumn

This fall we have some not-to-be-missed worship opportunities that will inspire us and challenge us to grow in faith. You are invited to come and experience the Spirit in fresh ways through these unique worship services.

October 1 Panel Discussion on Poverty

Join us for a different format of worship during which we will continue our conversation and learning about poverty. Crystal Brown, director of Brethren Housing Association in Harrisburg, a ministry that helps homeless and low-income individuals reach their God-given potential; Mistee Ferrier, who recently moved into a house built by Habitat for Humanity; and Jeff Hawkes, reporter for LNP who has written extensively about the problems of poverty in Lancaster will form a panel who will discuss some of the misconceptions and causes of poverty as well as some ways we might be able to minister to those living in poverty.

October 1, 6 pm Worldwide Communion & Love Feast

Members of Mountville Church of the Brethren and Un Nuevo Renacer will join together for this sacred service that includes a time of examination and confession, an Agape Meal, feet-washing and hand-washing, and communion. We will provide child care; please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office if you need child care. School age children are welcome to sit with parents and observe the Love Feast service.

October 8 Unity Celebration

We will join with Un Nuevo Renacer Fellowship to celebrate our partnership and give thanks for the ways God is working in each of our congregations. There will be special music from our Chancel Choir and from musicians from Un Nuevo Renacer. Becky Fuchs will preach and Pastor Carolina Izquierdo will serve as our worship leader.

Pastor's Ponderings

Just the other day one of our youth said to me, "I just can't get over how much our congregation loves us (the youth of our church). I just can't get over how much they support us." I was touched by the comment. I was moved that our youth notice the support and encouragement they receive from this congregation. I was moved by the fact that it means so much to them and gives obvious delight to this youth.

It's really challenging to be a teenager today. One of the hard things about being a young person in this time in history is the difficulty in finding genuine community in which they receive unconditional love. Love like God showers on us. Love like Jesus gave to all the people he met. Jesus did not judge the people he helped. He did not gossip about their hairstyle, choice of clothes or demeanor. He did not expect them to be popular, intelligent, stylish, or athletic. Jesus opened his arms and his heart and welcomed them, blessed them and healed them. And

most importantly Jesus loved everyone he met in a way that empowered people who were sick, lame, kicked out of their community, or unsure of their value as a human being to live a full and abundant life.

Our youth feel that kind of love from you. And I can't tell you how often I rejoice about the many ways I see you loving our kids. You pray for them when they go on workcamps and learning tours. You pay ridiculous amounts of money for cupcakes, pies, chocolate cake and peanut brittle. You pull out your checkbooks and wallets and sponsor them as they walk for COBYS. You show up when they give reports. You greet them warmly. You show them respect. You encourage them. I can't thank you enough for loving our kids like Jesus loved the people he encountered. I can't thank you enough for being a place where our kids know without a doubt they will receive unconditional love and encouragement. I can't thank you enough for being their role models for Christian living. Thank you!

Camp Fire Worship

On Sunday, September 3 we gathered in the fellowship hall for an informal worship service in a forest setting. A campfire lit by glowing electric lights, the soft sounds of birds and crickets in the background and some fun camp songs created a setting in which we connected with God in a different way. Becky Fuchs told a story to the children. Each person attending was invited to take a stone from around the campfire to help them find their own personal Bethel—the place where they sense that God is present. Thanks to everyone who helped create a forest in our fellowship hall and those who helped put things back in order after worship.



They Did It!!!

As the COBYS Bike and Hike Fundraiser rolled around this year, the youth had a goal of earning \$1,500 or more. "Why \$1,500?" you may ask. All youth groups who raise \$1,500 or more earn a pizza party and a gym night provided by COBYS. And our youth LOVE pizza!! And they did it!!!! Our youth group raised just over \$2,000 to benefit COBYS Family Services. COBYS is Christian counseling and family service agency that provides safe loving homes for children through adoption and foster care, counseling for children and adults and parenting classes to enable stronger families.

Steve Hess and Tom Musser rode in the 25 mile bike ride. Walkers were Marilyn and Valerie Geist, Cindy Heisey, Eric and Alec Hess, Bob and Heidi Keller, Catherine Repkoe, Amanda Ritchie, Fikir Simegn, AJ Taylor and Becky Fuchs. Following the biking and hiking, our weary group of riders and walkers went to Cindy Heisey's house in Lititz to enjoy a picnic. Nancy Hess was our food coordinator! Many, many thanks to all the folks in our congregation who sponsored our bikers and hikers. And congratulations to all of our participants for a job well done!!!



District Youth Cabinet Announced

The Senior High Cabinet is a team of 9th-12th grade students chosen from the churches within the Atlantic Northeast District. Selected youth will meet together to envision, create, plan, and implement the events that are offered for the Senior High Youth of the ANE district. Here is this year's team!

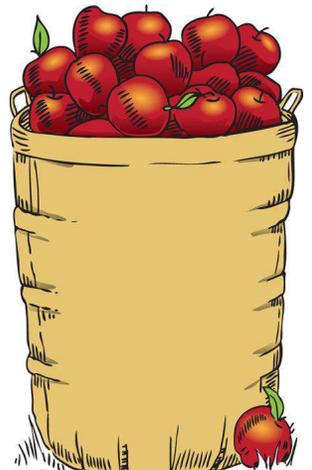
Ava Bowser (Lancaster)
Nate DeGoede (Elizabethtown)
Kierstan Lentz (Stevens Hill)
Amanda Ritchie (Mountville)
Gabriella Rodriguez (Lancaster)
Fikir Simegn (Mountville)
Emma Smith (Green Tree).

It's Apple Dumpling Time!

Take the chill out of the air by warming up with a delicious apple dumpling! The youth are taking orders for apple dumplings, baked or unbaked. The apple dumplings will be made at church on Saturday, November 4 under the leadership of Barb Weitzel. You may pick up your order at church on Saturday afternoon, November 4 or Sunday, November 5. They freeze well. All proceeds benefit the Lybrook, New Mexico Mission's National Youth Conference Fund.

Cost: \$3.50 each.

Thanks for helping us give our Diné/Navajo friends a chance to attend NYC next summer. Watch the bulletin for order details or call Nancy Hess at 717-898-3959.



Invitation to the New Testament Featured in October Adult Sunday School

For the month of October we will use the video "Invitation to the New Testament" to prompt discussion in Adult Sunday School. This video series highlights key verses from the entire New Testament and provides some interpretation by Biblical Scholars. It is similar to the other books of the Bible we have studied in the "Invitation" series, which were well received. Why not join us at 9:00 a.m. and see what you are missing?

Teachers will be:

- 10/1-Larry Booz
- 10/8-Larry Booz
- 10/15-Dave Fuchs
- 10/22-Forrest Collier
- 10/29-Dave Fuchs
- 11/5-Forrest Collier

Plan Now! Lunch & Congregational Forum October 29

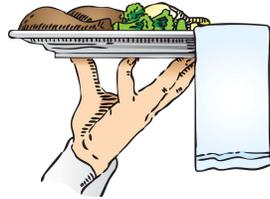
Mark your calendars now for lunch and Congregational Forum after worship on Sunday, October 29. Lunch is sponsored by our youth as a fundraiser to support youth programs and activities.

The fall Congregational Forum agenda includes approval of the 2018 budget and calling church leadership for the coming year. Other items include an up-date from Un Nuevo Renacer, our sister congregation meeting in our building, and information on the progress of our Building Fund debt reduction.

Packets with the proposed budget and other information will be available Sunday, October 22. Don't miss it!



Sr. Adult Fellowship Banquet



The Senior Adult Fellowship Banquet, for 55 and older, will be held at Yoder's Restaurant on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

Sponsored by Atlantic Northeast District, we will again enjoy a delicious meal, \$18 per person, followed by Ron Bellamy playing handbells, with Linda Largus as his accompanist.

Atlantic Northeast District Conference

The annual gathering of representatives from the congregations in the Atlantic Northeast District will take place on Saturday, October 7 in Leffler Chapel at Elizabethtown College. Our delegates to this conference are Larry Booz, Cindy Heisey and Becky Fuchs. All members of our congregation are invited to attend the business sessions that begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. A special invitation is extended to all ANE brothers and sisters to attend the worship service that begins at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Musa Mambula, International Scholar in Residence at Bethany Seminary, will be the preacher. Music will be provided by the West Green Tree and Florin choirs. Of special interest to us is the posthumous honoring of former pastor of this congregation, Allen Hansell, for 50 years of ordained ministry during the worship service.



Bits 'n Pieces

Congratulations to Laura Wagner and Mike Valentini who were married on August 26. The new Mr. and Mrs. Valentini live at 549 Cobblestone Lane, Lancaster, PA 17601. Laura is the daughter of Don and Sara Wagner.

Congratulations to Toree Hart and Isaiah Miller who were married on Saturday, September 9. Tory is the granddaughter of Giny and Bud Hart. Tory and Isaiah live at 718 Woodcrest Ave., Lititz, PA 17543.

We extend our sympathy to Walter VanderHeijden and his family following the death of Kathy on September 2. Kathy's memorial service was held in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 9.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Suzanne and Alan Over following the death of Suzanne's mother Beatrice Schreiber, on September 8. Beatrice's funeral was held at Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren on September 14.

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 recent monetary donation. "Thank you so much for your donation of \$468.75 to The Lancaster County Council of Churches. 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. Your partnership allows the Council to continue its 70 year legacy of support to the most vulnerable members of our community."

From Joel A. Pena, Director at Alpha and Omega Community Center, regarding our recent monetary gift and use of our church for a Fun Fest. "Once again we were witnesses to how the Lord was glorified by his children who worked together to care for the needs of our Lancaster Community. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you. We are pleased to acknowledge and to thank you for your check in the amount of \$250 which is a generous contribution to our programs. Please continue to keep this ministry in your thoughts and prayers. Thanks for allowing us to celebrate our Family Fun Fest in Mountville COB. It was an awesome experience and you have GREAT people. May the Lord bless Mountville COB more and more."

From Danielle J. Peters, Director of the Columbia Food Bank: "For your act of kindness; giving to The Columbia Food Bank this month; know that we and our clients are grateful. And the next time you think that your "act of kindness" is too small to be noticed by anyone, just remember that to someone out there who you may never know or see again, you are an Angel of God. You are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers always! God bless all you Angels!"

From Renny Magill, CFRE Vice President of Development at Brethren Village, regarding Mountville's gift to the Good Samaritan Fund in the amount of \$860: "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 congregations generosity. There are many ministries serving human need and we appreciate that your congregation values seniors, and trusts Brethren Village to serve the most vulnerable seniors through our services that are provided to some without regard of their ability to pay."

Inside Outreach



Outreach Projects Help to Meet People's Needs

Late in **August** we were all reminded that while summer was mostly gone, the hurricane season was just hitting its peak. As we were completing our yearly CWS Clean-Up Buckets project we already knew that those buckets were going to **Hurricane Harvey** relief in Texas.

With the Florida hurricane coming in **September** we again asked the congregation for help in gathering supplies for additional buckets. The willingness to shop and give generously was so gratifying. At this writing we are working to collect and pack many more buckets for people who will be cleaning up from **Hurricane Irma**. This second round of Mountville buckets are to be collected by a truck that will also visit other Brethren Churches to add their buckets to the load. We are blessed with a congregation so willing to support another area suffering damage and loss of homes. Outreach team thanks you!!

In **October** we have planned our familiar “**Undie Sunday**” project. Through this month we will be accepting contributions of socks and underwear for the Lancaster County Council of Churches. One of the ongoing projects at LCCC is to clothe people for work, job interviews, and school. An integral part of that project is underwear and socks of all sizes and for both sexes. Once a year Outreach Team supports this need. The red tub, that many of you will remember, is in the narthex for your contributions. As before, please consider picking up packages of these items and placing them in the tub by the end of October.



Health Ministry Corner

According to the CDC, everyone 6 months and older should get a flu shot. This season's vaccine has been updated to better match circulating viruses and protect against the flu (or influenza). The benefits of getting a flu shot include reducing the incidents of hospitalization and even death. Getting a flu shot not only protects the person who receives the vaccination, but it also protects others like the elderly and very young from getting the flu from someone who is not immunized. SO, GET YOUR FLU SHOT! It takes about 2 weeks after getting vaccinated for protection to occur, so you should schedule yours now!! If you need transportation or financial help with getting the flu shot, contact Margie Musser.

Mountville COB August 2017 Offerings	
For General Fund	\$ 20,363.75
Continuing Our Vision	\$ 1,245.00
Designated	\$ 965.69

You Oughta Be in Pictures!

This month, LifeTouch Portrait Studios will come to our church to help us create a new picture directory. We'd love to have your photo in it! Picture directories are a ministry of hospitality to all of us-especially our new folks. So much has changed since our last directory 6 years ago!



There's still time to sign up. Pictures will be taken at church on:

Wednesday, October 18	2:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 19	2:00-9:00 pm
Friday, October 20	2:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, October 21	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm

You may sign up at church at the table in the narthex on Sunday mornings or by clicking on the LifeTouch prompt on the home page of our church's website, www.mountvillecob.org. Or, call Nancy Hess at 717-898-3959.

If you are unable to come to have your photo taken, you **may submit a photo with \$10 (made payable to LifeTouch Portrait Studio)**. LifeTouch suggests sending a vertical head & shoulders shot, if possible. Your submitted photo will go into the directory and you will receive your own copy of the church directory. Please send submitted photos and payment to:

Mountville Church of the Brethren
Attn. Nancy H. Hess
60 Clay Street
Mountville, PA 17554

**The deadline for receiving submitted photos is October 23, 2017.
Submitted photos will not be returned.**

Thank you!

Like Us on Facebook!

Our congregation is now using Facebook as a tool for communication and outreach. So look us up and become a friend of Mountville Church of the Brethren!!! Invite *your* Facebook friends to become *our* Facebook friends. We will use Facebook to post notices about upcoming events as well as posting pictures and news about activities that were held at the church.

We will be including pictures of events, occasional worship services, and the people who participate in those events on our Facebook page. **Our church policy regarding posting of pictures is as follows: No names will be used. Children's pictures will be included from time to time, but we will not include names or any identifying information. If you would prefer that your picture is not included in any brochures or on our Facebook page, please contact the church office and we will do our best to honor that request.**



October Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

Birthday Blessings to:

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|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hess | 10 Patty Aument | 19 Miriam Sampsel |
| Jim Long | Lucinda Brock | 21 John Graham |
| 2 Kitty Collier | Ruth H. Bushong | 22 John Miller, Jr. |
| Miles McAllister | Ray Finkbiner | Julie Shaffer |
| 3 Jack Abel | 11 Ruth Moses | 25 Gene Swords |
| Brent Eberly | 14 Cindy Heisey | 27 Chris Barto |
| Sarah Enders | 15 Sharon Hart | Jesse Thomas |
| 5 Joe Mele | 16 Ella Eckenrod | 28 Bill Fritz |
| 8 Ed Lentz Jr. | 17 Terry Few | 31 Eric Hess |
| 9 Darron McAllister | 18 Don Boshnaugle | |

Happy Anniversary to:

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|---------------------------------|
| 3 Mark & Brenda Yoh |
| 4 Michael & Lindsay Long |
| 9 Merlin & Flora Jean Beam |
| 11 Joel & Dawn Musser |
| 11 Bill & Jean Carlin |
| 22 Joel & Lauren Musser |
| 23 Michael & Shannon Graham |
| 25 Foster & Ella Eckenrod |
| 27 Dell & Joan Boshnaugle |
| 28 Johnathan & Suzette Thompson |

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

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
1728 N Second St.
Harrisburg, PA 17102

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.*

OCTOBER SERVERS

Ushers	Worship Leaders	Acolytes
Larry Burkholder	1 - Becky Fuchs	1 -
Cindy Heisey	8 - Carolina Izquierdo	8 - Darren McAllister
Bob Keller	15 - Floyd Bantz	15 -
John K. Musser	22 - Holly Mele	22 -
	29 - John Graham	29 - McKenna Wolford

Children's Ministry

- 1 - Joyce Kerns, A J Taylor, Joan Boshnaugle, Alexa Taylor
- 8 - Kitty Collier, Beth Hess, Carey Taylor, A J Taylor
- 15 - Margie Musser, Nancy Hess, Amy Sensenig, Joel Sensenig
- 22 - Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler, Lisa Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie
- 29 - Nanette Bushong, Valerie Geist, Amy Sensenig, Joel Sensenig



THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

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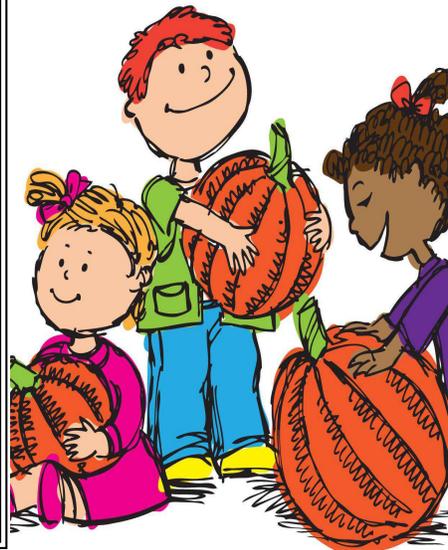
Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
 D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O
 X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B
 T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
 J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
 O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT _____

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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV



Hands That Give

There are many ways you can give to others.
All you have to do is lend a hand!

What you need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or heavy string
- Clothespins or paper clips

What you do:

1. With your parents' help, think of seven (or more) things that you can do for seven (or more) people. For example, you could clean out closets and donate the items to charity, help a neighbor bring in her trash, and so on.
2. Trace your hand on the paper seven times. Cut out each hand.
3. On one side of each hand, write a person's name. On the other side, write how you will help him or her.
4. Cut a long piece of yarn (or heavy string) and hang it in your room — like a clothesline.
5. Use the clothespins or paper clips to hang each hand on the "clothesline."
6. When you've completed each act of service, take the hand off, but keep it to use another time.
7. Do this activity over and over again by "giving a hand" to someone.

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 19: Stewardship Commitment
Sunday

Dec. 3: Advent Begins

Dec. 10: All Church Christmas Caroling

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service

Deadline for the November 2017 New Vision articles is Sunday, October 6, 2017.



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

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