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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
Student Pastor – Naomi Kraenbring
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.

Worldwide Communion and Fall Love Feast

Love Feast will be held on Sunday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. Our service will begin in the sanctuary with a time of examination and confession. We will move to the Fellowship Hall where we will enjoy our traditional Agape Meal. Feet-washing and hand-washing, symbols of our humility and desire to serve, will follow the meal. We will share communion with one another and in unity with Christians all over the world. Plan to participate in this sacred worship time. Gluten free and vegetarian options will be available. 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.

You're Invited!

Lunch & Congregational Forum
October 30, 2016

You're invited to stay for lunch and participate in the Congregational Forum following worship on Sunday, October 30.

Lunch offers:

- Delicious food
- Delightful fellowship
- Opportunity to support our youth through this fund-raiser

Congregational Forum offers the opportunity to:

- Review and approve our 2017 budget
- Call persons to Ministry Team and other positions
- Discuss how we might explore our next steps in mission

The food is provided. You bring a good appetite, your ideas, and a vision for the future.

Pastor's Ponderings

Thank you, Mountville congregation, for a wonderfully warm welcome! I am very excited to be experiencing ministry with you for this school year. During this second year of my Master's of Divinity program at Bethany Seminary, I will be immersed in the Mountville Church of the Brethren, seeking to serve you as a "minister in training," alongside the wise and caring leadership of Pastor Becky. Although I was raised as a "PK" (pastor's kid) and have served in several leadership roles in other congregations and contexts, there are many pastoral duties that I have not had the opportunity to experience, particularly preaching and pastoral care. I very much appreciate your openness and willingness to take a step in faith by inviting me to engage in this experience here with you.

I will be available in the office a couple of days each week and will be meeting weekly with Pastor Becky, who is serving as my supervisor for this ministry formation experience as well as my licensed minister mentor through the Atlantic Northeast District. I will also have monthly meetings with a teaching committee that has been formed, who will help provide feedback and join me in discernment during this school year. The individuals serving on that committee are: Pey McAllister, Sarah Repkoe, Floyd Bantz, Tom Musser, Patty Aument, and Nancy Hess. In addition, each Tuesday from noon to 3 p.m. I will be engaged in an online class with two Bethany Seminary professors and two other students (one from Indiana and one from Idaho) who are also immersed in their own ministry formation experiences this year. And to top it all off, I am taking three additional classes this fall semester: Introduction to Preaching, Patterns of Worship, and Theopoetics! It will be a rich time of learning, experiencing, reflecting, and discernment. Thank you for joining me on this journey.

I hope you will also have opportunity to meet my supportive and spectacular family! Mark and I have been married for almost 18 years, and we live in the woods by the Little Chiques Creek on Drager Road between Columbia and Mount Joy. Mark travels often for his work as a software engineer with a company out of the Chicago area. Our oldest daughter, Hannah, is a sophomore at Lancaster Mennonite High School. She is heavily invested in dance classes and performances at Pennsylvania Regional Ballet in Harrisburg, and she has an artistic eye with various media, including photography. Our only son, Isaac, is an eighth-grader at the LMS Kraybill campus in Mount Joy, and he is involved in school and club soccer teams, two school chorus groups, and is developing into a very talented chef. Darah (pronounced like "Sarah," but with a "D") is in fourth grade, and we call her our little engineer, always inventing and creating contraptions. She also plays soccer and is beginning lessons on the trombone. Moriah, our youngest, is in second grade this year. She dances like her big sister and will try out her fins on the Elizabethtown swim team for the first time this winter.

In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors, hiking, kayaking, jogging, or walking our one-year-old puppy, Asher. I love to read and study and research. Some of my favorite moments are spent watching my kids engage in their various activities, matches, and performances. I also enjoy music and live theater, gardens and museums, travel, and Turkey Hill mint chocolate chip ice cream.

Bits 'n Pieces

Congratulations to Ali and Jason Barclay on the birth of Hadlee Jane who was born on September 2, 2016. Hadlee is the granddaughter of Barb Weitzel and the little sister of Rylee and Karlee Barclay

COBYS Bike & Hike

On a very sunny and warm September 11, four youth and four adults from our congregation participated in the COBYS Bike & Hike. 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, Eric, and Alec Hess rode in the 10 mile bike ride. AJ Taylor, Amanda Ritchie, Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, and Becky Fuchs walked the three mile route through Lititz. **Our group of bikers and hikers raised just over $1,000 for COBYS**!! Following the biking and hiking, participants enjoyed beverages and ice cream sundaes. Congratulations to all our participants for a job well done!!! And our sincere thanks to the many folks in our congregation who sponsored our bikers and hikers.

Camp Fire Worship

On Sunday, September 4 we gathered in the fellowship hall for an informal worship service in a forest setting. A campfire lit by glowing electric candles, the soft sounds of birds and crickets, and the strum of a guitar as we sang camp songs created a setting in which we connected with God in a different way.

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.**

Leadership Positions Available for 2018 and 2019

Leadership Team believes the time to invite a new generation of leaders has arrived. Leadership Chair Larry Booz's second term ends December of 2017; Moderator Forrest Collier's second term as Moderator ends December of 2018. In the interest of smooth transitions, now is the time for the congregation to consider who will replace Larry and Forrest.

Many of us may have difficulty imagining a more effective Mountville church than now exists. You may love our worship and our outreach ministry. You may appreciate our fellowship deeply and be grateful for the many spiritual growth opportunities our church affords. And perhaps many of us could be satisfied with the status quo for many years to come.

But we want to ensure also that, demographically-speaking, Mountville Church is well-positioned for future generations. Thus, we need to be open to ideas that a new generation of leaders can bring. Most importantly, we must be open to God's direction and make it clear that change is okay. To be clear, change for the sake of change is not our goal. Rather, it's about being open to new new ideas that make sense for the future versus choosing to preserve the past.

So if you are interested in serving a leading role as Leadership Team Chair or Moderator, or know of another qualified member who may be interested, please contact Forrest Collier or any Gifts Discernment committee member.

Atlantic Northeast District Conference

The annual gathering of representatives from the congregations in the Atlantic Northeast District will take place on Saturday, October 8 in Leffler Chapel at Elizabethtown College. Our delegates to this conference are Cindy Heisey, Daryl Strine, and Becky Fuchs. All members of our congregation are invited to attend the business sessions and/or the worship service that begins at 1:30. Dr. Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Theological Seminary will be the preacher. Music will be provided by a variety of musical groups in our district.

Health Ministry Corner: Medical Equipment Available

In case you weren't aware, the Health Ministry Team has a stock of gently used medical equipment available. Sometimes it is difficult to obtain a needed piece of equipment, and often insurances do not cover things like walkers and canes. We have compiled a stock of assistive devices from generous donors, and they are free to anyone who has a need.

Mountville COB August 2016 Offerings	
For General Fund	$ 18,699.00
Continuing Our Vision	$ 2,442.00
Designated	$ 776.64

October Birthday Blessings & Anniversary Wishes

Birthday Blessings to:

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

Please contact the church office If your birthday or anniversary was missed. Thank you.

Happy Anniversary to:

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

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
434-239-0889
Birthdays: Merlin 2/6
Flora Jean 8/7
Anniversary: 10/9

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

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

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

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

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

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

Olive Kline
203 Greenbriar Circle
Lancaster, PA 17603 397-5386

Betty Mowrer
c/o Vanessa Klaus
2251 Oswego Dr. Apt. 7
Columbia, PA 17512 681-2351
Birthday 6/3

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

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.*

OCTOBER SERVERS

Ushers	Worship Leaders	Acolytes
Larry Burkholder	2 - Joe l Musser	2 - Claudia Ebersole
Cindy Heisey	9 - Becky Fuchs	9 - Indy Ebersole
Bob Keller	16 -	16 - Marilyn Geist
John K. Musser	23 - Naomi Kraenbring	23 - Darron McAllister
	30 -	30 - Marilyn Geist

Children's Ministry

2 – Joyce Kerns, A J Taylor, Joan Boshnaugle, Love Simegn

9 – Kitty Collier, Steve Hess, Lisa Boshnaugle, Amanda Ritchie

16 – Betsy Thomas, Nancy Hess, Carey Taylor, Alexa Taylor

23 – Margie Musser, Beth Hess, Amy Sensenig, A J Taylor

30 – Nanette Bushong, Tammie Mutzabaugh, Carol Ritchie, Love Simegn

Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: __ __ __ __ __ __ __
2. Opposite of hate: __ __ __ __
3. Opposite of yes: __ __
4. Three minus two: __ __ __
5. Not ____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: __ __ __ __
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: __ __ __
7. Opposite of up: __ __ __ __
8. Opposite of death: __ __ __ __
9. Best buds: __ __ __ __ __ __ __

"_____(1) _____(2) has ____(3)

_____(4) than _____(5): to _____(6) _____(7)

one's _____(8) for one's _____(9)."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend

What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a hand-print to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 2 - Love Feast, 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 30
Youth Fundraiser Luncheon
followed by
Congregational Forum

Deadline *for the November 2016 New Vision articles is* ***Sunday, October 9****, 2016.*

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

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