

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



August 30, 2020

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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## MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*Fostering Growth in Faith,  
in Community, and in Service*

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### GATHERING AND PRAISING GOD

*In response to God's call to us we gather for worship feeling accepted and loved. We invoke God's presence, knowing that God is already here.*

Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please see the technician at our sound booth if this service will be helpful to you.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please speak to one of our ushers if you would like either one or both of these.

\*Congregation stands as able

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Ricercare*

Froberger

\*HYMN

*God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea*

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP^^

Leader: In the gathering of school supplies, in the harvesting of backyard gardens:

**People: God blesses us beyond imagination.**

Leader: In the simple acts of daily chores, in the kindness shared by a stranger:

**People: God is gracious to us.**

Leader: In the rapture of a child watching a firefly, in the inquisitive look of a senior wondering where they left their keys:

**People: God's face shines upon us.**

Leader: We praise you, O God!

**People: We have come to praise and worship you!**

\*INVOCATION^

### COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

*Through silence, music and the spoken word  
we engage in a conversation with God.*

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, you are in heaven.**

**Hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come. Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom and the power and the glory  
belong to you forever. Amen.**

**DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD**

*We are called to respond in some concrete way to God's spoken Word.  
Stewardship includes the giving of not only our money but also ourselves.*

INVITATION TO GIVE & OFFERTORY PRAYER^

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

*God speaks to us through the Word and the interpretation of the Word.*

SPECIAL MUSIC                      *Just as I Am*                      Besig

GOSPEL READING                      Matthew 15:10-28                      17 NT

SERMON                      *Please? Please? Pleeeaaasssee?*

\*HYMN                      *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*  
Sung to the Tune of *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

**SENDING AND BLESSING**

*We have come to worship.  
Now as newly created people, we go forth to serve.  
We respond to God.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                      *Trumpet Tune*                      Purcell

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^ Bayler, Lavon. Touched by Love. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002. 130-131, adapted.  
^^Shuman, Thom. "Liturgy w/communion for August 17, 2014 (Pentecost 10/Trinity 9/Proper 15/Ordinary 20 - A)." <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/08/texts-isaiah>  
561-6-8-psalm-67-romans.html

*Serving You Today*

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Pastor    Rebecca Fuchs  
Music Director    John Hess  
Organist    Gloria Hess  
Worship Leader    Youth Inquirers class members  
Special Music    Kathy Long, Ginny Hart, Bill Kepner, Bob Huber  
Head Usher    Joan Boshnaugle  
Prayer Chain    Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767  
    Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330  
Greeters    Holly Mele, Walt VanderHeijden  
Security    Larry Burkholder  
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The flowers are in honor of what would have been Floyd and Alta Bantz's 75th wedding anniversary on August 26. While Floyd is not here to share his thoughts on marriage, he shared these words at his granddaughter's 2015 wedding ceremony, "I think it is a great mystery what makes for a good marriage. One of many factors is love - to value the other person more than one values the self."

**Prayer Ministry**

*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* (James 5:16b)

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:  
Marian Bollinger, Janice Booz, Dell Boshnaugle, Bertha Finkbiner, Jay & Janelle Fitze, Kirsten Hart, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Joan Pontius, Lew & Fay Powell, Karen Strine, Linda Weber at home.

Our worship leaders today are the members of our Youth Inquirers class which met four times for about 3 hours each session during the summer. They are McKenna, Alexander, and William Wolford and Marilyn and Vincent Geist.

We want to thank the church family for the warm response of cards and phone calls as we celebrated our 78<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. You made the milestone successful in a memorable way.

– Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh

## **THIS WEEK**

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer

Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Sat: 8:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

## ***Next Sunday, September 6, 2020***

### **10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God**

Becky Fuchs will preach *Overcoming our Resistance* based on Matthew 18:15-20. Dottie Light will lead worship, Chuck Few will provide special music, and puppets will join us in worship.

### EXPANDING OUR CIRCLE

In our worship service on September 13 we will have the joy of welcoming new members to our congregation by reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership. If you have been part of an Inquirer's class in the past and were not ready to take the step of membership at that time and wish to do so now, please speak to Becky Fuchs today. We will further expand our circle of faith with the ordinance of baptism during worship on September 20. Please pray for the youth who are making a final decision about this important step in their faith journeys.

### SUPPORT THE YOUTH AS THEY SUPPORT

#### COBYS' BIKE & HIKE

Our youth and several adults will be seeking your sponsorship as they raise vital funds for COBYS' "Social Distancing Edition" of their annual Bike & Hike on Sunday, September 13 in Lititz. COBYS Family Services, an organization started by the Church of the Brethren more than 40 years ago, is instrumental in providing foster care and adoption services to children in need of safe living environments in our community. Youth will be stationed (at a distance) in the narthex after church on Sundays in September if you'd like to make a pledge or donation. Checks can be made to: COBYS, or COBYS is happy to send an invoice after the event. Cash is also welcome.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

It's time to think about adjusting the Sunday morning wake-up alarm! Sunday School will begin on September 13 at 9 a.m. The adult class will meet in the Fellowship Hall where there is plenty of room to social distance, good ventilation, and where there will be adequate amplification so all can hear. The adults will begin the year with study and discussion on the topic of racism. Our youth will join the adult class for this important discussion.

Children's Sunday School (9:00-10:00 a.m.) and Children's Worship (10:15-11:15 a.m.) will also resume. Please check the most recent *New Vision* for the details of how our teachers and children's worship leaders are creating a safe environment for our children.

Spiritual growth happens when we invest ourselves in small group conversations, so plan to be part of these opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages.

### NURSERY CARE TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning September 13, nursery care will be available during Sunday School and during the church service. The staff and volunteers during both periods will be practicing CDC guidelines and parents of those toddlers are expected to do the same. Lisa Boshnaugle will have instructed all of the volunteers on those CDC guidelines.

STATISTICS for August 23, 2020

Received for General Fund .....\$ 2,910.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Memorial Fund.....100.00

Food Bank.....20.00

Cemetery & Memorial Garden .....300.00

Worship: 67

PREPARING FOR THE ELECTION

If you are considering using a mail-in ballot in the November 3 national election but are not quite comfortable using the online application process, volunteers from our congregation can help. One 5 minute phone call will provide all the information needed for them to file your application for a mail-in ballot, which will then be mailed to you near the end of September/early October.

When: Monday, September 7 through Friday, September 18.

Who: Larry Booz                   phone 717-283-6404

Forrest Collier                phone 717-984-2750

Walt Vanderheijden        phone 717-413-3927

You will need: Your PA Driver's License or PennDOT picture identification card, the year you moved to your current address (or close if it was long ago.)

**Mission Statement**

The Mountville Church of the Brethren invites all children, youth, and adults to connect with Jesus Christ through meaningful worship, engaging spiritual growth opportunities, caring fellowship, practical peace-making, and compassionate service to local and and global neighbors.