

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 6, 2020

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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*Fostering growth in faith,  
growth in community, and growth in service.*

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## **GATHERING**

*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

*Aria*

Wagner

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather here, where God would teach us:

**People: so we may learn to be more compassionate, so we may be taught how to be more loving.**

Leader: We gather here, where Jesus would teach us

**People: the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge, the language of hope so we may speak to all.**

Leader: We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,

**People: so we might know how to share grace, so we would learn to welcome all to this community.**

**\*INVOCATION^^**

**\*HYMN**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

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PUPPET MINISTRY



## BRETHREN HOUSING ASSOCIATION NEEDS

Last week we received a call from Brethren Housing Association in Harrisburg. They are in need of a few basic items for the homeless women who are going through their program and learning to be self-sufficient. Here's the list of needed items:

Paper towels

Liquid Laundry Detergent – small size, \$1 at Dollar Tree

Sanitary napkins and tampons

Moisturizing lotion - any size or brand

Women's deodorant - any brand

We will allow the first two Sundays of September for you to bring in your donations and then we will take them to Harrisburg. Just place them in the bin in the narthex. THANK YOU!

## 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 global neighbors.

## **THIS WEEK**

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer

Mon: Labor Day, Office closed

Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Room

Thurs: 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Lower Narthex

Fri: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102

Sat: 2:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Parking Lot

## ***Next Sunday, September 13, 2020***

### **9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages**

- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meets in room 123.
- Youth will join the Adult class in the Fellowship Hall for the study of racism.
- Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be according to CDC Guidelines and all participants must wear masks. The Adult class will be studying “Dialogues on Race,” a DVD series produced by Sparkhouse. Dave Fuchs will be teaching the first session, “What does it mean to be white?”

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

Guest preacher, Jamie Nace, will preach on the topic of forgiveness based on Matthew 18:21-35. Jamie is a licensed minister and the Children's Ministry director at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. She is currently finishing her courses in the TRIM program. Becky Fuchs will lead worship and Jim and Wendy Allshouse will provide special music. We will receive new members into our congregation! We will collect an offering for Global Food Initiative.

### 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.

STATISTICS for August 30, 2020

Received for General Fund .....\$ 3,905.00

Worship: 78

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT WEEK!!

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 and for 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 (9-10 a.m.) and Children's Worship (10:15-11:15 a.m.) will also resume. Please note the details for creating a safe environment in the most recent *New Vision*.

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.

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 COBY'S "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 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. Will we beat last year's donation of \$2,600??