

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 11, 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

Prelude in A

Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP[^]**

Leader: People of God, look about creation and see the faces of those we know and love—neighbors and friends, brothers and sisters—a communion of kindred hearts.

People: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

Leader: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here today. In me, in you, in each of us everywhere, God's Spirit shines for all to see!

People: People of God, come, let us worship and praise God together.

***HYMN**

Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come

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***INVOCATION^{^^}**

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
Hustad

RESPONSIVE GOSPEL READING Matthew 25: 31-46

Leader: When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'³⁷

All: Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?'³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?'³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

Leader:⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,¹ you did it to me.'⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'⁴⁴

All: Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'⁴⁵

Leader: Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did **not** do it to one of the least of these, you did **not** do it to me.'

All:⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

SERMON

On Being Sheep

*HYMN

Brothers and Sisters of Mine

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BLESSINGS AND SENDING

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G

Bach

^^Bayler, Lavon. *Taught by Love*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002. 160-161, adapted.

^Wilson, Ann A. "Call to Worship #18." *Flames of the Spirit*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1985. 62.

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.

Serving You Today

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Pastor	Rebecca Fuchs
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Walt VanderHeijden
Special Music	Gloria Hess
Head Usher	Joan Boshnaugle
Children's Ministry Staff	Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Holly Mele
Security	John Musser

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Lyn Brubaker gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in memory of Mom & Dad Carlin.

Prayer Ministry

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

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Marian Bollinger, Sam Field, Bertha Finkbiner, Jay & Janelle Fitze, John Graham, Kirsten Hart, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Lew & Fay Powell, Karen Strine, Linda Weber at home.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Joan Pontius who died on Thursday, October 1. Joan is survived by her daughter Nancy Carol, 8306 Carr Court, Lyons, IL 60534 and Robert Pontius, 328 Euclid Avenue, Lancaster 17603.

We extend our sympathy to Joe and Kristen Buohl following the death of Kristen's mother, Doris Landers.

Thank you to our church family for the many cards we received. They were greatly appreciated! - Lloyd & Bertha Finkbiner

I would like to thank my church family for the cards, prayers and many acts of kindness with the passing of my father. A special thank you to John, Gloria, and choir for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. I really appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness.

Love, Deb Musser and family

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Room
Wed: 4:00 p.m. – Hospitality Room Reserved
Thurs: 6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Lower Narthex
Sat: 4:30 p.m. – Parking lot in use by Dayspring.

Next Sunday, October 18, 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.
- Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be according to CDC Guidelines and all participants must wear masks. We will begin a series by Adam Hamilton entitled, "The Walk." in which he describes the five basic practices of Christian Faith: worship & prayer, study, service, giving, and sharing. We will study the life and words of Jesus, in order to learn how to better practice our faith. Forrest Collier will teach the first session, "Worship and Prayer."

10:15 a.m. Children's Worship in room 124 for ages 4-5th grade.

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

Becky Fuchs will preach *Charging into the Wilderness—Again* based on Isaiah 43:16-21. Larry Booz will lead worship and Martha Pierce will provide special music.

STATISTICS for October 4, 2020

Received for General Fund	\$ 7,790.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Global Food Initiative	537.00
Disaster Relief.....	5,600.00
Room Use, Girl Scouts	275.00

Worship: 78 Sunday School: 29

NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED

On September 13, we resumed our nursery care for children birth through age 4. This important ministry to children and their parents is in need of some additional loving hearts and caring arms. One hour every other month would be a great help. Our Child Protection Policy requires that volunteers who work with our children and youth have been attending our church for at least a year and that they obtain Child Abuse and Criminal clearances from the state of PA. There is no fee for these clearances and we can offer technical support to obtain them. If you are willing to consider serving in this important ministry, please contact Lisa Boshnaugle or Becky Fuchs. Training will be provided.

CHILDREN’S FURNITURE AVAILABLE

Some months ago, the owners of U-Gro gifted us with some gently used furniture for our nursery. We have not used all that was given to us and have been told we can offer what remains to anyone who is interested. We have one table, approximately 5 feet by 28 inches and a second table measuring 30 x 22 inches. Each table is about 15 inches high. We also have about a dozen very small wooden chairs. The seats are about 12 inches off the ground. There is also a shelf that is approximately 6 feet high and two feet wide. It has one or two shelves, but the potential is there for several more adjustable shelves. All the furniture is a light-colored wood. It is currently being stored in room 101 on the ground floor of the church if you want to take a look. If you are interested, please let the church office know ASAP. First come, first served. Unclaimed furniture will be donated **this week**.

HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD BANK CURRENTLY NEEDS the following items: Cereal, spam, prune juice, chicken and beef broth, large peanut butter, large jelly, 2-pound packages of rice, canned pears, instant oatmeal, boxed pastas, cream of celery soup, and cream of chicken soup.

FAREWELL DRIVE BY FOR PASTOR BECKY
and DR. DAVE FUCHS

Please join us for a “Drive-By Farewell” on Saturday, October 24 anytime between 1:30-3:00 pm. This will provide an opportunity for you to exchange safely distanced greetings with Becky and Dave who will be stationed under the covered portico facing the church parking lot. Simply drive up and enjoy a brief, masked visit with them. A basket to receive cards will be available.

OVERFLOW PLAN: PASTOR BECKY’S
FINAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

You are welcome to worship from home or in person on Pastor Becky’s final Sunday, October 25. Once the sanctuary reaches its capacity, ushers will direct the remaining worshippers to the fellowship hall where the worship service will be transmitted in real time to a large screen. Tune in or join us as we worship God and express our heartfelt appreciation for the faithful service of Pastor Becky.

OCTOBER OUTREACH: DISASTER RELIEF

Our District Disaster Relief Auction had to be cancelled this year because of COVID-19. We would like to offset their loss by collecting for this fund during the month of October. Please give whatever you can to help so that our work of disaster relief can continue. Place your donation in an envelope marked for “disaster relief” any Sunday during October. Thanks so much!

GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a greeter or no longer wish to serve as a greeter, please contact Janet Schwert by Sunday, October 25, 2020. Thank you!