

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 18, 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 C* Bach

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* 86

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Leader: Whatever God did in the past, the future is that much better!

People: We will not stop looking for the newness God has for us!

Leader: Whatever we have achieved to this point, we have not completed our journey, even into the unknown.

People: We will quicken our pace to follow Jesus wherever he leads.

Leader: Whatever obstacles we put in the path, God will make a way to our hearts, even in the desert of death.

People: We will move onward, through our doubts and fears.

*INVOCATION^^

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

SHARING OF JOYS & 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^^*

PROCLAMATION THE WORD OF GOD

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Schrader

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:14-21 **672 OT**

SERMON *Charging into the Wilderness—Again!*

*HYMN *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* **640**

SENDING AND BLESSING

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Hornpipe* Handel

^^*Bayler, Lavon. Gathered By Love. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2001. 65, adapted.
^^Duck, Ruth C. "Invocation for 7th Sunday in Epiphany." Touch Holiness. Duck, Ruth C. Ed. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1990, 50, adapted.
^Shuman, Thom. Bearers of Grace and Justice. Copyright 2012, Thom Shuman. 104-105, adapted.

Serving You Today

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| Pastor | Rebecca Fuchs |
| Music Director | John Hess |
| Organist | Gloria Hess |
| Worship Leader | Larry Booz |
| Special Music | Martha Pierce |
| Head Usher | Joan Boshnaugle |
| Children's Ministry Staff | Margie Musser, Tess Wolford |
| Prayer Chain | Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330 |
| Greeters | Bob & Heidi Keller, Dave Fuchs, Mark Yoh |
| Security | Jim Long |
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Tom and Margie Musser give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in memory of B. Eugene Musser.

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.

Thanks for the cards, prayers, and other expressions of caring that I received during my recent knee replacement surgery and recovery. This is a wonderful church family. Thanks, Dell

John and Louise Graham thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and support they received. It meant a lot and helped them get through a challenging time.

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.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer

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

Sat: 1:30 p.m. – Pastor Becky's Farewell Drive-by, parking lot

Next Sunday, October 25, 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 adults for the study of Christian practices of faith.
- Adult class will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be according to CDC Guidelines and all participants must wear masks. The class is studying the Adam Hamilton series, "The Walk" in which he discusses the five basic practices of Christian faith. Dave Fuchs will teach on "Study".

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 *On Being Grateful* based on Philippians 4:4-10. Nancy Hess will lead worship and a variety of quartets composed of our Chancel Choir members will provide special music.

On Sunday, October 25, Pastor Becky's last Sunday, there will be **no Children's Worship** so that the whole church family can worship together. School age children will sit with their family. Children who have no family present on that day may sit with Children's Worship staff people- Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler, Beth Hess, Joyce Kerns, or Kitty Collier.

Jackie is on vacation October 19-23. Joyce Kerns and Jeralyn Rettew will be in the office to answer phone calls.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM PACKETS are available in the narthex for you to look over before Forum on November 1. Please remember if you take a packet to bring it along to Forum. Thank you

STATISTICS for October 11, 2020

Received for General Fund\$ 4,662.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Food Bank.....100.00

Disaster Relief.....800.00

Brethren Housing Assoc.300.00

Worship: 69

Sunday School: 27

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!