

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 4, 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 *Sonate Pour Clarinette* Saint Saens

*HYMN *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* 21

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Leader: By the grace of God who calls us together in worship and in service,

People: We strive to live our faith right where we are.

Leader: So we affirm that for sharing strong traditions and for shaping future values,

People: There is no place better.

Leader: For developing warm companionship and for doing tasks of mission,

People: There is no place better.

Leader: For offering our joy and concerns in prayer and for opening ourselves to God in worship,

People: There is no place better.

Leader: In this church, and wherever people gather to be guided by the Spirit in enacting Christly love,

People: There is no place better. We worship with gladness and thanksgiving.

*INVOCATION^^

PUPPET MINISTRY

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 GIVING & OFFERTORY PRAYER^*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Victorian Kitchen Garden Selections* Reade

GOSPEL READING *Philippians 2:1-13* **197 NT**

SERMON *On Being Community*

*HYMN *Help Us to Help Each Other* **362**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in C* De Seiners

^*Bayler, Lavon. Taught by Love. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002. 145, adapted.
^ Rainsley, Glen E. Thanks Be to God. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2005. 20.
^^Tirabassi, Maren." Invocation for Worldwide Communion Sunday." Touch Holiness. Duck, Ruth C. and Tirabassi, Maren, Eds. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1990. 108.

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| Pastor | Rebecca Fuchs |
| Music Director | John Hess |
| Organist | Gloria Hess |
| Worship Leader | Linda Bushong |
| Special Music | Beverly Butts |
| Head Usher | Joan Boshnaugle |
| Children's Ministry Staff | Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor |
| Prayer Chain | Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767
Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330 |
| Greeters | Bob & Heidi Keller, Cindy Heisey, Charlie Worrall |
| Security | Harry Light |
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Mark and Brenda Yoh give the flowers the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Prayer Ministry

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

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

Joan Pontius at St. Anne's.

Thank you for all the cards that you sent to my mother, Joan Pontius, and for all your prayers for her. – Nancy Carol

"OUR DAILY BREAD" DEVOTIONALS

We are now receiving four large print copies of "Our Daily Bread" devotional booklets for those who may need this size print. The October-November-December issues are now available on the table across from the kitchen.

Serving You Today

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION AND LOVE FEAST

Tonight we will have our first ever virtual Love Feast! In our COVID19 world many traditions have had to be re-imagined and tonight's Love Feast is our adaptation of a centuries old tradition to pandemic times. Here's how it works: The service has been pre-recorded and will have its premier broadcast at 6:00 p.m. this evening. It will not be available for viewing before that time. However, you can sign on to the link as early as 5:30 and participate in a live chat with other members of our congregation who are watching. The live chat will continue throughout the service. So, even though we're not together, we can communicate with each other in real time. Eric Hess, our technical advisor on this YouTube option, will have directions about how to use the live chat on the YouTube program when you sign on. If you are a little late to this evening's service, no problem. You will enter the service wherever it is at that particular time. You can continue to the end with us and then go back and watch the beginning, or you can scroll the bar at the bottom of the screen all the way to the left and begin at the beginning. If you can't watch this evening, the service will continue to be on YouTube and you can worship at your convenience. The live chat feature will not be available after tonight's service.

In order to enter into worship fully, it will be helpful if you have a few things ready before the service begins. Time will be provided for you to eat a light meal or snack, so you may want to have that prepared in advance. We will also allow time for you to wash the hands and feet of those in your household. You may want to have a basin with water and a towel prepared before you begin the service. If you are near a sink, you could move there to wash. Some folks find it easier to use a pre-packaged wipe. You will also need some items to use for communion: a cracker or piece of bread, a cookie (!) and a beverage of juice, coffee, tea, water, or soda.

Join us as we draw together spiritually, but from a distance for this treasured, but re-imagined tradition in the Church of the Brethren.

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

6:00 p.m. – Virtual Love Feast

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

Sat: 4:30 p.m. – Parking lot in use by Dayspring.

Next Sunday, October 11, 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 teach "What we as the church can do."

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 Sheep* based on Matthew 25:31-46. Walt VanderHeijden will lead worship and Gloria Hess will provide special music on the organ.

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!

STATISTICS for September 27, 2020

Received for General Fund\$ 2,260.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Food Bank.....20.00

Worship: 72 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 Boshnagle 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.

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.