

Mountville Church of the Brethren



November 22, 2020

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*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 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP[^]**

Leader: We gather to worship the God who crafted the whole of creation, yet who can be neither contained by its expanse nor fully described by its beauty and majesty.

People: We gather to worship the God who gave birth to our entire human family, who brought us into being, in all our diversity, as bearers of the divine image.

Leader: We gather to worship the God who inhabits every second through all eternity, who animates us with the breath of Spirit and inspires us with the call to serve in Christ's name.

People: We gather to worship the God who bids us build a healthy global home filled with justice and peace, who equips us with a capacity for mercy and compassion.

All: We gather this day as God's people, brothers and sisters to one another, proclaimers of good news in every time and place.

*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth*

89

*INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Thanksgiving: A Medley of Hymns* arr. Curry
Sing as Directed. **Insert**

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:39-56 **NT 57**

SERMON *Big Thinking, Big Thanking*

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 our selves.*

INVITATION TO GIVE

*UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER & DEDICATION OF INTENTION OF GIVING CARDS^^

O God, our gifts given and our gifts intended represent but a portion of our thanksgiving. The remainder we offer through deeds of loving kindness, and through service in the name of Christ. We dedicate both the gifts of today and our planned giving to your holy work in this world. To the grace of your goodness we respond with gratitude, now and always. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*HYMN *We Give Thee But Thine Own* **384**

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 *Voluntary in E Minor* **Stanley**

Serving You Today

Interim Pastor	Joe Detrick
Guest Preacher	David Radcliff
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Special Music	Larry Booz, Bill Kepner, Dottie Light, Kathy Long
Trumpet	John Hess
Head Usher	Joan Boshnaugle
Children's Ministry Staff	Margie Musser, Lynn Landis
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Joel Musser, Scott Christ
Security	Pete Musser

The flowers in the worship center are presented by John and Julie Ament in honor of their 50th anniversary yesterday. God has been faithful in all these years.

Prayer Ministry

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

Marian Bollinger, Charlotte Bouscher, Bertha Finkbiner, Mary Finkbiner, Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze, Janelle Fitze, Kirsten Hart, Joyce Kerns, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Lew & Fay Powell, Karen Strine, Linda Weber, and Charlie Worrall.

I greatly appreciate your prayers, cards, messages and phone calls before and after my recent surgery. All went extremely well and I am making great progress toward a full recovery. Your support made this unexpected bump in the road much easier to bear. Thank you again, dear friends! - Becky Fuchs

Today we will consecrate our 2021 **Intention of Giving** commitments. If you have forgotten yours, there are extras in the narthex. Also, you may bring it or mail it to church as soon as you can. Thanks for your help.

^Rainsley, Glen. Hear Our Prayer. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996. 25, adapted.
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STATISTICS for November 15, 2020

Received for General Fund	\$ 3,862.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Seasonal Flowers	9.50
Global Food Initiative	150.00
Kits.....	10.00

Worship: 62 Sunday School: 22

We welcome David Radcliff back to the pulpit today. David has served as the Director of the New Community Project since 2003. NCP works to “build a new community of justice and peace for our neighbors and respect for the earth” through environmental and global awareness education. Prior to founding NCP, David served as a Church of the Brethren pastor and on the denomination’s staff. For several years, NCP’s justice work has been featured as part of MCOB’s Christmas Eve offering emphasis.

COOKIES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BRETHERN VILLAGE’S FIRST CHRISTKINDL MARKET

Hello Cookie Bakers! If you would enjoy spreading some holiday cheer for the residents and staff of Brethren Village, please consider baking cookies and putting them in the church kitchen, marked: Brethren Village, on **Thursday, December 3 by 12 noon. Also, please mark cookies with nuts or nut butters.** Volunteers are needed to staff the outdoor cookie tent on Saturday, December 5 in shifts from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please call Volunteer Services at 717-581-4271 if interested. Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Fund, a fund to help residents who have depleted their financial assets. See the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board or contact Nancy Hess: 717-898-3959. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS AT BRETHERN HOUSING ASSOCIATION

If you have not yet contributed a Christmas gift for the folks at BHA, stop by the table and check out the wish lists. Look for items NOT circled. If you decide to purchase an item, please circle the item and write your name after it, so we know that it's taken. Thank you so much for your amazing support!

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer
Mon: 4:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall Reserved
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – The New Group, Hospitality Room
Thurs: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

Next Sunday, November 29, 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 will begin the guide to Advent series, "Light of the World," by Professor and Author Amy Jill-Levine, which explores the biblical texts surrounding the birth of Jesus and the Gospels' tidings of comfort and joy as sources of rich spiritual contemplation. Walt VanderHeijden will be leading the class.

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

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

November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent. Pastor Joe will preach “Keep Awake! God is Faithful!” Read Mark 13:28-37 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. The theme is on being awake and alert to the Advent of Jesus, while also living our lives in the present moment. God is with us in difficult times and good times. Indeed, God is faithful! Special music will be provided.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office will be closed Friday, November 27. Jackie is taking a vacation day and Pastor Joe is not in the office on Fridays.

THANKSGIVING

(A Medley of Hymns)

for congregation

TRADITIONAL HYMNS

Arranged by CRAIG CURRY

Prelude: Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the song of harvest home!
(Choir only)

***Verse 1:**
Choir and Congregation



Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple come; raise the song of har-vest home. All is safe-ly



gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin. God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide * for our wants to



be sup-plied; come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

***Verse 2:** Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
(Choir only) with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord an alleluia!

***Verse 3:**
Choir and Congregation



Now thank we all our God, _____ with heart and hands and voice - es, Who



won-drous things hath done, in Whom this world re-joic-es; _____ Who, from our moth-er's arms, _____



_____ hath blessed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day;

Postlude: Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the song of harvest home!
(Choir only)

* Verse 1: Music by George J. Elvey, Words by Henry Alford;
Verse 2: Music by Johann Steurlein, Words by John S. B. Monsell;
Verse 3: Music by Johann Crüger, Words by Martin Rinkart, Translated by Catherine Winkworth.

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A Bit of Christmas Cheer

The Deacon's Health Ministry Team invites you to help spread the love of Christ this Christmas by giving Christmas cards to members of our congregation who are going through a rough time or who are unable to attend church regularly (see below). Gift bags will be placed outside the Hospitality Room from November 29 - December 13. If you are able to deliver a bag between December 13 - 25, please indicate that by signing your name on the sheet by the gift bags. This small gesture of a card and a visit means so very much to those who receive them. Thank you for your participation!

Alta Bantz
Flora Jean Beam
Gretchen Brock
Marty Bushong
Ray Enders
Lloyd & Bertha Finkbiner
Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze
Gene & Linda Ott Gerber
Kirsten Hart

Kathy Lenox
Lew & Fay Powell
Isabelle Rudisill
Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh
Gene & Barbara Swords
Margaret Trimble
Mary Jane Winters
Mark & Brenda Yoh

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The 2020 Advent devotionals "Give Light" by James Benedict, are now available on the table in the narthex along with a limited number of large print copies.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CALENDARS will be available Sunday, November 29, 2020 on the table in the narthex.

The December-January-February issue of OUR DAILY BREAD are on the table across from the kitchen. Large print copies will arrive in the near future.

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.