

# MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

December 6, 2020 10:15 a.m.

## 2nd Sunday of Advent



## Second Sunday of Advent

### Mountville Church of the Brethren

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Worship 10:15 a.m.

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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.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### CHIMES

### WELCOME

*We welcome you this second Sunday of Advent. As we come to worship this day, come waiting with eager expectation for God to move in our midst. May we be receptive to God's leading in our worship and in our daily living.*

### PRELUDE

*Shepherd in the Wilderness*

Eliot

### CALL TO WORSHIP^

*Welcome to worship! Listen, a Voice cries in the wilderness,  
"Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight."  
And how shall we prepare? How shall we clear the way  
For God's rebirth in our lives? John the Baptizer called  
People to repent of their sins. Today, let us examine ourselves  
And turn to God for forgiveness.*

### HYMN

*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

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### INVOCATION^^

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE – PEACE PRAYER

### SHARING

*The Story of John, the Baptist*

Kitty Collier

## COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHORAL MUSIC      *The Perfect Rose*      Leavitt

### 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<sup>^^^</sup>

OFFERTORY PRAYER

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

GOSPEL READING    Luke 1:5-25      Mark 1:1-8

SERMON    *Here Come the Ones Who Got the Whole Thing Started!*  
Pastor Detrick

1. *The birth of John – Zachariah and Elizabeth*
2. *Call to repentance – turning toward God*
3. *The fear of God – respect*
4. *John the Baptizer – a trailblazer for Jesus*
5. *Repentance is good news! Forgiveness can be received.*

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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

HYMN      *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*      185

BENEDICTION<sup>^^^</sup>

*And now, people of the church, we go, encouraged by the presence of the Lord, inspired by God's Word, strengthened by the lives of our brothers and sisters, visualizing signs of peace. You are invited, during the coming week, to look at the world around you and identify some such signs of peace. Amen.*

POSTLUDE      *Wake, Wake for Night is Flying*      Bach

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^Bonnie Kline Smeltzer, Pastor, State College, University Baptist/Brethren

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^^^Adaptation of offertory prayer written by Susan Shank Mix, *For All Who Minister*

^^^World Council of Churches, *Bible Meditations and Resources for Worship 2008*

## Serving You Today

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Interim Pastor	Joe Detrick
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Nancy Hess
Story Teller	Kitty Collier
Special Music	Bob Huber, Bill Kepner, Phyllis Kepner, Kathy Long
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330

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### Prayer Ministry

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

Marian Bollinger, Charlotte Bouscher, Lyn Brubaker, Ed Crafton, Bertha Finkbiner, Mary Finkbiner, Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze, Janelle Fitze, Brett & Sandee Hart, Kirsten Hart, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Lew & Fay Powell, Karen Strine, Linda Weber, and Charlie Worrall, Lyn Brubaker, Ruth Moses.

Thanks to our loving and caring church family for the cards, phone calls, and most of all your prayers after my knee replacement I am doing well but still going to therapy. We miss all of you so much but are blessed to be able to get the worship service on youtube on TV. Thanks so much to all of you that make this possible and to everyone who participates in anything to make this worship service possible. Blessings to all, Mary Finkbiner

### 2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2021 contribution envelopes are on the table inside the church parking lot doors. Please pick yours up when you come by. If you have friends, neighbors, or someone in your development that you will be seeing, please pick theirs up too. Any help getting everyone their envelopes is appreciated. Thank you.

The lectern banners are made by Kitty Collier. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer

Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall Reserved

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

Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall Reserved

## Next Sunday, December 13, 2020

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

- You are invited to the online Seekers Sunday school session beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Larry Booz will be leading the third lesson in our advent series, *Light of the World*, by Professor and Author Amy-Jill Levine. This study explores the biblical texts surrounding the birth of Jesus and the Gospels' tidings of comfort and joy as sources of rich spiritual contemplation. If you have a computer, simply go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09>

If you have a smartphone or tablet, you will need to install the Zoom app before joining the session.

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

December 13 is the Third Sunday of Advent. Pastor Joe will preach "Three Christmas Truths". Read Isaiah 35:5-7, Matthew 11:2-11 and James 5:7-10. Immanuel, God With Us - Unthinkable Places, Unlikely People – Story yet unfinished! Jim and Wendy Allshouse will provide special music.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The 2020 Advent devotionals "Give Light" by James Benedict are now available on the table inside parking lot door entrance along with a limited number of large print copies.

The December-January-February issue of OUR DAILY BREAD are also on the table inside the parking lot doors. Large print copies will arrive in the near future.

## 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 are inside the parking lot door entrance now through 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

### 2021 CHURCH DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED

Please take a moment to look over your 2020 church directory to see if your information is correct. If it isn't, please call or email the church office with your new information or anything you would like added, i.e. email address or cell phone number. Thank you.

STATISTICS for November 29, 2020 will be in next week's bulletin.

### 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.