

Mountville Church of the Brethren



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January 24, 2021

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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Christian Unity Sunday

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

Pastor Detrick

PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Phyllis Kepner

On this Christian Unity Sunday, we come to worship in the name of God whose creation we are. We come to worship in the name of Christ, whose disciples we are. We come to worship in the name of the Spirit who give us power from on high. This day we journey toward God and each other, seeking understanding and unity in the name of Christ, who makes us one. Praise be to God!

INVOCATION

Phyllis Kepner

Gracious and loving God, we stand in amazement of your goodness and mercy this Lord's Day. Let the gift of your Spirit be upon us as we come to worship. Show us your way, O God. Instill within us the joy of living in the light of your love made visible in Christ. Help us be faithful in every place and time that we may serve you and sing your praise. This day, O God, may the joy of our faith shine through!
In Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

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COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Detrick

SPECIAL MUSIC^ *The Gift of Love* Detrick Family

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 Phyllis Kepner

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you God, for the joy of giving, for the joy of human love, for the multitude of ways we share each day to bring glory and honor to your name. May you bless our gifts and may these gifts continue to be transformed into visible and active expressions of love as we strive to serve one another. Multiply and use the gifts as we bring the Word and the touch of Jesus in our community, in our nation and throughout the world, in the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *We have seen God's Glory* Driskell/Hudson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Mark 9:38-41 John 17:20-21 Luke 24:44-49

SERMON *You Are Witnesses of These Things* Pastor Detrick

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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

HYMN *For the Healing of the Nations* 367

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in F Major* Telemann

Serving You Today

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Interim Pastor	Joe Detrick
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Phyllis Kepner
Special Music	Bill Kepner
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)

Julie Ament, Bertha and Lloyd Finkbiner, Brett & Sandee Hart, Edna McDonald, and Ruth Moses.

Thank you from the family of Judy Shenk for all the prayers and cards for her husband, Butch and her mother, Edna. Both are doing well!

“REMEMBERING YOUR STORY”

Please join us for a new, weekly Zoom small group called "Remembering Your Story" beginning Tuesday, February 2 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Based on Richard L. Morgan's book by the same title, this group will focus on spiritual autobiography - a way to reflect on one's life and the way in which God's presence was felt along the way. There will be thinking/writing prompts, but there is no need to be a writer. We will share our stories of life and faith. Nancy Hess and Cece O'Day will provide leadership. If you have interest in an evening option, please contact Nancy: nancy.h.hess@gmail.com or 717-898-3959.

The CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020 have been mailed. If you haven't receive it, need another copy, or have any questions, please contact Linda Weber.

JANUARY FOOD CART ITEMS GOES TO HEMPFIELD PANTRY

The Hempfield Pantry is in need of the following items: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, jelly, peanut butter, canned pears, canned peaches, instant oatmeal, and regular oatmeal. Thank you!

STATISTICS will appear in next week's bulletin.

Zoom Adult Sunday School: 23

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Tues: 7:00 p.m. – The New Group, Hospitality Room

Thurs: 7:00 p.m. – Education Ministry Team mtg. via Zoom

Next Sunday, January 31, 2021

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education

You are invited to the online Seekers Sunday school session beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, where we will examine the message for each of us in the life of this flawed but faithful follower of Christ, using the Adam Hamilton series “Simon Peter, Flawed, but Faithful”. *From Cowardice to Courage* is the topic for January 31. 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

Our worship focus for January 31 will focus on leadership and the importance of teamwork in our church life together. You are welcome to read in advance Jeremiah, chapters 1 through 6, with an emphasis on 2:17-18, and 4:6. New Testament reflection - read Romans 12:4-8; and Ephesians 4:15-16. Sermon title: *Teamwork!* We will also recognize/dedicate our new Leadership Team for 2021. Please share the Mountville web-link with friends and relatives near and far! Let's expand our reach!

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Our February 7 Congregational Forum to call our pastoral candidate will ***replace*** the February 28 Forum. The Forum will begin immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Normal end of year reports will be available on February 7. Please let the church office know if you would like one sent to you.

^The Gift of Love, (based on 1 Corinthians 13) American Folk Tune. Video production developed for Annual Conference special “virtual” worship service, July 1, 2020.

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.