

Mountville Church of the Brethren



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April 11, 2021

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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

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Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please see a 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.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sicilienne

Faure

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

One: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.
Gather once more to testify to life.

**People: We declare to each other what we have experienced.
In community we find the life God intends.**

One: Early believers were of one heart and soul.
We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

**People: How very good and pleasant it is
When kindred live together in unity.**

One: Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection.
Christ is with us to renew our faith.

**People: We are here to testify to God's grace.
We will share our story and ourselves.**

*HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!

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*INVOCATION^

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *Valse Triste* Gliere

OFFERING

OFFERTORY THOUGHT & PRAYER^

HYMN OF THANKS *God, Whose Giving* (v. 1) 383

SPECIAL MUSIC *Tambourin* Gossec

PROCLAMATION

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16
Acts 4:32-35

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 133

SERMON *Wither Unity?*

*HYMN *We Are People of God's Peace* 407

SENDING

*BENEDICTION IN WORD & SONG
Bless'd Be the Tie That Binds (vv. 1 & 3) 421

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Martini

^Bayler, Lavon. Led By Love. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996. 88-89.

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.

Serving You Today

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Interim Pastor Joe Detrick
Guest Preacher Warren Eshbach
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Larry Booz
Special Music Clarinet, Beverly Butts
Children's Ministry Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor
Nursery Amy Sensenig
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Pat Landis, Joel Musser
Prayer Chain Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767
Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Security John Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 2021

Encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. (1 Thess. 5:11)

Today, we will be in prayer for the Mohler congregation in Ephrata. The East Cocalico congregation will be praying for us. *O Lord, hear our prayers.*

We want to thank the church family for the abundance of birthday greetings. It was warm reception as we celebrated our 102 birthdays.
- Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh

Warren Eshbach is a retired Church of the Brethren minister who is a resident of Messiah Lifeways Community at Mechanicsburg, PA. He has pastored congregations in the Mid-Atlantic and Southern PA districts and served as the District Executive of Southern PA District. He has been an adjunct faculty member at Bethany Seminary and United Lutheran Seminary (formerly Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg). He and spouse Theresa have three sons, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mon: 6:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Men’s Monday, Lower Narthex
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rooms downstairs
7:00 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Room
Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Lower Narthex
Thurs: 6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Education Ministry Team, Lower Narthex

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to serve in the **infant/toddler nursery**. Please contact Lisa Boshnaugle or Ginny Hart to be placed on the schedule. Lisa will be able to provide training/guidelines re: expectations and responsibilities as a nursery caregiver.

The APRIL FOOD CART and MONETARY DONATIONS go to the COLUMBIA FOOD BANK. They are in need of spaghetti sauce, cans of diced tomatoes, cans of stew, mixed vegetables and instant rice. Remember, no out dated or glass items. Thank you!

GREETINGS FROM YOUR GREETER COORDINATOR

We will be following the original greeter list that was handed out B.C. (Before Covid). If you cannot locate your list or you no longer are willing to serve, please call me (Janet) ASAP. Be sure to use the substitute list if you are unable to help on one specific Sunday. Any questions please call me at 717-684-7506. Thank you.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We will be honoring graduates on May 16. If you are graduating high school or a higher institute of learning or know of anyone in our congregation who is, please notify either Ginny Hart or Pastor Joe.

FLOWERS FOR THE WORSHIP CENTER

There are many dates available on the 2021 Flower Chart for you to sign-up to provide flowers for the worship center in memory or in honor of a loved one/s. Cost for 2 vases is \$35.

STATISTICS for April 4, 2021

Received for General Fund\$ 7,596.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS
Global Food Initiative.....40.00
Kits.....50.00
Disaster Relief.....1,500.00
Food Bank.....50.00
Room Use – Un Nuevo Renacer.....216.00

Worship: 85 Sunday School: 28

Next Sunday, April 18, 2021

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 meet in room 123.
- Youth will join the Adult Class in the Fellowship Hall.
- Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be according to the CDC Guidelines and all participants must wear a mask. “Encountering Jesus Through the Four Gospel Stories” by Dr. Christina Bucher. *Encountering the Paradox Who is Mark’s Jesus* is the topic. You may also join via zoom. 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.

A Cracked-Pot for God is the title of the sermon for Sunday, April 18. This message will be based on the allegory or parable of the potter found in the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 18:1-11. Jeremiah is instructed by God to visit a potter's house in Jerusalem in order for him to hear the words of the Lord. If you have a hymnal in your home, please read or sing *Have Thine Own Way* (#504) as a personal devotion in preparation for this worship theme.