

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



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September 26, 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 at the sound booth.  
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the narthex.  
\*Congregation stands in body or spirit.**

### *GATHERING*

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Air*

Chambonieres

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

We are called to love the Lord our God.

**All: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.**

We are called to love the Lord our God.

**All: We are called to love with all our mind and strength.**

We are called to love the Lord our God.

**All: We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

\*HYMN

*Renew Your Church*

363

\*INVOCATION^^

### *COMMUNICATING WITH GOD*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:34-40

25

HYMN

*If all you want, Lord*

512

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**RESPONDING**

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Air* Roman

\*DOXOLOGY 119A

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER^^^^

**PROCLAIMING**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Feeling at Home* Bill & Gloria Gaither  
*This is the Place* Gaither & Mote

SERMON *Who We Are* Rev. Angela Finet

\*HYMN *They'll Know We are Christians by our love* Insert

**SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Fugue in G* Buxtehude

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^ Weltom-Mitchell, Rev. Mindi. Rev-o-lution Resources.  
<http://rev-o-lution.org>. © 2020. Used with permission.  
^^Zwingli, Ulrich. *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2018), 1111.  
^^^Chittister, Joan. *We Are All One* (New London, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2018), 84-86.  
^^^^Spellman, Rev. Kaji R. Worship Ways website. <https://www.ucc.org>. © 2021. Used with permission.

**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.

***In God's Service Today***

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Pastor Angela Finet  
Music Director John Hess  
Organist Gloria Hess  
Worship Leader Catherine Repkoe  
Special Music Jim & Wendy Allshouse  
Ushers Jim & Wendy Allshouse, Joel Musser, Alexa Taylor  
Children's Ministry Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler  
Nursery Carey Taylor  
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Molly Mitchell, Lynn Landis  
Prayer Chain Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767  
Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330  
Security Harry Light  
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The flowers in the worship center given to the glory and honor of God.

We want to express our thanks for all the cards and prayers after the passing of Sam's mother. - Sam and Carol Field

**SCRIPTURE CHAT**

We continue to meet each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in room 102 or via Zoom to read together the scripture for the following Sunday's sermon. All are welcome to attend anytime. Bring your Bible, or one can be provided for you.

**THANK YOU, MOUNTVILLE** for your support of our Million Tree campaign! Forests provide habitat, medicines, food, firewood, beauty – and store our carbon and give us air! But this wonderful part of God's creation is disappearing fast. Your donation will help protect and restore forests – just like these schoolgirls are doing in Malawi. Thanks for caring about trees and all the blessings they bring to our world!

- David Radcliff, Million Tree Campaign, New Community Project

## Prayer Ministry

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

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

- Kirsten Hart, Mary Finkbinder, Chuck Few, Henry Renn, Jim Zeiters, John and Julie Ament, Katrina Hanks, Dottie Light, and Lynn Landis.
- Kelli O'Hara, George and Janet Schwert's daughter; Kevin, Sue Hess' brother-in-law; Ann, Lyn Brubaker's sister; Dale Gebhard, Sherri Barto's father; and Jim Long who are all undergoing cancer treatment.
- Terry Few's brother-in-law Rod and his wife Susie.
- Jerry Bushong's sister, Sara Hollinger, and her family.
- Joe Kirchner, husband of a friend of Holly Mele's.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the West Green Tree COB. Ephrata COB is praying for us.
- Pray for those dealing with so much loss in Haiti and those in the aftermath of Ida.
- Pray for the evolving situation in Afghanistan.

### WELCOME TO MY HOME

In my time here, so many of you have extended hospitality to me and made me feel most welcome! Thank you!

It is my turn to joyfully reciprocate, although the continuing evolution of COVID makes planning a larger gathering a little uncertain. For now, these are the plans. Please stop by my home in the Mount Wolf area on Saturday, October 16, anytime between 2:00-5:00 p.m., weather permitting.

I will have lots of outdoor seating for comfortably snacking and visiting. Hopefully, the many trees that surround my home should be in full, glorious color that weekend. I am eager to welcome you inside as well, but simply ask that we all wear masks while inside as the rooms are on the small side, and we want to care for one another.

### LOVE FEAST - October 3, 2021

Our beloved traditions have required much modification in the past 18 months due to the pandemic, and this service is no exception given its intimate nature. This year we will be sharing a modified service of Love Feast during worship on Sunday, October 3.

During the service, we'll see the Last Supper through the eyes of an old woman who witnessed Jesus and his disciples gather in that upper room when she was a child. We'll watch the master stoop and wash his disciples' feet.

We'll sing together. We'll pray together. And we'll join in communion together.

It has been our tradition to share in a simple meal, featuring homemade soup. For safety's sake, that soup will be available in take-home containers after worship for you to eat with gratitude at home. **Please contact the office to reserve your soup by Thursday, September 30 so that we prepare enough.**

This isn't the way we've always done it. It is understandable that we lament changes to those things we hold dear. But on that evening in that upper room, Jesus changed the tradition of the Passover meal forever. Scripture says those changes absolutely brought discomfort to Peter. We can relate.

It is our prayer that this celebration of Love Feast together – while different from past Love Feasts – will offer a fresh experience that serves to bind us together. Bind us together, Lord, in love.

### LABYRINTH PRAYER WALK: Sunday, October 17 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome to attend an introduction to using the labyrinth as a meditative prayer walk. Labyrinths have existed for over 4000 years, and are a geometric form that defines sacred space.

During this free workshop, we will be using a large canvas labyrinth in the fellowship hall, so the walk will comfortably take place rain or shine. Commit this time to renew and deepen your Spiritual life.

YOU ARE INVITED to join Brethren Housing Association (BHA) for our Annual Celebration on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel: 4650 Lindle Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner starts at 6:00 pm. There are many pieces that come together to make BHA special, and we are excited to celebrate them all - including YOU! All money raised at the Annual Celebration will help provide a safe home for families experiencing homelessness. Tickets are \$45/person. Tables and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Jessica Vinton at [events@bha-pa.org](mailto:events@bha-pa.org) or 717-903-9530. Visit [bha-pa.org](http://bha-pa.org) for event details and to order your tickets.

The HEMPFIELD FOOD PANTRY receives our **September Food Cart and monetary donations**. Below is a list of items needed: cereal, canned mixed vegetables, canned carrots, canned corn, pancake mix, pancake syrup, boxed pasta, large jelly, cream of chicken soup, cream of broccoli soup, cream of celery soup, tomato soup, canned salmon, large chicken broth, and canned mandarin oranges. Please remember, no outdated / glass items or non-perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to know more about the Church of the Brethren globally, and Mountville Church of the Brethren specifically? Since 1708, Brethren have had a unique way of engaging with God and neighbor, and a rich history of service to each other, and to the world! Pastor Angela is arranging times for conversation - please be in touch with her if you'd like to learn more. Dates will be set based on interested persons' schedules. This is a no pressure opportunity to expand your knowledge.

REMINDER: We will collect offerings for Global Food Initiative next Sunday, October 3.

STATISTICS for September 19, 2021

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Received for General Fund ..... | \$4,165.10 |
| <b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>         |            |
| Global Food Initiative .....    | 600.00     |
| Disaster Relief.....            | 500.00     |
| Food Bank.....                  | 5.00       |
| Miscellaneous .....             | 8,898.75   |
| Room Use donation.....          | 100.00     |

Sunday School: 31    Worship: 68

**THIS WEEK**

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
 Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
       7:00 p.m. – Finance Team, Rm. 102  
 Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, downstairs  
       7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102  
 Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Men’s Group, Rm. 102  
 Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101,102  
 Fri.-Sat: District Conference at Elizabethtown College

***Next Sunday, October 3, 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 joins the Adult Class in the Fellowship Hall.
- Adults, please join us in the fellowship hall for our **Compelling Vision for the Church of the Brethren** series. Seating will be according to the CDC Guidelines. Masks are recommended. We will continue to make the online option available through Zoom using the following link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09>.

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

Join us for a modified version of Love Feast and a service of Communion. Scripture texts include John 13 and Luke 22:14-23. Worship leader is Phyllis Kepner.