MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

November 28, 2021

10:15 a.m.

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

Reflection on an Ancient Plain Song arr. Helman

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people. Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

*HYMN Come, thou long-expected Jesus

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*INVOCATION^^

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 738

PRAYER OF YEARNING^^^

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Bless'd be the God of Israel 174

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^^

OFFERTORY It Came Upon a Midnight Clear arr. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY 119A

*OFFERTORY PRAYER^

PROCLAIMING

SPECIAL MUSIC An Advent Song Martin

SERMON Where There is Hope Rev. Angela Finet

SENDING

*HYMN Oh, how shall I receive thee? 182

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Gloria Peru Porter

^Bartlett, David L. et all. *Feasting on the Word: A Thematic Resource for Preaching and Worship, Advent Companion* (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY. 2014) pp 2-4.

^^Bread for the World website. https://www.bread.org/blog/advent-hopeful-prayer Published December 3, 2017. Used with permission.

^^^Guite, Malcolm. Sounding the Seasons (Canterbury Press Norwich: Norfolk, UK. 2012) p13.

^^^Harader, Joanna. Spacious Faith Blog https://spaciousfaith.com/2017/12/01/offertory-prayers-for-advent/ Published December 1, 2017. Used with permission. Adapted.

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHORAL INTRODUCTION Kindle a Flame*



RESPONSIVE LITANY

When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many people in this city and around the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.

When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" - and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight.

In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope.

Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven.

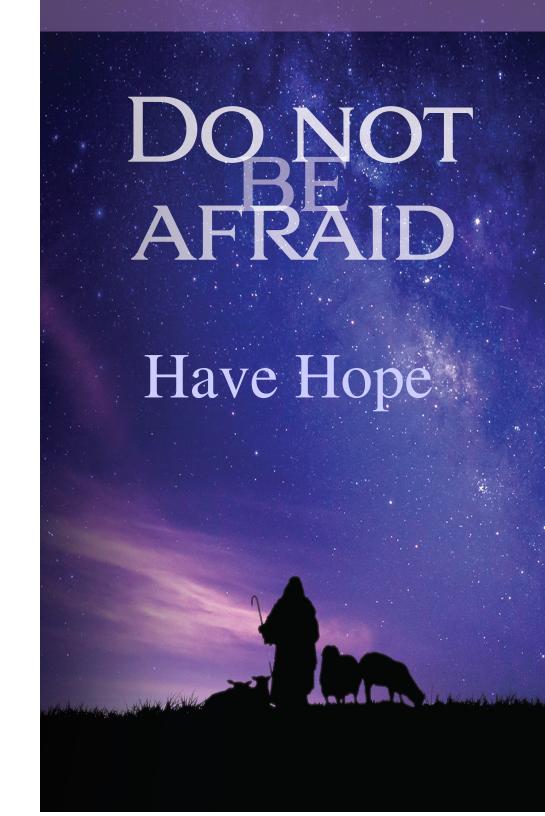
Do not be afraid! God's hope is at hand!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN

Congregation, please sing as directed.

*Kindle a Flame: Hymnal Supplement, pg. 1034



Sunday School: 24 Worship: 81

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall

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 Sat: 4:00 p.m. – Quartet Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Next Sunday, December 5, 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.
- Adults and Youth, please join us in the fellowship hall for the series **The Gift of the Nutcracker** by Matt Rawle. Larry Booz will teach *Drosselmeir A Grandfather's Love*. 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=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYUR ueDNmdz09.

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God. 2nd Sunday of Advent Pastor Angela will share "The Way of Peace" from Luke 1:67-79. Lois Silver is the worship leader. Special music is provided by Larry Booz, Bill Kepner, Kathy Long and Lois Silver.

We will collect offerings for **Global Food Initiative** next Sunday.

In God's Service Today

Angela Finet **Pastor Music Director** John Hess Gloria Hess **Organist** Worship Leader Kathy Long Acolyte Sophia Hart Advent Wreath Sarah & Catherine Repkoe Special Music Janice Booz, Ginny Hart, Bob Huber, Don Wagner Sarah Repkoe Piano Jerry Bushong, Daryl Strine, Barry Lauver, Harry Light Ushers Children's Ministry Family Worship Regina Schulz Nursery Bob & Heidi Keller, Marilyn Geist, Charlie Worrall Greeters 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 are dedicated anonymously to the Honor and Glory of God and the anticipation of the coming birth of the Christ child in this season of hope, peace, joy, and love; to the compassionate and caring sisters and brothers at MCOB; and in memory of my husband on this, the day of his birth.

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. The Zoom link is provided through email. All are welcome to attend anytime. Bring your Bible, or one can be provided for you.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CALENDARS

Advent calendars for the children are available on the table in the narthex after worship today.

TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN

If you don't have access to email and would enjoy receiving a phone call with prayer chain updates, please call Nancy Hess at 717-898-3959 and she will arrange a prayer chain calling partner for you.

Prayer Ministry Updates

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Barry and Wendy Lauver and family on the death of Barry's father, Robbie, who passed away Friday, November 12.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the Ephrata COB. Cornerstone, Lebanon, is praying for us.

LET'S FILL THE TRUCK FOR THE COLUMBIA FOOD BANK

Dayspring Christian Academy and the Mountville Lion's Club are partnering together to support the Columbia Food Bank by hosting a one-day food drive on Tuesday, December 7 from 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Local residents can drive right up and drop off their donations in the truck parked in the Mountville Church of the Brethren's parking lot. No expired foods will be accepted by the Columbia Food Bank. The Mountville Lion's Club, Dayspring's National Honor Society, and Student Government will be on hand all day to help load your donations onto the truck! Used eyeglasses also welcomed.

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 December 5 - 12. If you are able to deliver a bag between December 12 - 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
Dan Bare
Flora Jean Beam
Gretchen Brock
Marty Bushong
Lloyd Finkbiner
Gene & Linda Ott Gerber
John & Louise Graham

Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze
Lew & Fay Powell
Isabelle Rudisill
Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh
Gene & Barbara Swords
Margie Trimble
Mary Jane Winters
Mark & Brenda Yoh

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL SING

Sunday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.

Free

Mountville Church of the Brethren

Once again the Mountville Welefare Association will sposor a Community Christmas Concert and Christmas Carol sing. The Band will be made up of local professional musicians from the area and play Christmas arrangements as well as accompany the Christmas carol sing. Please join us for this free concert to help you prepare for Christmas.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR BRETHREN VILLAGE'S 2021
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR December 4, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Hello Cookie Bakers! If you would enjoy spreading some holiday cheer for the residents and staff of Brethren Village, please consider baking cookies. Cookies are being accepted at 505 Airport Rd., Lititz at the white building with Marketing & Development sign out front, directly across from the airport. Please drop them off December 2nd 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and December 3rd 8:30 a.m. – noon. Please label your cookies with nuts, without nuts, without sugar.

There will be handcrafted gifts made by BV residents including jewelry, ceramics, quilts, wooden items, etc. in the Wolfe Auditorium. The Village Gift Shop will have holiday gift items for purchase as well.

The <u>HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY</u> receives our **November Food Cart and monetary donations.** They are need of the following items: Cereal, small and large oatmeal, instant oatmeal, canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, canned corn, canned peas, canned green beans, large and small jelly, canned chicken noodle soup, canned peaches, canned mixed fruit, and canned mandarin oranges. Please remember no outdated, glass items or non-perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!