

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Have Love

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

December 19, 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 *Rise Up Shepherd* arr. Overlark

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

the One who gives food to the hungry,

the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place.

*HYMN *Come let us all unite to sing* 12

*INVOCATION^^

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COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

CHORAL ANTHEM *Invocation for Advent* Besig

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:39-55* 57

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *Love came down at Christmas* 208

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Jeg or saa glad* Gabrielsen

*DOXOLOGY 119A

*OFFERTORY PRAYER^

PROCLAIMING

CHORAL ANTHEM *Tiny Baby, Love Divine* Besig

SERMON *A Love Song* Rev. Angela Finet

CHORAL ANTHEM *Hear the Angels Singing* Larson

SENDING

*HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 191

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Come Christians Join to Sing* arr. James

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

^^Garnaas-Holmes, Steve. *Unfolding Light* website.

<https://unfoldinglight.net/2009/12/01/advent-4-december-19-2021/> Published 12/1/2009. Used with permission.

^^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2020). Pg. 280. 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CONGREGATIONAL INTRODUCTION *Kindle a Flame**

Musical notation for the beginning of the hymn 'Kindle a Flame'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a dotted quarter note B4. The lyrics 'Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and' are written below the notes.

Musical notation for the end of the hymn 'Kindle a Flame'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody ends with a long note on G4. The lyrics 'take all fear a - way.' are written below the notes.

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Because too many people are wandering in the wilderness, because too many people are sitting in the valley of the shadow of death, we light candles.

May the light from these candles illuminate the valley of the shadow of death.

Because people all over the world are suffering and we are too busy to notice, we light candles.

May the light from these candles overwhelm the world.

Today we stop everything and light these candles: one for hope, one for peace, one for joy, and one for love.

May the light and the fire from these candles burn away everything that is preventing God's love from being born among us.

Do not be afraid! Even now - God's love is overwhelming the world!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN

Congregation, please sing as directed.

**Kindle a Flame*: Hymnal Supplement, pg. 1034

In God's Service Today

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Pastor	Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Piano	Sarah Repkoe
Flute	Angela Finet
Worship Leader	Larry Booz
Acolyte	Children's Sunday School
Advent Wreath	Joe, Alexander & Riley Buohl, Anne Schanz
Special Music	Janice Booz, Larry Booz, Cathy Funderwhite, Ginny Hart, Bob Huber, Bill Kepner, Phyllis Kepner, Kathy Long, Lois Silver, Don Wagner, Dianna Zimmerman
Ushers	Beth Hess, Steve Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Children's Ministry	Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler
Nursery	Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Holly Mele, McKenna Wolford
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Security	Carl Harnish

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The 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your church mailbox. Any member or non-member that would like them and doesn't currently receive them, please contact Linda Weber.

MASK RECOMMENDATION

For the safety of everyone as the COVID numbers continue to rise in Lancaster County, the Leadership Team asks that everyone wears a mask to participate in the receiving line following worship each Sunday morning. Thank you for your care of our beloved community.

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2021

6:45 p.m. – Pre-Service Music

7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

Prayer Ministry Updates

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Continue to keep George and Janet Schwert in your prayers.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the East Fairview COB. Geiger Memorial, Philadelphia, is praying for us.

MOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MITTEN PROJECT

Thanks to our support, Christmas will be brighter for some of the neediest Mountville area households. This past Monday when we delivered thirty-one bags containing gifts of clothing, household goods, toys, etc. to the school, Counselor Danielle Foote said, "Be sure to let your church know how much we appreciate you. The mitten project wouldn't happen without your help!"

The COLUMBIA FOOD BANK receives our **December Food Cart and monetary donations**. Please remember no outdated, glass items or non-perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!

2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED

Please take a moment to look over your 2021 church directory to see if your information is correct. If it is not, 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.

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.

Remember to turn in your 2022 pledges
if you haven't already done so.
Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING — Gifts for the Christ Child

Our Christmas Eve offering will be divided between local and global ministries.

Local: Surprise Gift to UNR Youth NYC Fund (25%)

National Youth Conference (July 2022) is an every four year “mountaintop” opportunity for Sr. High COB youth. Held in Ft. Collins, Colorado, the registration is \$550 per youth, plus transportation costs. Our sister congregation, Un Nuevo Renacer, has more than a dozen youth interested in NYC and a challenging fundraising goal.

Local: Healthy Steps Diaper Bank-Lancaster County (25%)

Healthy Steps is central PA’s only diaper bank. Diapers are not covered by safety net programs, so parents often face tough choices about keeping their young children clean and dry when budgets are tight.

Global: Haiti COB Medical Mission Latrines (50%)

The Brethren Medical Missions team, which provides medical clinics and supplies to Haitians, has launched a campaign to build latrines for the Brethren communities in order to guard health and drinking supplies. Each latrine is expected to cost \$600.

Gifts to the Christmas Eve offering may be brought to church on December 24, or mailed to the church office with “**Christmas Eve offering**” clearly marked. Thank you for honoring the Christ Child by sharing in His compassion!

FELLOWSHIP HALL WORSHIP OPTION

Our tech crew streams our worship service to the fellowship hall each week and will also do so for Christmas Eve. So, if you'd enjoy a little more space in worship, feel free to use the fellowship hall.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR 2022

Please contact Janet Schwert if you would like to continue being a greeter, if you would like begin greeting Sunday mornings, or if you would like to be removed from the greeter’s list. Your presence is most welcome on Sunday mornings!

STATISTICS for December 12, 2021

Received for General Fund\$ 3,317.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Christmas Eve Offering100.00

Sunday School: 27 Worship: 87

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

7:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service, Concordia EC Church

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: 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

Sat: Christmas Day

Next Sunday, December 26, 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. The topic is *Do Not Be Afraid*. 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=](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09)

[UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09)

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

Guest Preacher, Carolina Izquierdo, Un Nuevo Renacer, will share the message this Sunday based on Matthew 5:13-16. Angela Finet will be the worship leader. In lieu of special music, we will have a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

We wish to thank those persons who placed Christmas poinsettias in the Sanctuary today in memory of or in honor of loved ones or just to add to the beauty of this Season. They are helping enhance our Christmas Celebration with beauty, lovely memories, and happy thoughts. Please see Sara Wagner to pick up your plant(s) after the The Christmas Eve Service, or thereafter.

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Memory (M) or Honor (H) of:</u>
Wendy Allshouse	M: Jim Allshouse H: Jason & Jared Yerg
Joe Buohl	M: Doris Landers M: Emerson & Frances Buohl
Jerry & Linda Bushong	M: Edward & Phyllis Hewlett M: Galen & Ruth Bushong
Bud & Ginny Hart	M: Our Parents H: Our Children
Beth Hess	H: Jean Hess
John & Gloria Hess	M: Ray & Adah Fernsler M: John & Helen Hess H: Geoff, Stacie & Trenton Hess
Steve & Nancy Hess	M: Arlie & Elaine Heisey M: Raymond & Helen Hess
Sue Hess	M: Jack Hess M: Foster & Ella Eckenrod
Bob & Heidi Keller	M: Ephraim & Daisy Shelly H: Amos & Harriet Keller
Their Children & Grandchildren	H: Harry & Dottie Light
Holly Mele	M: Joe Mele

Given by:

Ruth Moses

John & Chris Musser

Charlie Worrall & Lois Silver

Shirley A. Smith

Daryl & Karen Strine

In Memory (M) or Honor (H) of:

M: My daughter, Kathy Fisher

M: Gene & Mil Musser
M: Phil & Bernedette Glatfelter
H: Julia, John, Lukas, Jack & Madelyn

H: People we love.

M: Wayne Smith

H: Our Children & Grandchildren

