

Mountville Church of the Brethren



December 26, 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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**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 *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* arr. Edward

***CALL TO WORSHIP^**

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another
with the love of God.**

***HYMN**

You are Salt for the Earth

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***INVOCATION^^**

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-16 NT 4

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *Christian, let your burning light* 402

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Lullaby* Arndt

*DOXOLOGY 119A

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIMING

SPECIAL MUSIC Carol Sing Overhead

SERMON Carolina Izquierdo

SENDING

*HYMN *Joy to the World* 318

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Joy on Christmas Day* Sewell

^Welton-Mitchell, *Mindi, Rev-o-lution Resources*. <http://rev-o-lution.org>, (c) 2020.Used by permission.

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In God's Service Today

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Pastor Angela Finet
Guest Preacher Carolina Izquierdo
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Angela Finet
Ushers Jerry Bushong, Daryl Strine, Barry Lauver, Harry Light
Children's Ministry Family Worship
Nursery Amy & Joel Sensenig
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Charlie Worrall, Mark Yoh
Prayer Chain Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767
Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Security Pete Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory of God by Holly Mele and in honor of Alex and McKenna's 18th birthday.

Thank you everyone for the wonderful Christmas cards delivered by the kindness of Heidi and Bob Keller. We so enjoyed their visit and reading all the holiday greetings and messages.
- Louise and John Graham

Mountville Family, Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, phone calls, cards, delicious meals, and monetary ambulance support. Although we're still on a rough journey, all the loving support uplifted us and made a remarkable difference in our lives. We're so grateful for such caring church family and a compassionate God.
- Jay, Jane Darlene, & Janelle Fitze

I would like to thank all of you who gave me a Christmas card including the children. Larry and Janice Booz were my visitors and I appreciated their visit. A Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all!
- Mary Jane Winters

I would like to thank everyone for your cards and prayers for my birthday and all the Christmas cards! - Lloyd Finkbiner

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 and Lynn Landis in your prayers.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the Parker Ford Congregation, Pottstown. Mohler COB, Ephrata, is praying for us.

Dear Mountville Church of the Brethren, Thank you for your generous and gracious support for the recent food drive! You let our students wait inside on that cold day, you allowed us to use your parking lot for the truck, and we used your sign. I love the teamwork! Love in Jesus, Donna Hurley, Dayspring Christian Academy National Honor Society & Student Government.

NEW ADDRESS

Margie Trimble
1429 Walnut St.
Harrisburg, PA 17103

WORSHIP THEME FOR 2022

Each Sunday, from January 9 – February 20, will explore the *Acts of Discipleship*, based on the formation of the new church described in the book of Acts. Make it a priority to join us, in person or online, as part of your act of discipleship.

DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is closed December 25 - January 2 due to vacations by Pastor Angela and Jackie. If you have a prayer request please call Linda Bushong or Mary Finkbiner, or Nancy Hess. Please call one of our Deacons if you have an emergency. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP HALL WORSHIP OPTION

Our tech crew streams our worship service to the fellowship hall each week and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. 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!

2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED BY JANUARY 2

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.

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.

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!

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 global neighbors.

STATISTICS for December 19, 2021

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| Received for General Fund | 5,696.00 |
| DESIGNATED FUNDS | |
| Global Food Initiative | 100.00 |
| Christmas Eve Offering | 440.00 |
| Kathy VanderHeijden Justice Fund | 2,000.00 |

Sunday School: 26 Worship: 98

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
 No Scripture Chat this week.
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: 9:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, January 2, 2022

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 where we will continue a three session examination of the core themes of the Advent Devotional as they relate to our fears in times of anxiety and darkness and the presence and peace of God as we find it in scripture and witness its powerful essence. 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.
Guest Preacher David Sollenberger will share “How Much Unity Can We Handle?” from John 17:20-23. Worship leader is Forrest Collier. Special music will be provided by John Hess.

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