

DO NOT  
BE  
AFRAID

Have Peace



MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

December 5, 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 *Twos in the moon at Wintertime* Lochstampfor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

The Reign of God is drawing near:

**The prophet calls us to change our lives!**

Prepare the way for the Lord:

**A just and peaceful path!**

Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:

**For the glory of God and our neighbor's good!**

\*HYMN *To us a Child of Hope is born* 189

\*INVOCATION^

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**COMMUNICATING WITH GOD**

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:67-79* 58

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord's Prayer* Harlan

HYMN *It came Upon a Midnight Clear* 195

**RESPONDING**

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Quem pastores* Walcha

\*DOXOLOGY 119A

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER^^^

**PROCLAIMING**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Light a Candle for Peace* Schram

SERMON *The Path of Peace* Rev. Angela Finet

**SENDING**

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Let Us Now Depart in Your Peace*

\*POSTLUDE *Bell Prelude* Purell

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^Blain, Susan A. *To Dream God's Dream: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Advent.* **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-a/ace/advent-service-prayers.html>. Used with permission.

^^Huey, Kathryn Matthews. *Worship Ways: Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ.* Volume 7, No. 3 ©2008. Used with permission.

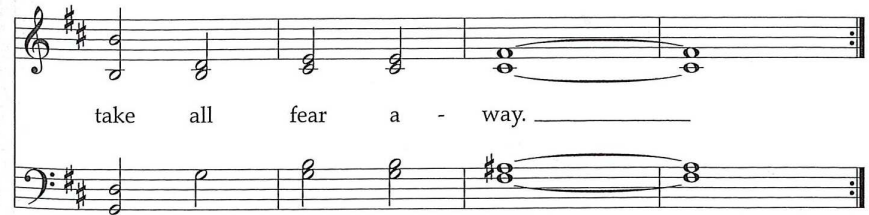
^^^Harader, Joanna. *Spacious Faith Blog* <https://spaciousfaith.com/2017/12/01/offertory-prayers-for-advent/> Published December 1, 2017. Used with permission.

**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**

CHORAL INTRODUCTION *Kindle a Flame*\*



**RESPONSIVE LITANY**

Because of war, because of violence in our communities, because there is conflict in families and homes, we light a candle of peace.

**May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.**

Because hatred is still so strong, because so many swords have not yet been beaten into ploughshares, we light a candle of peace.

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

**Do not be afraid! God's peace is at hand!**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

**CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN**

Congregation, please sing as directed.

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

**GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE**

First Sunday offerings for Global Food Initiative will be received today. You are welcome to write a check marked "GFI" in the memo. GFI provides resources that help people struggling with hunger to become more food secure. Learn more at [brethren.org/gfi](http://brethren.org/gfi). Thank you!

# *In God's Service Today*

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Pastor	Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Lois Silver
Acolyte	Sophia Hart
Advent Wreath	Joel & Dawn Musser
Special Music	Larry Booz, Bill Kepner, Kathy Long, Lois Silver
Piano	Sarah Repkoe
Cello	Christine Wuhrman
Ushers	Beth Hess, Steve Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Children's Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Art Thomas, George Schwert
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Security	Pete Musser

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Dear MCOB, Thank you for thinking of me on my first birthday at college! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Have a wonderful holiday season, Eric Hess

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the cards, visits, phone calls, and words of encouragement since the passing of Barry's dad. We are truly blessed with an amazing, caring church family.  
Love, Lori & Barry Lauver

A BIG THANK YOU for all the gifts you donated for BHA in Harrisburg for mothers and young children. The hats, coats, blankets, throws, and comforters will surely warm their hearts.

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.

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.

# **Prayer Ministry Updates**

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the Heidelberg COB, Meyerstown. Wyomissing COB 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.

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!

STILL NEEDED for the treat bags for Hershey Mill Home residents. Please see Marian or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you!

## 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 outside the Hospitality Room 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, Ray & Mary Finkbiner, Jay & Jane Darlene Fitz, Gene & Linda Ott Gerber, John & Louise Graham, Lew & Fay Powell, Isabelle Rudisill, Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh, Gene & Barbara Swords, Margie Trimble, Mary Jane Winters, Mark & Brenda Yoh.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CAROL SING

Once again, the Mountville Welfare Association is sponsoring a FREE Community Christmas Concert and Christmas Carol Sing at the Mountville COB at 2:30 p.m. **TODAY!** The Band is 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. The Mountville Church of the Brethren is Handicapped accessible. Masks are recommended but NOT required for this concert.

## 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!

## 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.

## STATISTICS for November 28, 2021

Received for General Fund .....\$ 3,663.00  
DESIGNATED FUNDS  
Mountville Elementary Gifts .....20.00  
Room use .....75.00

Sunday School: 34 Worship: 93

## **THIS WEEK**

Today: 2:30 p.m. – Community Christmas Concert & Carol Sing  
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
Tues: 7:00 a.m. – Fill the Truck with food! Parking lot  
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  
6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Rm.  
Fri: 5:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall  
Sat: 8:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall

## ***Next Sunday, December 12, 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. Forrest Collier will teach *The Mouse King--Changing perspective*. 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. **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Pastor Angela will share "Rejoice, the Lord is Near" from Philippians 4:4-9. Michael Graham will be the Worship Leader. Special music will be provided by Beverly Butts on clarinet and Sarah Repkoe on piano.