

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 25, 2022

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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## 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.

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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 *Arioso* Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Leader: There are many alternatives to our being here this morning.

**People: We have chosen to come into this place at this time, to involve ourselves in worship, to respond to the presence of God in our lives.**

Leader: There are innumerable false gods vying for our allegiance.

**People: We have chosen to love and honor the one true God, to offer ourselves as willing servants, to receive the empowerment of the Spirit.**

**All: We celebrate the choices faith calls us to make. We rejoice that two and three and more of us are gathered together to engage in worship and to prepare for courageous discipleship. Praise be to our Creator God.**

\*HYMN *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* 13

\*INVOCATION

## RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 33:1-9 OT 802

HYMN *When We Walk With the Lord* 544

*Children ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to worship downstairs.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER^

## RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Sarabande* Handel

\*HYMN *Grant us, Lord, the Grace of Giving* 388

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER^

CHORAL ANTHEM *I have decided to follow Jesus* Carter

## PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Fearless Disciples* Rev. Dave Stauffer

\*HYMN *Christian, Let Your Burning Light* 402

## SENDING

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Stanley

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^Rainsley, Glen. Words of Worship. New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1991. 26, 104-105, 119, adapted.

STATISTICS for September 18, 2022

Received for General Fund .....\$ 3,870.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Global Food Initiative.....	120.00
Sunday Flowers.....	35.00
Cemetery & Memorial Garden .....	20.00
Room Use: Mountville Library.....	100.00
UNR .....	300.00

Worship: 103    Sunday School: 35

**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 Committee, Rm. 101 and Zoom  
 Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Rms. 100, 101  
       7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom  
 Wed: 6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
       7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102  
 Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101  
 Sat: 6:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rooms downstairs

***Next Sunday, October 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.
  - Youth will join the Adult Class in room 102.
  - Seekers adult class meets in room 102 and via Zoom for the four part series *ReJesus: A Wild Messiah For A Missional Church* by Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch.

**10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.**  
 Next Sunday, Pastor Angela shares from Luke 22:14-23. Kathy Long will be the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

Love Feast will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Preacher	Rev. Dave Stauffer
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Cathy Funderwhite
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, John Musser, Tom Musser
Children's Ministry	Kitty Collier, Becky Fuchs
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Joel & Dawn Musser
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser

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Lois Silver and Charlie Worrall give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

We want to thank you so much for your donation of sodas for our residents! It was a nice change for them! – Hershey Mill Home

We welcome Dave Stauffer to our pulpit today. Rev. Dave Stauffer grew up in the Florin Church of the Brethren. After graduating from Bethany Theological Seminary, Dave served congregations in Texas, Iowa, and Pennsylvania (Green Tree and Stephens Hill). Dave has served the wider church as District Board Chairperson, District Conference Moderator, and a member of the COB Mission and Ministry Board. He is currently serving as one of the Atlantic Northeast District's representatives on the Church of the Brethren Standing Committee. Dave and his wife, Beth, have been married for over 48 years and live at Brethren Village.

INVITATION TO LOVE FEAST

Sunday, October 2 is World Communion Sunday. At 6:00 p.m., we celebrate communion as part of the ordinance of Love Feast. MCOB and UNR join together in a precious time of unity and service, sharing foot washing and a simple meal. All are welcome to sit at the Lord's table.

## Prayer Ministry Update

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Pray for Nick Cyr and family.
- Join in prayer for our congregation as we discern together God's will for our ministry as this unique body of Christ. For the next year, we will be looking at our Core Values, and how they undergird our mission and ministry. Please pray that all we do is for the glory of God and our neighbors' good.
- Pray for the people of Puerto Rico, as they begin to rebuild and recover from the hurricane.
- Pray for those in need of healing from COVID. Continue to pray for safety for medical practitioners.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he discerns his call to ministry.
- Pray for those experiencing housing insecurity.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the Elizabethtown COB. Pottstown COB is praying for us.

### SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will gather by Zoom and in room 102 each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Scripture Chat. This week's scripture is Luke 22:14-23. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

### DO YOU NEED YARN?

We got another BIG bunch of yarn! Our sewing room 106 is FULL of lots of yarn – all kinds – all colors! Anyone who can use yarn, please help yourself. We'll leave it there for a couple more weeks then take it to Re-Uzit. See Ruthie Bushong or Dottie Light with questions.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Save the date for these special moments in the life of the church.

Oct. 2, 6:00 p.m. – Love Feast

Oct. 7-8 – District Conference, Elizabethtown

Oct. 16, 11:15 a.m. – Conversation with Randy Yoder / Fellowship Meal

Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon – Brethren Beliefs Class

Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m. – Congregational Forum; Fellowship Meal

Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m. – New Member Reception

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The **Hempfield Area Food Bank** receives our September Food Cart and monetary donations. Please remember no outdated, glass items or perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION!

Brethren Housing Association cordially invites you to their Annual Celebration, This Little Light, that helps support families experiencing homelessness. Dinner and Silent Auction takes place Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Rd. Harrisburg. Purchase tickets and sponsorships at BHA-PA.org or <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BrethrenHousingAssociation/celebrate2022.html>

### BRETHREN BELIEFS CLASS

Join Pastor Angela on **Saturday, October 22 from 9-12** for an opportunity to learn more about the wider Church of the Brethren and our congregation's mission, history, beliefs, and practices.

This class is for you if:

\*you are new to the congregation

\*you have decided you want to become a member

\*you have not decided you want to become a member, but have questions and want to learn more

\*you've taken the class already and would like a refresher.

Please let Pastor Angela know of your interest so that she can prepare the appropriate number of materials.