

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Mon: 7:00 p.m. – Gospel Small Group, Rm. 102

Tues: 1:30 p.m. – Gospel Small Group, Rm. 101

6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Rms. 100, 101

7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom

Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102

Thurs: 10:30 a.m. – Gospel of Luke Small Group via Zoom

Fri: 8:00 a.m. – Lion’s club / Dayspring Food Drive, Parking lot

Next Sunday, December 4, 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. The Advent series features short videos from Adam Hamilton entitled "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas." We will discuss the meaning behind the different names of Christ: King, Savior, Emmanuel, and Light of the World.
- Small Gospel group meets at 9:00 a.m. in room 101.

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

Next Sunday, Pastor Angela shares from Heaven and Nature Sing – Loving Joy from Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12. Worship leader is Nancy Hess and the Chancel Choir will sing.

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.

Joy
to the
World

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

November 27, 2022 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.**

GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *From heaven above to earth I come* Buttredt

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

O sing to the Beloved a new song,
for Love has done marvelous things!

**By the strength of your indwelling Presence,
we, too, are called to do great things:**

We are set free through Love's forgiveness and truth.

**Yes, your steadfast Love and faithfulness
are ever-present gifts in our lives.**

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the glory of Love's Eternal Flame.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION^

In this season of waiting . . .

Let us prepare him room in our hearts this day.

Let us prepare him room in our church this day.

Let us prepare him room in the world this day . . .

for Hope.

Amen.

*HYMN *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

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RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14*

CHORAL ANTHEM

An Advent Credo

Martin

Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY

Twas in the Moon at Wintertime

Lochstompfor

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom

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*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

HYMN

Awake, arise, O sing a new song
(Once in unison, 2x more in a round.)

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REJOICE

SERMON

Hopeful Joy

Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Finale in C Minor

Saxton

^McFee, Dr. Marcia. *The Worship Design Studio.*

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^^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022.* (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 282. Used with permission. Adapted.

STATISTICS for November 20, 2022

Received for General Fund	\$ 5,778.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Global Food Initiative	\$ 175.00
Seasonal Flowers: Poinsettias	100.00
Kits	50.00
Ott Music Fund	20.00
Food Bank	100.00
Mountville Elementary School	60.00
Refugee Resettlement	100.00

Worship: 99 Sunday School: 36

UPDATING CHURCH MAIL BOXES

The church mailboxes have been reassigned in order to welcome new members and friends and return them to alphabetical order to make it easier to locate names. To find a box quickly, please use the church mailbox name list located on the end of the mailboxes facing the Hospitality Room.

SEEKERS CLASS

Seekers Adult Faith Formation has begun the Advent series Incarnation: *Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. We will examine the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. We hope that through this series in this Advent season church families will come together to remember that in the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. We invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today!

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

In God's Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Cindy Dale
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Flute	Angela Finet
Advent Wreath	Wendy Allshouse, Catherine Repkoe, Stella Schulz, Dave Serfass, Lois Silver, Zack Snyder
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Barry Lauver, Harry Light, Daryl Strine
Children's Ministry	Kitty Collier, Sue Beiler
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Rick & Linda Weber
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given in gratitude for God's bounty. Happy Thanksgiving!

We would like to thank Sarah Wagner and Cindy Heisey for the beautiful display around the Worship Table for Thanksgiving Sunday. It captured and helped us focus on the scriptural and sermon theme, "You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness." We appreciate their creativity and ministry as they enhance our worship experience throughout the year. Thank you.

MOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS

For several years now our church has responded to needs reported by our contacts at Mountville Elementary. Recently, school counselor Madelyn Saunders and Hempfield SD social worker Aleda Risser requested undies and socks for an 8 year-old and also clothing and shoes for three children of a family whose home was destroyed by fire. If you'd like to help replenish our fund, please use a pew envelope and mark your gift for: "Mountville Elementary". We also anticipate another opportunity to serve neighbors in need as Mountville Elementary again prepares for its annual Christmas project. Questions? Please contact Larry Booz.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Prayers for the Musser families on the death of their brother, Jim Musser, last week.
- 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 Florida and Puerto Rico, as they continue to rebuild and recover from recent hurricanes.
- Pray for those in need of healing from COVID and other illnesses. 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, Nigeria, Haiti, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Mt. Wilson COB. Indian Creek 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 Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12: Heaven and Nature Sing-Loving Joy. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

LION'S CLUB / DAYSPRING FOOD DRIVE

Dayspring Christian Academy has once again joined forces with the Mountville Lion's Club to collect food for the Columbia Food Bank. There will be an enclosed truck in our parking lot Friday, December 2 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for the community to stop by and fill the truck with food. We may bring our used prescription glasses for the Lion's Club to repurpose.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Today: First Sunday of Advent: Children's Advent Calendars and Advent Devotionals available in the narthex.

December 4, 2:30 p.m. – Bainbridge Band Christmas Concert & Carol Sing

December 24, 7:00 p.m.: Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 25, 10:15 a.m.: Christmas Day Worship

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

CHRISTMAS CARD BAGS for the shut ins that are part of our church family are on the table outside the kitchen. You may bring in a card for each person on the list or just a few, whatever you feel led to do. Our shut ins really enjoy hearing from us each year. Remember to pick up a list of names on the table. These lists will not be posted in the bulletin or newsletter. Also, if you could sign up to deliver a bag or two, we'd appreciate it. The sign up sheet is on the table also. **DEADLINE** for bringing in cards is Sunday, December 18, 2022. If you have questions, please ask Marian Bollinger

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for BHA (homeless mothers and children in Harrisburg). We have agreed to provide gifts for 2 mothers and each of them has 2 daughters. Please look at the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex and circle and sign your name by any gift that you plan to purchase. Try to sign up for just one item so that everyone has an opportunity to participate. These gifts must be wrapped and a gift tag that I will provide for you must be securely attached to each package on the outside. **DEADLINE** for bringing in gifts for BHA is December 11, 2022. If you have questions, please ask Marian Bollinger.

Gospel of Luke Study Group meets on Zoom **December 1** at 10:30 a.m. To receive the Zoom link, contact Forrest Collier.