

THIS WEEK

Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 12:30 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Rm.
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: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Rm.
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
7:00 – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
7:00 p.m. – Gospel Small Group, Rm. 102 and Zoom
Thurs: 10:30 a.m. – Gospel Small Group via Zoom
6:00 p.m. – UNR, Rms. 101, 102
Fri: 6:00 p.m. – Girl Souts, Fellowship Hall
Sat: 8:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer: Fellowship Hall / Kitchen / Rms.
downstairs

Next Sunday, December 18, 2022

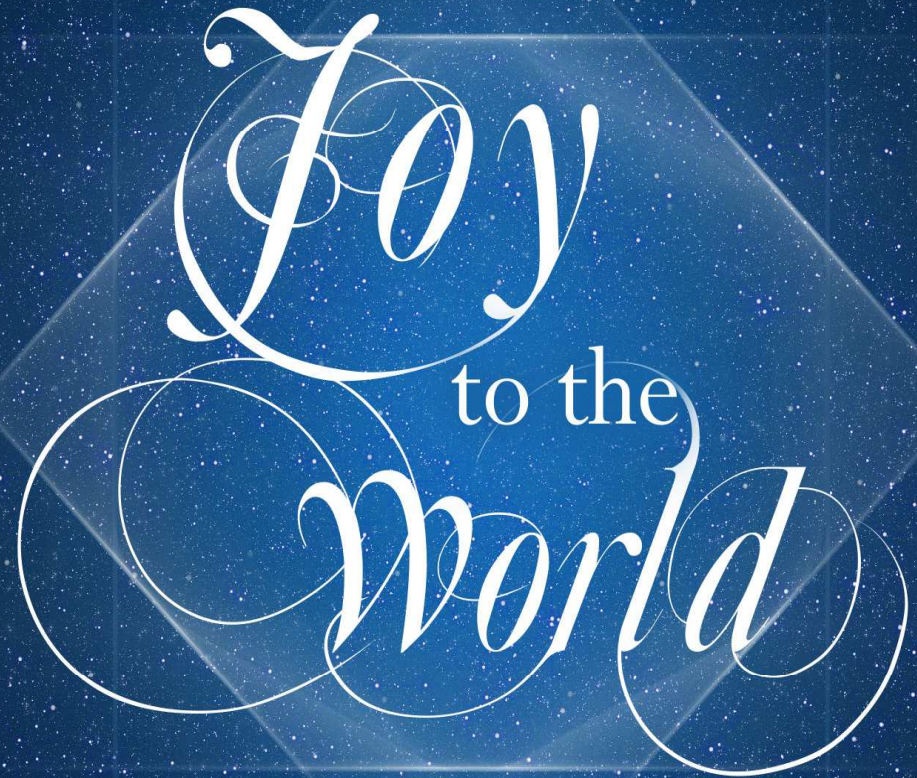
9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

- 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.
- Gospel Small Group, Room 101

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

Next Sunday, Pastor Angela shares *And Wonders of His Love* from from Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25, Heaven and Nature Sing – Peaceful Joy. Worship leader is Phyllis Kepner and the Chancel Choir will sing.

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Joy
to the
World

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

December 11, 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 *I wonder as I wonder* arr. Albrechta

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Rejoice! God's promises are ever near.

We wait for Christ's birth with patience.

Rejoice! God's strength is with us.

We rest in the power of God's mighty love.

Rejoice! We gather in the joy of our salvation.

In this love, we gather to worship and pray.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH^{^^}

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION^{^^}

In this season of waiting . . .

Let us make your blessings known in our hearts this day.

Let us make your blessings known in our church this day.

**Let us make your blessings known in the world this day...
in the name of Joy.**

Amen.

*HYMN *O come, O come, Immanuel* 172

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10 OT 663
Luke 1:46-55 NT 59

CHORAL ANTHEM *A Christmas Call to Worship* Courtney
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Rise up Shepherd and Follow* arr. Osterland

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

HYMN *My soul proclaims with wonder* 181

REJOICE

SERMON *Let all their songs employ* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *When we walk with the Lord* 544

GO

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go out in Joy* Martin

*POSTLUDE *Sing we now of Christmas* arr. Hudson

[^]Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2021). Pgs 290-291. Used with permission.

^{^^}McFee, Dr. Marcia. *The Worship Design Studio*.
www.worshipdesignstudio.com. ©2019. Used with permission. Adapted.

^{^^^}Finet, Angela.

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

STATISTICS for December 4, 2022

Received for General Fund\$ 7,605.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Global Food Initiative\$ 1,325.00

Sunday Flowers40.00

Mountville Elementary Gifts250.00

Christmas Eve Offering200.00

Worship: 107 Sunday School: 21

2023 FLOWER CHART

The 2023 flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please sign your name and write V for vases or A for arrangement on the date you want to place flowers in the worship center. Remember to fill out a pink order form and turn it in with payment to the church office or put in the offering plate. Cost for one arrangement is \$35; the cost for 2 vases is \$40. Please call the church office with questions.

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!

In God's Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Nancy Hess
Anthem	Chancel Choir
	Conductor - Jim Zeigler; Trumpet - John Hess;
	Piano - Sarah Repkoe, Organ (Chimes) - Gloria Hess
Advent Wreath	Wendy Allshouse, Catherine Repkoe, Stella Schulz,
	Dave Serfass, Lois Silver, Zack Snyder, Terry Few
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Beth Hess, Steve Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Children's Ministry	Kitty Collier, Beth Hess
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Carl & Louise Harnish
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	John Musser

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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God and in memory of our mother, Edith Kauffman by Jeralyn Rettew and Dawn and Joel Musser.

Gospel of Luke Study Group meets on Zoom December 15 at 10:30 a.m. To receive the Zoom link, contact Forrest Collier.

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED

Please take a moment to look over your 2022 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.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

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 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 Drexel Hill COB. Lebanon 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 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25 Heaven and Nature Sing-Peaceful Joy. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

ONLINE GIVING AND PEW CARDS

Part of faithful worship is responding to God's goodness and generosity. Through collecting an offering, you have the opportunity to physically express your commitment to the work of Christ's church by placing your gifts in the plate. If you are making your offering online or through some other means, you are still invited to physically participate in this symbol of commitment. Simply place one of the pew cards in the plate as a reminder of your faithful stewardship and love for Christ and neighbor.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

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

January 8, 10:15 a.m.: Service of Communion

January 15, 10:15 a.m.: Pulpit Swap with Lititz COB

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The **Columbia Food Pantry** receives our December 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

WORSHIP FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Would you like a new way to view worship? Are you looking for a fun team to serve with? Do you like to push buttons? The A/V team is the place for you! We are looking for someone to help at the sound booth 1 to 2 Sundays a month. You will receive training from patient people - grateful to share their experience with you. Do Not Be Afraid! Contact Dell Boshnaugle for more information. Did we mention...fun?!?!

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.