

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, Rms. 100, 101

No Scripture Chat

No Stitch 'n Sew 'n Share

Wed: No Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms.102

Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102

Next Sunday, January 1, 2023

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

Next Sunday, Guest Preacher David Radcliff shares “Magi-cal Mystery Tour” from Matthew 2: 1-12. Worship leader is Walt VanderHeijden. Special music is provided by John Hess on the flugelhorn.

Children's Programs

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Worship today and New Year's Day. We look forward to worshipping as a family during this special time of year.

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

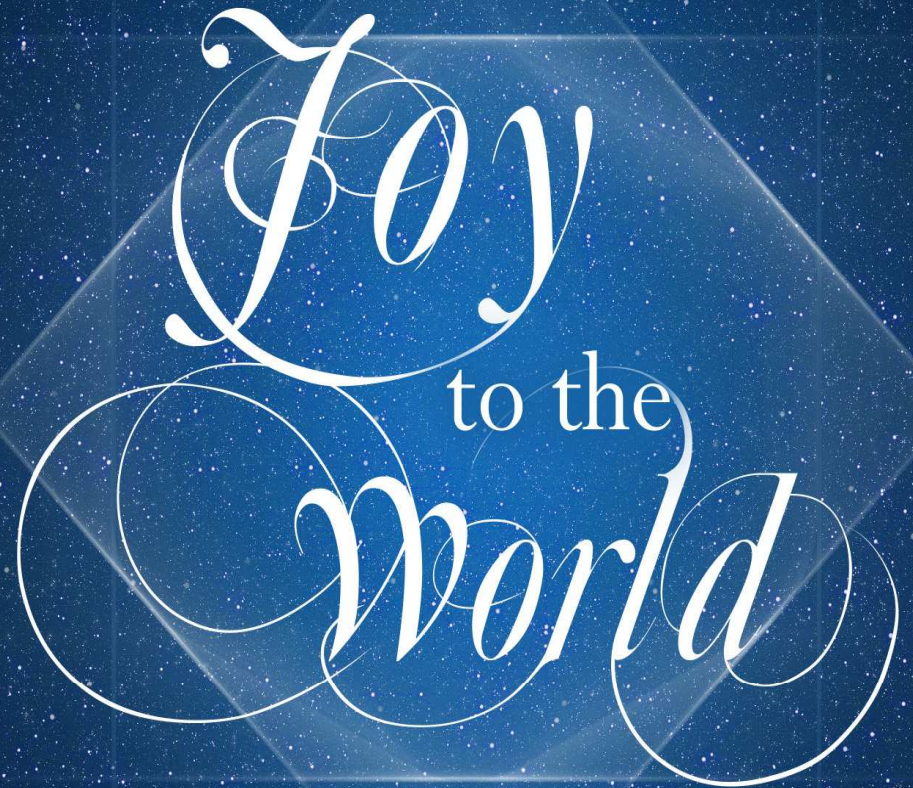
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Mission Statement

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 global neighbors.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.



Joy
to the
World

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

December 25, 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 *Glory to God* Porte

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Today we give thanks for the body of a tiny baby, life and breath in a tiny ribcage, tiny feet with ten perfect toes.

Immanuel, God with us, a promise of salvation.

We give thanks for the light of a star, for the radiance of angels,
for the running feet of shepherds, for all the joy of that first Christmas.

We give thanks that you have given our bodies life and breath and moving feet...

that we are here, now, gathered as your people, joined in one accord.

Let the light of Jesus shine in our hearts

as we come together for worship.

*HYMN *Joy to the World* 318

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 52:7-10 OT 683

John 1:1-14 NT 91

ANTHEM *Christmas Day in the Morning* Shackley
(Congregation sing as directed)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Sing We Now of Christmas* Krug

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^^

CAROL SING-A-LONG

REJOICE

MEDITATION *The Beautiful Feet* Rev. Angela Finet

CHORAL RESPONSE *How Beautiful* Paris / Courtney

BLESSING OF THE HESS FAMILY

*HYMN *Angels we have heard on high* 197

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Voluntary on French Carol* Helman

^Penner, Carol. *Leading in Worship*.

<https://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/2014/12/this-christmas-call-to-worship.html>. 12/20/14. Adapted.

^^Reynolds, Joanne. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 305. Adapted.

^^^Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg 278. Adapted.

^^^^Clayton, Kimberly, [et.al.](#) *Feasting on the Word: Advent Companion*. (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY. 204). Pg 127. Adapted.

STATISTICS for December 18, 2022

Received for General Fund\$ 5,387.41

DESIGNATED FUND

Christmas Eve Offering520.00

Brethren Housing Assoc.450.00

Misc. Designated.....18,000.00

Worship: 144 Sunday School: 27

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

There will be no Scripture Chat this week. However, you are encouraged to read the following text for Sunday: Matthew 2:1-12.

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.

The offering envelopes for 2023 are in your mailbox. Anyone not receiving them that would like to, please contact Linda Weber.

In God's Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Harold Ulmer
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Beth Hess, Steve Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Children's Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	No Nursery
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, George & Janet Schwert
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser

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The flowers today are presented by Janice and Harold Ulmer, celebrating their wedding anniversary, remembering the lives of parents and friends departed, and appreciating the many new friends they have made at Mountville Church of the Brethren.

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!

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?!?!

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

During the last few weeks, merry maids and furniture moving elves spent more than 130 hours preparing MCOB's 5th Adopt-an-Apartment at Brethren Housing Association for a mother and her three children who are struggling to overcome homelessness. Thank you for your generosity of funding, time, furniture, and spirit in this project of hope!

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 all who are traveling this holiday season.
- 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 Lancaster COB. Ambler COB is praying for us.

LOOKING AHEAD

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


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

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

January 22, 11:30 a.m.: Leaving a Legacy Workshop

OFFICE & PASTOR'S SCHEDULES

Pastor Angela and Jackie Sands will be out of the office to end the year. The church office will have minimal coverage from Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2.

Jackie returns to the office Tuesday, January 3, and Pastor Angela returns Wednesday, January 4. During this time, please direct your prayer needs to deacons Karen Strine or Cathy Funderwhite. And take care of each other 

2023 Worship Theme

MAKING MEANING OF MIRACLES

The Gospels are full of miracle stories! But, why? Do these stories help us understand who Jesus is? Or do they raise more questions than answers? Do miracles still happen today? How do miracles impact your daily life?

Join us for worship each week to explore these and other questions as we dive into the following miracle stories:

January 8: Jesus Cures a Blind Man - Mark 8:22-26

January 15: Feeding the Five Thousand - Luke 9:10-17
(Pulpit Swap with Lititz CoB – Rev. Jim Grossnickle-Batterton)

January 22: Jesus Heals a Paralytic - Mark 2:1-12

January 29: A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed
- Matthew 9:18-26

February 5: Jesus Raises Lazarus - John 11:1-44

You won't want to miss it!

All are welcome!