

## THIS WEEK

Today: 2:30 p.m. – Bainbridge Band Community Christmas Concert and Carol Sing, Sanctuary  
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. – Gospel Small Group, Rm. 102  
Tues: 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. – Fellowship Hall / Kitchen Reserved  
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106  
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir  
7:00 – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102  
Sat: 8:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer: Fellowship Hall / Kitchen

## *Next Sunday, December 11, 2022*

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

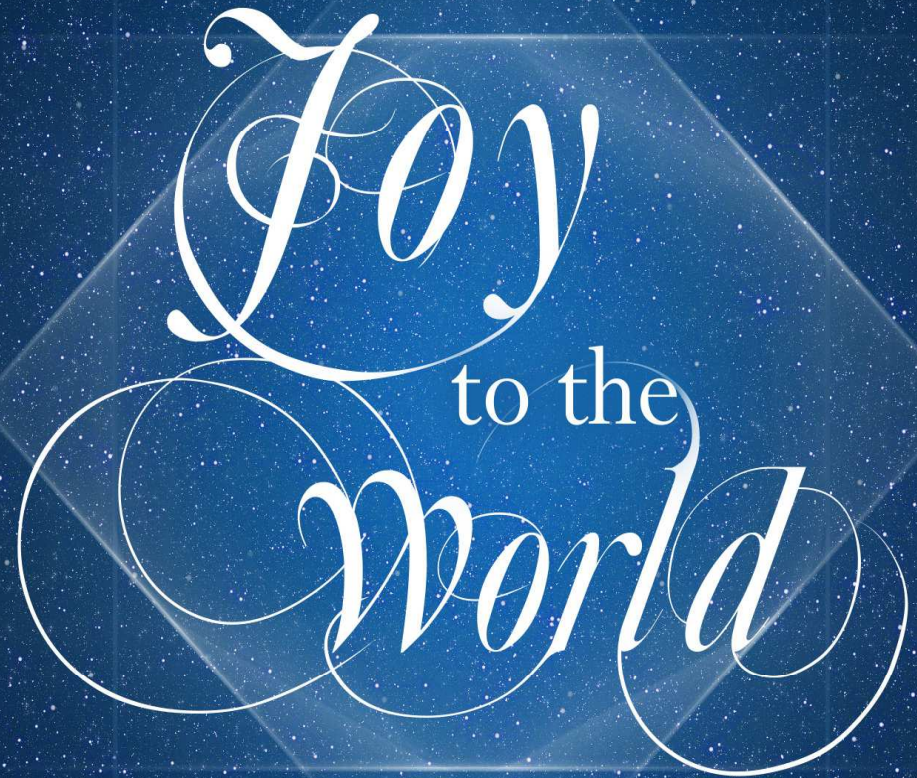
- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meet in room 123.
- Youth will join the Adult Class in room 102.
- Seekers adult class meets in room 102 and via Zoom. The Advent series features short videos from Adam Hamilton entitled "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas." We will discuss the meaning behind the different names of Christ: King, Savior, Emmanuel, and Light of the World.

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

Next Sunday, Pastor Angela shares from Heaven and Nature Sing – Joyful Joy from Isaiah 35:1-10 and Luke 1:46b-55. 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 and global neighbors.



Joy  
to the  
World

# MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

December 4, 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 *The Journey to Bethlehem* Mansfield

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP^

A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

**The spirit of the Lord rests upon his shoulders.**

Wisdom guides his feet.

**Righteousness is the belt around his waist.**

Faithfulness is the mantle upon his shoulders.

**Counsel and might cover his head.**

A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

**God's promised salvation is at hand.**

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH^^

### RESPONSIVE INVOCATION^^

In this season of waiting . . .

**Let us repeat the sounding joy in our hearts this day.**

**Let us repeat the sounding joy in our church this day.**

**Let us repeat the sounding joy in the world this day...**

**in the name of Love.**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's Cry* 183  
(To the tune of #278 Chris is Alive)

## RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10 OT 640  
Matthew 3:1-12 NT 2

CHORAL ANTHEM *Every Valley* Beck

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## RECOMMIT

### INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY *I Wonder* arr. Thomas

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

### \*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

HYMN *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* 211

## REJOICE

SERMON *Repeat the Sounding Joy* Rev. Angela Finet

\*HYMN *You shall go out with joy* 427

## GO

### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Come your hearts and voices raising* Watcha

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^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2021). Pgs 285-288. Used with permission. Adapted.

^^McFee, Dr. Marcia. *The Worship Design Studio*. [www.worshipdesignstudio.com](http://www.worshipdesignstudio.com). ©2019. Used with permission. Adapted.

STATISTICS for November 27, 2022

Received for General Fund .....	\$ 3,964.05
Un Nuevo Renacer .....	300.00
Red Rose Car Club Room Use.....	75.00
County Voting.....	80.00
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	
Global Food Initiative .....	\$ 20.00
Seasonal Flowers: Poinsettias .....	80.00
Sunday Flowers.....	58.00
Children's Ministry .....	20.00
Mountville Elementary School .....	125.00

Worship: 99    Sunday School: 31

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!

**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	Lois Silver
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Advent Wreath	Wendy Allshouse, Catherine Repkoe, Stella Schulz, Dave Serfass, Lois Silver, Zack Snyder, Terry Few
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, John Musser, Daryl Strine
Children's Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Connie Renn
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Tom Musser, Charlie Worrall
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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Harry and Dottie Light give the flowers in the worship center to the glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

MOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MITTEN GIFTS:

You can help neighbors in need this Christmas season:

1. Stop by the narthex after worship today and pick up a paper mitten gift wish. The wishes are printed on paper mittens and include items such as toys, clothing, and household goods.
  2. Go Christmas shopping this week.
  3. Return your MES gift to the narthex NEXT Sunday Dec 11th.
- Or...if you prefer not to shop and would still like to help, you can put your gift of cash or a check in a pew envelope and mark it for Mountville Elementary.

God Bless Us...Every One!

We collected \$269 for the Hempfield Area Food Pantry from the generous giving at the October 30 Congregational Forum meal. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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 Quakertown COB. Light of the Gospel Fellowship, New Jersey 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 35:1-10 and Luke 1:46b-55: Heaven and Nature Sing-Joyful 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.

Today, 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  
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

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.