

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, Rm. 102 and Zoom
Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102
Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102

Next Sunday, January 8, 2023

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.

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

Next Sunday, Pastor Angela shares “Jesus Cures a Blind Man” from Mark 8:22-26. Worship leader is Forrest Collier and the Chancel Choir will sing.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office will re-open at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 3. Pastor Angela returns to the office on Wednesday, January 4.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

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.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



January 1, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

January 1, 2023 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.**

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Song for a New Day* Paxton

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Leader: We gather this day to praise the God of years calendared into history and moments yet to form the future,

People: To worship the God of individuals striving for understanding and groups struggling for freedom,

Leader: To hear the God of prayer's silent voice and scripture's enduring wisdom,

People: To serve the God of enabling Spirit and faith-in-action.

Leader: We gather this day to love our God of all time and all people, of every word and every deed. Let us begin this new year with worship!

*HYMN *As With Gladness Men of Old* 218

*INVOCATION

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 2:1-12* NT 2

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mary Did You Know?* Arr. Schrader

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, you are in heaven. Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom and the power and the glory belong to you
forever. Amen.**

*HYMN *We Three Kings* Insert

SERMON *Magi-cal Mystery Tour* Rev. David Radcliff

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *What Child is This* Purvis

*OFFERTORY HYMN *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (v.1) 384

*OFFERTORY PRAYER^{^^}

*HYMN *O Young and Fearless Prophet* 374

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Krug

[^]Rainsley, Glen, Hear Our Prayer. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996, 10, adapted.

^{^^}Rainsley, Glen, Hear Our Prayer. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996, 141.

We three kings

KINGS OF ORIENT 8 8 8 6 with refrain



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1 trav - erse a - far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
 2 crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er
 3 de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing, voi - ces rais - ing,
 4 gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
 5 Sac - ri - fice; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 o - ver us all to reign. O — star of won - der,
 3 wor - ship him, God on high.
 4 sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 peals through the earth and skies.



star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright, west - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect Light.



Text & Music: John H. Hopkins (1820-1891)

In God's Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Preacher	David Radcliff
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Walt VanderHeijden
Special Music	Flugelhorn John Hess
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, John Musser, Daryl Strine
Children's Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Daryl & Karen Strine
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

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!

We welcome David Radcliff to our service today. David is a frequent visitor to Mountville who serves as director of the New Community Project, a small faith-based organization with a big goal: to change the world. NCP's work focuses on care for God's creation, fairness for people everywhere, and creating opportunities that challenge and change us. NCP was launched in 2003, and now has 11,000 people in its network and partners in eight countries around the world through whom it supports girls' education, women's empowerment and reforestation. David lives in Blue Ridge, VA

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 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 Skippack COB. Palmyra COB is praying for us.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

There will be no Scripture Chat this week. However, you are encouraged to read the following text for Sunday: Mark 8:22-26.

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.

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The **Hempfield Area Food Pantry** receives our January 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?!?!

STATISTICS for Christmas Eve and December 25, 2022
will be included in the January 8, 2023 bulletin

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.