

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



January 29, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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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 and global neighbors.

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

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**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 *Chorale* Young

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP^

We call to the Holy One,  
**and God hears our prayers.**

We lift up our praise,  
**and God hears our songs.**

We wait for the Holy One,  
**and God answers our hope.**

\*HYMN *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven!* 63

### \*INVOCATION^^

## RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 9:18-26* NT 9

ANTHEM *There is a balm in Gilead* arr. Helvey

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

### RECOMMIT

HYMN *Open our eyes, Lord* Overhead

### INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Jesus Christus unser Heiland* Buxtehude

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

### \*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

### PROCLAIM

SERMON *The Advocate* Rev. Angela Finet

\*HYMN *Healer of our every ill* 377

### GO

### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Song of Praise* Bach

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^ Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg. 138.

^^ Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2008).

^^^ Huey, Rev. Kathryn Matthews. *Worship Ways*. (United Church of Christ publishing. Cleveland, OH, 2008). Vol 7, No. 3. Used with permission.

## 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  
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 Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102  
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs  
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102

## Next Sunday, February 5, 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. See announcement for details.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “The Raising of Lazarus” from John 11:1-44. The Chancel Choir will sing and Holly Mele is the worship leader.

Fridays are Pastor Angela’s Sabbath. Friday’s prayer concerns should be directed to deacons Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine. If you want to leave a non-urgent message for Pastor Angela on Fridays or any day after 9:00 p.m., please send an email rather than a text. She keeps her phone on 24/7 for emergencies.

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

### 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!

**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 Joe Buohl  
Anthem Chancel Choir  
Acolyte Children’s Worship  
Ushers Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, John Musser, Daryl Strine  
Children’s Ministry Nanette Bushong, Connie Renn  
Nursery Joyce Kerns  
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Sarah Repkoe, Mark Yoh  
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.

Thanks to our church family for the Christmas bag filled with cards, encouraging messages, and goodies. We thank God for our caring congregation. Special thanks to Karen and Daryl Strine for delivering our bag. Ray & Mary Finkbiner

### 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 John 11:1-44. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

### SEEKERS CLASS

This Sunday, Seekers continue their series Animate: Bible. This is an adult faith formation series that explores seven big conversations about the Bible led by the perspectives from Christian thought leaders on the topics of: Canon, History, Testaments, Gospels, Genre, interpretation and Grace. We hope these weeks will further reinvigorate and deepen our understanding of the Bible through reflection, discussion, illustration and, perhaps, personal journaling. We hope to see you with us.

## 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 Long Run COB. Lehighton; Geiger Memorial COB, Philadelphia, is praying for us.

### BRETHREN BELIEFS CLASS

Would you like to know more about the Church of the Brethren globally, and Mountville Church of the Brethren specifically? Since 1708, Brethren have had a unique way of engaging with God and neighbor, and a rich history of service to each other, and to the world! Join Pastor Angela for conversation around these topics as well as the history and structure of the Mountville congregation on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 in the fellowship hall. This is a no pressure opportunity to expand your knowledge. Please RSVP to Angela so she can prepare enough materials.

### CRAFTING AND COMMUNITY

Everyone is welcome for a time of fellowship and fun on Saturday, February 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Pastor Angela and Sara Wagner will provide supplies and inspiration for creating your own greeting cards. All ages and levels of experience are encouraged to participate. Please reserve your space on the signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes so that we can prepare enough materials.

### STATISTICS for January 22, 2023

Received for General Fund .....	\$16, 664.49
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative .....	520.00
Disaster Relief.....	500.00
Church Music.....	20.00

Worship: 107 Sunday School: 28

The 2022 Statements have been sent or put in your church mailbox. If you did not receive one or have any questions, please contact Linda Weber.

### 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.

### NEW DISPLAY CASE ITEMS

Check out the display cases in the narthex to see a variety of handmade books - each with a unique binding made by Pastor Angela. If you would like to share your craft or hobby with the congregation, please contact Charlie Worrall to arrange a date.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

February 11, 9:30 a.m.: Crafting and Community  
February 12, 10:15 a.m.: Joe Buohl preaches  
February 19, 10:15 a.m.: Service of Anointing  
February 25, 9:00 a.m.: Brethren Beliefs Class  
February 26, 11:30 a.m.: Potluck meal followed by Congregational Forum. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. We can't cook the hot dish but we can keep it warm.