

## THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall Reserved  
Mon: 9:00 a.m. – Behavioral Healthcare, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
Tues: 12:30 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment, Rm. 106  
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 Room  
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106  
6:00 p.m. – Outreach Ministry Team, Lower Narthex  
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102  
Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102

## *Next Sunday, January 15, 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 is our Pulpit Swap with Lititz COB Rev. Jim Grosnickle-Batterton. He will share “Feeding the Five Thousand” from Luke 9:10-17. The Chancel Choir will sing and Walt VanderHeijden is the worship leader.

### 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.

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



January 8, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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**Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.**

# MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

January 8, 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.**

## GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Morning Hymn* Marks

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>^</sup>

People of God, open your eyes! Look around!

**The presence of Christ is here—among us and within us.**

God's salvation is close at hand—nearer than you know.

**Let's open our hearts and minds to the Spirit, and worship God together!**

\*HYMN *Be thou my vision* 545

\*INVOCATION<sup>^^</sup>

## RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:22-26 NT 43

HYMN *Amazing Grace!* (v. 1,2,3,6) 143

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## RECOMMIT

ANTHEM *Come Share God's Gift* Besig

INVITATION TO GIVE<sup>^</sup>

OFFERTORY *Voice of Melody* Lawrence

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING<sup>^^^</sup>

## PROCLAIM

SERMON *The Miracle of Vision* Rev. Angela Finet

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD  
The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

SHARING THE CUP  
The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

\*HYMN *Great is thy faithfulness* 327

## GO

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso* arr. Broughton

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^Finet, Angela

^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg 47. Adapted.

^^^Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg 190.

STATISTICS for December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve

Received for Outreach Projects .....\$ 5,973.00

Worship: 167

STATISTICS for December 25, 2022

Received for General Fund .....\$ 4,014.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Global Food Initiative .....70.00  
Food Bank.....100.00  
Brethren Housing Association .....100.00  
Mountville Elementary School .....50.00  
Christmas Eve Offering .....200.00  
Misc. Designated.....5,200.00

Worship: 79

STATISTICS for January 1, 2023

Received for General Fund .....\$ 2,700.00

Room Use: Un Nuevo Renacer.....300.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Global Food Initiative .....20.00  
Kits.....15.15  
Christmas Eve Offering .....128.25  
Misc. Designated (Church directory) .....20.00

Worship: 57

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.

# *In God's Service Today*

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, John Musser, Daryl Strine
Children's Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Carolyn Berrier, Beth Hess
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.

Thanks to all my Mountville COB friends who gave me Christmas cards. They are very much appreciated. Thanks to the volunteer who delivered them. That was a bonus! - Mary Jane Winters.

Thank you all for the Christmas card bag we received from the congregation. It was a nice surprise, and it thrills our heart as we take a look at them over and over again even though the Christmas season is over. Even though we cannot get to church very often, we think of you and praise the Lord for such a caring congregation. Thanks to all.

-Ruth & Don Boshnaugle

Thank you my birthday and Christmas cards! Lloyd Finkbiner

Thank you so much for the bag full of cards, messages of love and support, and goodies. As we cannot attend church it means so much to us to still feel part of the congregation. Special thanks to Linda Weber for delivering our bag. - John and Louise Graham

To all the wonderful people at church for the Christmas bag of goodies and cards that were delivered by a very devout lady. Again we thank you for your thoughtfulness. - Mark & Brenda Yoh

### 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 Luke 9:10-17. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

### 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?!?!?

### 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.

## **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 Little Swatara COB. Ephrata COB is praying for us.

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

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

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

February 12, 10:15 a.m.: Joe Buohl preaches

February 19, 10:15 a.m.: Service of Anointing

### SEEKERS CLASS

This Sunday Seekers will reconvene for the New Year by beginning the 7-week 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. Walt VanderHeijden will kick off the series with Canon: Mining for the Word by Eric Elnes. We hope to see you with us."