

STATISTICS for February 5, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 8,008.00
Room Use: UNR	300.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative	20.00
Sunday Flowers	35.00
Children's Ministry	20.00
Ott Music Fund	250.00

Worship: 100 Sunday School: 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.

SEEKERS CLASS

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 to see you with 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 58. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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



February 12, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

February 12, 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 *Aria* arr. Paxton

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

We lift up our eyes

longing for a glimpse of God's grace.

We watch for Jesus...and wait,

trying to keep awake and aware,

trying not to fall asleep,

trying not to miss his presence,

trying not to miss our very lives.

Today, we come to this place awake -

clothed in faith, decked out in love,

wearing hope for all to see.

Together we wait,

for God to meet us here.

*HYMN *Lord, with devotion we pray* 79

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE I Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11 NT 204

ANTHEM *Hymn Tapestry* Arr. Purifoy

*Children from 4 years through 6th grade are invited to worship
downstairs.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *In the bulb there is a flower* 614

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Tranquility* Lasky

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIM

SERMON *While We're Waiting* Joe Buohl

*HYMN *My hope is built on nothing less* 343

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in C* Bach

^Linford, Kirsten. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg. 218. Adapted.

^^Barlett, Laura Jaquith. Ministry Matters Website.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1990/worship-elements-november-8-2020>. Published 10/2/2020. Used with permission.

^^^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
6:00 p.m. – Snack & Survey w/Joe Buohl, Fellowship Hall
Tues: 12:30 p.m. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Room
1:30 p.m. – Study Group, Room 101
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Rms. 100, 101
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Room 102 & via Zoom
Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. – Stewards Ministry Team, Rm. 106
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
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 102

Next Sunday, February 19, 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 “Emptied” from Isaiah 58, a service of anointing. The Chancel Choir sings and Kathy Long 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.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Preacher Joe Buohl
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Angela Finet
Anthem Chancel Choir
Acolyte Children’s Worship
Ushers Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Barry Lauver, Harry Light
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
Nursery Regina Schulz
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Sarah Repkoe, Charlie Worrall
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Pete Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God and in appreciation of all the love our congregation shows to each other, our community and our world. Happy Valentine’s Day!

Thank you for all the birthday wishes and cards. – Edna McDonald

Thank you to my wonderful Church Family for all the beautiful cards at Christmas. So appreciate them. And also for the calls and food.
– Isabell Rudisill

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT is the subject of a study group that will meet on Tuesdays in February and March. So many women helped Jesus spread the Good News and many have gone unrecognized for their important role. You are invited to join this small group study which will meet on Tuesdays, February 14 and 28, and again on Tuesdays March 14 and 28, at 1:30 in Rm 101. Please let Lois Silver know if you have an interest in being part of this group. To respond via phone: 717.285.1898 or email, trumsilver@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The **Columbia Food Bank** receives our February Food Cart, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no outdated, glass items or perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc.

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 healing and comfort for John Graham & Karen Strine.
- Pray Dottie Light as she continues her treatment.
- Pray for the Fitze family that God's healing and protection surround Jane and Janelle during their procedures and treatments.
- 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 the people of Turkey and Syria as they mourn the loss of so many and begin a process of healing and rebuilding following the earthquakes.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he discerns his call to ministry.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Veritas, Lancaster. Annville COB is praying for us.

CALLING MCOB ARTISTS AND COLLECTORS!

Calling the artists or hobby collectors in our midst! Ever wonder what can compete with the joy we experience when artists and collectors of personal treasures awaken our wonder, our creativity, our connections with others by lifting us out of “our ordinary” with their works? The double treat is that this is a gift for the artists/collectors and onlookers, too. We want to make this shared experience happen here in our Narthex, today and through the end of our calendar year. Our congregation has an abundance of artists and collectors amongst us. We are so fortunate. If you have artistic creations you have made or hobby items you would like to share with others, this project is your chance to do so. Details are in the March issue of the *New Vision*... Or *right now* Contact Charlie Worrall, 717-285-1898, to volunteer your collection and to schedule display dates. What a gift this will be to the church and to the creative God we worship.

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

February 13, 6:00 p.m.: Snack & Survey, Fellowship Hall

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.

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.

SNACK AND SURVEY

Come one, come all. I, your seminarian, Joe Buohl, am looking for a LOT of Good People for help in learning more about the Church of the Brethren at Mountville. Join me Monday evening, 2/13/23 at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall for a project I am doing for my class this semester. See me, or call me, with any questions. If you can't make it, don't fret the survey questionnaire will be available after church on Sundays during February. Thanks, Joe.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!

The Atlantic Northeast District Women's Fellowship is March 18, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Ephrata COB. Our own Pastor Angela Finet is leading a workshop “Making Gratitude”, Psalm 95:2. Online registration deadline is March 7 at ane-cob.org. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Childcare is available for ages 3-8. There is also an opportunity to give a donation to the Brethren Housing Association if you feel led. Please contact Cathy Funderwhite if you have any questions or need help registering.