

STATISTICS for February 12, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 10,137.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative	225.00
Food Bank.....	70.00
Designated Misc.: Bookmarks	181.03
Designated Misc.: Church Archives	20.00
Ott Music Fund	250.00

Worship: 87 Sunday School: 25

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 John 13:18-35. 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 19, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554
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email: office@MountvilleCOB.org

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

February 19, 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 *Largo* Rasley

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

On this day, we begin a journey of repentance,
a journey of renewal, a journey of healing.
Sometimes the journey is hard.
We often don't know where we're going.
But, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus,
our guide and our guardian,
striving to be faithful
this day and all days.

*HYMN *O bless the Lord, my soul* 80

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58 OT 688

SPECIAL MUSIC *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*
Schrader

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Andante in D minor* Walond

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

HYMN *Anoint us, Lord* 531

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Emptied* Rev. Angela Finet

SERVICE OF ANOINTING

*HYMN *Come Thou Fount* 521

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Toccata* Thygerson

[^]Ellis, Karen. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 58. Adapted.

^{^^}Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg 23. Adapted.

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

^{^^^^}Bartlett, Laura Jaquith. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg 35.

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, 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. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102
Sat: 9:00 a.m. –Brethren Belief’s Class, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, February 26, 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 “Love Above All” from John 13:18-35. The Chancel Choir sings and Cathy Funderwhite 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.

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 Kathy Long
Special Music Bill and Phyllis Kepner, Cindy Dale
Acolyte Children’s Worship
Ushers Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Barry Lauver, Harry Light
Children’s Ministry Forrest & Kitty Collier
Nursery Betsy Thomas
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Carl Harnish, Sara Wagner
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Carl Harnish
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

Glenn and Ruthie Bushong want to give a BIG thank you for prayers, calls, food and visits during Glenn’s injury and healing, and Ruthie’s illness. Thanks so much for our church family!

“MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL” Lenten devotionals by Liz Bidgood Enders are available on the narthex table. There are five large print copies available for those who need them.

The 2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are in your church mailboxes and on the narthex table.

The CONGREGATIONAL FORUM PACKETS are available on the narthex table. Remember to bring your packet to Forum if you take one now.

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 Alpha & Omega. Heidelberg COB is praying for us.

CALLING MCOB ARTISTS AND COLLECTORS!

Calling the artists or hobby collectors in our midst! Our congregation has an abundance of artists and collectors amongst us. 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. Current display by Heidi Keller.

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.

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

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.

March 4, 9:00 a.m.: World Day of Prayer, Rm. 102

SEEKERS CLASS

On February 26, Seekers will begin a six week series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine exploring what has been called the most popular sermon ever delivered, the Sermon on the Mount. Dr. Levine will guide us through the Sermon's historical context, its importance as scripture of the Church and as "instruction on how best to live into the kingdom of heaven." We welcome your participation and encourage you to read Matthew: 5-7. Dave Fuchs will lead this opening session, The Beatitudes."

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. 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 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.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK MEAL FOLLOWED BY CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

All are invited to a potluck meal following church Sunday, February 26. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. We can't cook the hot dish but we can keep it warm. Following the meal, plan to stay for our Congregational Forum and hear reports from our various Ministry Teams and financial information. You do not have to be a member to attend this meeting.