

STATISTICS for February 19, 2023

Received for General Fund\$ 4,707.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Sunday Flowers.....135.00

Food Bank.....20.00

Worship: 99 Sunday School: 30

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.

Be Transformed



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.

February 26, 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.*

February 26, 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 *Orison* Wilson

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Jesus reminded the disciples,

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love,

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion,
and hope.

Let us love one another as Christ loved us.

*HYMN *Open my eyes, that I may see* 517

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

SCRIPTURE John 13:18-35 NT 108

ANTHEM *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Johnson

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *The Tender Shepherd* Thompson

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^}

HYMN *Spirit of God! Descend* 502

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Love Above All* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *They'll know we are Christians* Overhead

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Couperin

^Townley, Nancy C. Ministry Matters Website.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3775/worship-connection-may-15-2022>. Published Jan. 10, 2022.

^^Sorensen, Mark. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 125.

^^^Boyd, Mary Petrina. Ministry Matters Website.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3774/worship-elements-may-15-2022>.
Published Jan. 10, 2022.

THIS WEEK

Today: Pot Luck Lunch & Forum after church
12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 1:30 p.m. – Study Group, Rm. 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
3:30 p.m. – Congregational Fellowship Committee, Rm. 101
6:00 p.m. – Outreach Team, Rm. 106 & Zoom
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. – World Day of Prayer, Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. – UNR: Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 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 “Heart Trouble” from John 13:36-14:31. The Chancel Choir sings and Larry Booz 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 Cathy Funderwhite
Anthem Chancel Choir
Acolyte Children’s Worship
Ushers Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Barry Lauver, Harry Light
Children’s Ministry Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler
Nursery Joyce Kerns
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Harold & Janice Ulmer
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser
Cover Art Credit Autumn Priest
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Dave Fuchs gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of Becky’s birthday.

“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.

SEEKERS CLASS

Today Seekers 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 leads this opening session, *The Beatitudes*.

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 and Wendy as they continue their treatment.
- Pray for the Fitze family. 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.

TODAY: 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

March 12, 11:30 a.m.: New Member Reception

April 6, 7:00 pm.: Love Feast

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, SATURDAY MARCH 4

Jesus taught us to pray, and then modeled the importance of a healthy prayer life throughout his earthly life. You are welcome to gather at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102 to join with your family of faith in a time of prayer. You don't have to pray out loud - your presence is an act of prayer. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Angela by Wednesday, March 1 to be included in our prayers that morning. They can be for a person, our country, or our world.

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 13:36-14:31. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.