

STATISTICS for January 29, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$4,260.00
Room Use Donation.....	50.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative.....	100.00
Cemetery & Memorial Garden	20.00

Worship: 90 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.

GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE

First Sunday offerings for Global Food Initiative are received today. You are welcome to write a check marked "GFI" in the memo. GFI provides resources that help people struggling with hunger to become more food secure. Learn more at brethren.org/gfi/.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



February 5, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554
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www.mountvillecob.org
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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 global neighbors.

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

February 5, 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 *Chapel Meditation* Hegarty

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Coming from places that have seen better days, God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Coming with our breath taken away by grief, the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure, Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death,

Speaking in word and song, and building community for holy service.

*HYMN *Holy Spirit, come with power* 26

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE John 11:1-45 NT 105

ANTHEM *I have felt the touch of God* Larson

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *Breathe on me, breath of God* 356

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY *Prayer* Moszkowski

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Newness of Life* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Move in our midst* 418

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Concerto in A Minor* Bach

^Life in Liturgy website. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2020/03/26/lent-5a-2/>.

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^^ Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg. 74.

THIS WEEK

Today: 11:30 a.m. – Core Values meeting, Rm. 102
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. – No Scripture Chat
Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Rm.
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
Fri: 5:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Sat: 9:30 a.m. – Card Workshop, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, February 12, 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 Joe Buohl shares from I Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11. The Chancel Choir will sing and Pastor Angela 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.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Holly Mele
Anthem Chancel Choir
Cornet: John Hess; Euphonium: Aaron Booz, Chuck Few
Trombone: Jim Zeigler
Acolyte Children’s Worship
Ushers Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Barry Lauver, Harry Light
Children’s Ministry Margie Musser, Catherine Repkoe
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Holly Mele, Walt VanderHeijden
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 by Aunt Holly Mele and in celebration of her niece, Joy Meley’s birthday.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

There will be no Scripture Chat this week. However, you are encouraged to read I Thessalonians 4:3-5:11 for Sunday, February 12.

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.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

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 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 Springfield COB, Coopersburg; Hatfield COB 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.

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 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The **Columbia Food Bank** receives our February Food Cart and monetary donations. Please remember no outdated, glass items or perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!

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 will be held March 18, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren. Our own Pastor Angela Finet will be leading a workshop for the day on "Making Gratitude", Psalm 95:2. Online Registration is February 2 - March 7. Go to ane-cob.org to register. Cost for the day 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.