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Purpose Statement

In joyful community, we follow Jesus to embody God's
love with all our neighbors.



Mountville Church of the Brethren

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

April 2, 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 *Grand Triumphal Chorus* Guilmant

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Line the festival procession with branches. This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMN *Hosanna, loud hosanna* 238

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE John 16:16-33 NT 111

ANTHEMS *He Comes in the Name of the Lord* Beall
Hosanna to the Son of David Pote

*Children from 4 years through 5th grade are invited to worship
downstairs.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Now We Herald the King* Paxton

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

HYMN *Joy to the World* 318

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Let There be Joy* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *You shall go out with joy* 427

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* arr. Kirkstat

^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg. 55. Used with permission. Adapted.

^^Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg 82. Used with permission.

STATISTICS for March 26, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 6,632.00
Room Use Donations	375.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative	100.00
Kits	335.00
Messenger Subscriptions	70.50
Mountville Elementary School Gifts	40.00

Worship: 96 Sunday School: 29

THIS WEEK

- Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Mon: 9:30 a.m. – Behavioral Healthcare, Rm. 100
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Room 102 & via Zoom
- Wed: No Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
- Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Love Feast, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

- 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 announcements for details.

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “Easter, The Dawning of a New Day” from John 20:1-18. The Chancel Choir sings and Joel Musser 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	Bill Kepner
Anthems	Chancel Choir along with Eva Priest, Autumn Priest, Stella Schulz, Penelope Shultz
Acolyte	Ava Yellets
Ushers	Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Children’s Ministry	Beth Hess, Joyce Kerns
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Barry & Lori Lauver
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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Linda gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of Jerry’s 80th birthday.

Thank you so much for the surprise card bag filled with your gratitude and good wishes. You certainly put a smile on my face as I read each one, and I am so thankful for my caring and thoughtful church family. My response is simply, "To God be the glory for all that I am able to accomplish with lots of help from all of you." – Marian Bollinger

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be an assortment of approximately 30 Easter flowers in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. As last year, they will be available to take home on a first come basis after worship on Easter Sunday. We will have a basket in the narthex should you wish to make an offering for the flowers you take home. Our average cost for the flowers is \$12.

INVITATION TO SING

We will end the Easter worship service by singing the Hallelujah Chorus. If you would like to join the choir for that one number please let John Hess know so he can give you a copy of the music.

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 Sue Beiler as she awaits surgery.
- Pray for healing and comfort for John Graham & Karen Strine.
- Pray for Dottie Light & Wendy as they continue their treatment.
- Pray for the Fitze family and 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, Syria, and Ecuador 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 Philadelphia First COB. Ebenezer Project, Lampeter, is praying for us.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our April Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

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.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

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

April 6, 7:00 pm.: Love Feast

April 24, 6:30 p.m.: Anabaptism @ 500 Bible Study begins

April 29, 5:00 p.m.: International Dinner Fellowship Event

ANABAPTISM @ 500

Join Pastor Angela as we celebrate 500 years of the Anabaptist faith tradition. We will gather Monday evenings, beginning April 24 at 6:30 p.m., to study Scripture assigned to us (we are one of 500 Brethren/Mennonite congregations participating). Our thoughts and insights will be submitted to MennoMedia for inclusion in the new study Bible, to be published in 2025. More details are in the April Newsletter - or you can ask Pastor Angela. Please register on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

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/.

EASTER SEEKERS CLASS: "Resurrection" and "Resurrections"

The Seekers Class will examine the Biblical passages describing resurrection(s) and explore the meaning of resurrection in our lives. Topics include: Is resurrection only an individual event? Now or future? How do we begin "living into the Kingdom of Heaven?" Forrest Collier will lead the discussion.

ACOLYTE SERVICE

All members of the congregation are invited to serve as an acolyte. However, we'd like to maintain the tradition that, whenever possible, one of our children fills this role. The sign-up sheet is for adults to commit their children to serve as acolytes for particular Sundays. It also informs the congregation when no child is available to serve. To insure coverage for this role, we ask members willing to serve as acolytes to check the sign-up sheet and, if no one is signed up for the next week, to fill in their name and serve in this capacity. This way both the tradition of our children serving as acolytes will be retained whenever possible, and the tradition of carrying Christ's Light to the world will still be assured. Training will be provided.