

STATISTICS for March 5, 2023

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| Received for General Fund | \$ 5,732.00 |
| Room Rent | 250.00 |
| DESIGNATED FUND | |
| Global Food Initiative | 95.00 |
| Sunday Flowers | 75.00 |
| Children's Ministry | 20.00 |

Worship: 101 Sunday School: 33

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.

IF YOU HAVE:

... new TOOTHBRUSHES that are individually wrapped, please give to Marian or Ruthie or place in mailbox #11. We can use them for hygiene kits, but they must be individually wrapped.

... used LAPTOPS, even if they don't work, Church World Service refurbishes them for refugees. Please give to Norman Bollinger, and he will get them to CWS.

HELP ASSEMBLE HYGIENE KITS

We will assemble 300 hygiene kits for CWS on Sunday, March 26, immediately after worship. Please plan to stay a few minutes to help.

SEEKERS CLASS

Seekers is using the series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine exploring what has been called the most popular sermon ever delivered, the Sermon on the Mount. We welcome your participation and encourage you to read Matthew: 5-7.

Purpose Statement

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

Mountville Church of the Brethren

Be Transformed



March 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.*

March 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 *Sarabande* Lully

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Sing a new song,

a song of love for all.

Sing of the Spirit of love,

the Spirit who loves us all.

Sing of God's abiding love,

that we might love one another and all of the world.

Sing a new song,

a song of love for all.

*HYMN *Love divine, all loves excelling* 592

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

HYMN *This is a day of new beginnings* 640

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-17 NT 109

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

ANTHEM

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Air in F Major* Handel

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Relationships & Responsibilities* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Where charity and love prevail* 305

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Glorious Majesty* Smith

^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2020). Pg 110.

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

^^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2020). Pg 107. Adapted.

Today we receive the following new members: Tom and Gail Druck, Margaret Kintigh, Matt and Rebekah Priest, and Anne Schanz. Please stay for a light reception following worship to welcome them.

THIS WEEK

Today: Reception for new members after worship, Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 12:30 p.m. – Divorce Group, Hospitality Room
1:30 p.m. – Study Group/Core Values Group, Rm. 101
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Room 102 & via Zoom
7:00 p.m. – Stewards Ministry Team, Rm. 106
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
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 102
Sat: 6:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102

Next Sunday, March 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 “What’s Up with the Spirit?” from John 16:1-16. The Chancel Choir sings and Dave Serfass 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 |
| Music Director | John Hess |
| Organist | Gloria Hess |
| Worship Leader | Phyllis Kepner |
| Anthem | Chancel Choir |
| Acolyte | Children’s Worship |
| Ushers | Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver |
| Children’s Ministry | Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor |
| Nursery | Regina Schulz |
| Greeters | Bob & Heidi Keller, Rick & Linda Weber |
| Prayer Chain | Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine |
| Security | Harry Light |
| Cover Art Credit | Autumn Priest |

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Dean and Carolyn Berrier give the flower vases in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

George and Janet Schwert give the flower arrangement in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their 56th Wedding Anniversary.

Please accept my deep appreciation for the bag of cards, the serenade by the JPM duo, and the many good wishes so many of you sent my way in honor of my birthday. Sharing this milestone with all of you has made it all the more joyous. Thank you!! - Becky Fuchs

I want to thank my church family for all the cards, letters, flowers and desserts. Thanks so much for my weekly mail. Hope to be coming back soon. – Isabelle Rudisill

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 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 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 Grace Christian, Lansdale. Coventry COB, Pottstown is praying for us.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Pantry receives our March Food Cart, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. They are in need of Cereal (always need cereal), canned mixed vegetables, canned carrots, canned sweet potatoes, canned mandarin oranges, canned fruit cocktail, canned cream of mushroom soup, and canned cream of celery soup. Please remember no outdated, glass items or perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc.

CORE VALUES GROUPS

You are encouraged to join in the next step of our Core Values work, identifying our primary Core Values during two sessions scheduled for the weeks of March 20 and March 27. Sign ups will be in the narthex today and March 19. We'll use the same model as the Gospel Study Groups and invite you to join the same groups as before. New participants can sign up for whichever group's schedule is convenient.

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

March 25, 10:00 a.m.: Family Bowling Outing

April 6, 7:00 pm.: Love Feast

FAMILY BOWLING OUTING FOR ALL AGES!

The Education Ministry Team is planning a family Bowling Outing for our church family and friends at Leisure Lanes on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$3 for shoe rental and \$3.50 per person per game. All ages are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet across from the church mailboxes. See Regina Schulz with questions.

ARTISTS & COLLECTORS, SCHEDULE OUR NARTHEX AS THE EXHIBIT HALL FOR YOUR WORK!

We hope you saw Heidi Keller's lovely paintings, handmade baskets, rugs, and quilting on exhibit January 19 - February 5 in our Narthex. The two display cabinets were filled with her art. What a way to kick off the new program "MCOB Artists and Collectors on Display" this year. You can be a part of this, too. If you have artistic creations you have made or a hobby collection you would like to share with others, this project is for you! Both Narthex display cases are available for you to capture your friends' attention to a loved segment of your life they may not have suspected was there. A New Introduction to who you are! We intend to feature items from individual artists and collectors sequentially for three-week segments through the year. To find out more *right now*, contact **Charlie Worrall, 717 285-1898**, to volunteer your collection and to schedule display days. FYI. This week Dave Serfass is featuring parts of his life-long collection of buffalo-themed items begun when he was 12 years old and continues into his retirement. This includes replicas, pictures, figurines, pins, statues and more. A truly unique, captivating assembly of items about these heaviest land animals in North America. So talk to Charlie now to schedule your own three week showing.

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 16:1-16. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.