

STATISTICS for March 12, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 5,108.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative	120.00
Sunday Flowers	50.00
Kits	100.00
Food Bank	140.00

Worship: 85 Sunday School: 32

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 19, 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.*

March 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 *Meditation* Cohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.

When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us.

Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!

*HYMN *God is here among us* 16

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE John 15:26 - 16:16 NT 110

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

ANTHEM *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* Althouse

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Lenten Prayer* Johnston

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^^

HYMN *Holy Spirit, Truth divine* 508

PROCLAIM

SERMON *What's Up with the Spirit?* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *New earth, heavens new* 299

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *All Now Sing Forth in Praise* Broughton

^Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters website.*

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3864/worship-connection-june-12-2022>. Published 1/21/22. Used with permission.

^^Sokolove, Deborah. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 137. Adapted.

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

^^^^ Boyd, Mary Petrina. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 152.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. – Red Rose Antique Car Club, Fellowship Hall
Mon: 9:00 a.m. – Library Book Sale Set-up, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Core Values Group, Rm. 102 & Zoom
Tues: 9:00 a.m. – Library Book Sale Set-up, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Room 102 & via Zoom
Wed: 9:00 a.m. – Library Book Sale Set-up, Fellowship Hall
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. 101
7:00 p.m. – Core Values Group, Rm. 102
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – Library Book Sale Set-up, Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. – Core Values Group, Rm. 102 & Zoom
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102
Fri: 10:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale, Fellowship Hall
Sat: 6:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102
9:00 a.m. - Mountville Library Book Sale, Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. – All Church Bowling, Leisure Lanes
4:00 p.m. – Set-up for Hygiene Kits, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 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 announcements for details.
- Core Values Group with Pastor Angela, Rm. 101

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “There is no Unity without U” from John 17. The Chancel Choir sings and Patrick Snyder 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 Dave Serfass
Anthem Chancel Choir
Acolyte Children’s Worship
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Children’s Ministry Kitty Collier, Connie Renn
Nursery Betsy Thomas, Regina Schulz
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Glenn & Nanette Bushong
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Pete Musser
Cover Art Credit Autumn Priest
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The flowers in the worship center are given by Janice and Larry Booz to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of both Janice’s parents, Vernon and Angela Stinebaugh. Angela turned 104 on March 4. Vernon will turn 104 on April 4.

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.

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. 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.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Margaret Kintigh cell phone number: 717-926-7397

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 East Cocalico COB. Spring Creek COB is praying for us.

EASTER SUNDAY

We will end the service with the choir 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.

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.

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

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

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

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 17. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.