

STATISTICS for March 19, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 4,323.00
Room Use Donation.....	100.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative.....	80.00
Sunday Flowers.....	20.00
Messenger Subscriptions	27.00

Worship: 97 Sunday School: 29

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.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ACOLYTE

Our tradition at MCOB is for an acolyte to carry "the light of Christ" to the world at the end of our Sunday service. Age is not a factor in serving as an acolyte. **We would like to extend this tradition by inviting all members of the congregation to take part in this opportunity.** Details for sign-up will be in next week's bulletin with service available beginning 4/16.

We will collect offerings for **Global Food Initiative** next Sunday.

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 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.*

March 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 *Prayer* Arkadieff

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Called to be one,

We are here.

Called to be strong,

We are here.

Called in devotion to God,

We gather to worship and pray.

*HYMN *All praise to our redeeming Lord* 21

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE John 17 NT 111

SPECIAL MUSIC *Living Hope* Wickham & Johnson

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Andantino in G Minor* arr. Sciveyner

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

HYMN *O God, in Christ You call us* Overhead
To the tune of #311 The Church's One Foundation

PROCLAIM

SERMON *There is no Unity without U* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Heart with loving hearts united* 420

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Unto God Be the Glory* Martin

^Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press:
Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg 124.

^^ Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press:
Nashville, TN. 2020). Pg 119.

^^^Finet, Angela.

THIS WEEK

Today: Assemble Hygiene Kits after church, Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Core Values Group, Rm. 102 & Zoom
Tues: 1:30 p.m. – Study Group/Core Values Group, Rm. 101
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Room 102 & via Zoom
Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
6:00 p.m. – Outreach Ministry Team, Rm. 106 & Zoom
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: 10:30 a.m. – Core Values Group, via Zoom only
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102

Next Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm 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 “Let There be Joy” from John 16:16-33. The Chancel Choir sings and Bill Kepner 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	Patrick Snyder
Special Music	Kathy Long
Acolyte	Sophia Hart
Ushers	Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Children’s Ministry	Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Lynn Landis, Molly Mitchell
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	John Musser
Cover Art Credit	Autumn Priest
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The flowers in the worship center are given
to the glory and honor of God.

Thanks to my Church family for the many cards and wishes helping me celebrate my 93rd birthday.... was FUN!!!!!!.. Heidi

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER FLOWERS

We will continue the tradition of having palms available to take home on Palm Sunday, April 2. They will be available in the narthex and may be picked up before or after our worship service.

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.

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 Florin COB. Amwel COB is praying for us.

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.

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.

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

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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – HYGIENE KITS

Disaster can strike anywhere, anytime. Disasters can take many forms: tornadoes, earthquakes, civil conflict, drought, hurricanes and more. Caring persons, like you, who understand the urgency of responding after a disaster allow CWS to distribute help where it is needed and hope for the future.

Our Outreach Project for March is 300 HYGIENE KITS which will be distributed by Church World Service around the globe wherever they are needed. You are making a difference and bringing hope to those who have lost personal hygiene supplies due to disaster! Each kit contains a hand towel, wash cloth, soap, tooth brush, comb, nail clippers, and 10 band aids placed inside a gallon size plastic bag. By buying in quantity and taking advantage of discounts, we are able to purchase all the above supplies for one kit for about \$4. Please place your donation towards supplies in an envelope and be sure to mark it "For Kits". Also, please plan to stay immediately after worship today for the assembly, packing and loading.