

STATISTICS for February 26, 2023

Received for General Fund\$ 4,926.23

DESIGNATED FUND

Sunday Flowers.....35.00

Disaster Relief.....1,000.00

Misc. Designated: Carenotes20.00

Worship: 105 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.

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

Be Transformed



March 5, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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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 and global neighbors.

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

March 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 *Chorale Prelude on "Melcombe"* Blake

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Look for God in this place.

We search for God's comfort and peace.

It is here, given for you out of God's unconditional love for you.

Spirit, help us receive that love and then to bring it to others.

Peace be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN *There is a place of quiet rest* 5

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE John 13:36-14:27 NT 108

ANTHEM *Do not let your heart be troubled* Larson

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine* arr. Thompson

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

HYMN *Come, come ye saints* 425

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Heart Trouble* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Joys are flowing like a river* 301

GO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Chorus of Praise* Johnston

[^]Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters Website*.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1063/worship-connection-may-17-2020>. Published April 9, 2022.

^{^^}Slough, Rebecca, et al. *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. (Brethren Press, Elgin, IL. 1992). Pg. 729.

^{^^^}Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg 121.

^{^^^^}Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg 94. Adapted.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 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
6:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Room 102 & via Zoom
Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room
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

Next Sunday, March 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 Pastor Angela shares “Relationships and Responsibility” from John 15:1-17. The Chancel Choir sings and Phyllis Kepner is the worship leader. We will welcome new members as part of worship with a light reception to follow.

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 Larry Booz
Anthem Chancel Choir
Acolyte Children’s Worship
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Children’s Ministry Margie Musser, Becky Fuchs
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Beth Hess, Connie Renn
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Pete Musser
Cover Art Credit Autumn Priest
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Holly Mele gives the flower arrangement in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of William’s 17th birthday.

Tom and Gail Druck give the flower vases in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The 2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are in your church mailboxes and on the narthex table.

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 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 Swatara Hill COB. Iglesia Berith, Oasis De Esperanza, Lebanon is praying for us.

CALLING MCOB ARTISTS AND COLLECTORS!

Calling the artists or hobby collectors in our midst! Our congregation has an abundance of artists and collectors amongst us. If you have artistic creations you have made or hobby items you would like to share with others, this project is your chance to do so. Details are in the March issue of the *New Vision*... Or *right now* Contact Charlie Worrall, 717-285-1898, to volunteer your collection and to schedule display dates. What a gift this will be to the church and to the creative God we worship. Current display by Heidi Keller.

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 12, 11:30 a.m.: New Member Reception

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.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

The Atlantic Northeast District Women's Fellowship is March 18, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Ephrata COB. Pastor Angela Finet is leading a workshop "Making Gratitude", Psalm 95:2. Online registration deadline is **March 7** at ane-cob.org. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Childcare is available for ages 3-8. There is 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.

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 15:1-17. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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. Dr. Levine will guide us through the Sermon's historical context, its importance as scripture of the Church and as "instruction on how best to live into the kingdom of heaven." We welcome your participation and encourage you to read Matthew: 5-7. Dave Fuchs leads this opening session, *The Beatitudes*.