

STATISTICS for April 9, 2023

Received for General Fund .....	\$ 4,102.75
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative .....	20.00
Seasonal Flowers .....	245.00
Kits .....	2.00
Food Bank .....	25.00
Care Notes .....	20.00
Messenger Subscription .....	27.00

Worship: 175    Sunday School: 27

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.

YOU ARE INVITED to the ANNUAL DISTRICT-WIDE OLDER ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON on May 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland. Cost is \$23 / person. Entertainment is provided by Craig Caltagirone, who is a one-man song and dance show, whose music includes Broadway tunes, songs of the classic crooners and great American standards. Menu: broasted chicken or ham loaf, red mashed potatoes, green beans and baby carrots, tossed salad, dressings and rolls, butter, jelly hot and cold beverages, vanilla or chocolate ice cream. Vegetarian Lasagna and a vegan hot and cold vegetable platter are also available. Register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board across from the kitchen or online at [anecob.org](http://anecob.org) under the "calendar/events" tab. Deadline is April 23.

**Purpose Statement**

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

**Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.**

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



April 16, 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.*

April 16, 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.**

## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Diapasons* Kendall

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Meet us Lord

**And guide us on the road to Emmaus**

Meet us Lord

**And renew our strength in our walk by your side**

Meet us Lord

**And steady our faith between fear and hope**

Meet us Lord

**And shine the light of your risen glory before us**

\*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 70

### \*INVOCATION

## PRAISING

SCRIPTURE DRAMATIC READING: Luke 24:13-49 NT 90

ANTHEM *O Magnify the Lord* arr. Fettke

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

SCRIPTURE DRAMATIC READING: Luke 24:13-49

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *Open our eyes, Lord* Overhead

## PRESENTING

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Prayer* Loret

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING<sup>^</sup>

## PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Wait. What?* Sara Haldeman-Scarr

## PARTING

\*HYMN *I want Jesus to walk with me* 439

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out With Joy* arr. Nearing

<sup>^</sup>written by Carol Penner, and posted on **Leading in Worship.**  
<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>

## THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Mon: Office closed today as Jackie uses a vacation day.

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

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, Rm. 101

7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 102

Fri: 2:00 p.m. – UNR, Fellowship Hall

Sat: 1:00 p.m. – UNR, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

## Next Sunday, April 23, 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.
- This Sunday at 9:00 a.m., Seekers class begins a new study of **Christianity’s Family Tree**, by Adam Hamilton. Larry Booz leads the first of six sessions with a look at the practices, liturgy, and traditions of the Orthodox Church. Meet in room 102 & via Zoom.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares from 1 Peter 1:17-23. The Chancel Choir sings and Cindy Dale 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.

### 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 1 Peter 1:17-23. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

## *In God’s Service Today*

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Speaker	Sara Haldeman-Scarr
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Scripture Presenters	Cindy Heisey, Joel Musser, Catherine Repkoe, Greg Smith, Mark Yoh
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Acolyte	Sophia Hart
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Children’s Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
Nursery	Joyce Kerns
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Forrest Collier, Cindy Heisey
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Carl Harnish
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

Welcome Sara Haldeman-Scarr to the pulpit this morning! Sara recently retired after a 35 year ministry career that spanned the country! Her most recent ministry was with the San Diego faith community. Sara lives each day to share Christ - friend to friend and heart to heart. She and her partner live at Brethren Village.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and meals as I was recovering from two separate procedures on my back. A special thank you to Pastor Angela for her love and concern. It was so wonderful to have a caring and praying church to support Daryl and me as we went through this time in our lives. We're so grateful. Karen Strine

### 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.

## 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 Lloyd Finkbiner, John Graham, Jim Long, and 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 Un Nuevo Renacer Fellowship, Mountville. Source of Grace Mountain of Glory Project, Hyde Park, MA is praying for us.

### 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.

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

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

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

April 30, 10:14 a.m.: All Church Photo

May 4, 10:00 a.m.: National Day of Prayer

### ALL CHURCH PHOTO

We are in need of a new All Church Photo. Please make it a point to be at worship on **Sunday, April 30**. Following that service, we will gather in the front of the sanctuary for a photo.

### 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. Please register on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

### BIBLICAL CHARACTERS POPULATE OUR NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES IN APRIL

We hope you enjoyed David Serfass' life-long collection of American Bison that were featured during March in the display cases in the Narthex. These stunning pieces catch the majesty of an animal entwined in our American history.

The April exhibit takes us back even further in time - over 2000 years ago, to Israel and some of the people who populate our Bible. These figures, made by Kitty and Forrest Collier, are materials for teaching children. Abstract stories come alive; lessons are easier for young children to understand. The use of hands-on figures helps children's early learning. This approach is based on the Montessori method of teaching by using concrete materials to enhance the telling of the story. Notice the figures have no specific features. This allows them to be interchangeable for different Bible stories. The figures are used to make the Bible stories more concrete and real for the children of our church as they grow in worship and faith.

What a gift to our church!

As you look at the individual figures in the display cabinets, which Biblical accounts come to mind for you? Enjoy!