

STATISTICS for April 16, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 6,205.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative	100.00
Seasonal Flowers	20.00
Kits	200.00
Food Bank	20.00
Messenger Subscriptions	68.50

Worship: 90 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.

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 under the "calendar/events" tab. Deadline is TODAY!

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 23, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554
717-285-5122

www.mountvillecob.org
email: office@MountvilleCOB.org

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

April 23, 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 *Air* Muffat

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Lift your voices to the One who always hears us.

Listen, Holy One. Hear our voices sing your praises.

Call on the One who bends low to hear us.

Listen, Holy One. We lift our voices to you in praise.

Call on the name of the Lord, all people.

Listen, Holy One. We call on your wonderful name. For you saved us, you raised us, and turned our lives around. Let your name be praised in this congregation.

*HYMN *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* 50

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23 NT 232

SPECIAL MUSIC *Blessed Assurance* arr. Marino

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *How Great thou art* arr. Hine

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119 (v.2)

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^}

HYMN *Proclaim the tidings near and far* 282

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Living as Pilgrims* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

*HYMN *God, who stretched* 414

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Recessional* Gounod

[^]Kena, Kwasi I. *The Africana Worship Book Year A*. (Discipleship Resources: Nashville, TN, 2006). Pg. 61. Adapted.

^{^^}Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg. 106. Adapted.

^{^^^}Boyd, Mary Petrina. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg. 78. Adapted.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. – Small Group Bible Study, Rm. 102 and Zoom
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102
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. 101
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102
7:00 p.m. – Education Ministry Team, Hospitality Room
Fri: 9:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Set-up for International Dinner, Kitchen, Fellow. Hall
5:00 p.m. – International Dinner, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Next Sunday, April 30 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 joins the Adult Class in room 102.
- This Sunday Seekers class continues their study of **Christianity’s Family Tree**, by Adam Hamilton looking 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 I Peter 2:19-25. The Chancel Choir sings and Harold Ulmer 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 2:19-25. 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
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Cindy Dale
Acolyte Eva Priest
Special Music Robin Work
Ushers Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Children’s Ministry Sue Beiler, Betsy Thomas
Nursery Connie Renn
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Dave & Becky Fuchs
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Pete Musser
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Molly Mitchell gives the flower arrangement in the worship center to the glory of God and in honor of her daughter’s 54th birthday on April 26 and in beloved memory of her husband Ted, who passed April 27.

Tom and Gail Druck give the flower vases in the worship center as they praise God for the miracle of birth and rebirth in celebration of their new great-granddaughter.

Words cannot express our deep appreciation for your birthday cards for our 104th birthday celebration. Flowers and phone calls were plentiful and the concern for Angela’s surgery on her hand were very much appreciated. May God bless each of you and the church for your sympathy and congratulations. Vernon and Angela Stinebaugh

JESUS IN THE MOUNTVILLE COMMUNITY

Hempfield Power Packs sometimes needs help Thursday afternoons with distributing Power Packs from our church’s lower entrance. Power Packs is NOT a regular commitment. Volunteers sign up on a weekly basis at their own discretion. Power Packs provide healthy food for low income families with children in the Hempfield Community. If you have an occasional hour to give, please contact Larry Booz for more details

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 B. 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 Providence COB. Conestoga COB 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, 11 -5 a.m.: All Church Photo

May 4, 10:00 a.m.: National Day of Prayer, Rm. 102

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. 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.

BIBLICAL CHARACTERS POPULATE OUR NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES IN APRIL

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!