

STATISTICS for April 23, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 3,276.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative	5.00
Seasonal Flowers	40.00
Church Music: Instruments	20.00
Food Bank	30.00
Messenger Subscriptions	29.00
Sr. Adult Banquet	138.00

Worship: 91 Sunday School: 33

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

The first Sunday of each month, we remember and support the work of the Global Food Initiative (GFI), a Church of the Brethren program that assists hungry people world-wide in developing food security. As is our tradition, we will collect offerings for GFI next Sunday, May 7. Gifts can be made online by selecting Global Food Initiative from the dropdown menu, or you may designate the gift in the memo line of your check. Jeff Boshart, Executive Director of GFI, will be with us sharing information about how our faithful gifts are being used to serve our "neighbors" all over the world.

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 30, 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.*

April 30, 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 *Ayre* Dowland

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Awe and wonder, gladness and generosity;

May we witness God's love in community.

May we share in worship and fellowship together,

Knowing God's faithfulness and steadfast love.

Let us follow Christ where he leads,

Faithfully in his footsteps, surrounded by his love.

*HYMN *Lift high the cross* 321

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25 NT 233

ANTHEM *Sing Praises* Glarum

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Andante* Redner

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

HYMN *Strong, righteous man of Galilee* 540

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *God Sees You* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

*HYMN *He leadeth me* 599

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *March* Yarnold

[^]Welton-Mitchell, Rev. Mindi. <http://rev-o-lution.org>. Published 2020. Used with permission. Adapted.

^{^^}Struckmeyer, Kurt. *Following Jesus*. <https://followingjesus.org/prayer-for-discipleship/>. Published Nov. 25, 2018. Used with permission. Adapted.

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

^{^^^^}Brown, Joanne Carlson. *Ministry Matters website*.
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4940/worship-elements-may-3-2020>.
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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
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary in use
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, 102
Thurs: 10:00 a.m. – National Day of Prayer, Rm. 102
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102

Next Sunday, May 7, 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.
- 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 guest preacher Jeff Boshart, Executive Director of Global Food Initiative, shares from Galatians 2:7-10. The Chancel Choir sings and Pastor Angela 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 Harold Ulmer
Acolyte Ava Yellets
Anthem Chancel Choir
Euphonium: Chuck Few; Trombone: Jim Zeigler; Trumpet: John Hess
Ushers Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Children’s Ministry Nanette Bushong, Connie Renn
Nursery Betsy Thomas
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Carolyn Berrier, Mark Yoh
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Harry Light
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Pastor Angela Finet gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory of God and in celebration her mother’s birthday.

Thank you for your prayers and cards. Carol Field & Lloyd Finkbiner

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

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 Galatians 2:7-10. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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 Sue Beiler, Lloyd Finkbiner, John Graham, and Jim Long
- 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 Ridgeway Community COB. Parker Ford 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.

Today, 11:15 a.m.: All Church Photo

Following the service, we will gather in the front of the sanctuary for a group photo.

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

June 4, 11:15 a.m.: Talent Show and Meal

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.

TOY GIVE AWAY

Several years ago we had a program here called "Tots 'n Tunes" and many toys and other items were donated for the program. Since this program is no longer functioning and is not planning to be started again, a decision has been made to give the toys away to anyone who would like to have them. If you are interested in seeing the toys, please see Dianna Zimmerman and she will make arrangements to meet with you at the church. We would like to move these out as soon as possible since they are no longer being used. The deadline to obtain toys is Sunday, May 14, 2023.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. ~ Matthew 18:20

Just as we did in March for World Day of Prayer, we will gather on Thursday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. in room 102 for the National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer shares a history with our Thanksgiving holiday. While under British rule, the New England colonies practiced two days each year of prayer: the day in late fall called for prayer and thanksgiving, while the day in spring called for prayer and fasting. In 1863, President Lincoln established the fall day of prayer as the official Thanksgiving holiday. In 1952, under President Truman, the spring day of prayer became the National Day of Prayer. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer, even if you aren't comfortable praying aloud. Your presence is prayerful. Please send your prayer concerns to Pastor Angela by Wednesday, May 3 at noon so that she can prepare the prayer list for Thursday.