

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!

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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

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

April 9, 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 *Easter Jubilance* Hughes

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Draw near to the Risen Lord.

We draw near in awe and gratitude.

Enter this ancient and sacred story.

We enter, open to transformation.

Find your place in this holy narrative.

We seek to receive anew the grace and love of Christ Jesus.

Let us proclaim with Mary:

We have seen the risen Lord!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

*HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* 280

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 NT 114

ANTHEMS

*Risen Indeed!
Forth He Came at Easter*

Pote
Pote

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Rejoice the Lord is King* arr. Chesterton

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^}

PROCLAIMING

HYMN *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!* 278

SERMON *The Dawning of a New Day* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

*HYMN *Low in the Grave He Lay* 273

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant* Paxton

[^]Ristine, Karen Clark. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pg. 80. Adapted.

^{^^}Sokolove, Deborah. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg. 95. Adapted.

^{^^^}Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. *Toward the Tomb: Service Prayers for Resurrection Sunday*. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-sunday-april-9/>. Used with permission.

STATISTICS for April 2, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 9,493.31
Mountville Library Book Sale Room Use Donations.....	100.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative.....	67.00
Sunday Flowers.....	110.00
Food Bank.....	10.00
Messenger Subscriptions	27.00
Church Library.....	20.00

Worship: 96 Sunday School: 29

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, Rms. 100, 101, Fellowship Hall
 No Scripture Chat this week.
 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. 101
 Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

Next Sunday, April 16, 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 announcements for details.

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

Next Sunday guest speaker Sara Haldeman-Scarr shares “Wait. What?” from Luke 24:13-49. The Chancel Choir sings and Forrest Collier 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	Joel Musser
Anthems	Chancel Choir
Euphonium:	Aaron Booz, Chuck Few; Trombone: Jim Zeigler;
Trumpets:	Drew Brouse, John Hess, Libby Weder; Tuba: Bruce Smith
Piano:	Cindy Dale, Gloria Hess; Conductor: Bill Kepner
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Children’s Ministry	Kitty Collier
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Carl & Louise Harnish
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	John Musser
Cover Art Banner	Heidi Keller & Sara Wagner
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The Easter flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

EASTER FLOWERS

The 30 Easter flowers in our sanctuary are available to take home on a first come basis after today’s worship. There is 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.

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela will be out of the office April 10-15. She will not be checking messages while away. Please direct your prayer needs to deacons Karen Strine or Cathy Funderwhite.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed Friday, April 14 and Monday April 17 as Jackie takes a vacation. Please contact Karen Strine or Cathy Funderwhite with prayer concerns.

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 Green Tree COB. Jennersville COB is praying for us.

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.

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.

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, 10:15 a.m.: AllChurch 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.

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.

REMINDER

Articles for the May *New Vision* are due in the church office today. Thank you.