

STATISTICS for April 30, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 3,190.56
Building Use: UNR.....	300.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative.....	20.00
Sunday Flowers.....	85.00
Ott Music Fund.....	500.00
Messenger Subscriptions	54.00
Sr. Adult Banquet.....	46.00

Worship: 97 Sunday School: 28

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.

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 Ephesians 5:1-2 and 1 John 4:7-12. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



May 7, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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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



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

May 7, 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 *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* Kaspar

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

*HYMN *I sing the mighty power of God* 46

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 2:7-10 NT 188

ANTHEM *Hymn of Grateful Praise* Raney

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Adagio* Bach

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

HYMN *The Church of Christ in every age* 403

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

PARTING

*HYMN *Will you let me be your servant?* 307

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Fugue* Selby

^Welton-Mitchell, Rev. Mindi. <http://rev-o-lution.org>. Published 2010. Used with permission.

^^Finet, Angela.

^^^Gillette, Carolyn Winfrey. *Songs of Grace*. (Discipleship Resources: Nashville, TN, 2009). Pg. 22.

^^^^Viera, Javier. *The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2020*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2019). Pg. 55.

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. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102
Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room
12:00 p.m. – Older Adult Sprig Luncheon @ Yoder’s Restaurant
1:00 p.m. - Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
6:00 p.m. – Outreach Ministry Team, Lower Narthex
6:00 p.m. – Finance meeting, Rm. 102
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. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101

Next Sunday, May 14, 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 Pastor Angela shares “Living God’s Love from Ephesians 5:1-2 and 1 John 4:7-12. 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
Guest Speaker Jeff Boshart
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Pastor Angela Finet
Acolyte Sophia Hart
Anthem Chancel Choir
Ushers Dave Fuchs, Barry Lauver, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Bill & Phyllis Kepner
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Harry Light
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Harry and Dottie Light give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their 57th anniversary.

We welcome Jeff Boshart to our service today. Jeff grew up in Lebanon County and attended Lebanon High School. He studied Environmental Science at Juniata College and holds a master's degree in agriculture from Cornell University. Jeff has been the manager of the Global Food Initiative since 2012. Previously he worked for Brethren Disaster Ministries as the disaster response coordinator for Haiti, and together with his wife, Peggy, served the denomination in the Dominican Republic where they helped establish a micro-loans program. Before working for the Church of the Brethren, they worked in Haiti for an organization called ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). They have 2 teenaged children, and all live next to family on a farm in Fort Atkinson, WI, raising organic fruits and vegetables, sheep and chickens - all for sale at local farmers' markets.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduation Sunday is coming up. If you or someone you know in the congregation is graduating, please give the church office or Ginny Hart those names.

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, Sudan, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Springfield COB. Un Nuevo Renacer is praying for us.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Bank receives our May 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.

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

May 14, 10:15 a.m.: Graduate Recognition

May 28, 10:15 a.m.: Pentecost, joint worship with UNR

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

A NEW EXHIBIT IN NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES: STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

We hope you enjoyed Kitty and Forrest Collier's handmade Biblical figures in our Narthex display cases in April. The stories the figures brought to life in the scenes Kitty staged are ones not just for adults; they speak to Sunday school children, too, helping them understand the words of Scripture. Many thanks, Kitty and Forrest for sharing this dynamic teaching tool. Rotating into the Narthex display cases this month is an exhibit of stained glass windows made by Charlie Worrall.

Charlie writes, "Making stained glass windows continues to be a primary joy of mine; it began over 40 years ago. It is a medium that takes me to places I dream of... images filled with peace and grace, places in my heart linked to the beauty of the spirit, often populated by nature's creatures reminding me that we are each a small but unique part of God's grander scheme. Over the years, I have made windows in widely scattered places such as La Jolla CA, Minneapolis MN, Wellesley (Boston), Portland OR, Fort Wayne IN, Miami FL, Mt Wolf PA, North Hampton NH. A small window even made the journey to a (UCC) church in Zimbabwe. Many of the windows I make are given to people, hospitals, fundraising events like hospice and women's health fundraisers."

Contact Charlie now to schedule your own three-week showing of the collection or hobby that has filled your life. The congregation would love to share your joy.

DINNER & A SHOW

All are invited to a "Dinner and a Show" following church on Sunday, June 4. We ask that you sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church mailboxes for the talent part of the event. Name only! For lunch come and enjoy Mr. B's steak sandwiches! Questions – see Janet Schwert.