

2024 GREETERS

If you would like to be added to the 2024 Greeter's schedule or if you are a current greeter and do not wish to continue being a greeter in 2024, please contact Janet Schwert. No need to contact Janet if you are currently a Greeter and want to stay on the 2024 schedule.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our October Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Jackie is now in the office 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 8, 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.

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

October 8, 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 *Fantasia in C* Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

We gather here, where God would teach us
to be more compassionate, to be more loving.

We gather here, where Jesus would teach us
**the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge, the
language of hope so we may speak to all.**

We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom
**so that we might know how to share grace, so that we would share
God's welcome in this place.**

*HYMN *Bless'd be the God of Israel* 174

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18: 21-35 NT 20

CHORAL ANTHEM *View from the Upper Room* Courtney

Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

HYMN *Forgive our sins as we forgive* 137
To the tune of Amazing Grace

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Aria* Zipoli

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^}

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Forgive Fully* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

*HYMN *Come, thou fount* 521

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in F Major* Telemann

^Harvey, Rev. Tim. *The woodworking Pastor* website.

<https://woodworkingpastor.tumblr.com/post/183314260518/forgive-again-matthew-1821-35-sunday-march-10>. Published March 10, 2019.

^^Slough, Rebecca, Ed. *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. (Brethren Press, Elgin, IL, 1992). Pg. 629.

^^^Packer, Matthew J. *Ministry*

Matters website. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1652/worship-elements-september-13-2020>. Published Aug. 1, 2020. Used with permission

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for October 1, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 6,965.34
Un Nuevo Renacer	\$300.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Hands Across the Street	200.00
Misc. Designated (Card Ministry)	20.00

Worship: 84 Sunday School: 22

THIS WEEK

- Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. – Love Feast, Fellowship Hall
- Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Rms. 100, 101
7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & Zoom
- 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. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 100, 102
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Term Limit Review Meeting, Rm. 106
- Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team meeting, Rm. 101
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102
- Fri: 6:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, October 15, 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 Seekers Class in room 102.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares *Forgive and Free* from Genesis 45:1-15. Gina Bautista is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Organ	Gloria Hess
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Acolytes	
Ushers	Dave Fuchs, Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, John Musser
Children’s Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Beth Hess
Nursery	Carey Taylor
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Carolyn Berrier, Connie Renn
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	John Musser
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Holly Mele gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in memory of Joe Mele.

My encounter with concrete, face first, was a nasty surprise. I am healing. The good surprise is the number of kind people who wrote beautiful cards or contacted me in some other way to express concern and well wishes as I heal from the tumble I took in Myrtle Beach. I am healing well thanks to your prayers and time. Janice

Harold and Janice wish to thank everyone who has kept and continues to keep them in prayers during Harold’s recent hospitalization and home recovery. Thanks, also, for all who participated in the card shower, and those who called, texted, emailed, mailed and visited. The love expressed by the MCOB community is greatly appreciated. And remember, “God loves you and so do we.”

PLEASE COME TO LOVE FEAST

Tonight at 6:00 p.m., we will share in a most precious ordinance in the Church of the Brethren - the ordinance of Love Feast. We will express love for one another through foot (or hand) washing, a fellowship meal, and communion. All are welcome to attend and to participate to your comfort level. You do not have to be a member to share in this meaningful time of worship.

Prayer Ministry Update

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Continue to pray for Harold, George, John, Jim, Dottie, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Please pray for Joe as he begins his Chaplaincy internship.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Pray for the people of Maui, Morocco, and Libya as they grieve so many losses. May God provide comfort and strength to rebuild
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Drexel Hill COB. Annville COB is praying for us.

ATTENTION BELOVEDS!

We no longer announce joys and concerns during services, so you will now find a **prayer box** on the narthex table to write your requests for prayer. There are cards and pens in the pocket on the side for your convenience. These will be shared with the Congregation by email.

SEEKERS CLASS

The Seekers Faith Formation class is for anyone from high school to age 100+. We meet Sundays in room 102, at 9:00 a.m. or by Zoom. The five-session class of *Peace and Pacifism* runs through October 15. This series discusses the book "Choosing Against War," by John D. Roth. We hope you join us for this new beginning and for the rest of the year.

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

Tonight: 6:00 p.m.: Love Feast, Fellowship Hall
November 5, 11:14 a.m.: Congregational Forum / Meal

PICTURE YOURSELF IN OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our new church directory is coming soon and it will feature pictures and other great features, but we need your help!

You will be able to look up information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. in several different ways. We'll have paper copies for everyone who wants one. And if you have a computer you will be able to see the information online. Finally, if you have an iPhone or other type of smart phone or tablet, you will be able to view the new directory with an app. Because the new directory will be Internet-based, we will be able to update changes whenever they happen.

Starting October 1st, Jackie Sands will be entering information and collecting pictures. The pictures are where we need your help.

Please provide a family photo in one of these three ways:

1. Email the church office (office@mountvillecob.org) and send the picture as an attachment. Be sure to include the last name and first initial of everyone in the photo.
2. Give Jackie, our church secretary, an actual photo. She will scan it and return it to you.
3. Let Jackie know you'd like Harold Ulmer to take your photo.

More details will follow at a later time. We would like to begin collecting photos now so that we can build the directory.

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 Genesis 45:1-15. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

Dear members and especially new members,
Welcome! We are so glad that you chose to join our family of believers at Mountville Church of the Brethren. We try to show caring and compassion to members and friends of our church family. One of the ways we do that is through card ministry which I coordinate. I'm writing to explain the ministry and invite you to become part of it if you'd like.

Of course, you can send cards to anyone anytime, but if there is a milestone birthday, anniversary, illness or death, I try to remind folks to be in touch. Then it's all up to you. You can choose to respond or not to respond to the email request. It's completely voluntary. YOU decide if and when you'd like to respond. If you choose to respond, just sign your card and bring to church on Sunday morning. I prepare and label card bags and they are on the round table in the narthex. Just drop in your card and save yourself the postage.

The bag will only be in the narthex on Sunday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. so if you know that you won't be there then, just take your card to church anytime prior to that and drop it in my mailbox, #11, and we'll be sure that it gets in the bag on Sunday morning. We are finding that our folks really appreciate this gesture of caring. The perks are that it saves you postage and the bags are delivered after church on Sunday and either dropped off and, if desired, we visit also. The receiver is very happy to see a face from church and to know that they are not forgotten.

Please know that I do not place names on the card ministry list unless you reach out to me and ask to be part of this group. Since your names will be new to many, this is a great way for you to reach out and in no time, your name will be recognized by ALL. I keep records and check them regularly, but it's possible that I may miss an important occasion or that I don't know about it, so I always appreciate your input, additions and corrections. ANYONE can be in touch with me and ask to have someone remembered with a card bag. Since I don't text, the best way to be in touch with me is by email or phone. Here's my contact info and it's also in the directory. Looking forward to hearing from many of you. email: mmbollinger@verizon.net or phone 717-299-0304. – Marian Bollinger

Wings of Transformation Land in Our Display Cases: Dottie Lights's "Images of Butterflies" Collection

Is it any wonder that the beauty, symmetrical shape and grace of these tender creatures has drawn the attention of people from all over the world since ancient times? People just love butterflies. Still today the images of these gently winged creatures touch our hearts and souls in a way like a dramatic sunset holds our attention with colors dancing in the surrounding clouds.

For the month of October, **Dottie Light** has filled our two Narthex display cabinets with images of butterflies- collected over the years, adorning pottery, jewelry, the fiber arts and other artistic media. Some of the items are gifts from friends, some were collected by Dottie herself, some were made by artists in her family who understand how Dottie is captivated by these elegant creatures of transition.

Children will enjoy the imagery of these lovely winged creatures, and adults can feel the power of the imagery of these gentle, transformational creatures that in many cultures have long been a symbol of Resurrection.

Come enjoy this joyful collection for yourself!

MOVIE NIGHT

Following our theme of "Jesus in Our Neighborhood", Luke finds new and good relationships to help him through his hard times. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-11a we see these words: "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." In our next movie Luke learns the importance of meaningful relationships. Sign-up today for the Move Night on October 26, 6:00 p.m. in room 102.