

Mountville Church of the Brethren



OFFICE HOURS

Jackie will not be in the office Monday, November 27. Pastor Angela is available via her cell phone if you have a need.

Purpose Statement

In joyful community, we follow Jesus to embody God's love with all our neighbors.

November 26, 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.

November 26, 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 *Break Forth into Joy* Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

Praise God with lives of compassion.

Sing with acts of kindness.

Glorify God with acts of mercy.

Praise God with works of justice.

Praise God with overflowing love.

*HYMN *God of grace and God of glory* 366

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 15:7-11 OT 171

SPECIAL MUSIC Wendy Allshouse

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

HYMN *We give thee but thine own* 384

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY *In Dulci Jubilo* arr. Keene

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Embodying Service* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Une Flambeau Jeannette, Isabella* arr. Uehleim

^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg. 227.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

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 Don, Fay, Harold, George, John, Jim, the Light family, the Mary Jane Winters family, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Please pray for Joe as he continues his Chaplaincy internship.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Pray for the families of the victims of the mass shooting in Maine.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Sanford Fellowship, Sanford, ME. Stevens Hill Community, Elizabethtown, is praying for us.

PLEDGE CARDS

If you haven't already returned it, there is plenty of time to get your pledge cards in. You may drop it in the offering plate, give to Jackie or Linda Weber, or put it in mailbox #87. Thank you.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Pantry receives our November Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

LET'S FILL THE TRUCK!

Dayspring Christian Academy has once again joined forces with the Mountville Lion's Club to collect food for the Columbia Food Bank. There will be an enclosed truck in our parking lot Friday, December 8 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for the community to stop by and fill the truck with food. We may bring our used prescription glasses for the Lion's Club to repurpose.

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

December 3, 2:30 p.m.: Christmas Concert & Carol Sing with the Bainbridge Band

December 10, 4:30 p.m.: All Church Christmas Caroling & Refreshments

December 24, 7:00 p.m.: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

ALL CHURCH CAROLING

Singers of **all** ages and abilities (lip-syncing is acceptable!) are invited to go Christmas Caroling on December 10. We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m., divide into small groups, and then head out in our cars to bring Christmas joy to members and friends of our congregation. We'll end our evening in the church fellowship hall for some light snacks, cookies and hot chocolate. If you think you will be attending, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board. Signing up is not necessary to attend, but will be helpful in making sure we have enough cookies! If you have questions, direct them to Ann Schantz.

NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES INVITE YOU TO REFLECT ON ADVENT AS A RECEIVER AND AS A GIVER

Now through the end of our Advent season ending Sunday, December 24, our two Narthex display cases are focusing on Jesus as God's Present to us, *and* how we live in God's Love when our lives reflect our stewardship for others. That's truly putting God's Presence and Love into action!

If the phrases on the colorfully wrapped presents seem familiar and inspiring, you have reason to think that. Each is a Core Value of our Mountville Church reflecting how we as a congregation are putting God's Love into action. Amen! Please, stop at the Narthex exhibit to refresh yourself in who we are by extending God's Love to others.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

As in years past, we will decorate the Sanctuary on December 24 with poinsettias. If you are interested in placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Mark your check "Poinsettia". YOUR PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER. Deadline to order your poinsettia(s) is **TODAY**.

You may place as many poinsettias as you wish in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Those names will be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Please write in the amount you wish to order.

6" bloom Red \$ 10.50 _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please print the names below exactly as you want them to appear in the bulletin.

Given in MEMORY of _____

Given in HONOR of _____

Given by _____
