

STATISTICS

for December 24, Christmas Eve, and December 31
will be in the January 7, 2024 bulletin.

THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00 a.m. – UNR Young Adult Bible Study, Rm. 100
12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer worship
Mon: New Year's Day – Office closed
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall
No Scripture Chat
Wed: 1:00 p.m. - Stitch 'n Sew 'n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
Fri: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, January 7, 2024

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 *Jesus our Friend* from John 15:9-17.
Patrick Snyder will be the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

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.

Purpose Statement

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

Mountville Church of the Brethren



December 31, 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.*

December 31, 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 *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In faith they waited

We walk in the light for all nations

An infant is presented, A Messiah is recognized

We walk in the light for all nations

In the darkness before us

We walk in the light for all nations

Patiently, Faithfully, Steadfastly

We walk in the light for all nations

We can walk through the portal in peace

We walk in the light for all nations.

***HYMN** *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* 50

***INVOCATION**

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Psalm 48 OT 518

HYMN *Praise him, praise him!* 100

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Gesu Bambino* Yon

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

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-40 NT 59

SERMON *Where Do We Go From Here? What are we waiting for?*

PARTING

***HYMN** *Great is Thy faithfulness* 327

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Go Tell it on the Mountain* Spiritual arr. Coates

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

In God's Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Speaker	Walt VanderHeijden
Music Director	John Hess
Piano	Sarah Repkoe
Worship Leader	Sara Haldeman-Scarr
Acolytes	
Ushers	Beth Hess, Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Children's Ministry	
Nursery	Kitty Collier
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Forrest Collier, Beth Hess
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light

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The flowers in the worship center are given to
the glory and honor of God.

NO SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will not gather this Tuesday, December 31. This week's scripture is John 15:9-17.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela will be out of the office Monday, December 25 thru Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Jackie will be out of the office December 25 and return January 2, 2024. Please contact Karen Strine or Cathy Funderwhite with prayer concerns during this time.

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 Jeanne, Don, Fay, Harold, George, John, Jim, 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.
- 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 the Stevens Hill Community, Elizabethtown. Sanford Fellowship, ME, is praying for us.

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

January 7, 10:15 a.m.: Communion Sunday

January 14, 10:15 a.m.: Pastor Swap with York 1st COB

February 24, 9:00-12:00 p.m.: Brethren Belief's Class

February 25, 10:15 a.m.: Joe Buohl's licensing service

February 25: 11:30 a.m.: Congregational Business Forum

2024 FLOWER CHART

The 2024 flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please sign your name and write **V for vases or A for arrangement** on the date you want to place flowers in the worship center. Remember to fill out a pink order form and turn it in with payment to the church office or put in the offering plate. Cost for one arrangement is \$35; the cost for 2 vases is \$40. Please call the church office with questions.