

Mountville Church of the Brethren



January 14, 2024

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.*

January 14, 2024 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

Praeludium

Fischer

***CALL TO WORSHIP[^]**

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Reach out to those who struggle to find solid ground for their faith.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Pray for all that they may find the path to peace and healing.

We have come to follow Jesus.

With God's help, we strive to extend love for each other.

We have come to follow Jesus.

***HYMN**

I have decided to follow Jesus

Overhead

***INVOCATION[^]**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-29

NT 7

RECEIVING

ANTHEM

All to Us

Arr. McDonald

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER^{^^}

HYMN

Lord, speak to me

499

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich

Walter

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom (v.2)

119

***PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^}**

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

Jesus, Our Teacher

Rev. Joel Gibbel

PARTING

***HYMN**

Sent forth by God's blessing

478

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

The Golden Trumpet

Ashdown

[^]Beu, B. *Ministry Matters website*. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/9488/worship-elements-february-20-2022>. Published July 11, 2021. Used with permission.

^{^^}Oehler, Rev. Dr. Phillip. *Presbyterian Church at Woodbury (NJ)*
<https://pcwoodbury.com/multimedia-archive/worship-notes-july-18-2021-matthew-724-29/7/18/2021>, adapted.

^{^^^}Beu, Michael. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022).
Pg 171.

^{^^^}Hayward, Daniel. *Published on*
http://www.overbrookpresb.org/pdf/Order_of_Worship/April%2011,%202021.pdf. April 11, 2021.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for January 7, 2024

Received for General Fund\$22,128.50

DESIGNATED FUND

Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund1,510.50
Global Food Initiative20.00
Church Music20.00
Christmas Eve Offering30.00

Worship: 68 Sunday School: 23

THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00 a.m. – UNR Young Adult Bible Study, Rm. 100
12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer worship
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & via Zoom
Wed: 1:00 p.m. - Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
6:00 p.m. – Finance Team, Rm. 100
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101
Fri: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, January 21, 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 Savior* from Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 2:8-14. We are presenting a Bible to our 4th grader, Dave Serfass 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.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Preacher Rev. Joel Gibbel
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Lois Silver
Acolytes
Ushers Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, John Musser, Daryl Strine
Anthem Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry Margie Musser, Beth Hess
Nursery Alexa Taylor
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Carolyn Berrier, Beth Hess
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

Dave and I are most grateful for your many expressions of sympathy and support following the death of my father, Kenneth Royer, on December 14. Your prayers, notes, emails, and calls helped us through a difficult time. Thank you for overwhelming us with love and compassion. - Becky

Thank you all for the Christmas card bag. They bring much joy especially since we cannot attend church service regularly.
- Ruth and Don

Thank you for all the birthday and Christmas cards I received from everyone. They are very much appreciated. - Lloyd

Angela and I want to thank the Mountville Church for the beautiful bag of Christmas cards prepared by Marian Bollinger. We also are grateful for the number of new members who sent cards even though we have not met you. That is unusual. Professor Vernon and Angela want to thank you for your kindness in many ways. Vernon is a former professor and Angela, my dear wife, is a loving devoted wife. I am also a pastor emeritus. We want to close with hymn number 421, *Blest be the tie that binds*. Our hearts in Christen love, the fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above amen. Angela & Vernon

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 & Ruth, Ruth, Vernon & Angela, Fay, Ray, 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 Un Nuevo Renacer.

WELCOME JOEL!

Pastor Joel Gibbel has served the York First congregation, Southern PA District, for the past 6 years. He was previously a member and student minister at the Lititz congregation, also serving the Brethren Village Retirement Community as Ministry Intern. Joel currently serves on the Mission and Ministry Board for the Church of the Brethren. He is married to Michele and has 2 children, Danielle and Micah. Joel is a classmate of Angela's from Bethany Theological Seminary, where he earned his MDiv in 2017. In his former career, he was a civil engineer who worked in land planning and design. In his free time, he rides bicycles and occasionally teaches courses for the SVMC.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Food Pantry receives our January Food Cart items. They are requesting canned mixed fruit, canned peaches, canned pears, canned mandarin oranges, strawberry jelly, grape jelly and cereal. These can be placed in the cart in the lower entrance by the elevator. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering with "food bank" on the envelope.

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

Today, 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

CHUCK FEW SHARES HIS LOVE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES IN JANUARY

Our friend and fellow congregant, Chuck Few, has been interested in photography since the 1950's when he was in grade school. His craft grew and blossomed as he and his wife, Terry, grew in their love of the camera and evolving photographic technology. Chuck even took some black and white (B&W) film shots becoming enchanted with the depth photos take on when there is no color, just light and shade to make a statement... or to tell a story.

Black and white photography is a distinct type of photography that is naturally emotive. When you strip away color from an image, it takes on a more timeless and nostalgic feeling. In a way, it forces the viewer to focus on the story of the image without being distracted by color. B&W photos show contrast, convey feelings, create a feeling of nostalgia for the passage of time. This increases the depth of drama about the story the photographer wants the picture to tell. It is indeed a challenging, special art form.

Please stop by the Narthex display cases in January to share the stories Chuck Few is telling in this collection of his photographic art.

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 Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 2:8-14. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

ARTICLES for the February *New Vision* are due in the church office today. Thank you.