

STATISTICS for December 24, 2023

Received for General Fund .....	\$6,496.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative .....	100.00
Ott Music Fund .....	250.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts .....	100.00
Christmas Eve Offering .....	740.00

Worship: 105

STATISTICS for Christmas Eve Service 2023      187      \$4,882.00

STATISTICS for December 31, 2023

Received for General Fund .....	\$2,396.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Church Music Fund.....	500.00
Food Bank.....	200.00
Misc. Designated: Card Ministry .....	20.00
Christmas Eve Offering .....	148.25

Worship: 64    Sunday School: 15

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.

**Purpose Statement**

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

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



## January 7, 2024

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.

January 7, 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 Von der Rechtfergung Pachelbel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Sing a new song to God, who has done marvelous things.

We celebrate God's steadfast love and rejoice in God's faithfulness.

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth; break forth in songs of praise.

With lyre and trumpets and horns, we make melody in thanks to God.

Rejoice that God has come in Jesus Christ to call us beloved friends.

We sing for joy that Christ chooses us to go out and bear much fruit.

\*HYMN What a friend we have in Jesus 573

\*INVOCATION^^

SCRIPTURE John 15:9-17 NT 109

RECEIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC I Come Expecting Jesus John Chisum

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN I come to the garden alone Overhead

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY Auf Meinen lieben Gott Hanff

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

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIMING

SERMON Jesus, our Friend Rev. Angela Finet

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

SHARING THE CUP

The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

PARTING

\*HYMN We meet as friends at table Overhead

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary Heron

^Bayler, Lavon. *Whispers of God: Liturgical Resources for Year B.* (The Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, OH, 1987). Pg. 84.

^^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021.* (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pg 110.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

**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: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room  
1:00 p.m. - Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106  
6:00 p.m. – Outreach Ministry Team, Lower Narthex  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100  
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

**Next Sunday, January 14, 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, is our Pastor Swap with Joel Gibbel from York First COB. He will share *Jesus, our Teacher* from Matthew 7:24-29. Lois Silver 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  
Music Director John Hess  
Organist Gloria Hess  
Worship Leader Patrick Snyder  
Acolytes  
Ushers Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, John Musser, Daryl Strine  
Special Music Wendy Allshouse  
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Becky Fuchs  
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle  
Greeters Barry & Lori Lauver, Upper Narthex  
Holly Mele & Mark Yoh, Lower Entrance  
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.

Congratulations to Aaron and Michelle and Sam & Carol on the birth of their son and grandson, Braydon Austin, born December 19, 2023.

Again our thanks for the Christmas cards and Heidi and Bob Keller for their visit. The cards were a gift full of love and support for us from our church family this Christmas. - John and Louse

To all wonderful church people who sent Christmas cards and notes of encouragement. We thank everyone for your kindness and generosity. May the peace with Christ be with you. - Mark and Brenda

Thank you to the Mountville COB members for the many Christmas greetings you sent to us this season. It warms our heart to know that so many have thought of us over the holiday season and we send back our Christmas greetings to everyone. May we all be blessed with hope, peace, joy and love throughout the year. - Gene and Linda

## 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, 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 Philadelphia First COB and they are praying for us.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Food Pantry receives our January Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. They are requesting canned mixed fruit, canned peaches, canned pears, canned mandarin oranges, strawberry jelly, grape jelly and cereal. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

### 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 Matthew 7:24-29. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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

Today: 10:15 a.m.: Communion Sunday

January 14, 10:15 a.m.: Pastor Swap with York 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 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.