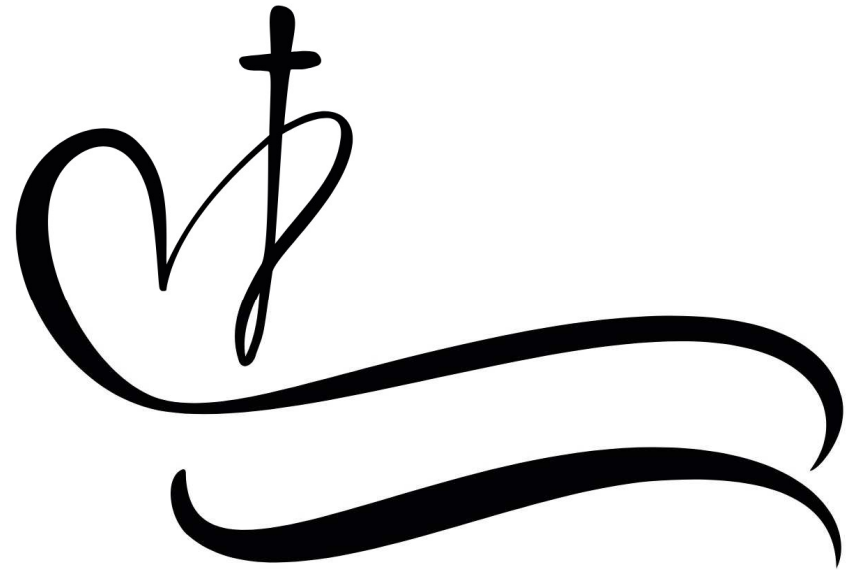


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sara, Sophia, Kevin and Joy, and Tim and Gail.

Please stay after worship to extend our time of welcome and fellowship with a light reception provided by our deacons.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



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.

March 3, 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.

March 3, 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.

GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Men Living are Mortal* Kauffman

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Coming from different places,
we gather as one church, one community of faith.
Bringing different gifts,
we come to offer ourselves as we are.
Blessed by one Spirit,
we bring our unity of gratitude and praise.

*HYMN *Heart with loving heart united* 420

*INVOCATION^^

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

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 9:35-10:15* NT 9

HYMN *How buoyant and bold the stride* 394
(sung to the tune of #66, O worship the King)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PRAYERFUL SUNG RESPONSE

Change my heart, O God Overhead

REFLECT

ANTHEM *Here We Stand, Lord* Besig

SERMON *A Purposeful Heart* Angela Finet

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Chanson* Scott

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^^

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 777

HYMN *Have thine own way, Lord* 504

BAPTISMS

SPECIAL MUSIC *This is the Place* Gaither

GO

*HYMN *We are people of God's peace* 407

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Allegro* arr. Whitford

^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg 101. Used with permission.

^^Slough, Rebecca, et al. *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. (Brethren Press, Elgin, IL, 1992). Pg. 726. Used with permission. Adapted.

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Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for February 25, 2024

Received for General Fund\$ 4,885.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund10.50
Sunday Flowers.....35.00
Church Music.....20.00

Worship: 139 Sunday School: 25

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer worship
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 9:30 a.m. – Children’s Worship Orientation, Rms. 124, 125
7:00 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
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, March 10, 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 *A Gracious Heart* from Luke 15:11-24. Cindy Dale is the worship leader, and special music will be provided.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Bill Kepner
Acolytes
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Special Music Wendy Allshouse
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Connie Renn
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters Upper Narthex: Matt & Eva Priest
Lower Narthex: Daryl & Karen Strine
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Carl Harnish
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Holly Mele gives the flower arrangement to the glory of God and in honor of William Wolford’s 18th birthday.

Tom and Gail Druck give the flower vases to the glory and honor of God and in appreciation to God for blessing us with 59 years of sharing our lives together.

The 3 roses on the worship table are given in celebration of my grandson’s wedding yesterday, March 2, 2024. – Molly Mitchell

To the Mountville Church of the Brethren Congregation, my church home. Thank You for the lovely, heartwarming Valentine greeting card I received on Shrove Tuesday. Out of the many signatures on the card, I was pleasantly surprised at how many names I recognized after not attending church regularly in such a long time. It is six weeks until Easter, one of the most sacred holidays of the year for us. I will join you in thought as we go through this most sacred season of Lent and celebrate Easter as we worship the risen, Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. With love and gratitude, Sarah

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, Beth, 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 Wilmington COB. Indian Creek COB, is praying for us.

CELEBRATING EIGHTY YEARS OF HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents *Celebrating Eighty Years of Heifer International* on Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the College's Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall. William Kostlevy, coeditor of *Hoosier Prophet: Selected Writings of Dan West*, will describe Heifer's origins and how a vision became a reality. Surita Sandosham, president and CEO of Heifer International, will then discuss Heifer's current work and mission. A related seminar featuring Sandosham and others, "The Changing Landscape of Relief, Development, and Service," will be held on Fri., March 15, 9:30 am to noon, in the Young Center's Bucher Meetinghouse. Both events are free of charge. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.

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

Today, 11:15 a.m.: New Member Reception

March 16, 9:30 a.m.: Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Black Olive

March 23, 10 a.m.: All Church Bowling, Leisure Lanes

March 28, 7:00 p.m.: Love Feast

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ORIENTATION/TRAINING

On March 5 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and March 19 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. there will be orientation/training sessions for anyone who is interested in learning about the Children's Worship Program of our church. We will meet at the church in Rooms 124 and 125. This is an open invitation from the Children's Worship Team.

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 from Luke 15:11-24. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

SEEKERS CLASS

Our Lenten Adult Sunday School continues in March with the study of the "I Am" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Video support by Matt Rawls will help us understand who Jesus is and how we should respond. Join us downstairs in room 102 on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. as we grow our faith together.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Pantry receives our March Food Cart items. 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.