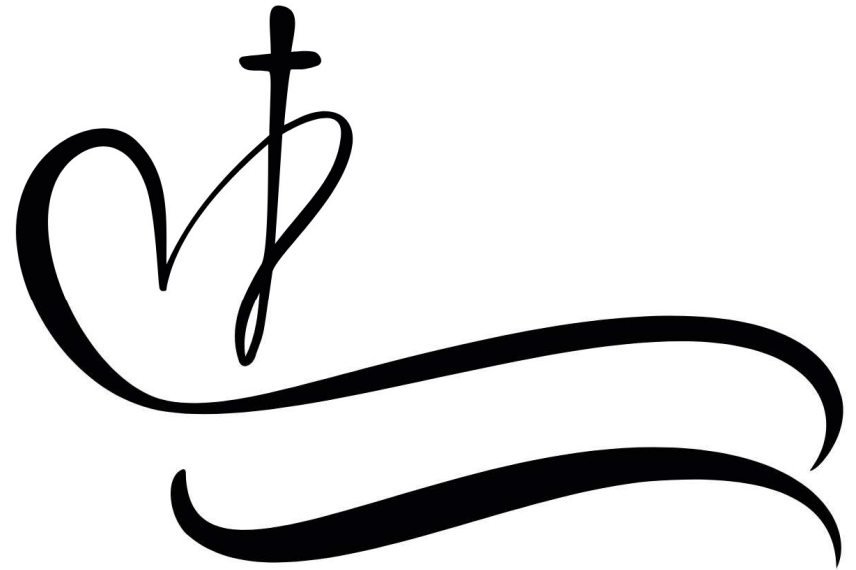


Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents "Celebrating Eighty Years of Heifer International" on Thurs., March 14, at 7 pm., in the college's Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall. William Kostlevy, coeditor of *Hoosier Prophet: Selected Writings of Dan West*, will describe 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.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



March 10, 2024

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554
717-285-5122

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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 10, 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 *Meditation on Lenten Hymns* Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

When the lost are found,

there is joy!

When hope overcomes despair,

there is joy!

When we seek and find God's faithfulness,

there is joy!

*HYMN *From all that dwell below the skies* 49

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-24 NT 78

SPECIAL MUSIC *Calm is the Night* arr. Hummel

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PRAYERFUL SUNG RESPONSE

Change my heart, O God Overhead

RESPONDING

HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* 145

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Lenten Prayer* Johnston

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *A Gracious Heart* Angela Finet

*HYMN *You shall go out with joy* 427

PARTING

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Bennett

^Townley, Nancy. *Ministry Matters website.*
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3623/worship-connection-march-6-2016>

^^Finet, Angela.

^^^Gaudino, Rebecca. *Ministry Matters website.*
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3622/worship-elements-march-27-2022>

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for March 3, 2024

Received for General Fund\$ 11,023.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund10.50
 Memorial Funds50.00
 Cemetery Fund.....100.00
 Global Food Initiative20.00
 Sunday Flowers.....20.00
 Food Bank.....120.00

Worship: 117 Sunday School: 28

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer worship
 Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
 Tues: 7:00 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
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100
 Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
 Sat: 9:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast & Fellowship, Black Olive Restaurant
 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Next Sunday, March 17, 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 Loving Heart* from Matthew 26:1-13. Larry Booz is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Euphonium	Chuck Few
Worship Leader	Cindy Dale
Acolyte(s)	Sophia Hart
Ushers	Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Special Music	Trombone: Jim Zeigler; Flugelhorn: John Hess
Children’s Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Beth Hess
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Rick & Linda Weber
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser

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George and Janet Schwert give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary!

We want thank everyone for all of their cards and prayers and a special thank you to everyone that participated in the service, with the meal preparation, serving, and clean up. The L. Finkbiner family

I’m grateful for the “Bags of Joy” I’ve received from you over the past few months. Get well, Christmas, birthday cards and a valentine full of your names have been cherished. Thanks to all of you, my dear Church Family. Love from Barbara

Dear partners in ministry, Thank you for the many expressions of care and love I received as I recovered from surgery. I am grateful for each and every card and prayer. I'm especially grateful for the example of patience you set before me, encouraging me to be patient with my own healing. You are so loved! Pastor Angela

LOVE FEAST

Please plan to attend this meaningful service to remember the Last Supper on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Together, we will share in a time of preparation, foot washing, a simple meal, and communion. All are welcome.

Prayer Ministry Update

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Prayers and sympathies to Beth on the passing of her mother, Jean, on March 6, 2024.
- Continue to pray for Jeanne, Don & Ruth, Ruth, Vernon Stinebaugh, 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 Iglesia Berith, Oasis de Esperanza, Lebanon. Green Tree COB, is praying for us.

FAMILY BOWLING OUTING FOR ALL AGES!

The Education Ministry Team would like to invite you to our 2nd Annual Bowling Outing on Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Leisure Lanes. All ages are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet across from the church mailboxes so we can reserve enough lanes. We hope to see you there! See Rebekah Priest with questions.

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 Matthew 26:1-13. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Join Pastor Angela and the other clergy from the Mountville Ministerium at 7:00 am on Easter Sunday at the Mountville Park Pavilion (located next to our parking lot) to celebrate that Christ is Risen! This simple service is a lovely opportunity to gather with our friends and neighbors and proclaim as one - Allelujah!

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

March 16, 9:30 a.m.: Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Black Olive
See Tim Wrightson with questions.

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

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

March 31, 7:00 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service, Mountville Park Pavilion

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ORIENTATION/TRAINING

On March 19 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. there will be orientation/training session 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.

SEEKERS CLASS

This Sunday at 9:00 a.m., the Seekers will continue to explore the "**I Am**" statements in the Gospel of John with the aid of Matt Rawles. Each week uncovers another "layer" to help us understand who Jesus is. Walt VanderHeijden will lead the discussion focusing on Jesus' calling Himself "I am the Vine," where Jesus calls each one of us into his identity.

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.

Articles for the April *New Vision* are due in the church office today.

Thank you.