

DISTRICT OLDER ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON

You are invited to the Annual District-Wide Older Adult Spring Luncheon on May 1, 2024, 12:00 p.m. at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland. Entertainment is provided by Vickie Kissinger, a mezzo soprano PA State Senior Idol, who is a classically trained singer, pianist, and organist, with a background in jazz.

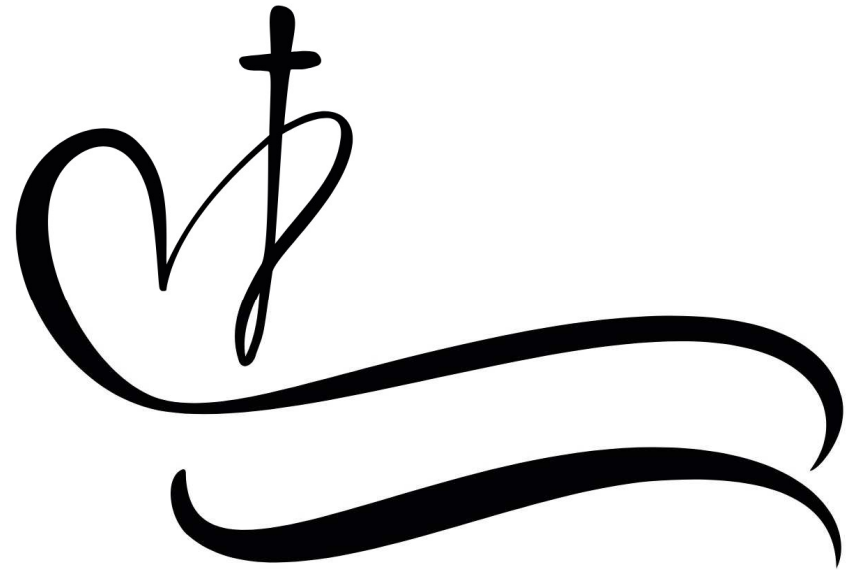
The menu consists of broasted chicken, ham balls, vegetarian lasagna or gluten-free chicken platter; Gourmet au gratin potatoes, green/yellow beans and carrots, tossed salad, dressings and family style rolls, hot and cold beverages and vanilla or chocolate ice cream.

Please see the bulletin board across from the mailboxes to register and to choose your meal by Sunday, Monday, April 15, 2024. Checks should be made out to the Mountville Church of the Brethren with Luncheon written in the memo line. You may also register and pay on line at anecob.org, calendar/events tab; event registration; older adult luncheon.

"A PLACE OF RELEASE"

See the bulletin board for Pastor Angela's article "A place of release" that is in the March 2024 issue of *Messenger Magazine*. You will recognize the pictures!

Mountville Church of the Brethren



March 24, 2024

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554
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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 24, 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 *The King Rides in* Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

The way has been prepared.

For the crowds, it is the way of celebration.

For Jesus, it is the way of completion.

Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.

Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ.

*HYMN *Hosanna, loud hosanna* 238

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11 NT 23

ANTHEM *Hosanna for Palm Sunday* Courtney
A Processional of Praise arr. Nix

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PRAYERFUL SUNG RESPONSE

Change my heart, O God Overhead

RESPONDING

HYMN *All glory, laud, and honor* 237

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *In the Shadow of the Palms* Overholt

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^^

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *An Obedient Heart* Angela Finet

*HYMN *Praise him, praise him!* 100

PARTING

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Blessing for Palm Sunday* Courtney

*POSTLUDE *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* arr. Lindeman

^Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters* website.

. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4826/worship-connection-april-5-2020-option-1>

^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg 55.

^^^Center for Faith and Giving. <https://centerforfaithandgiving.org/2023/03/april-2-2023-palm-sunday/>. Adapted.

^^^^Linford, Kirsten. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press:Nashville, TN. 2020). Pg 71..Adapted.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for March 17, 2024

Received for General Fund\$ 4,415.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Memorial Fund.....10.00
Food Bank.....200.00
Misc. Designated: Card Ministry20.00
Refugee Resettlement100.00

Worship: 107 Sunday School: 24

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, Sanctuary
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
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Love Feast, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

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 Joyful Heart” from Matthew 28:1-15. Joel Musser is the worship leader, the Chancel Choir will sing, and the children will enjoy worship in the sanctuary with their families.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director John Hess
Organist/Piano Gloria Hess
Piano Cindy Dale
Worship Leader Phyllis Kepner
Acolyte(s) Eva & Autumn Priest
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Anthem Chancel Choir
Children Singers: Autumn Priest, Eva Priest, Fiona Schulz, Mia Schulz
Musicians: Conductor: Bill Kepner; Bells: Zachary Snyder;
Euphonium: Chuck Few; Trombone: Jim Zeigler; Cornet: John Hess
Children’s Ministry Rebekah Priest, Sue Beiler
Nursery Betsy Thomas
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Mark Yoh, Charlie Worrall
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are for the glory and honor of God.

To the miracle workers, My family and I would like for you to know that every ounce of effort you put towards our new home is so greatly appreciated. It was literally live-in ready for us! You make a positive difference in people's lives doing all that you do and have greatly made this transition much easier for my children and myself. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! God Bless! Family #23, Brethren Housing Assoc.

Larry and Janice wish to thank our church friends for the thoughts, prayers, and wonderful cards we received regarding the death of Janice’s mother in February. We felt the love and care as we read the notes and remembrances of her. Thank you so much. It means a lot to us as we continue to walk this journey.

Hello to my dearest friends. I would like to thank you so very much for all the cards I have received, not one was the same! Your loving and caring thoughts surely mean a lot to me. I miss attending church and I hope I am able to be with you again soon. My one therapist is the daughter-in-law of Kathy and Jim. What a small world. Thank you all.
– Lynn

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, Kevin, Don & Ruth, Ruth Moses, 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 Paxton COB. Alpha and Omega COB, is praying for us.

EASTER FLOWERS

On Easter Sunday the flowers that decorate the church may be purchased after the service for a donation. This will be on a first come basis.

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 28:1-15. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible, or one can be provided for you.

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Pantry receives our March Food Cart items. Current food items requested are: canned tuna, canned spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned red beets, pancake mix, canned chicken, 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.

March 28, 7:00 p.m.: Love Feast/Maundy Thursday Service

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

April 14: Assemble Hygiene Kits after Church, Fellowship Hall

April 27: All Church Meal and Event

May 2: National Day of Prayer

EASTER CARDS

There will be a sign up sheet for you to **sign up to deliver the Easter card** from the congregation to our shut ins. It's important that you sign up which cards you are taking so that I will know who is responsible for each one. Please sign up for as many as you care to and hand deliver the cards. Many times, even a 10 minute visit may mean as much as the cards. Please deliver anytime this coming week. Thanks so much for your help with this ministry. Marian.

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 or hand washing, a simple meal, and communion. All are welcome.

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!

HALLELUJAH!

The Chancel Choir extends the invitation to join them in singing the Hallelujah chorus on Easter Sunday (March 31) to conclude our time of worship. If you have your own music, you are welcome to bring it. Otherwise, music will be provided. We did this last year, and it was a blessing to the singers and hearers alike. Invite your friends to participate! Make a joyful noise to our Risen Savior!