

## 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](http://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 31, 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 31, 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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Christ the Lord is Risen* Davidica

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Christ is alive!

**Moving among the living.**

Christ is risen!

**Inviting us to rise in fullness of life.**

Christ is calling!

**Proclaiming life and hope for all!**

\*HYMN *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!* 278

\*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-10

CHORAL ANTHEMS *Alleluia, Christ is Risen* Althouse  
*Joy in the Morning* Sleeth

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

HYMN *Christ the Lord is risen today* 280

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Christ is Arisen* Traditional

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

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIMING

MEDITATION *A Joyful Heart* Angela Finet

\*HYMN *Thine is the glory* 269

PARTING

\*CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ the Lord is Risen* Domingo

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^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg 69. Adapted.

^^Hunter, Amy B. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2023). Pg 89.

^^^Ellis, Karin. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2021). Pg 109.

**Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.**

STATISTICS for March 24, 2024

Received for General Fund .....	\$ 4,644.00
Room Use: Red Rose Antique Car Club.....	75.00
<b>DESIGNATED FUND</b>	
K. VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund .....	40.00
Kits.....	30.00
Misc. Designated: Hospitality Events.....	20.00

Worship: 112 Sunday School: 28

**THIS WEEK**

- Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer worship, Sanctuary  
 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: 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, Fellowship Hall  
 Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

**Next Sunday, April 7, 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 guest preacher Gina Bautista shares “I Am The . . . . . What???” from John 10:1-11a and Psalm 23. Lois Silver is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1, 2024 the church office will be closed for the Easter holiday.

PASTOR’S HOURS NEXT WEEK

Pastor Angela will be out of the office and away from ministerial duties from April 1 - 8. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer needs.

**In God’s Service Today**

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist/Piano	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Joel Musser
Acolyte(s)	Joel Musser
Ushers	Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Musicians: Euphonium:	Aaron Booz, Chuck Few; Trombone: Jim
	Zeigler; Trumpets: Evan Gregory, John Hess, Libby Weder
	Tabla: Bruce Smith
Children’s Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Upper Narthex: Bob & Heidi Keller
	Lower Narthex: Cindy Heisey, Jeralyn Rettew
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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The flowers in the worship center are for the glory and honor of God.

Dear Sisters & Brothers, I had planned to worship with you Easter Sunday until my life took a twist. The colorful bag of cards Betsy brought me and the other cards that I received since, gave me joy. I deeply thank you for your continued prayers. I've missed my seat in the back pew. Blessings to each of you as today we celebrate the risen Lord. Love, Rogina

EASTER FLOWERS

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

HALLELUJAH!

The Chancel Choir extends the invitation to join them in singing the Hallelujah chorus today to conclude our time of worship. Make a joyful noise to our Risen Savior!

FAMILY WORSHIP

Today the children will enjoy worship in the sanctuary with their families.

## 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 Lynn, Jeanne, Kevin, Vernon, Beth, Ray, Harold, George, John, 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 Mechanic Grove COB. Schuylkill COB, is praying for us.

### 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 John 10:1-11a and Psalm 23. 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.

April 14: Assemble Hygiene Kits after Church, Fellowship Hall  
April 20, 9:30 a.m.: Men's Breakfast & Fellowship @ Columbia Family Restaurant

April 27, 5:00 p.m.: All Church Meal & Chris Ivey, Character Juggler

May 2, 10:00 a.m.: National Day of Prayer, Rm. 102

May 19: Pentecost & Graduate Recognition Sunday during Worship.

June 2: All-Church Talent Show and meal, after Worship

### TEACH US TO PRAY

Would you like to improve your prayer habits? Or, maybe you're not even sure where to start? For 3 Sundays in April (14, 21, 28), our worship will focus on prayer. Hear what Jesus had to say when his first disciples said, "Teach us to pray." In preparation for this sermon series, you're invited to create a prayer journal (or a "note" on your phone). To begin, jot down an instance when prayer was especially meaningful to you. What made it so? You will be given more prompts as the series progresses. I *pray* that this practice draws you closer to those for whom you pray, and to the heart of God.

### ASSEMBLE HYGIENE KITS

We will assemble 300 hygiene kits after worship on April 14. Please plan to help us that day. The supplies have been purchased and the good news is that the cost of supplies is the same as last year...about \$3.50 / per kit. You may place money for the kit supplies in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate any Sunday. Be sure to mark it for kits.

### NEEDED FOR BHA APARTMENT:

Wall hangings, framed pictures (small or large) and wall decor. If you have some that you are not using, please bring in and give to Jerry Bushong because we will use them when we refurbish another apartment for Brethren Housing Association, whose mission is to assist mothers and children transitioning out of homelessness.