

STATISTICS for November 24, 2024

Received for: General Fund	\$ 10,308.50
Room Use Donation.....	75.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Seasonal Flowers.....	19.00
Kits	50.00
Church Music.....	20.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	105.00
Christmas Eve Offering	50.00

Worship: 103 Sunday School: 25

PICK UP AN ADVENT CALENDAR!

Advent calendars are available on the narthex table today, which is the beginning of Advent. These advent calendars invite families to participate in activities for each day during advent. Please pick up a calendar and mark those days and activities as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth. Everyone is welcome to participate!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The 2024 Advent devotionals "Sing Gloria" by Laura Stone are now available on the narthex table. There are also a few large print copies for those who need them.

SERMON NOTES

Mountville Church of the Brethren



Expecting Emmanuel

December 1, 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.

December 1, 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 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP^

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Holy One is the everlasting God, creator of heaven and earth.

God's energy flows through the world even when we are bone-tired,

God's power gives strength to the vulnerable and weak.

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

When we wait on the Holy One, God will renew our strength.

We shall run. We shall fly.

We shall walk boldly together toward the promises of God.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* 178

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 38:1-27 OT 35

CHORAL ANTHEM *The Perfect Rose* Leavitt

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN *While we are waiting, come* Overhead

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Creator of the Stars of Night* Callahan

*DOXOLOGY Overhead

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Tamar: Advent Waiting* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Bless'd be the God of Israel* 174

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Variations on Puer Nobis Nascitur* Hopson

^Harader, Joanna. *Expecting Emmanuel*. (Herald Press: Harrisonburg, VA, 2022). Pg. 151
^^Brueggemann, Walter. *Prayers for a Privileged People*. Posted on the Prayers and Creeds website. <http://prayersandcreeds.wordpress.com/>
^^^Advent Offerings. United Church of Christ. https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/stewardship_advent-offerings/
^^^^Advent Offering Prayers. United Methodist Church. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/come-let-us-adore-him/first-sunday-of-advent-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/first-sunday-of-advent-year-c-offertory-prayer>

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall / Kitchen Reserved
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and via Zoom
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101 & Fellowship Hall
Wed: 9:00 a.m. – Behavioral Healthcare, Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. - Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
Fri: 8:00 a.m. – Fill the Truck with Food, parking lot
Sat: 6:00 p.m. - Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall / Kitchen

Next Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

- Adult Sunday School, Rm. 102. The topic for December is Adam Hamilton’s *Prepare The Way For the Lord*.
- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meet in room 123.

Children’s Worship

Children will begin worship in the sanctuary with their families. Those ages 4 - 6th grade are invited to join the Children's Worship Leaders at the back of the sanctuary at the designated time for their own special worship.

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God. Advent: Candle of Faith

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares *Rahab: On the Margins* from Joshua 2:1-9, 12-15. Forrest Collier is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA’S SABBATH

Friday’s prayer concerns should be directed to 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
Guest Organist Leigh-Ann Powers
Worship Leader Bill Kepner
Advent Wreath Lighters Regina, Fiona, and Mia Schulz
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Anthem Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Joy Meley
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters Joel & Dawn Musser: Upper Narthex
Beth Hess, Walt VanderHeijden: Lower Narthex
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Harry Light
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Beth Hess gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in memory of her mom, Jean Hess.

Thank you so much for all of your phone calls, texts and cards following my recent fall and subsequent surgery. Your acts of kindness and prayers are greatly appreciated. my goal is to return January 5th to begin playing for services again. I miss you all and look forward to returning to church. - Gloria

We offer a very big “Thank you” to all of our wonderful family and friends here at Mountville COB. Your continued support of both of us throughout the events of the past 2 years has meant the world to us. All of the cards, visits, meals, prayers and acts of help and kindness continue to keep us moving forward in this daunting process. God bless you all, George & Janet

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 Joshua 2:1-9, 12-15. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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, Linda, Rick, Ray, Harold, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, Nick and Alex, Army, and troops as they serve in Djibouti, Africa.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Schuylkill COB. Mechanic Grove COB is praying for us.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 8, 2024

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Supper: 4:30 p.m.

Ugly Sweater Contest

Craft Time

Caroling

Please sign-up on the bulletin board
across from the church mailboxes.

LET'S FILL THE TRUCK!

Dayspring Christian Academy's National Honor Society has once again joined forces with the Mountville Lion's Club to collect food for the Columbia Food Bank. There will be an enclosed truck in our parking lot Friday, December 6 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for the community to stop by and fill the truck with food. We may bring our used prescription glasses for the Lion's Club to repurpose.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Area Food Bank receives our December 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.

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

Dec. 8: 2:30 p.m.: Community Christmas Concert & Carol Sing

Dec. 8: 4:30 p.m.: All Church Christmas Caroling

Dec. 14: 9:30 a.m.: Men's Breakfast & Fellowship, Silver Spring
Family Restaurant

Dec. 24: 7:00 p.m.: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

SEEKERS CLASS

This Advent we will study a series by Adam Hamilton entitled "Prepare The Way For the Lord." Hamilton focuses on the message of John the Baptist from the Gospels, and how it helps us relate to our personal preparation for the birth of Christ. Join us downstairs in room 101 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for some thought-provoking discussion.

SING & CELEBRATE DURING CHILDREN'S WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Next Sunday children ages 4-12 will sing and celebrate God's love during worship time downstairs. We would love to have your children and grandchildren sing with us - the more, the merrier!

CHRISTMAS CARD BAGS

Christmas Card Bags for the shut-ins that are part of our church family are on the table outside the kitchen. You may bring in a card for each person on the list or just a few, whatever you feel led to do. Our shut-ins really enjoy hearing from us each year. This year, the names of the shut-ins will be sent out in an email to those of you who are on the card ministry email list. The list of shut-ins names will also be available on the table, for those who do not use email. Also, if you could sign up to deliver a bag or two, it would be greatly appreciated. The sign-up sheet for bag delivery is on the table. DEADLINE for bringing in cards is Sunday, December 15, 2024. If you have questions, please ask Jeanne Dickel.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

As in years past, we will decorate the Sanctuary on December 24 with poinsettias. If you are interested in placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Mark your check "Poinsettia". YOUR PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER. Deadline to order your poinsettia(s) is **TODAY!**

You may place as many poinsettias as you wish in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Those names will be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Please write in the amount you wish to order.

6" bloom Red \$ 9.50 _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please print the names below exactly as you want them to appear in the bulletin.

Given in MEMORY of _____

Given in HONOR of _____

Given by _____
