

STATISTICS for December 1, 2024

Received for: General Fund	\$ 6,775.00
Room Use Donation.....	480.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund	50.00
Global Food Initiative	70.00
Sunday Flowers.....	78.00
Seasonal Flowers: Poinsettias	262.50
Disaster Relief.....	250.00
Children's Ministry	20.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	250.00

Worship: 76 Sunday School: 26

SERMON NOTES

Mountville Church of the Brethren



Expecting Emmanuel

December 8, 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 8, 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 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP^
By faith the people passed through the Red Sea.
By faith we come with open hearts.
By faith the walls of Jericho fell.
By faith we offer praise and prayers.
By faith Rahab received the spies in peace.
By faith we gather together for worship.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN *My soul proclaims with wonder* 181

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 2:1-9, 12-15 OT 194

CHORAL ANTHEM *The Holy Child will come* Liebergen

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN *Help us to help each other* 362

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *The Gartan Mother's Lullabye* Coulter

*DOXOLOGY Overhead

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Rahab: On the Margins* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *It came upon a midnight clear* 195

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* Hopson

^Harader, Joanna. *Expecting Emmanuel*. (Herald Press: Harrisonburg, VA, 2022).

Pgs. 149, 153

^^ Duck, Ruth C. *Flames of the Spirit*. (WIPF and STOCK Publishers, Eugene, Oregon, 1985). Pg. 15, Adapted.

^^^Finet, Angela.

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
2:30 p.m. – Community Concert & Carol Sing
4:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling, Fellowship Hall
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: 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
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Women, Rm. 101
Thurs: 10:00 a.m. – Congregational Fellowship Committee, Rm. 101
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
Fri: 7:00 p.m. - Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary & Kitchen
Sat: 9:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast, Silver Spring Family Restaurant

Next Sunday, December 15, 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 Love

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares *Ruth: A Journey of Love* from Ruth 1:1-18. Cathy Funderwhite is the worship leader and special music will be provided.

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 Forrest Collier
Advent Wreath Lighters Holly Mele, Tess and McKenna Wolford
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Anthem Chancel Choir
Flute: Morgann Davis, Handbells: Leigh-Ann Powers,
Piano: Cindy Dale.
Children’s Ministry Kathy Long, Becky Fuchs
Nursery Betsy Thomas
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Gina Bautista, Forrest Collier
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser

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Jeralyn Rettew gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in memory of her mother Edith Kauffman.

Welcome to our Guest flute soloist today, Morgann Davis. Morgann teaches flute at Millersville University and Franklin & Marshall College. A 2024 American Prize Instrumental Soloist division finalist, she is an active performer with orchestras in PA, NY, and MD. A certified yoga and mindfulness instructor, she curates The B-List blog and newsletter and teaches Creative Resilience in addition to owning and operating Davis Flute Studio in Lancaster, PA.
www.morgannelycedavis.com

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 Ruth 1:1-18. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

MAKE NOTE:

Articles for the January 2025 *New Vision* are due in the church office today. Thank you!

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 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 Alpha & Omega COB. Paxton COB is praying for us.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY

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.

SING & CELEBRATE DURING CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY

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!

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.

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

TODAY: 4:30 p.m.: All Church Christmas Caroling

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

Dec. 19: 7:00 p.m.: Blue Christmas Svc., Concordia Lutheran Church

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.

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.

LONGEST NIGHT/BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Join Pastor Angela and other pastors from the Mountville Ministerium at Concordia Lutheran Church on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. for a special service. While Christmas is a time of joy for many, for others there is a sense of loss as we approach the holidays. . This service recognizes that, for many of us, joy and grief co-exist at this time of year, and provides space to acknowledge all of those emotions. All are welcome, but especially those who are grieving loss - a death, a job loss, relationship loss, or health loss, etc. Come allow God's love, and the love of the wider faith community, to enfold you.