

## Application

**Become a member! Your membership donation supports our goal as stated:**

- Research in the heritage and church history of Möttlingen (especially regarding Johann Christoph Blumhardt)
- Maintenance of the „Gottliebin Dittus House“

I/We would like to become a member(s) of the Blumhardt Society of Möttlingen, a non-profit organization [Blumhardt-Gesellschaft Möttlingen e.V.]

Name, first name/contact person

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### Membership fee 20,- / year (as of 2020).

I/we agree to an annual remittance of the above amount to one of the following accounts:

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With my signature I acknowledge the regulations of the Society.

Date/Signature

(The regulations can be requested by post, telephone, email or download)

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Gottliebin Dittus

#### Opening hours

First Sunday of every month 14:30-17:00 o'clock,  
and by arrangement.

Admission is free and donations are welcome.

#### Guided Tours

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Gottliebin Dittus House

Exhibit in Memory of

# Johann Christoph BLUMHARDT

in the Gottliebin Dittus House

Blumhardtstraße 3

75378 Bad Liebenzell - Möttlingen

In Johann Christoph Blumhardt (1805-1880) the village of Möttlingen honors the pastor who has spread the name of Möttlingen far beyond the borders of Württemberg. This is demonstrated until the present day by visitors from all parts of the world.

## Gateway to the Black Forest

Möttlingen (population ca. 1400) is located on a plateau east of the Nagold valley between Bad Liebenzell and Weil der Stadt at the edge of the lovely hedge and blackthorn region in a protected hollow in the midst of orchards, forested hills and cultivated fields.

The present resort is under the administration of resort municipality Bad Liebenzell. Its climate is valued by many visitors.

## Blumhardt's Achievement in Möttlingen

Blumhardt, pastor (1838-1852) of the then poverty-stricken farm community, came to fame primarily through the healing of a single young woman who was subject to inexplicable seizures, massive blood loss and "spirit appearances." In his pastoral ministrations with Gottliebin Dittus Blumhardt's experience of the reality of God made a permanent mark on his life. The healing of this church member led to an awakening that spread far beyond the bounds of Möttlingen.



*Blumhardt as a young man*

## Eminent Christian

The experience of answer to prayer and spiritual breakthrough convinced Blumhardt that he could reckon on God's constant presence and reality. It kindled in him great hope for

- a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- the salvation of all mankind,
- the imminent return of Jesus Christ to establish his kingdom of peace on the earth.

Blumhardt was an original character as a Christian, not part of the network of education and upbringing of the prominent Württemberg families. He was no inventor of theological novelties, and did not make his mark by ingenious formulations. Instead, he preached in all simplicity the Gospel of the life-giving power of God.

His greatness is due to the compelling power of his personality, which resists any attempt to force him into a mold. Blumhardt is one of the significant figures of the nineteenth century.

## Spiritual Counselor of Stature

Blumhardt's personality shone with a deep and compassionate piety. This made him one of the great spiritual guides of Christian history. Barriers of social class or religious denomination became meaningless in his ministry. The breadth of his thinking is shown by his response to his congregation's deep poverty: he felt compelled to promote their earthly welfare, for example, by founding a loan agency for farm livestock and a kindergarten.

## The Exhibit

The standing exhibit in the Gottliebin Dittus House offers a display of the course of Blumhardt's life and career and provides a glimpse into the entirety of his life's work. In addition it offers a memorial of two of Blumhardt's pastoral predecessors, Christian Gottlob Barth and Gottlieb Friedrich Machtolf. They carried on their ministry in the spirit of Pietism and also became well-known figures.

Further information regarding Blumhardt's connections to contemporary authors will also be found, especially his connection to Romantic poet Eduard Mörike.

View of the Blumhardt Memorial Exhibit

