

Mountville Church of the Brethren



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August 29, 2021

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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*Fostering growth in faith,
growth in community, and growth in service.*

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**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.**

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Etude in C# Minor Op. 2, No. 1* Scriabin

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

The Creator has planted seeds in all of us.

May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit.

May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.

The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

**May we be nurtured, may we be blessed, and may we grow in this
time of worship.**

*HYMN *Come, let us all unite to sing* 12

*INVOCATION^^

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:1-11 167

HYMN *Breathe on me, breath of God* 356

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^^ & OFFERTORY PRAYER^^

DOXOLOGY 119A

SPECIAL MUSIC *Clair De Lune* Debussy

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Grow* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Lord, I am fondly* 514

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Bourree* Roman

^First United Methodist Church worship guide. 7/19/20
. https://www.1stchurchjc.org/uploads/4/1/4/2/4142961/worship_guide_2020_7_20.pdf

^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press, Nashville.) 2016. Pg. 37-39. Adapted.

In God's Service Today

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Pastor	Angela Finet	
Music Director	John Hess	
Organist	Gloria Hess	
Worship Leader	Cathy Funderwhite	
Special Music	Piano	Noah Brosey
Children's Ministry	Nanette Bushong, Alexa Taylor	
Nursery	Regina Schulz	
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Glenn & Ruthie Bushong	
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767	Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Security	Harry Light	

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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to know more about the Church of the Brethren globally, and Mountville Church of the Brethren specifically? Since 1708, Brethren have had a unique way of engaging with God and neighbor, and a rich history of service to each other, and to the world! Pastor Angela is arranging times for conversation - please be in touch with her if you'd like to learn more. Dates will be set based on interested persons' schedules. This is a no pressure opportunity to expand your knowledge.

ORDER YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We are delighted to share Pastor Angela with the wider denomination through her authorship of the Church of the Brethren Advent Devotional 2021 - *Do Not Be Afraid!* Pick up your copy of a "sneak peek" in the Narthex today! We will be placing an order the last week of September, so please contact the church office with your requests (quantity and regular/large print) by **Sunday, September 19**. Do not use the order form on the back. The church budget covers the cost of these devotions for members. If you'd like to order additional copies, you'll be billed the additional amount. Full transparency: Pastor Angela does not receive commission on the sale of these books, so this is not a sales pitch :-)

Mission Statement

The Mountville Church of the Brethren invites all children, youth, and adults to connect with Jesus Christ through meaningful worship, engaging spiritual growth opportunities, caring fellowship, practical peace-making, and compassionate service to local and and global neighbors.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

- Nancy Hess, Chuck Few, Henry Renn, Jim Zeiters, John and Julie Ament, and Lynn Landis.
- Mary Finkbiner's rehabilitation.
- Kelli O'Hara, George and Janet Schwert's daughter; Ann, Lyn Brubaker's sister; Ryan Weber, Rick & Linda Weber's son; Dale Gebhard, Sherri Barto's father; and Jim Long who are all undergoing cancer treatment.
- Terry Few's brother-in-law Rod and his wife Susie.
- Jerry Bushong's sister, Sara Hollinger, and her family.
- Joe Kirchner, husband of a friend of Holly Mele's.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the Jennersville COB. The Parker Ford COB, is praying for us.
- Pray for protection and safety for Rebecca and Samuel Dali and their family who are in Nigeria.
- Pray for those dealing with so much loss in Haiti.
- Pray for the evolving situation in Afghanistan.

The COLUMBIA FOOD BANK receives our **August Food Cart and monetary donations**. Please remember, no outdated / glass items or non-perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!

NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT MILLION TREE CAMPAIGN

This is the last Sunday to participate in this offering. Trees are an important part of the ecosystem, providing clean air, a habitat for birds and animals, and erosion control (among other benefits). Since Earth Day 2019, there's been a campaign to plant 1 Million Trees across the globe. \$1 buys 10 trees - but in August, an anonymous donor will double that amount...\$1 buys 20 trees!

During the month of August, you will see a tree in the narthex. For each \$5 donated, we'll place a leaf on the tree to demonstrate the abundance of our multiplied gifts. If you'd like to take part, simply use a green envelope in the pews and mark your gift "trees," or you can write "trees" on the memo line of your check and place in the plate at the rear of the sanctuary. This giving opportunity will be available all month. Celebrate as we watch our tree "come to life."

MATTHEW 18 WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 11 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where two or more are gathered...there will be conflict. But we are also promised that Christ is with us. Matthew 18 is an important scripture in teaching us how to handle this inevitable conflict. This workshop, created by On Earth Peace and inspired by Matthew 18, provides resources for how to deal with and navigate conflict in healthy ways. It's a little like taking your vitamins - you build up your health now so that when you do get sick, you have the proper resources to work through it.

This engaging workshop looks in depth at this beloved, but challenging, Scripture, and includes time for conversation and small group activities. The event is FREE, but a freewill offering will be collected to cover lunch expenses. Everyone is welcome – please share this invitation with your friends. **RSVP by calling or emailing the church office so that we have plenty of seats, handouts, and food!** See Pastor Angela with any questions. Hope to see you there!

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We continue to meet each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in room 102 or via Zoom to read together the scripture for the following Sunday's sermon. All are welcome to attend anytime. This week, August 31, Guest Preacher Ken Gible will be joining us by Zoom. Come make him feel welcome. Pastor Angela will facilitate the discussion.

COBYS' 25th ANNUAL BIKE & HIKE is September 12. Please see Catherine, Alec, or one of the adults participating in the narthex after worship to support COBYS' vital ministry to at risk children and families. Pledges made now can be paid after 9/12. Last year MCOB raised over \$3,100!

EMAIL ISSUES?

We are aware that there have been issues receiving emails from Pastor Angela and the church office. If you have not been receiving prayer requests and the Sunday worship information, particularly if you use Comcast, we'd like to help. In the narthex, you'll find a step-by-step instruction sheet for changing your settings so that emails can be delivered properly to you. A big thank you to Dell and Mike for their troubleshooting efforts!

The **BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF SALE** is on for this year! It is Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center.

Great Food, Great Auction
Great Crafts, Great Fruits/Veggies/Plants/Toys
Great Baked Goods
GREAT Theme Baskets (6:00 p.m. Friday Night)

NOW we need your help! The Stitch-Sew-and Share group usually fills the coin jar with extra change for the sale. We need your help to fill the coin jar this year since we have not met all year.

This is the last Sunday we will be in the narthex for everyone to help fill the coin jar. Please bring in your change to help the Disaster Relief Auction. Please contact Ruthie Bushong, 717-684-6758, with any questions.

CAMP SWATARA LABOR DAY BENEFIT AUCTION is

Saturday, September 4, 2021 in the East Lodge at Camp Swatara. Come for a great day of fun, food and fellowship as we raise funds to benefit the Family Campground of Camp Swatara. Many great items are donated from businesses, church and individuals such as gift cards, tickets, food, camping gear, toys, jewelry, gift baskets, antiques, and so much more! The Kids Auction begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Regular Adult Auction. All proceeds benefit the Camp Swatara Family Camping Center. Auction preview is September 3rd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and September 4 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

REMINDER: Bulletin announcements are due in the church office, Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. so that they are ready to be printed Thursday. Announcements received after the deadline may be held until the following week. Thank you.

STATISTICS for August 22, 2021

Received for General Fund\$3,425.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS
Global Food Initiative150.00
Kits50.00
Food Bank20.00
New Community Project "Trees"80.00
Building Use Donation250.00

Worship: 72

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102
7:00 p.m. – The New Group, Hospitality Room
Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Men's Group, Rm. 102

Next Sunday, September 5, 2021

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.

Guest Preacher Ken Gible will preach "For Goodness Sake" from Psalm 25:1-11 and Luke 3:1-9. Worship Leader is Angela Finet. John Hess will provide special music. Next Sunday we will collect offerings for the Global Food Initiative.

OFFICE HOURS

Jackie Sands is in the office Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. during the summer.

The church office is closed on Mondays during the summer. For pastoral needs, please email or call Pastor Angela at angelaфинet50@gmail.com or (571) 228-1108.