

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



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September 12, 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

*Adagio*

Vivaldi

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.

**We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.**

Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;

**to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.**

We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people;

**to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.**

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church;

**to make peace a reality.**

\*HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*

367

\*INVOCATION^^

### *COMMUNICATING WITH GOD*

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

192

HYMN

*Beyond a Dying Sun*

323

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER^^^

**RESPONDING**

INVITATION TO GIVE<sup>^^^</sup>

OFFERTORY *Aria in D* Bach

\*DOXOLOGY 119A

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER<sup>^^^^</sup>

CONSECRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**PROCLAIMING**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Temple

SERMON *Holistic Peace* Rev. Angela Finet

\*HYMN *For we are strangers no more* 322

**SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Fugue in G Major* Schubert

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^^From *A Collection of Prayers for Peace, 2004*. Posted on the Decade to Overcome Violence website of the World Council of Churches. <http://overcomingviolence.org/en/decade-to-overcome-violence/about-dov/international-day-of-prayer-for/resources/prayers-2004.html>

^^^Siemans, Lois. *Together in Worship*, Summer 2013. ©2013 MennoMedia. Adapted.

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^^^^^Longhurst, Christine. *Hunger for Justice: World Food Day 2016*, posted on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website. <http://foodgrainsbank.ca/product/world-food-day-2016-hunger-for-justice/>

**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.

***In God's Service Today***

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Pastor	Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Lois Silver
Special Music	Bill Kepner, Dianna Zimmerman
Ushers	Jim & Wendy Allshouse, Joel Musser, Alexa Taylor
Children's Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Lyn Brubaker, Cindy Heisey
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330
Security	John Musser

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

Thanks to my loving church family for the cards, calls and most of for your prayers during after my knee replacement. Also thank you for all the caring thoughts for Ray. We appreciate it very much. Ray and Mary

**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. Bring your Bible, or one can be provided for you.

**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.

## Prayer Ministry

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

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

- Kirsten Hart, Nancy Hess, Chuck Few, Henry Renn, Jim Zeiters, John and Julie Ament, Katrina Hanks, Dottie Light, and Lynn Landis.
- Mary Finkbiner's rehabilitation.
- Sam and Carol Field and family as they grieve the death of Sam's mother, Jackie Field.
- Louise and Carl Harnish as they grieve the death of Louise's brother, David L. Zimmerman, on Saturday, August 28.
- Coy Contres, Holly Mele's son-in-law, in the hospital.
- 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 Drexel Hill COB. The Cocalico 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 and those in the aftermath of Ida.
- Pray for the evolving situation in Afghanistan.

The HEMPFIELD FOOD PANTRY receives our **September Food Cart and monetary donations**. Below is a list of items needed: cereal, canned mixed vegetables, canned carrots, canned corn, pancake mix, pancake syrup, boxed pasta, large jelly, cream of chicken soup, cream of broccoli soup, cream of celery soup, tomato soup, canned salmon, large chicken broth, and canned mandarin oranges. Please remember, no outdated / glass items or non-perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!

## 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.

We have a standing order for 35 devotionals. That is not enough to cover demand this year due to the special circumstances of our pastor being the author. Also, the Seekers class will be using the Advent devotional and its corresponding Bible Study during Advent, so you'll want a copy to fully participate. Full transparency: Pastor Angela does not receive commission on the sale of these books, so this is not a sales pitch :-)

## 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!

ALL ARE INVITED to attend a Brad White Concert at the Mountville COB's sanctuary on Thursday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. Brad White appeared many years with James Blackwood and The Blackwood Brothers Quartet. Brad has recorded nearly a dozen vocal, piano and saxophone albums. This concert is being sponsored by Martha Philbrook and the New England Seniors group.

COBYS' 25th ANNUAL BIKE & HIKE is TODAY. 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!

The **BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF SALE** is Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center.

Great Auction +  
Foods, Crafts, Fruits, Veggies, Plants, Toys, Baked Goods,  
Theme Baskets Auction: 6:00 p.m. Friday Night

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. We will be in the narthex the next few Sundays 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.

#### FLOWERS FOR THE WORSHIP CENTER

Please see the flower chart if you would like to place flowers in the worship center in memory or in of honor of a loved one. There are many dates available September – December. Cost: \$35 for 2 vases.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Jackie Sands is in the office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

#### STATISTICS for September 5, 2021

Received for General Fund .....	\$2,365.00
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	
Global Food Initiative .....	60.00
Food Bank .....	20.00
Camp Swatara .....	100.00
Mountville Elementary School .....	100.00

Worship: 63

#### **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. – Divorce Support Group, Hospitality Room  
Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Men's Group, Rm. 102  
Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101,102  
6:30 p.m. – Free Brad White Concert, sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Lower Narthex

#### ***Next Sunday, September 19, 2021***

**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 will join the Adult Class in the Fellowship Hall.
- Adults, please join us next Sunday in the fellowship hall, for the first in our **Compelling Vision for the Church of the Brethren** series.

Our first topic will be *Radical Trans-formation and Holistic Peace of Jesus Christ*. Forrest Collier will lead this session. Seating will be according to the CDC Guidelines. Masks are recommended. We will continue to make the on line option available through Zoom using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09>.

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

September begins Pastor Angela's focus on Being Jesus in the Neighborhood. Pastor Angela will preach *Together* from Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17. Worship leader is Holly Mele and special music will be provided.