

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



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September 5, 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

*Sinfonia*

Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us reach out with heart and soul to the Lord.

**O Lord, our God, in you we place our trust.**

Let us ask the Lord to lead us.

**Help us, O Lord, find the paths that we should take.**

Lead us in Your truth, O God,

**And we shall rejoice in your love and goodness forever!**

**Amen**

\*HYMN

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

145

\*INVOCATION

### *COMMUNICATING WITH GOD*

NT SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-9

60

HYMN

*Lord, speak to me*

499

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER^

# *In God's Service Today*

## **RESPONDING**

INVITATION TO GIVE & OFFERTORY PRAYER

DOXOLOGY 119A

SPECIAL MUSIC *Trumpet Concerto, Movement II* Haydn

## **PROCLAIMING**

OT SCRIPTURE Psalm 25:1-11 502

SERMON *For Goodness' Sake* Rev. Ken Gibble

\*HYMN *Take my life* 389

## **SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Ricercare* Froberger

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### 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.

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Pastor	Angela Finet
Guest Preacher	Ken Gibble
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Angela Finet
Special Music	Trumpet John Hess
Children's Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Sue Beiler, Forrest Collier
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 offered in thanksgiving and for the glory of God, in memory of Kathy VanderHeijden by her cousin, Monica Ferretti.

We are delighted to welcome Ken Gibble back to our congregation as our guest preacher this morning. Ken is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, a published author and a frequent contributor to Messenger. Ken lives in the Harrisburg area and is a member of the Ridgeway Church of the Brethren.

Dear Church Family- Thank you for your many prayers and kind expressions of support following my recent meniscus surgery. I am grateful for healing and your encouragement! —Nancy Hess

### ATTENTION USHERS

There will be brief meeting following church today to discuss returning to passing the offering plate during worship. Thank you, Joan Boshnaugle

### GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE

First Sunday offerings for Global Food Initiative will be received today in the offering plate by the sanctuary offering box. Or, you are welcome to write a check marked "GFI" in the memo. GFI provides resources that help people struggling with hunger to become more food secure. Learn more at [brethren.org/gfi](http://brethren.org/gfi). 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. Full transparency: Pastor Angela does not receive commission on the sale of these books, so this is not a sales pitch :-)

## **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, Katrina Hanks, Dottie Light, and Lynn Landis.
- Mary Finkbiner's rehabilitation.
- Louise and Carl Harnish as they grieve the death of Louise's brother, David L. Zimmerman, on Saturday, August 28.
- 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 Palmyra COB. The East Fairview 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.

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

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!

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!

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.

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.

### 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.

### FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP CENTER

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

### STATISTICS for August 29, 2021

Received for General Fund .....	\$3,109.00
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	
Food Bank.....	25.00
New Community Project “Trees” .....	55.00

Worship: 85

### **THIS WEEK**

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Mon: Labor Day Office Closed

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

Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Men’s Group, Rm. 102

Thurs: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101,102

Matthew 18 Workshop set-up, Fellowship Hall

Sat: 8:30 a.m. – Matthew 18 Workshop, Fellowship Hall

### ***Next Sunday, September 12, 2021***

**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 *Holistic Peace* from Ephesians 2:11-22. Worship leader is Lois Silver and special music will be provided.

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### 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!