

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 4, 2022

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>^</sup>**

You call us to be your voices in this world  
**and we stay silent.**

You call us to be your hands in this world  
**and we keep them hidden.**

You call us to be your feet in this world  
**and we go our own way.**

When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing,  
**forgive us.**

When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing,  
**forgive us.**

When we are called to take up your cross yet carry nothing,  
**forgive us.**

As we gather to worship, breathe life into these bones; bring freedom  
to these lives

**that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are  
our Lord and our God.**

*Amen*

\*HYMN                      *How clear is our vocation, Lord*                      541

\*INVOCATION<sup>^^</sup>

## RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE                      Luke 14:25-33                      NT 52

HYMN                      *O young and fearless prophet*                      374

*Children ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to worship downstairs.*

PRESENTATION TO SEMINARY STUDENT

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## RESPONDING

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

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY                      *Praise God from Whom*                      119

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING<sup>^^^^</sup>

SPECIAL MUSIC                      *Like a River In My Soul*                      Osiek

## PROCLAIMING

SERMON                      *I Have Questions!*

\*HYMN                      *I have decided to follow Jesus*                      Overhead

## SENDING

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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<sup>^</sup>Birch, John. *Faith and Worship* website. <https://www.faithandworship.com>. Used with permission. Adapted.

<sup>^^</sup>Unknown author. Published on *RE: Worship* website. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>

<sup>^^^</sup>Finet, Angela

<sup>^^^^</sup>Sokolove, Deborah. *Ministry Matters* website.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4139/worship-elements-september-4-2022>. Published January 1, 2022. Used with permission.

STATISTICS for August 28, 2022

Received for General Fund .....\$ 10,786.68

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Kits .....5.00  
Disaster Relief.....20.00  
Refugee Resettlement .....200.00

Worship: 81

**THIS WEEK**

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

Mon: Labor Day – Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Rms. 100, 101

7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom

Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102

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

Sat: 6:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. downstairs

***Next Sunday, September 11, 2022***

**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 and via Zoom as we begin the four part series *ReJesus: A Wild Messiah For A Missional Church* by Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch

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

Join us next Sunday for an hour of heartfelt worship in song with classical pianist and jazz vocalist, Anna Alexander. Nancy Hess will be the Worship Leader.

Pastor Angela will be on vacation September 8 - 14. If you have prayer requests outside Jackie's office hours, please contact one of these deacons: Cathy Funderwhite or Karen Strine. If you have a pastoral need, please contact one of these deacons: Walt Vanderheijden, Dawn Musser, Joe Buohl, Linda Bushong, Jerry Bushong, or Cindy Heisey. We are blessed to have a strong group of deacons to care for the needs of the body.

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

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Piano	Sarah Repkoe
Worship Leader	Catherine Repkoe
Special Music	Catherine Repkoe
Acolyte	Children's Worship
Ushers	Wendy Allshouse, Joel Musser
Children's Ministry	Kitty Collier, Beth Hess
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Carl & Louise Harnish
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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Pete and Deb Musser give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their family birthdays.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The **Hempfield Area Food Bank** receives our September Food Cart and monetary donations. Please remember no outdated, glass items or perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED AT LANCASTER FOOD HUB

The Lancaster Food Hub is in need of occasional help at their food distribution facility located at 812 North Queen Street in Lancaster. The morning work, typically 9:00 to noon, involves helping assemble food goods into boxes and then placing the boxes into client's vehicles. Please see Larry Booz or Tom Musser for more information.

GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE

First Sunday offerings for Global Food Initiative will be received today. 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/).

## Prayer Ministry Update

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- John Graham and family.
- Pray for Nick Cyr and family.
- Pray for traveling mercies for the many travelers among us.
- Pray for those in need of healing from COVID. Continue to pray for safety for medical practitioners.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he discerns his call to ministry.
- All our students and school teachers heading back.
- Pray for those experiencing housing insecurity.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Wilmington COB. Conestoga COB is praying for us.

### SACRED MUSIC WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 11 at 10:15 a.m.

Come enjoy an hour of heartfelt worship in song with classical pianist and jazz vocalist, Anna Alexander. Anna has been leading and performing worship music for over 15 years, and she loves to use her musical gifts to bring glory to God. Anna will sing some encouraging songs and perform stunning pianistic renditions of timeless hymns, including “How Great Thou Art” and “The Old Rugged Cross.” This music will encourage your spirit and help you to center your focus on worshiping God. Friends welcome! Sponsored by the Richard Ott Memorial Fund. This service will not be livestreamed.

### 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 John 17:20-26. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Save the date for these special moments in the life of the church.

Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m. – Faith formation resumes for Children & Adults

Sept. 11, 10:15 a.m. – Sacred Worship Service w/Anna Alexander

Sept. 17, 9:00 a.m. – Hour of Prayer, Rm. 102

Sept. 18, 10:15 a.m. – Consecration of Christian Education Staff and Peace Sunday

Sept. 23-24 – Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds

Oct. 2, 6:00 p.m. – Love Feast

Oct. 7-8 – District Conference

Oct. 16, 11:15 a.m. – Conversation with Randy Yoder

Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon – Brethren Beliefs Class

Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m. – Congregational Forum

### CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BEGIN!

Starting September 11, children ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will once again meet for Sunday School at 9 a.m. in room 123 of the children’s wing of the church. We will be learning about ‘Seeking God Together’ which is the theme of the fall curriculum. Some of our first lessons will be about prayer, making time for God and making room for God. I am excited to get back into the routine of coming together Sunday mornings to learn and to worship with the children. - Joyce Kerns

### COBYS BIKE & HIKE — SEPTEMBER 11

Last year, a small, dedicated group of MCOB youth and adults walked a beautiful 3 mile course in Lititz to raise vital funds for COBYS.

**Thanks to you, they raised an amazing \$3,385!!** For 26 years, COBYS has been a trusted local leader in providing support for at-risk children and families in need of foster care, adoption, counseling, and permanency services. **Please see Catherine, Alec, Scottie, Cindy H, or Steve in the narthex for an opportunity to pledge to COBYS. No money is needed at this time.** Better yet, if you like to walk (or bike), join them for a fun afternoon that will end with an ice cream party sponsored by Fox Meadow Creamery. This is an inter-generational event. All are welcome!