



# The New Vision

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All are invited to participate in our adult and Children's Sunday School Classes at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service is in house or live stream Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MountvilleCOB>

Nursery is available for younger children.

### Our Staff:

Angela Finet – Pastor  
John Hess – Director of Music  
Gloria Hess – Organist  
Jackie Sands – Office Administrator  
Mary Rudy – Custodian

Mountville Church of the Brethren is located at the corner of College, Hoover, & Clay Streets in Mountville, PA. If you have further questions regarding the Mountville Church, please feel free to call the church office at 717-285-5122 or 717-285-7424 or email : [Office@Mountvillecob.org](mailto:Office@Mountvillecob.org)

## Love Notes from Pastor Angela

*Are you hurting? Pray. ~~ James 5:13 (The Message)*

### When and Where

World Day of Prayer was initiated in 1887 by a group of faithful *women* in New York! Celebrated the first Friday in March, it has grown to include 170+ countries committed to praying for the needs of the world. We will add our prayers to theirs on **Saturday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.** in room 102. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### How

In preparation, please email me (or call the office) your prayer concerns by Tuesday, February 28. They can be personal needs, or prayers for our community, nation, and world. I will create a list for us to use as we gather. Last minute concerns can be raised as we pray. I will lead the prayers. If you are comfortable, you may join as you feel led in spoken prayer. Or, you can simply be a prayerful presence. The Spirit intercedes either way.

### Why

When we pray together, we learn how to pray. No one is comfortable praying out loud at the beginning. Any new experience comes with some level of anxiety. But praying together creates a fellowship of trust with increased comfort as the result.

When we pray together, we experience God's presence. Matthew 18:20 says that where two or three gather together, Christ is among them. We experience God's peace and power in new ways in community.

You will leave refreshed from this time of meditation and communion with God and friends. I hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know. If you cannot join us in person but want to pray where you are, let me know and I'll send the list to you.

With anticipation,  
Pastor Angela

## Health Ministry Corner      Be Prepared for Spring Weather



The weather in March is unpredictable, and you may not be prepared for severe changes like thunderstorms, lightning, and tornadoes. Planning ahead can prevent serious problems, and the Center for Preparedness and Response recommends having certain things on hand ahead of time.

Be sure to have battery operated flashlights and extra batteries in your house and car. An updated first aid kit and hygiene items such as hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes, eyedrops, and pain relievers should be in your house and car also. The Center also recommends keeping a 3-5 day supply on hand of bottled water and nonperishable food items, including a manual can opener. Extra blankets and/or sleeping bags should be available along with a list of emergency phone numbers.

And don't forget to charge your cell phone if bad weather or outages are predicted.



## New Member Reception

March 12, 2023  
after Church.

## Family Bowling Outing for All Ages!

The Education Ministry Team is planning a family Bowling Outing for our church family and friends at Leisure Lanes on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$3 for shoe rental and \$3.50 per person per game. All ages are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet across from the church mailboxes. See Regina Schulz with questions.



## ADULT Sunday School

On February 26 Seekers will begin a six week series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine exploring what has been called the most popular sermon ever delivered, the Sermon on the Mount. Dr. Levine will guide us through the Sermon's historical context, its importance as scripture of the Church and as

"instruction on how best to live into the kingdom of heaven." We welcome your participation and encourage you to read Matthew: 5-7. Dave Fuchs will lead this opening session, The Beatitudes."

## Mountville COB January 2022 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$ 41,390.24
Designated	\$ 3,683.40

*Thank you for your faithful gifts!*



# Calling Artists and Collectors in Our Congregation!

By Charlie Worrall

Calling the artists or hobby collectors in our midst!

Have you wanted to share with others, your artistry, your creativity, or perhaps your loved, special collection but wondered how to do that?

If the thought of displaying your works/collections in our church gets your heart beating faster... well, here is your chance to make it happen. And by doing so, the rest of the church will get to know you perhaps differently through you art. The display cases in our Narthex are waiting to feature items you made or collected over the years, items that warm a special place in your life.

A fact! We have an abundance of artists and collectors amongst us. So here is plan to build on the artistry of who we are: if you have artistic creations or hobby items you would like to share with others, this new project is your chance to do so :

- **Project name: *Project “Sesame”*.** Inspired by Ali Baba’s magical phrase from a child’s folk tale of long ago. A synonym for Sesame is “Abracadabra”, a word used to open up a place of hidden treasure.
- **Contact to volunteer your collection and to schedule display dates.** Initially, Charlie Worrall. Home: 717-285-1898.
- **How long will your items be on display.** Perhaps 3-4 weeks each throughout calendar 2023 with time intervals TBD for other display case use for the Advent season, Peace Sunday (Sept. 17), and possibly another time, too. This depends on number of collections to be displayed, etc. Hopefully many.
- **Display parameters.** Each of the two display cases in the Narthex has 5 ft. of vertical display space and is 2 ft. wide. Each cabinet has 3 adjustable height glass shelves.
- **Audience.** Displays will be on view in the Narthex for all to see. Please be sure your display is appropriate for viewers of all ages.
- **Tent cards.** Each item will be identified by a short, explanatory tent card, the text being provided by the donor.
- **PR announcements.** A mixture of the weekly bulletin, the *New Vision* newsletter, and the MCOB website will announce the Good News of scheduled displays. All donors are encouraged to write a brief description of their display and what it means to them. This will be included in the display case. At this date, we have no plans to expanded media coverage to PBS or CNN.
- **Setup.** A joint project using both the donor and a project team member TBD.
- **Security.** The Narthex display cabinets will be locked.

**Time to get started.** Call or see Charlie Worrall now.

... And what a gift to others in the church and to our Savior this will be.



# MARCH SERVERS

## Worship Leaders

5 - Larry Booz  
12 - Joel Musser  
19 - Dave Serfass  
26 - Patrick Snyder

## Ushers

Cindy Heisey  
Beth Hess  
Holly Mele  
Lois Silver

## Greeters

5 - Beth Hess, Connie Renn  
12 - Rick & Linda Weber  
19 - Glenn Bushong, Nanette Bushong  
26 - Lynn Landis, Molly Mitchell

## Children's Worship

5 - Margie Musser, Becky Fuchs  
12 - Joyce Kerns, Catherine Repkoe  
19 - Kitty Collier, Connie Renn  
26 - Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler

## Nursery

5 - Joan Boshnaugle  
12 - Regina Schulz  
19 - Betsy Thomas  
26 - Regina Schulz

## Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

In the event that bad weather requires us to cancel church activities or worship services, these are the ways you will be notified:

1. Mountville Church of the Brethren website
2. Facebook notice
3. Church email
4. A phone call IF and only if you have requested a personal call.

If you would like a call if worship is cancelled and have not yet contacted our church office, please do so today.

Cancellation notices will be posted no later than 8:00 a.m. If you are unable to access any of these methods, please call Jerry Bushong or Barry Lauver. The decision is made after carefully considering the weather forecast and the condition of the roads in Mountville and our parking lot. It is our hope that all persons will give priority to their health and safety when making a decision about traveling to church activities and worship services when the weather and road conditions are not optimal. If worship is cancelled, watch for an email about an online alternative at a later time.



Before you go to bed  
Saturday,  
March 11, 2023

## Mental Health Resources

Crisis Text Line:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

Preventing Suicide in PA:

Coping with COVID-19 Stress:

PA's Support Helpline:

Disaster Distress Helpline:

Veterans in crisis:

COVID-19 resources:

Text 'PA' to 741741

1-800-273-8255

[preventsuicidepa.org](https://preventsuicidepa.org)

[bit.ly/covid-coping](https://bit.ly/covid-coping)

855-284-2494

800-985-5990

[veteranscrisisline.net](https://veteranscrisisline.net)

[mhanational.org/covid19](https://mhanational.org/covid19)



# LOOKING AHEAD

- March 4: World Day of Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- March 18: Women's Retreat, Ephrata COB
- March 25: All Church Bowling Event, 10:00 a.m.
- April 6: Love Feast, 7:00 p.m.

## March Sermon Themes

March 5	John 13:36-14:31	Heart Trouble
March 12	John 15:1-17	Relationships and Responsibility
March 19	John 16:1-16	What's Up with the Spirit?
March 26	John 17	There's No Unity without U

# 40 DAYS OF LENT

*Deadline for the April 2023 New Vision articles is Sunday, March 12, 2023.*

**The New Vision**

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*"Your young . . . shall see Visions -  
your old . . . shall dream Dreams."  
- Acts 2:17-21*

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