

Mountville Church of the Brethren

# The New Vision

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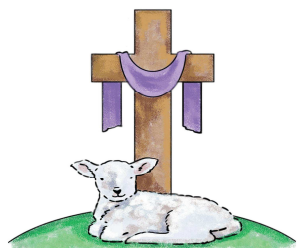
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All are invited to participate in our adult and Children's Sunday School Classes at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service is in house or live stream Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

<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

*“If I have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you....If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” The words of Jesus recorded in John 13:14-15, 17*

There is an image that floats around on the Internet each year around this time. It says, “Sometimes I joke about what I’d do if I had one day left to live. Eat junk, go crazy, etc. Today it hit me: Jesus knew. And he washed feet.”

Jesus knew. And he washed feet. He said we should wash one another’s feet. And he said we would be blessed if we did.

What more can be said by way of invitation than that? On **Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather in our own upper room, the fellowship hall, to share in the gift of Love Feast. We will take off our shoes and stand on hallowed ground. And, we will physically express the love of Christ by washing one another’s feet. [A handwashing station is available for those who need that option.]

Make it a priority to attend. We’ll share in singing, prayer, a simple meal, and communion...all for love. Everyone is welcome at this table. All you need to bring is a willingness to receive the love of Christ as offered through his disciples...us.

In joyful community,  
Pastor Angela

## April Sermon Themes

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| Apr. 2  | John 16:16-33   | Palm Sunday, <i>Let there be JOY</i>                    |
| Apr. 9  | John 20:1-18    | <i>Easter, The Dawning of a New Day</i>                 |
| Apr. 16 | Luke 24:13-49   | <i>Wait. What?</i> Guest speaker<br>Sara Haldeman-Scarr |
| Apr. 23 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 |   |
| Apr. 30 | 1 Peter 2:19-25 |   |



## New Small Group Bible Study



Would you like to be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime experience? In celebration of 500 years of the Anabaptist faith tradition, we are joining with 499 other primarily Brethren and Mennonite congregations to create the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, which will be published by MennoMedia on the 500th anniversary in 2025.

This unique Bible will contain margin notes created by Anabaptist Biblical Scholars, Anabaptist Historians, and congregations - like us! - and will offer a fresh engagement with Scripture, renewed faith in Jesus, stronger faith communities, and a more vibrant witness in the world.

Our congregation has been assigned the following passages to study together:

Daniel 5:17-31, Daniel 6:1-28, 1 John 1, 1 John 2, Psalm 136:1-12

We will gather Monday evenings at **6:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall on the following dates: **April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 22.** Each participant will be given a study guide, which you will use in the week leading up to our gathering. During our gathering time, we will share together the insights or questions that arose in our personal devotional time. These thoughts will be compiled into "notes" that will be provided to the Bible editorial team.

Reserve your space today on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. If you have questions, please see Pastor Angela.

## Congregational Forum Report

The Congregational Forum was held on February 26. During the meeting year end reports were given. The 2022 year ended with a budget surplus. The Leadership team recommended that the church spend it in three ways: "Add" to the Endowment fund, 'Save' to the Building Maintenance Fund, 'Give' to the Brethren Disaster Ministries fund specifically to the Turkey and Syria Earthquake relief efforts. Forum approved the allocation of \$7,000 to each area. Tom Musser shared that our Afghan Refugee resettlement has gone very well. Walt Vanderheijden gave an update from the Core Values team. We will be meeting in small groups again to discuss the vision we have for the church. The Congregational Fellowship Events committee was introduced. They will be planning 3-4 church events this year. The Photo Directory Committee was also introduced and shared what research they have found on using and making an online church directory.

As part of our Congregational Business Forum we adopted a new Statement of Purpose as part of our Core Values work.



*In joyful community, we follow Jesus to embody God's love with all our neighbors.*

## APRIL SERVERS

### Worship Leaders

2 - Bill Kepner  
9 - Joel Musser  
16 - Forrest Collier  
23 - Cindy Dale  
30 - Harold Ulmer

### Ushers

Bob Keller  
Harry Light  
John Musser  
Jerry Bushong

### Greeters

2 - Barry & Lori Lauver  
9 - Carl & Louise Harnish  
16 - Forrest Collier, Cindy Heisey  
23 - Dave & Becky Fuchs  
30 - Carolyn Berrier, Mark Yoh

### Children's Worship

2 - Kitty Collier, Beth Hess  
9 - Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor  
16 - Margie Musser, Tess Wolford  
23 - Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler  
30 - Nanette Bushong, Connie Renn

### Nursery

2 - Joan Boshnaugle  
9 - Regina Schulz  
16 - Joyce Kerns  
23 - Connie Renn  
30 - Betsy Thomas

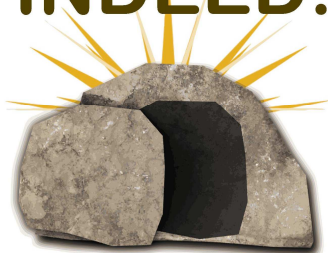
**Save the Date: April 29 @ 5:00 p.m.**

The congregational Fellowship Committee recently met to plan several social events for our church family. The first event will be an **INTERNATIONAL DINNER** on Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. More details will be forthcoming.



Also, mark your calendars for upcoming fun activities:  
June 4, November 4, and December 10. More details to follow.

**He Is  
RISEN  
INDEED!**



### Mental Health Resources

Crisis Text Line:	Text 'PA' to 741741
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:	1-800-273-8255
Preventing Suicide in PA:	<a href="https://preventsuicidepa.org">preventsuicidepa.org</a>
Coping with COVID-19 Stress:	<a href="https://bit.ly/covid-coping">bit.ly/covid-coping</a>
PA's Support Helpline:	855-284-2494
Disaster Distress Helpline:	800-985-5990
Veterans in crisis:	<a href="https://veteranscrisisline.net">veteranscrisisline.net</a>
COVID-19 resources:	<a href="https://mhanational.org/covid19">mhanational.org/covid19</a>



# LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, April 6: Love Feast, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday

Monday, April 24: Small Group Bible Study begins,  
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29: International Dinner, 5:00 p.m.

*Deadline for the May 2023 New Vision articles is **Sunday, April 9, 2023.***



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

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