

The New Vision

Vol. 41, No. 6

www.office@mountvillecob.org

June 2023

Inside This Issue

Regular Features

- 2 - Health Ministry Corner
- 3 - Bits 'n Pieces
- 3 - April Tithes & Offerings
- 5 - June Servers
- 6 - June Birthdays & Anniversaries
- 6 - Members & Friends
- 7 - June Calendar

Around the Church

- 2 - Love Notes continued
- 2 - June Sermon Themes
- 4 - Annual Conference Witness to the City
- 4 - Hot Dog Time is Here!
- 5 - Family Mini Golf Outing for All



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

Love Notes from Pastor Angela

Viviendo el amor de Dios
Viv Lanmou Bondye A
Rayuwan Kaunar Allah
Living God's Love

Ephesians 5:1-2
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hausa, English

Each year, in the weeks leading up to the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, it has been my habit to explore the conference's overarching theme by preaching the daily themes and scriptures set by the Annual Conference moderator.

This year's conference takes place in Cincinnati, OH from July 4-8, and this year's moderator, Tim McElwee has selected the theme *Living God's Love*. In choosing this theme, Tim wrote that it "is based on Ephesians 5:1-2, but the central message is found throughout the Bible. In fact, I think this calling is the most basic and most important teaching we can commit ourselves to live out as disciples of Jesus Christ."

He continued: "To illustrate the call to live God's gift of inclusive love, our Annual Conference logo this year refers to the three words, Living God's Love, as they appear in English, along with the translation of these three powerful words in Spanish, Creole, and Hausa [languages spoken where the CoB has a significant presence]. We are truly a global church and no matter where we live, we are called to live God's love in a bold, compassionate, and inclusive manner—which is how God loves us."

That theme certainly resonates with me, and it absolutely fits with *our* new purpose statement: "In joyful community, we follow Jesus to embody God's love with all our neighbors." In other words, we practice together "Living God's Love."



Continued on page 2.

Love Notes from Pastor Angela continued from page 1

We have been spending time as a congregation naming the Core Values that will help us fulfill our purpose statement. Moderator McElwee has his own recommendations for how to Live God's Love, encouraging us to "make a commitment to seek out those in your midst who may not often experience the love of God. Search for those in your community and in your church who are often marginalized, ignored, or forgotten...then demonstrate God's love for them as completely and as fully as you possibly can."

I look forward to digging into this theme and these scriptures this summer during Sunday worship. And then, I encourage you to watch the Annual Conference worship services online [you'll be provided with the link] to hear how others have been inspired by these texts. We learn so much from one another.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Angela

June Sermon Topics

June 4:	Mark 12:28-34	Bearing the Fruit of God's Love
June 11:	Luke 10:25-37	Responding in Love to the Needs of Others
June 18:	Luke 7	Seeing and Loving Like God
June 25:	Matt. 25:31-46	Loving the Least in the Family of God

Health Ministry Corner

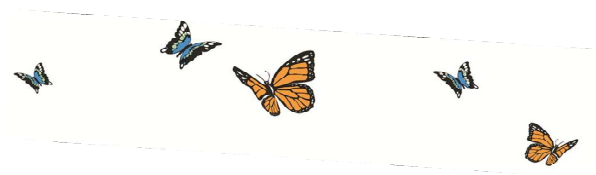
Warmer Weather Tips



It is treat to finally get outside in the beautiful weather, and here are some reminders of how to stay safe and healthy!

- * Sunscreen is so important, and the American Cancer Society recommends wearing a broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 30 for protection from harmful rays of the sun. This should be reapplied every 2 hours while in the sun. Stay in the shade when you can, wear a broad rimmed hat to protect your head and face.
- * Use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and long pants to prevent mosquito bites and ticks. If using sunscreen and insect repellent, put the sunscreen on first. Check the expiration dates on sunscreen and insect repellent, as they will not be effective if expired.
- * Stay hydrated!! Be sure to drink plenty of water . . . If you don't like water, try adding a slice of fruit to it or try sparkling water (seltzer water). Check the label to be sure there is not an artificial sweetener added. Fruits and most vegetables are made up of a large percentage of water, so consuming these is another way of adding water to your daily consumption.

Bits 'n Pieces



Words cannot express our deep appreciation for your birthday cards for our 104th birthday celebration. Flowers and phone calls were plentiful and the concern for Angela's surgery on her hand were very much appreciated. May God bless each of you and the church for your sympathy and congratulations. - Vernon and Angela Stinebaugh

Thank you for the 136 pounds of food and \$40 contributed to the pantry in April. In April, the pantry served 1,797 people which included: 522 children; 905 adults; and 370 seniors. 12 new families were registered in April! - Diana Gerlach, Hempfield Area Food Pantry



Summer Office Hours begin **Monday, June 19, 2023**. Jackie will be in the church office Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Please call Pastor Angela on her cell on Mondays if there is a need.

Love Feast has been changed to **Sunday, October 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

Congregational Forum has been changed to **Sunday, November 5, 2023**

Mountville COB April 2023 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$ 26,659.12
Designated	\$ 1,648.50

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



Annual Conference Witness to the Host City

Traditionally the Host City for Annual Conference chooses a program to support. Each congregation is asked to donate items on the list provided or monetary contributions. This year the Annual Conference is being held at Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 4-8 (Tuesday - Saturday). The Witness contribution to the Host City is going to Found House. Found House Interfaith Housing Network's mission provides shelter, housing, and support to families experiencing housing insecurity and to strengthen those services through interfaith and community partnerships.

To make monetary donations write your check to: Mountville Church of the Brethren and make sure it is in the church's hands by Sunday, June 18. Please write Annual Conference on the memo line of your check.

How you can help: Annual Conference has asked Found House what items are most needed to support the families they serve. This is what they need:

- * Gift cards to: Kroger, Walmart, Meijer, Target - \$25 denominations work best for their distribution.
- * Laundry detergent pods
- * Cleaning supplies: disinfecting wipes, disinfectant spray, Windex, multi-purpose cleaner, air freshener, hand soap, dish detergent.
- * Bottled water, cans of soup, juice boxes, paper towels, toilet paper.
- * Breakfast bars, cereal, Pop Tarts
- * Snacks: single serving size: peanut butter/cheese crackers, fruit snacks, Granola bars, chips, Mac 'n Cheese cups.
- * Wet or dry dog food, wet or dry cat food, dog treats, cat carriers, dog leashes.

The list will be posted on the bulletin board at church.

Pastor Angela will be driving to the Conference this year and has volunteered to take items with her. She is leaving Thursday, June 29. If anyone wishes to send anything with her please have it in her hands by Tuesday, June 27.

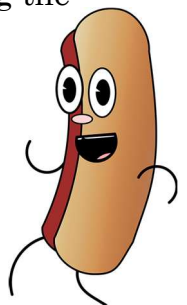
Thank you, Dianna Zimmerman, Outreach Team Chair

Hot Dog Time is Here!

During the month of June, we will again collect hot dogs for the Columbia Food Bank. This project started many years ago by the youth group and seems to be a popular outreach for our church. We have given many hundreds of pounds of hot dogs to provide extra help during the summer when school lunches are not served. Kids still need to eat!

Please place 1 pound packages of hot dogs in the freezer or fridge, marked "Hot Dog Project" in the kitchen during the month of June. We will deliver them to the food bank the first week of July.

"Thank you" in advance for your continued support of this much needed outreach event. See Janet Schwert with questions.



JUNE SERVERS

Worship Leaders

4 - Holly Mele
11 - Harold Ulmer
18 - Sarah Repkoe
25 - Catherine Repkoe

Ushers

Cindy Heisey
Beth Hess
Lynn Landis
Lois Silver

Greeters

4 - Forrest Collier, Connie Renn
11 - Don & Sara Wagner
18 - Charlie Worrall & Lois Silver
25 - Barry & Lori Lauver

Children's Worship

4 - Joyce Kerns, Ginny Hart
11 - Margie Musser, Connie Renn
18 - Kitty Collier, Alexa Taylor
25 - Betsy Thomas, Ginny Hart

Nursery

4 - Joan Boshnaugle
11 - Betsy Thomas
18 - Regina Schulz
25 - Becky Fuchs

Family Mini Golf Outing for All Ages

The Education Ministry Team is planning a family Mini Golf Outing for our church family and friends at the High Sports Family Fun Center located at 727 Furnace Hills Pike in Lititz on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet across from the church mailboxes. See Regina Schulz with questions.



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
bit.ly/covid-coping
855-284-2494
800-985-5990
veteranscrisisline.net
mhanational.org/covid19

LOOKING AHEAD

June 4: Dinner & A Show, after Church

June 21: All Church Mini Golf Outing, 7 p.m.

July 4 - 10: Annual Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio



*Deadline for the July 2023 New Vision articles is **Sunday, June 11, 2023.***



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

**Address Service Requested
Dated Material Enclosed**