

KIDS AND ADULTS – NO NEED TO BUY BOOKS FOR YOUR FAITH JOURNEY. ADOPT THEM RIGHT HERE!

The two Narthex display cases that, in May, featured the stained glass work, are this June, home to many samplings of the marvelous additions in our lower level library just down the hall from the Church Office. In June, the glass doors of the display cases will be open and conveniently ready on Sundays to lend the books you see. Some of the books are for children to introduce youngsters to the world of faith in God through Jesus' teachings and life's example- Books like *Maybe God Is Like That Too* or *God's Paintbrush*. Kids' volumes are in the case marked "Children's Book Checkout". Adult books are in the case marked "Adult Book Checkout"- Books like "*All One Body-Why Don't We Agree?*" or "*Credo*" (a national best seller by noted preacher and social-justice advocate William Sloane Coffin) or one congregation's answers to their faith questions "*A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs*". You can check the books out easily before or after Sunday worship because a staffed checkout table will be there to assist you. Remember the motto of this display - "Book On The Bright Side". This is a fun and easy way to renew your relationship with books that matter - all done right here at MCOB.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

The children gather downstairs in the children's room at 10:00 a.m. At 10:10, we will go up to the sanctuary to worship with our church family. The children may join us at 10:00 a.m. downstairs or if it is more convenient, they may join us in the front pew in the sanctuary at the beginning of worship or join us as we are returning downstairs to continue our children's worship time together. We look forward to a summer of rest and reflection as we continue to gather together to praise our God.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our June Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

**Purpose Statement**

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

# Mountville Church of the Brethren

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

June 18, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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# MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*Fostering growth in faith,  
growth in community, and growth in service.*

June 18, 2023 10:15 a.m.

**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 *Andante* Mozart

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

God's love is extravagant!

**God pours out God's love as a cleansing lotion for our weary souls.**

God's love is healing!

**God's healing balm soothes and comforts us.**

God's love is generous!

**God continually reaches out for us and helps us throughout all our lives.**

Thanks be to God for such extravagant, healing, generous love.

**We come to be filled so that we may love others in the same way.**

\*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 37

\*INVOCATION<sup>^</sup>

## RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:1-17 NT 65

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Love in a Box*

*Children from 4 years through 5th grade are invited  
to worship downstairs.*

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:18-23 NT 66

SPECIAL MUSIC Wendy Allshouse

## RESPONDING

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

OFFERTORY *Adagio* Mozart

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* 119 (v.2)

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

## PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:36-50 NT 66

SERMON *Seeing and Loving Like God* Rev. Angela Finet

## PARTING

\*HYMN *There's a wideness in God's Mercy* 145

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro*

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<sup>^</sup>Townley, Nancy C. Ministry Matters website.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3936/worship-connection-june-12-2016>.

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<sup>^^</sup>Huey, Rev. Kathryn Matthews. *Worship Ways*. (United Church of Christ publishing. Cleveland, OH, 2008). Vol 7, No. 3. Used with permission.

<sup>^^^</sup>Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg. 206.

STATISTICS for June 11, 2023

Received for General Fund .....	\$ 3,646.00
Room Use.....	80.00
<b>DESIGNATED FUND</b>	
Global Food Initiative .....	100.00
Food Bank: Hot Dogs .....	145.00
Annual Conference Gift to Host City .....	50.00

Worship: 83

**THIS WEEK**

- Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102
- Wed: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101  
7:00 p.m. – All Church Mini Golf Outing, see announcement
- Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs  
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms 101, 102

**Next Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**Summer Children’s Worship**

Children meet in room 124 at 10 a.m. See announcement for details.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “Loving the Least in the Family of God” from Matthew 25:31-46. Catherine Repkoe is the worship leader and the Classic Four Trombone Quartet will provide special music.

FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA’S SABBATH

Friday’s prayer concerns should be directed to deacons Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine. If you want to leave a non-urgent message for Pastor Angela on Fridays or any day after 9:00 p.m., please send an email rather than a text. She keeps her phone on 24/7 for emergencies. The Children’s Choir will also sing.

VACATION WEEK

Jackie is on vacation this week. Please call Pastor Angela on her cell on Monday if there is a need. Joyce Kerns will be providing office coverage the remainder of the week.

*In God’s Service Today*

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Sarah Repkoe
Acolyte	
Special Music	Wendy Allshouse
Ushers	Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Lynn Landis, Lois Silver
Children’s Ministry	Kitty Collier, Alexa Taylor
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Don & Sara Wagner
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Carl Harnish
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Jerry and Linda Bushong give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

A heartfelt thank you for the many cards, emails, texts, phone calls and visits. Your concerns for my health and for Janice’s support are deeply appreciated. We have been blessed by your prayers and are grateful for the many new friendships we have made at Mountville Church of the Brethren. I am not out of the woods quite yet but we think we can see a clearing in the distance. Sincerely, Harold

Words cannot express my appreciation for my 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 28. I received many cards, flowers, telephone calls, food and visits. My 3 grandchildren visited which made it extra special since they all live out of Pennsylvania. May God bless you all.

- Mary Jane

NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP JULY 2

On July 2, the Children’s Worship committee has planned a Family Worship day for the children to join their families in worship. There will be no children’s programs on this date but as always, there will be nursery staff available.

## Prayer Ministry Update

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Continue to pray for Sue, Lloyd, John, Jim, Dottie, Wendy, the Fitze family and Nick.
- Continue to pray for our congregation as we discern together Core Values, and how they undergird our mission and ministry. Pray that all we do is for love of God and neighbors.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he discerns his call to ministry.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Ephrata COB. Coventry COB, Pottstown, is praying for us.

### 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, 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.

### MOVIE AND DISCUSSION

On Thursday evening, July 13, we will enjoy a new opportunity for fellowship and growth. We will come together in room 102 at 6:00 p.m. to view the movie, “The Visitor” starring Richard Jenkins. We will follow up with discussion of how the story reminds and encourages us to be “Jesus in the Neighborhood”. This event is geared for teens and adults. Please sign-up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Snacks will be provided. We look forward to having you join us for our first movie and discussion. Hopefully we will share other films and topics as time goes on. Any questions, please contact Dave and Beth Serfass or Harold and Janice Ulmer.

**Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.**

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

June 21, 7:00 p.m.: Mini Golf Outing

June 30-July 10: COB Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH

July 13, 6:00 p.m.: Movie and Discussion, Rm. 102

### HOT DOG TIME IS HERE!

During the month of June we are collecting hot dogs for the Columbia Food Bank. Please place 1 pound packages of hot dogs marked “Hot Dog Project”, in the freezer or fridge in the kitchen. You may also give a check marked “hot dogs” in the memo line. They will be delivered 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.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITNESS TO THE HOST CITY

This year Annual Conference is being held at Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, OH, July 4-8. The Witness contribution to the Host City is going to Found House Interfaith Housing Network, whose mission provides shelter, housing, and support to families experiencing housing insecurity and to strengthen those services through interfaith and community partnerships. Gift cards, checks and monetary donations are welcome. Make checks payable to Mountville COB, write Annual Conference on the memo line and envelopes, place checks & gift cards in the offering plates today. All other items may be placed in the red bin in the narthex by June 27 for Pastor Angela to take to Conference. See the June *New Vision* or the bulletin boards for the list of items needed.

### 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 Matthew 25:31-46. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT WOMEN’S CAMP at Camp Swatara is August 18-19. Pastor Kim Ream will lead us with the theme *Taste and See* from Psalm 34:8. Registration opens June 22 and closes Aug. 6. Come join us for fun, inspiration, crafts, hiking, etc.! See Cathy Funderwhite for details.