

The New Vision

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Sunday Worship Service is in house or live stream Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

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

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Nursery is available for younger children.
Summer Children's Worship gathers in room 124 between 10:00-10:15 a.m.

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

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. ~~ Isaiah 2:4

I'm writing this article on my first day back from Annual Conference, reflecting on the experience. I woke early for my first day of Conference, heading to the convention center at 6:30 a.m. for the Clergy Women's Breakfast.

As I left my hotel, I confronted police tape completely surrounding the entrance, blocking busy downtown streets. I learned that an 18-year-old woman had been shot and killed at 2:30 that morning, five floors below where I was sleeping. A 13-year-old had also been wounded. Shock and grief overwhelmed me for lives shattered much too soon.

As I prayed and lamented, I began thinking about the lives of many people I've known and loved that have been destroyed by gun violence, and I was astonished to realize that I've known more people impacted by gun violence than fatal car accidents! This is not something that only happens to "other people."

These deep emotions compelled me to join with our agency, On Earth Peace, in a vigil to lament gun violence (which had already been planned months in advance). At the vigil, Cincinnati's Vice Mayor reminded us that the Church of the Brethren had issued a statement condemning gun violence as early as 1978.

We are not simply an historic peace church – we are a *living peace church*, called to bring about God's peaceable kingdom. That call has never been more urgent.

Brothers and sisters, this is a statement of faith. It's an acknowledgement of our broken humanity – one that so often seeks to harm another. It's an appeal towards actions of healing. The impacts of violence not only affect the immediate victims, they ripple through our society leaving a legacy of pain. I know this first hand, through multiple experiences.

Join me in prayer and in discernment for what is ours to do as we seek to serve Jesus – the Prince of Peace.

In Christ's mercy,
Pastor Angela



Bits 'n Pieces

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 99th 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

A heartfelt "thank you" to our wonderful church family throughout George's recent surgery adventure! The any prayers, cards, gifts and visits made his time in the hospital and at Brethren Village rehab much easier. Celebrating his birthday at the same time was also remembered by many of you. Love & Prayers to all of you, George & Janet

Hot Dog Project: We delivered 65 lbs. of hot dogs and \$165 to The Columbia Food Bank! Thank you everyone for another successful Hot Dog Project! - Janet Schwert

At the Lancaster Food Hub, it is humbling to receiving steadfast support of so many friends—like you—who believe in our mission and work. Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,4270. We truly appreciate your incredible generosity. Thank you! - Paige McFarling, Executive Director and Corinne Foster, Development & Communication Manager, Lancaster County Food Hub

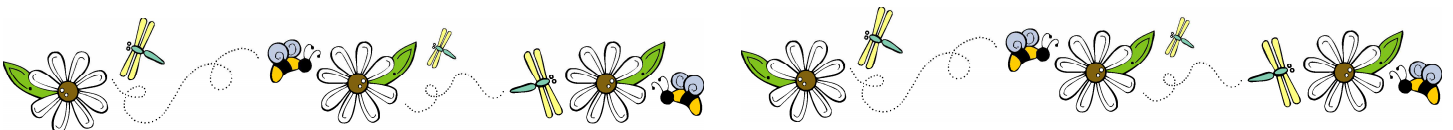
Many thanks for your partnership with feeding the Hempfield community! Thank you for 81 pounds of food contributed in May. ALSO for your contribution of \$420 in June! GREAT !!
- Diane Gerlach, Hempfield Area Food Bank

Commissioning Joe Buohl II

On Sunday, August 27, we will share in a commissioning service during worship in support of the next faithful steps Joe Buohl is taking in his ministry formation. Joe will begin a 9-month internship with Brethren Village in September. Let's shower Joe with our prayerful and joyful support.

New Library Resources

We continue to update our library, found in the downstairs narthex. This month, we added a new children's book, *The Good for Nothing Tree*, co-authored by one of our favorites - Amy-Jill Levine. Children and adults alike always learn something new from her! We've also added *Who Will Be a Witness? Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance* by Brethren author Drew Hart. Drew is a professor at Messiah College and attends Harrisburg First CoB. Check out the library - there are many good "summer reads" to be found!





AUGUST SERVERS

Worship Leaders

6 - Kathy Long
13 - Joel Musser
20 -
27 -

Ushers

Norman Bollinger
Jerry Bushong
Bob Keller
Barry Lauver

Greeters

6 - Beth Hess, Walt VanderHeijden
13 - Don & Sara Wagner
20 - Wendy Allshouse, Forrest Collier
27 - Rick & Linda Weber

Children's Worship

6 - Margie Musser, Beth Hess
13 - Nanette Bushong, Ginny Hart
20 - Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler
27 - Kitty Collier, Gina Bautista

Nursery

6 - Joan Boshnaugle
13 - Betsy Thomas
20 - Regina Schulz
27 - Regina Schulz

August Sermon Topics

August 6: Psalm 62 - In God Alone
August 13: Psalm 111 - Whole Heart Hallelujah
August 20: Psalm 147 - We wait, we hope, we stay
August 27: Psalm 50 - The One is shining forth



Summer Office Hours

Jackie is 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 June 2023 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$ 19,231.57
Designated	\$ 800.00

Thank you for your faithful gifts!





LOOKING AHEAD

August 20: Blessing of the Students and
Teachers, 10:15 a.m.

Pizza Party, following Church

September 10: Consecration of Christian Education
Staff, 10:15 a.m.

September 24: New Member Reception
following Church

*Deadline for the September 2023 New Vision articles is **Sunday, August 10, 2023.***



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

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