

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



July 23, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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## **Purpose Statement**

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

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

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**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 *Menuett* Bird

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

God's strong voice calls us to worship,  
**calling us to sing and offer praise.**

God's creative voice calls us to worship,  
**calling us to life and light.**

God's loving voice calls us to worship,  
**calling us to love and be loved.**

Listen ... God's voice calls to us now.

\*HYMN *O worship the Lord* 124

\*INVOCATION<sup>^^</sup>

## RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 29

SPECIAL MUSIC *Heavenly Sunlight* G. H. Cook

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *God of the earth, the sky, the sea* 53

## RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE<sup>^</sup>

OFFERTORY *Andantino* Elgar

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

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

## PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Awe and Wonder* Rev. Angela Finet

## PARTING

\*HYMN *God of grace and God of glory* 366

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* Buxtehude

<sup>^</sup>Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pgs. 13,15. Adapted.

<sup>^^</sup>McFee, Dr. Marcia. *God is Holding your Life*. (Worship Design Studio: Kansas City, MO, 2021).

<sup>^^^</sup>Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2019). Pgs. 14.

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

STATISTICS for July 16, 2023

Received for General Fund .....\$ 5,459.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Memorial Fund.....100.00  
Global Food Initiative.....105.00  
Sunday Flowers .....35.00  
Disaster Relief.....50.00

Worship: 70

**THIS WEEK**

Today: Assemble School Kits after Worship, Fellowship Hall  
12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary  
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Rms. 100, 101  
7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & Zoom  
Wed: 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102  
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs  
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 101, 102  
Sat: 8:30 a.m. – UNR Young Adult Conference, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

**Next Sunday, July 30, 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 “Where Can I Go” from Psalm 139:1-18. Bill Kepner is the worship leader and provides 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.

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.

***In God’s Service Today***

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet  
Music Director John Hess  
Worship Leader Larry Booz  
Acolyte  
Special Music Debbie Connor, Cathy Funderwhite  
Ushers Wendy Allshouse, Bob Keller, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine  
Children’s Ministry Janice Booz, Betsy Thomas  
Nursery Regina Schulz  
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Bob Huber, Holly Mele  
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine  
Security Carl Harnish  
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Rick and Linda Weber give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their 53 wedding anniversary.

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 Psalm 139:1-18. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

BRETHREN BELIEFS CLASS

Would you like to know more about the Church of the Brethren globally, and Mountville Church of the Brethren specifically? Since 1708, Brethren have had a unique way of engaging with God and neighbor, and a rich history of service to each other, and to the world! Join Pastor Angela for conversation around these topics as well as the history and structure of the Mountville congregation on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 in the fellowship hall. This is a no pressure opportunity to expand your knowledge. Please RSVP to Angela so she can prepare enough materials. We will be receiving new members into our family of faith on September 24.

## 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 George Schwert, Lloyd Finkbiner, John Graham, Jim Long, Dottie Light, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick Cyr.
- 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 Harmonyville COB, Pottstown. West Green Tree COB is praying for us.

### 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 Hempfield Area Food Bank receives our July Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

### JULY OUTREACH

We are planning to assemble 300 school kits and 20 clean-up buckets today, following worship in the fellowship hall. Please plan to stay for a few minutes to help.

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

Today, 11:15 a.m.: Assemble School Kits, Fellowship Hall  
August 20, 11:15 a.m.: Blessings of the Students/Teachers. Pizza Party  
August 27, 11:15 a.m.: Joe Buohl's Commission Service  
September 16, 9:00 a.m.: Brethren Beliefs Class  
September 24, 11:15 a.m.: Receiving New Members / Reception

### A NARTHEX DISPLAY OF LOVING EVERY STITCH

The two Narthex display cases, that in June featured children and adult books to check out from our own lower level library, have a new display that will run the month of July. Here are a few clue phrases hinting at the new display's content:

- I play with yarn
- Yarn Ain't just for kittens
- Will knit for food

Good guess! Knitted items by one of our own! The artful, creative knitting skills of Lois Silver over the years fill our two display cases. They feature her sweaters, adult and children's (winter) caps, scarves, blankets and even a stuffed knitted pet friend (here a cuddly teddy bear). Lois' work, like that of other avid knitters, also tells the subtle story of the strong interpersonal bonds she has with other knitters, plus the loving links to those who receive these knitted gifts of love. The Stitch, Sew & Share group at MCOB is the perfect example of building a community within a community which reflects God's light in the world. Interested in learning more? Contact Lois at home or catch her at church.

### FIELDTRIP TO LITITZ COB

On Thursday, July 27, Jim Grossnickle-Batterton (Pastor of Lititz CoB) will offer our congregation a private showing of his art and poetry project entitled: *Christian Nationalism: A Theopoetic Response*. "Theopoetics" is a big word, but it means God-poetry. Psalms are a form of Theopoetics. We will gather in our church parking lot at 1:45 to carpool over. The presentation will take about 45 minutes and will include poetry and different types of art (charcoal, watercolor, etc. - all written and created by Jim). Let Pastor Angela know if you plan to join in.