

### BUSY BUILDING !!!

We are a busy congregation. That means that our building is busy, too. It also means that we all need to follow our **room reservation procedures** to be sure the space we need is available at the time we want. It's easy.

Here's what to do:

1. Contact Jackie in the church office to see if the space is available when you need it. (If your first choice isn't available, search for alternatives with Jackie.)
2. If it is, make arrangements with Jackie to put the Room Reservation form in your church mailbox, or to pick it up at the office.
3. Complete and return the form to the church office.
4. Jackie will make the entry in the church calendar and confirm your reservation. (It's not confirmed until you hear from Jackie.)

Thanks for your help. This will assure that our congregation and our building stay happy and busy.

- Forrest Collier, Leadership Team Chair

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



## August 20, 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.

# MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

August 20, 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 *Toccata per L'Elevazione* Frescobaldi

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

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

**He heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.**

He counts the stars, and calls them each by name.

**How great is our God! His power is absolute, and his wisdom  
beyond comprehension.**

So come, sing out your thanksgiving to God.

**We offer God worship that belongs to God alone!**

\*HYMN *With happy voices singing* 83

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

## RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 147:1-11, 20c NT 582

SPECIAL MUSIC *All That I Am* William

### BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING\*

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### RESPONDING

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

OFFERTORY *Gavotte* Bach

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

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

HYMN *Now thank we all our God* 86

## PROCLAIMING

SERMON *We wait, we hope, we stay* Rev. Angela Finet

## PARTING

\*HYMN *Great is the Lord* 87

### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue on a Trumpet Fanfare* Best

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<sup>^</sup>Author unknown. Published on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>. Used with permission. Adapted.

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

<sup>^^^</sup>Finet, Angela.

<sup>^^^^</sup>Bartlett, Laura Jaquith. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pg 34.

<sup>\*</sup>Lee, Allie, et al. *Illustrated Ministry, LLC*. (Racine, WI, 2022). Used with permission. Adapted.

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

STATISTICS for August 13, 2023

Received for General Fund .....\$ 4,923.50

DESIGNATED FUND

Global Food Initiative.....	175.00
Sunday Flowers.....	35.00
Kits.....	30.00
Disaster Relief.....	20.00

Worship: 92

**THIS WEEK**

Today: Pizza Party after Church, Fellowship Hall  
 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, 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, Rm. 102

***Next Sunday, August 27, 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 “The One is shining forth” from Psalm 50:1-6. Sara Haldeman-Scarr is the worship leader. Special music will be provided.

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.

***In God’s Service Today***

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet	
Music Director	John Hess	
Worship Leader	Phyllis Kepner	
Organ	Gloria Hess	
Special Music	Euphoniums	Chuck Few, Jim Zeigler
Ushers	Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Barry Lauver	
Acolytes	Eva and Autumn Priest	
Children’s Ministry	Betsy Thomas, Sue Beiler	
Nursery	Betsy Thomas	
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Wendy Allhouse, Forrest Collier	
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine	
Security	Carl Harnish	

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Holly Mele gives the flowers in the Worship Center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of Max Mele’s 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Dear Body of Christ, I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers in this difficult time. My house is slowly returning to normal. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. - Ruth

I want to thank my church friends for all the mail, cards, notes, calls and for the wonderful desserts. – Isabelle

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.

DEACON MEETING PLANNED

Deacons will gather for a short meeting on Sunday, September 10 after church in room 102.

## 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, 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 Swatara Hill, Middletown. Pottstown COB is praying for us.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

### WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Our church is committed to help our neighbors. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Mountville Borough Community Picnic on Sunday August 27th. Our congregation has offered the use of our diaper changing tables to parents who need those facilities on that Sunday afternoon from 4:30- 6:00 p.m. If you would like to direct parents and infants to the church door from the park, or to direct people once inside the building, please see Wendy Allshouse today or call her with questions or with your availability. Lois Silver, Outreach Team

### 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 50:1-6. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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

Today, 11:15 a.m.: Pizza Party, Fellowship Hall

August 27, 11:15 a.m.: Joe Buohl's Commissioning Service

September 16, 9:00 a.m.: Brethren Beliefs Class

September 24, 11:15 a.m.: Receiving New Members / Reception

### 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.

### **Are YOU looking for something to read to a child?**

Our church library is a resource for you.

*First*, reading to young folks has many benefits. Giving a child time and attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It also builds self-esteem, feeds their imagination and adds to their vocabulary. Unlike watching TV, reading or being read to promotes a slower unfolding of ideas and events encouraging listening, paying attention and concentration. But there is more...

*When* the children's books come from our church library, you will know they are specially focused. On such as:

- They provide children the understanding that God loves them and will be their life's companion.
- Children come to realize that God knows how they are feeling as they confront life's experiences.
- They discover God's hand all around them- in flowers, and bugs, and puppies, in mom, dad, grandparents, in friends, by helping folks in need, by trying to do the right thing, and more.

What a joy learning that can be for both child and you, the reader!

Throughout August, the Narthex display cases are conveniently open sites before and after worship for borrowing children's books. So check out a book and ready yourself for a joyful time sharing stories with younger ones about the God that loves us all. Yes, everyone.