

BUCHER MEETING HOUSE ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to join us, on Sunday September 10, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Bucher meeting house of the Midway Congregation of the Church of the Brethren. It will be a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make some new friends and participate in the ACAPELLA worship of earlier times.

The meeting house is on the south side of PA Rt. 419, 1.5 miles east of Cornwall Junction between Store Lane and State Dr. (376 Schaeffer Road, Lebanon, Pa. 17042)

The Meeting House and grounds will be open from 2 - 5pm and members of the Bucher Meeting House Committee will be on hand to greet and answer any questions. Parking and toilet facilities will be available.

The celebration will commence with a 3 pm acapella hymn sing, led by Janice Longenecker Holsinger and Bob Kettering of the ANE District. Two granddaughters of former Midway ministers will be on hand to share memories of these services.

The Bucher Meeting House is in its original condition, save for a few repairs. It is now owned by the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren. There will be opportunity to contribute to the costs of maintaining the building and the cemetery (receipts available).

Mountville Church of the Brethren



August 27, 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 27, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* arr. Bober

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

The light of God is shining...

shining around and within.

The voice of God is calling...

calling not just from ancient texts, but from here and now.

The love of God is with us...

flowing around and within us.

*HYMN *Here in this place* 6

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 50:1-6 OT 519

SPECIAL MUSIC *It is Well With My Soul* Spafford/Bliss

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

COMMISSION SERVICE FOR JOE BUOHL

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

HYMN *Forever* Overhead

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Hayes

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *The One is Shining Forth* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

*HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee* 71

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I've Got Peace Like a River* arr. Keveren

^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pg 36. Adapted.

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

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for August 20, 2023

Received for General Fund\$ 5,218.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Global Food Initiative.....	200.00
Sunday Flowers.....	70.00
Kits.....	105.00
Disaster Relief.....	100.00
Children’s Ministry.....	20.00
Cemetery Fund.....	300.00

Worship: 127

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Worship Rehearsal, 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
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102
Sat: 6:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Men’s Group, Rm. 102

Next Sunday, September 3, 2027

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 Spiritual Discipline of Rest” from Matthew 11:28-30. Dave Serfass 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	Sara Haldeman-Scarr
Organ	Gloria Hess
Special Music	Sarah & Catherine Repkoe
Ushers	Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Barry Lauver
Children’s Ministry	Kitty Collier, Gina Bautista
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Rick & Linda Weber
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser
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Tom and Gail Druck give the flowers in the Worship Center to the glory and honor of God. “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. Our family is praising him for the safe arrival of a great-granddaughter!”

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.

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 11:28-30. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he discerns his call to ministry.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Pray for the people of Maui as they grieve so many losses. May God provide comfort and strength to rebuild
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Richland COB. Blue Ball 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.

SPECIAL NOTE:

If anyone is planning on attending the adult Sunday school class on September 10 and will need child care for a child 4 years to 6th grade, please let Joyce Kerns know.

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.

A QUICK REMINDER

When signing the Flower Chart to provide flowers for the worship center, please remember to write "A" for arrangement or "V" for vases after your name. Thank you.

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

Today, 10:15 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

SHARE YOUR PEACE

Our focus for September is on peace - a big topic! What does peace mean to you? Can you describe it with words? Is there an image that comes to mind when you hear the word "peace?" We'd like to put examples of things that remind you of peace in the narthex display cases Sunday, Sept. 17 & 24. Bring your items to the office (include your name) by Tuesday, Sept. 12. Questions? See Pastor Angela.

INSPIRATIONAL CHILDREN'S ART COMES TO OUR NARTHEX DISPLAY

Our Narthex display cases are now featuring the art of Rebekah and Matt Priest's two children, Eva and Autumn.

Sunday worshippers have enjoyed the girls participating joyfully as acolytes in recent worship services, and again as budding magicians in our congregation talent show. We also recently learned that Eva and Autumn are artists, often using their love of art to express their relationship with God they feel growing inside themselves.

Art provides a very natural and safe way for children to express themselves. It allows them to be playful, create stories, experiment, use metaphors to represent feelings, or let their feeling just go for others to see. The possibilities are almost endless. Art can allow children a safe and supportive space where the circle of caring by trusted people in their lives finds expression in drawings, colors, feelings in fresh, novel ways.

As you explore the art of Eva and Autumn in the display cases, you may also feel a child's perspective of a path opening up to a broader meaning for existence.

Matthew 19:14. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."