

## COBYS BIKE AND HIKE

COBYS (Church of the Brethren Youth Services) Bike and Hike is Sunday afternoon September 10. Last year our church, with your sponsorship of our walkers, raised \$3,720. COBYS is all about children's advocacy, adoption, and foster care ministries.

Please see Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Sara Wagner, or Cindy Heisey if you would like to sponsor one of these walkers. Also not too late to be a part of this group of walkers. Please contact Cindy if you would like to join the group.

## SERMON NOTES

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# Mountville Church of the Brethren



## September 3, 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.*

September 3, 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

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

Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.

**In Christ, we find rest.**

Christ calls us to bear his yoke and learn from him.

**In Christ, we see God's ways.**

Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

**In Christ, we know God's love.**

Come, for Christ calls us here.

\*HYMN            *Come, Thou long-expected Jesus*            178

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

## RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING    Matthew 11:28-30            NT 12

SILENT REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC            *Where're You Walk*            arr. Johnson

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### RESPONDING

HYMN            *I heard the voice of Jesus say*            493

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

OFFERTORY

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

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

### PROCLAIMING

SERMON            *The Spiritual Discipline of Rest*            Rev. Angela Finet

### PARTING

\*HYMN            *O let all who thirst*            495

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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<sup>^</sup>Beu, Michael. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg 127.

<sup>^^</sup>Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2019). Pg 147. Adapted.

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

STATISTICS for August 27, 2023

Received for General Fund .....\$ 4,818.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Sunday Flowers.....35.00

Grounds Care .....20.00

Worship: 79

**THIS WEEK**

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Mon: Labor Day: Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Rms. 100, 101

NO Scripture Chat

Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106

6:00 p.m. – Outreach Team mtg., Lower Narthex

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 100, 102

7:00 pm. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102

Sat: 6:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 100

**Next Sunday, September 10, 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 Spiritual Discipline of Peacemaking” from Matthew 15:18-20. Cathy Funderwhite is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

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		Dave Serfass
Organ		Gloria Hess
Special Music	Trumpet	John Hess
Ushers	Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine	
Children’s Ministry		Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
Nursery		Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Carl & Louise Harnish	
Prayer Chain		Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security		Harry Light
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Today's flowers in the worship center are offered in gratitude to our generous and merciful God, and in memory of Kathy VanderHeijden's legacy of love, compassion and service.

BRETHREN BELIEFS CLASS

Would you like to know more about the Church of the Brethren globally, and Mountville Church of the Brethren specifically? On Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 in the room 102. 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

September 21 has been designated as International Peace Day. As a congregation committed to peace we will mark this day and the victims of violence, especially the children, with a special remembrance, vigil, and visual display. The details for this important and meaningful observance will follow in our bulletins.

## 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 begins his Chaplaincy internship.
- 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 Philadelphia First COB. Elizabethtown COB is praying for us.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TO RESUME

We are looking forward for the children's Sunday school program to start on September 17. Children ages 4 years through 6th grade will meet in the Children's Sunday school room starting at 9:00 a.m. This fall we will be learning about stories from the Old Testament; Abraham and Sarah, Joseph and the stories of Moses. Several styles of storytelling will be used along with crafts, memory work and games. The time together will end with singing and preparing for Worship. We look forward to being together for this time of learning from God's word.

### 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 Joy Kerns know.

### PRAYER REQUESTS SEPTEMBER 4 - 8

Pastor Angela will have limited internet access while she is at NOAC (National Older Adult Conference). Please send prayer requests to Jackie in the office, Cathy Funderwhite, or Karen Strine.

### DEACON MEETING PLANNED

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

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

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

September 17, 10:15 a.m.: Peace Sunday

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

October 8, 6:00 p.m.: Love Feast, Fellowship Hall

### 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."