

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 Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

COBYS BIKE AND HIKE

COBYS (Church of the Brethren Youth Services) Bike and Hike is this afternoon. 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.

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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Jackie is now in the office 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 10, 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 10, 2023 10:15 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

HYMN *Where charity and love prevail* 305
(to the tune of #306)

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Menuetto I* Bach

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

PROCLAIMING

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

PARTING

*HYMN *Heart with loving heart united* 420

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Cornet Voluntary* Anonymous

[^]Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters* website.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1588/worship-connection-september-6-2020>. Published August 1, 2020. Used with permission.

^{^^}Beu, Michael. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg 169.

^{^^^}Beu, J.B. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pg 184.

^{^^^^}Boyd, Mary Petrina. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg 197. Adapted.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

**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 *Piece in E Flat* d'Indy

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

How shall we live in the love of God?

We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

We will reach out to others with compassion.

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.

*HYMN *All praise to our redeeming Lord* 21

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:15-20 NT 17

ANTHEM *How can I keep from Singing* Arr. Larson

CONSECRATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF AND HELPERS

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

STATISTICS for September 3, 2023

Received for General Fund\$ 11,920.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Sunday Flowers.....125.00
Global Food Initiative.....20.00

Worship: 72

THIS WEEK

Today: 11:30 a.m. – Deacon meeting, Rm. 101
12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mountville Library Book Sale set-up, Fellowship Hall
Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rms. 100, 101
7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & Zoom
Mountville Library Book Sale set-up, Fellowship Hall
Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
7:00 pm. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Mountville Library Book Sale set-up, Fellowship Hall
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102
Mountville Library Book Sale set-up, Fellowship Hall
Fri: 10:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale, Fellowship Hall
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – New Members Class, Rm. 102
9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, rom 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meet in room 123.
- Youth joins the Adult Seekers Class in room 102.

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “The Spiritual Discipline of Unity” from Romans 12:14-21. Patrick Snyder is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director John Hess
Worship Leader Cathy Funderwhite
Organ Gloria Hess
Anthem Chancel Choir
Ushers Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Children’s Ministry Betsy Thomas, Connie Renn
Nursery Regina Schulz
Greeters Daryl & Karen Strine, Lynn Landis, Molly Mitchell
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given to
the glory and honor of God.

Thank each and every one of you for your best wishes and cards that you sent for my 80 birthday. Louise and I are both so fortunate to have reached this age, and we thank God for that blessing. - Carl

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.

DEACON MEETING TODAY

Deacons will gather for a short meeting after church in room 102 today following Worship.

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 Romans 12:14-21. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

Prayer Ministry Update

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Pray for the families of Ed and Jackie Sands on the death of mother and mother-in-law, Reba Sands, on September 2, 2023
- 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 Cornerstone, Lebanon. Source of Grace Mountain of Glory Project, Hyde Park, MA, 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.

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.

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. 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."

SEEKERS CLASS

The five-session class of *Peace and Pacifism* runs from September 17 through October 15. This series will discuss the book "Choosing Against War," by John D. Roth. We hope you join us for this new beginning and for the rest of the year.