

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 17, 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 17, 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 *Prelude* Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

In a world filled with violence and war,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.
In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.
In a world filled with hunger and greed,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.
Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

*HYMN *We are people of God's peace* 407

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:14-21 NT 162

*LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

*Children from 4 years through 5th grade are invited
to worship downstairs after placing their pinwheels.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

ANTHEMS *Give Peace to Your People* Fettke
Let there be Peace on Earth Miller
(Congregation sings as directed.)

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Offerte* Raison

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

HYMN *We Pray for Peace* overhead
(To the tune of "What Child is This?")

PROCLAIMING

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

HYMN *Healer of our every ill* 377

PARTING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Capriccio* Froberger

[^]Longhurst, Christine. *On Earth as in Heaven – Praying for Peace*. (Mennonite Central Committee: Canada, 2008). Used with permission.

^{^^}National Peace with Justice Week resources. *Peace Points*. http://lutheran_peace.tripod.com/ppworship.pdf Used with permission.

^{^^^}Huey, Rev. Kathryn Matthews. *Worship Ways*. (United Church of Christ publishing. Cleveland, OH, 2008). Vol 7, No. 3.

^{^^^^}Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg 201. Adapted.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for September 10, 2023

Received for General Fund\$ 3,822.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Global Food Initiative.....20.00
Disaster Relief.....10,000.00
Miscellaneous Designated: Library Books20.00
Cemetery Fund.....200.00

Worship: 79

THIS WEEK

Today: 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
7:00 p.m. – Stewards Team, Rm. 106
Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
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. – Candlelight Vigil, outside
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102, Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101
Fri. – Sat: Disaster Relief Auction
Sat: 2:00 p.m. – Set up Fellowship Hall for Sunday

Next Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 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 Hospitality” from Romans 15:1-7. We welcome new members and dedicate four of our children. Holly Mele 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 Patrick Snyder
Organ Gloria Hess
Anthem Chancel Choir
Ushers Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Children’s Ministry Margie Musser, Becky Fuchs
Nursery Regina Schulz
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Holly Mele, Mark Yoh
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser
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Rick and Linda Weber give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and blessings on each and every one in our church family.

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.

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

Since its inception, the Church of the Brethren has been committed to peace. Psalms 34:14 tells us to “seek peace and pursue it.” This week we will remember the 216 children who die every month in the United States by gun violence. 216 children will be represented by 216 colorful pinwheels.

After today's service you are invited to help plant the pinwheels on our lawn to bring witness to this tragedy. The pinwheels will stay in place all week. On **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.**, you are invited to a prayer vigil for all the victims of violence as we, the church, seek peace and pursue it.

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, John, Jim, Dottie, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Please pray for Joe as he begins his Chaplaincy internship.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Pray for the people of Maui, Morocco, and Libya 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 Myerstown COB. Palmyra COB is praying for us.

2024 GREETERS

If you would like to be added to the 2024 Greeter's schedule or if you are a current greeter and do not wish to continue being a greeter in 2024, please contact Janet Schwert. No need to contact Janet if you are currently a Greeter and want to stay on the 2024 schedule.

SEEKERS CLASS

The Seekers Faith Formation class is for anyone from high school to age 100+. We meet Sundays in room 102, at 9:00 a.m. or by Zoom. 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.

BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Come support the Church of the Brethren Disaster Relief Ministries by attending the annual auction, Friday-Saturday, September 22 & 23 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. Details and the schedule of events are at www.BrethrenAuction.org.

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

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

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

November 5, 11:14 a.m.: Congregational Forum / Meal

PICTURE YOURSELF IN OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our new church directory is coming soon and it will feature pictures and other great features, but we need your help!

You will be able to look up information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. in several different ways. We'll have paper copies for everyone who wants one. And if you have a computer you will be able to see the information online. Finally, if you have an iPhone or other type of smart phone or tablet, you will be able to view the new directory with an app. Because the new directory will be Internet-based, we will be able to update changes whenever they happen.

Starting October 1st, Jackie Sands will be entering information and collecting pictures. The pictures are where we need your help.

Please provide a family photo in one of these three ways:

1. Email the church office (office@mountvillecob.org) and send the picture as an attachment. Be sure to include the last name and first initial of everyone in the photo.
2. Give Jackie, our church secretary, an actual photo. She will scan it and return it to you.
3. Let Jackie know you'd like Harold Ulmer to take your photo.

More details will follow at a later time. We would like to begin collecting photos now so that we can build the directory.