

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 24, 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 24, 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 *This Is The Place* Gaither

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

In mutual compassion and authentic love,
we gather as the family of God.
We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives,
to build up this community of faith.
We bring our songs of gratitude and joy,
to worship God with our whole hearts.

*HYMN *This is a day of new beginnings* 640

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Romans 15:1-7 NT 163

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS
Congregational Response 777

CHILD DEDICATIONS

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

RESPONDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *We are God's Family* Page & Shafferman

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* Rodgers/Wyse

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIMING

HYMN *Help us to help each other* 362

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

PARTING

HYMN *I know not why God's wondrous* 338

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

^Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg 189-191. Used with permission. Adapted.

^^Slough, Rebecca, Ed. *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. (Brethren Press, Elgin, IL, 1992). Pg. 726.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for September 17, 2023

Received for General Fund	\$ 5,156.00
Room Use Donation.....	\$200.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
K VanderHeijden Justice Fund – Pinwheels.....	20.00
Global Food Initiative	520.00
Kits.....	5.00
Disaster Relief.....	500.00

Worship: 92

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
 Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
 6:00 p.m. – Finance Team, 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. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 102, Fellowship Hall
 Fri: 6:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall
 9:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Next Sunday, October 1, 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 Guest preacher Del Keeney shares “Sufficient Faith?” from Luke 17:5-10. Walt VanderHeijden is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir will sing.

Pastor Angela will be unavailable from **Friday, September 29 - Friday, October 6**. For pastoral needs, please contact Jerry Bushong (the deacon chair). Prayer requests may be shared with Jackie in the office, or deacons Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for email distribution. Take good care of one another.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Worship Leader	Holly Mele
Organ	Gloria Hess
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Acolytes	Eva & Autumn Priest
Ushers	Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Children’s Ministry	Nanette Bushong, Beth Hess
Nursery	Joyce Kerns
Greeters	Bob Keller, Charlie Worrall, Cindy Heisey, Walt VanderHeijden
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are humbly offered for the glory and honor of God.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nick and Anne, Jeanne I, Pat, Greg and Kathy, Patrick and Wanda, Zach, Celeste, and Kristen.

Please stay after worship to extend our time of welcome and fellowship with a light reception provided by our deacons.

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 t, Wendy, Hay, Jane, Janelle, 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 Lititz COB. Schuylkill COB, Pine Grove, is praying for us.

ATTENTION BELOVEDS!

We no longer announce joys and concerns during services, so you will now find a **prayer box** on the narthex table to write your requests for prayer. There are cards and pens in the pocket on the side for your convenience. These will be shared with the Congregation by email.

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.

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

Today, 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.

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 Luke 17:5-10. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.