

Dear members and especially new members,

Welcome! We are so glad that you chose to join our family of believers at Mountville Church of the Brethren. We try to show caring and compassion to members and friends of our church family. One of the ways we do that is through card ministry which I coordinate. I'm writing to explain the ministry and invite you to become part of it if you'd like.

Of course, you can send cards to anyone anytime, but if there is a milestone birthday, anniversary, illness or death, I try to remind folks to be in touch. Then it's all up to you. You can choose to respond or not to respond to the email request. It's completely voluntary. YOU decide if and when you'd like to respond. If you choose to respond, just sign your card and bring to church on Sunday morning. I prepare and label card bags and they are on the round table in the narthex. Just drop in your card and save yourself the postage.

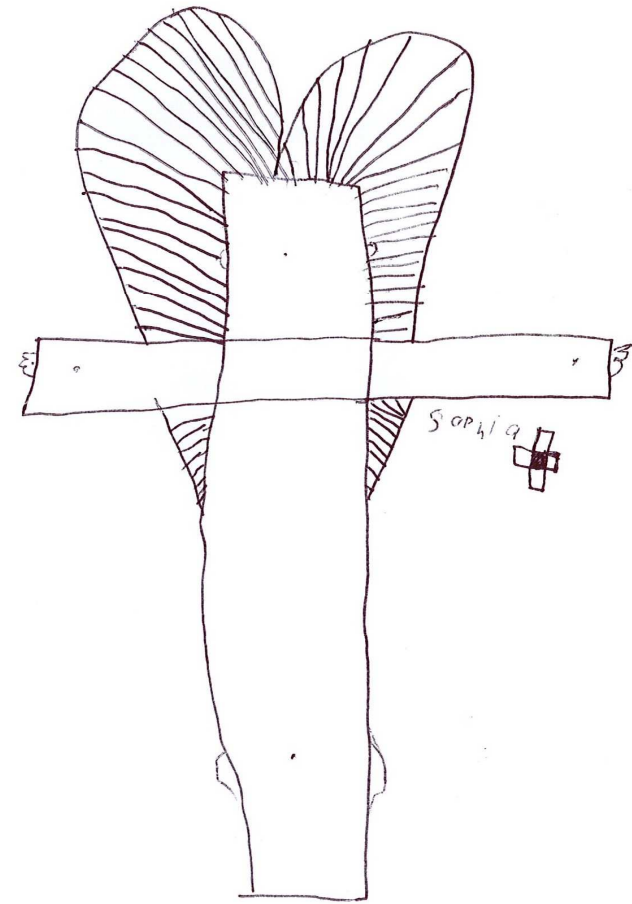
The bag will only be in the narthex on Sunday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. so if you know that you won't be there then, just take your card to church anytime prior to that and drop it in my mailbox, #11, and we'll be sure that it gets in the bag on Sunday morning. We are finding that our folks really appreciate this gesture of caring. The perks are that it saves you postage and the bags are delivered after church on Sunday and either dropped off and, if desired, we visit also. The receiver is very happy to see a face from church and to know that they are not forgotten.

Please know that I do not place names on the card ministry list unless you reach out to me and ask to be part of this group. Since your names will be new to many, this is a great way for you to reach out and in no time, your name will be recognized by ALL. I keep records and check them regularly, but it's possible that I may miss an important occasion or that I don't know about it, so I always appreciate your input, additions and corrections. ANYONE can be in touch with me and ask to have someone remembered with a card bag. Since I don't text, the best way to be in touch with me is by email or phone. Here's my contact info and it's also in the directory. Looking forward to hearing from many of you. email: mmbollinger@verizon.net or phone 717-299-0304. – Marian Bollinger

Purpose Statement

In joyful community, we follow Jesus to embody God's love with all our neighbors.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 15, 2023

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554

717-285-5122

www.mountvillecob.org

email: office@MountvilleCOB.org

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*Fostering growth in faith,
growth in community, and growth in service.*

October 15, 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 *Adagio* Vivaldi

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

*HYMN *What is this place?* 1

*INVOCATION[^]

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:1-15 OT 42

A PRAYER OF YEARNING^{^^}

CHORAL ANTHEM *Mercy Flows* Lopez

Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

HYMN *O Master, let me walk with thee* 357

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *March* Haydn

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING[^]

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *Forgive and Free* Rev. Angela Finet

PARTING

*HYMN *Bless'd be the tie that binds* 421

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fuga* Pachelbel

[^]Beu, B. *Ministry Matters* website. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/9488/worship-elements-february-20-2022>. Published July 11, 2021. Used with permission.

^{^^}Bowler, Kate and Jessica Richie. *The Lives We Actually Have*. (Convergent Books: New York, 2023) Pg. 164. Adapted.

^{^^^}Finet, Angela.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for October 8, 2023

Received for General Fund\$ 5,498.25

DESIGNATED FUND

Global Food Initiative.....	20.00
Kits.....	5.00
Children’s Ministry.....	20.00
Ott Music Fund.....	500.00
Food Bank.....	50.00

Worship: 96 Sunday School: 23

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
 Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
 Tues: 5:00 p.m. – Worship Ministry Team, Rm.
 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
 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 100, 102
 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall
 Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Women, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Next Sunday, October 22, 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 *Forgive and Forget* from 1 John 1:5-10. Larry Booz is the worship leader; 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	Gina Bautista
Organ	Gloria Hess
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Acolytes	Eva and Autumn Priest
Reader	Stella Schulz
Ushers	Dave Fuchs, Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, John Musser
Children’s Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Connie Renn
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Dave & Becky Fuchs
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Carl Harnish

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George and Janet Schwert give the flowers in the worship center to the glory of God and in appreciation and honor of Pastor Angela for Pastor’s Appreciation Month.

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 1 John 1:5-10. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

MOVIE NITE

Our next movie for Movie Nite uses the letters SFT meaning – SEE, FEEL, TRUST. These words will have a tremendous influence in the building of Luke’s new life and they help him to see his future in a new way. He has to let go of many things and ideas from his past life in order to adopt a new way of living. It wasn’t easy but Luke accomplished this with the help of his friends and the new ideas about life they brought to him. Sign-up today for the Movie Nite on October 26!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our October Food Cart items, located in the lower entrance by the elevator, and monetary donations. Please remember no perishables, glass, or outdated items.

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 Harold r, George, John, Jim Long, the Light family, 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 Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Long Run COB, Leighton. Hatfield COB is praying for us.

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 through October 15. This series discusses the book "Choosing Against War," by John D. Roth.

Wings of Transformation Land in Our Display Cases:

Dottie Lights's "Images of Butterflies" Collection

For the month of October, **Dottie Light** has filled our two Narthex display cabinets with images of butterflies- collected over the years, adorning pottery, jewelry, the fiber arts and other artistic media. Some of the items are gifts from friends, some were collected by Dottie herself, some were made by artists in her family who understand how Dottie is captivated by these elegant creatures of transition.

These gentle, transformational creatures, that in many cultures have long been a symbol of Resurrection. Come enjoy this joyful collection for yourself!

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

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

The Forum meal will be homemade Beef Pot Pie provided by the church. Please bring a salad, a dessert or a side to share at the 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!

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.

SERMON NOTES
