

Mountville Church of the Brethren



March 17, 2024

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554
717-285-5122

www.mountvillecob.org
email: office@MountvilleCOB.org

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.

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.

March 17, 2024 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.

GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude in C* Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Break open your hearts this morning to hear God's word.

Let our fears be vanquished and our spirits restored!

Come, let us worship with great joy!

Holding nothing back, help us freely love!

God is about to do something new in our lives!

Use our worship to transform our hearts!

*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* 117

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:1-13 NT 29

ANTHEM *Love Lifted Me* McDonald

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

A PRAYER OF SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PRAYERFUL SUNG RESPONSE

Change my heart, O God Overhead

RESPONDING

HYMN *The Lord went to a dinner* Overhead
To the tune of #447 *O Jesus, I have promised*

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Cantabile in C* Knecht

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIMING

SERMON *A Loving Heart* Angela Finet

*HYMN *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* 76

PARTING

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Voluntary in G* Heron

^Finet, Angela.

^^Dollins, James. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 83. Used with permission. Adapted.

^^^Cudlipp, Kate. *Ministry Matters website*.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3640/worship-elements-april-3-2022>.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for March 10, 2024

Received for General Fund\$ 3,830.53

DESIGNATED FUND

Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund10.50

Designated Misc.: Bookmarks117.64

Worship: 73 Sunday School: 23

THIS WEEK

- Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer worship
1:00 p.m. – Red Rose Antique Car Club, Fellowship Hall
- Mon: 9:00 a.m. – Behavioral Health Care, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
- Tues: 9:00 a.m. – Children’s Worship Orientation, Rms. 124, 125
10:30 a.m. – Set-up for Mountville Library Book Sale Fellow. Hall
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & via Zoom
- Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Mt-ville Library Book Sale set-up, Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. - Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth
- Thurs: 11:00 a.m. – Set-up for Mt-ville Library Book Sale, Fellowship Hall
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101
- Fri: 10:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale
- Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale
4:00 p.m. – Family Bowling @ Leisure Lanes

Next Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

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 *An Obedient Heart* from Matthew 21:1-11. Phyllis Kepner is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir along with the children will sing.

In God’s Service Today

=====

Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Larry Booz
Acolyte(s)	Autumn & Eva Priest
Ushers	Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry	Nanette Bushong, Gina Bautista
Nursery	Kitty Collier
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Glenn & Nanette Bushong
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Carl Harnish

=====

The flowers in the worship center are joyfully given in the honor and for the glory of our Creator.

LOVE FEAST

Please plan to attend this meaningful service to remember the Last Supper on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Together, we will share in a time of preparation, foot or hand washing, a simple meal, and communion. All are welcome.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Join Pastor Angela and the other clergy from the Mountville Ministerium at 7:00 am on Easter Sunday at the Mountville Park Pavilion (located next to our parking lot) to celebrate that Christ is Risen! This simple service is a lovely opportunity to gather with our friends and neighbors and proclaim as one - Allelujah!

EASTER FLOWERS

On Easter Sunday the flowers that decorate the church may be purchased after the service for a donation. This will be on a first come basis.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Prayers and sympathies to Beth on the passing of her mother, Jean, on March 6, 2024.
- Continue to pray for Jeanne, Don & Ruth, Ruth, Vernon, Beth, Ray, Harold, George, John, Jim, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Please pray for Joe as he continues his Chaplaincy internship.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- 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 Ambler COB. Lampeter COB, is praying for us.

ATTENTION BOWLERS

Our church bowling outing on Saturday, March 23 will now be held at **4:00 p.m.** at Leisure Lanes. Please note the time change. Hope you can make it! All ages welcome! See Rebekah Priest with any questions.

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 from Matthew 21:1-11. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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

March 23, **4:00 p.m.**: All Church Bowling, Leisure Lanes

March 28, 7:00 p.m.: Love Feast/Maundy Thursday Service

March 31, 7:00 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service, Mountville Park Pavilion

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ORIENTATION/TRAINING

On March 19 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. there will be orientation/training session for anyone who is interested in learning about the Children's Worship Program of our church. We will meet at the church in Rooms 124 and 125. This is an open invitation from the Children's Worship Team.

SEEKERS CLASS

This Sunday at 9:00 a.m., the Seekers will continue to explore the "**I Am**" statements in the Gospel of John with the aid of Matt Rawles. Each week uncovers another "layer" to help us understand who Jesus is.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Pantry receives our March Food Cart items. Current food items requested are: canned tuna, canned spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned red beets, pancake mix, canned chicken, and cereal. These can be placed in the cart in the lower entrance by the elevator. Please remember no perishables, **glass**, or outdated items. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering with "food bank" on the envelope.

"A PLACE OF RELEASE"

See the bulletin board for Pastor Angela's article "A place of release" that is in the March 2024 issue of *Messenger Magazine*. You will recognize the pictures!