

Mountville Church of the Brethren



*"When you seek me with all your
heart, you will find me with you"*
Jeremiah 29:13-14

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.

April 28, 2024

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

April 28, 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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Allegretto

Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

We gather to pray.

We gather to praise.

May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

May our praise rise to the heavens.

May our lives be overflowing with love.

May our prayers be reflections of peace.

*HYMN

What a friend we have in Jesus

573

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:7-11

NT 7

ANTHEM

Down to the water to pray

arr. Chopin

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

RESPOND

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

I love you, Lord

Overhead

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY

Moderato

Byrd

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom (v.2)

119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIM

HYMN

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

324

SERMON

The 'Rules' of Prayer

Angela Finet

SEND

*HYMN

Go, my children

433

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in E Minor

Stanley

^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*. (Abingdon Press, Nashville, 2023.) Pg. 196-198. Adapted.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

STATISTICS for April 21, 2024

Received for General Fund\$ 4,393.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Kits.....	60.00
Children’s Ministry.....	20.00
Food Bank.....	25.00
Messenger Subscriptions	95.50
Refugee Resettlement	100.00

Worship: 88 Sunday School: 29

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer worship, Sanctuary

Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & via Zoom

Wed: 9:30 a.m. – Children’s Worship Planning, Rm. 124
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, Rm. 100, Fellowship Hall

Thurs: 10:00 a.m. – National Day of Prayer, Rm. 102
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
6:00 p.m. – SVMC @ Brethren Village

Next Sunday, May 5, 2024

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 “Chip off the Old Block” from Hebrews 1:1-14. Kathy Long provides the special music and Patrick Snyder is the worship leader.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Sarah Repkoe
Acolyte(s)	Ava Yellets
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Soloist	Kathy Long
Children’s Ministry	Nanette Bushong, Tess Wolford
Nursery	Becky Fuchs
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Lynn Landis, Molly Mitchell
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	John Musser
Bulletin Cover Design	Ava Stemmer

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Joyce and Dave Kerns gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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 Hebrews 1:1-14. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible, or one can be provided for you.

ADD YOUR COLOR

In preparation for Pentecost, the Education Ministry Team invites you to help create the worship banner that will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 19. Take some time before or after worship on May 5 or May 12 to add your “color” as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit. **Everyone** is encouraged to participate.

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 Lynn, Jeanne, Vernon, Ray, Harold , George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he wraps up 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 Brooklyn First COB. Drexel Hill COB is praying for us.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. ~ Matthew 18:20

We will gather on Thursday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. in room 102 for the National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer shares a history with our Thanksgiving holiday. While under British rule, the New England colonies practiced two days each year of prayer: the day in late fall called for prayer and thanksgiving, while the day in spring called for prayer and fasting. In 1863, President Lincoln established the fall day of prayer as the official Thanksgiving holiday. In 1952, under President Truman, the spring day of prayer became the National Day of Prayer. Come put into action the discipline of prayer we've been practicing all month. All are welcome, even if you aren't comfortable praying aloud. Your presence is prayerful. Please send your prayer concerns to Pastor Angela by Tuesday, April 30 at noon so that she can prepare the prayer list for Thursday.

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

May 2, 10:00 a.m.: National Day of Prayer, Rm. 102

May 19: Pentecost & Graduate Recognition Sunday during Worship.

June 2: All-Church Talent Show and meal, after Worship

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our April Food Cart items. 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.

YOU'RE INVITED

Gospel singer, Gordon Jensen, and Ryan and Friends, are coming to our sanctuary on **Tuesday, May 7** compliments of Martha Philbrick and friends who provide bus tours in our area. Arrivals and format of the program are extremely informal and will most likely start around 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend!

PROMPTS FOR YOUR PRAYER JOURNAL

1. As you pray, take notice, and jot down, your experience of God's faithful presence.
2. What seemingly mundane decisions, or "asks," are just waiting for prayer? Write them down. Invite God's wisdom into the situation. Allow God to shine a light on "the request."
3. Search your own heart and motives. What is your actual request? Are you asking God to change the circumstance, or to transform you?