

# The New Vision

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Sunday Worship Service is in house or live stream Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/">https://www.youtube.com/user/</a>

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Nursery is available for younger children. Summer Children's Worship gathers in room 124 between 10:00-10:15 a.m.

#### Our Staff:

Angela Finet – Pastor John Hess – Director of Music Gloria Hess – Organist Jackie Sands – Office Administrator Mary Rudy – Custodian

Mountville Church of the Brethren is located at the corner of College, Hoover, & Clay Streets in Mountville, PA. If you have further questions regarding the Mountville Church, please feel free to call the church office at 717-285-5122 or 717-285-7424 or email:

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## Love Notes from Pastor Angela

Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. ~~ 1 Peter 2:17a

Every 5 years, ordained ministers in the Church of the Brethren must renew their ordination status. There are several steps to this process, including submitting documentation that proves the pastor has completed 5 credits of Continuing Education over a wide breadth of topics, and completing the day-long Ministerial Ethics training course. I will be taking this course on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

It may surprise you to know that our denomination not only has a Ministerial Ethics paper, but we also have a Congregational Ethics paper. This paper seeks to provide a framework for how we behave towards one another as members of the body of Christ...members of the Priesthood of all believers. You can find this paper at <a href="https://www.brethren.org/dlf/ethics/">https://www.brethren.org/dlf/ethics/</a> or simply ask me for a copy. Perhaps we could get into the habit of reading it every 5 years – allowing you to join me in recommitting to my own Ordination.

There are lots of good nuggets in this paper. For instance, it states that "We believe in living in harmony with all persons, in peacefully solving conflict and in not harming or degrading any other person." Simply beautiful.

There are statements about how we care for those who are differently abled. There are statements about how we respectfully engage with our neighbors whose beliefs and traditions are different from ours. There are even statements about how we purchase things from local businesses, and how we care for the environment in which we live. Each statement draws us toward life lived in the Kingdom of God.

Be encouraged to read it. Be encouraged to live it out. These statements come straight from Scripture, and they are life-giving.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Angela





Dear partners in ministry, Thank you for the many expressions of care and love I received as I recovered from surgery. I am grateful for each and every card and prayer. I'm especially grateful for the example of patience you set before me, encouraging me to be patient with my own healing. You are so loved! Pastor Angela

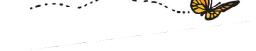
Larry and Janice wish to thank our church friends for the thoughts, prayers, and wonderful cards we received regarding the death of Janice's mother in February. We felt the love and care as we read the notes and remembrances of her. Thank you so much. It means a lot to us as we continue to walk this journey.

Dear Church members, Thank you for the prayers and cards in sympathy for the loss of my Mother. This was a difficult time for my family and it was such a relief to be able to put the luncheon in the able hands of the deacons and church members. Thank you for being you! I love this Church! - Beth and Family

Hello to my dearest friends. I would like to thank you so very much for all the cards I have received, not one was the same! Your loving and caring thoughts surely mean a lot to me. I miss attending church and I hope I am able to be with you again soon. My one therapist is the daughter-in-law of Kathy and Jim Long. What a small world. Thank you all. – Lynn

Dear Sisters & Brothers, I had planned to worship with you Easter Sunday until my life took a twist. The colorful bag of cards Betsy brought me and the other cards that I received since, gave me joy. I deeply thank you for your continued prayers. I've missed my seat in the back pew. Blessings to each of you as today we celebrate the risen Lord. Love, Rogina

Thank you so much for the beautiful Easter card kindly delivered to us by Linda Weber. Also our sincere thanks for welcoming us back on Easter Sunday. It was a long goal to return to inperson worship. Being with our church family again and experiencing the joy of worship overwhelmed us. Please continue to keep us in prayer as our journey to good health is ongoing. John & Louise



The Lancaster County Food Hub thanks you for your gift of \$1,765 which will help ensure that free food, clothing, and nightly emergency shelter are available for those in need.

- Paige McFarling, Executive Director, and Corinne Foster, Development Manager

Thank you for your donation of \$3,360 plus much needed and appreciated 250+ lbs. of food and supplies. To say we are REALLY REALLY grateful for this kindness and generosity is putting it mildly. God Bless, Danielle J. Peters, Director, Columbia Food Bank

Many, many thanks for your continued support to the Hempfield Area Food Pantry by your recent generous financial contribution of \$3,390. It is contributors like you who confirm the mission of the pantry: to serve those in our community who are struggling to feed their families.

- Diana Gerlach, Vice President/Pantry Coordinator



# You Are Invited

Sunday, June 2, 2024 (following church)

After a very successful event last year, many of you requested an encore.

Here it is!

A meal of soup, salad and dessert will be provided. All are welcome.

After lunch everyone is invited to enjoy the talent show.

Last year we had dance, song, magic, comedy,

and much more.

All ages are encouraged to participate in the show. It can be individual, duo, group, or whatever.

A sign-up sheet for the acts will be posted on the narthex bulletin board in early May. Sign up as soon as possible and help to make this a fun event for our church family and friends

## **MAY SERVERS**



Worship Leaders	Ushers	Children'
5 - Patrick Snyder	Dave Fuchs	5 - Joyce I
12 - Michael Graham	Barry Lauver	12 - Rebek
19 - Cathy Funderwhite	Joel Musser	19 - Betsy

Daryl Strine

#### **Greeters**

- 5 Rebekah & Autumn Priest: Upper Narthex
  - Rick & Linda Weber: Lower Narthex
- 12 Tim & Gail Wrightson: Upper Narthex Dave & Becky Fuchs: Lower Narthex
- 19 Tom & Gail Druck

26 - Forrest Collier

26 - Gina Bautista, Cindy Heisey

## 's Worship

- Kerns
- kah Priest, Sue Beiler
- Thomas, Becky Fuchs
- 26 Family Worship

#### Nursery

- 5 Joan Boshnaugle
- 12 Joan Boshnaugle
- 19 Kitty Collier
- 26 Regina Schulz



What happens when you die? In May the Adult Sunday School Seeker's class will study the afterlife. Using resources from near death experiences and the Bible, we will see what we can learn about what to expect in the next life. Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays for a most interesting discussion.

## **May Sermon Topics**

May 5	Hebrews 1:1-14 - Chip off the Old Block
May 12	Guest Speaker Jessica Vinton - Brethren Housing Association
May 19	Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21 - Pentecost and Graduation Sunday
May 26	Romans 16:1-4, Matthew 5:1-16, Revelation 7:9-10, Welcome and Worthy

## **Mountville COB March 2024 Tithes & Offerings**

For General Fund \$ 32,663.27 Designated \$ 1,652.14

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



# **LOOKING AHEAD**

May 18: Men's Breakfast & Fellowship
May 19: Pentecost & Graduate Recognition
June 2: Talent Show
July 3 - 7: Annual Conference

Deadline for the June 2024 New Vision articles is Sunday, May 12, 2024.

