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

https://www.youtube.com/user/

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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: Office@Mountvillecob.org

Love Notes from Pastor Angela

Welcome her [Phoebe] in the Lord in a way that is worthy of God's people... ~~ Romans 16:2a

Each year, in the weeks leading up to Annual Conference (July 3-7, 2024), it has been my habit to preach the Scriptures and themes that the conference speakers will be sharing during worship. At first, this practice was simply a way to connect the local congregation to the larger denomination, since many at the local level were unable to attend conference.

But now that worship services are available online for all of us to enjoy, this has become a way for us to create fertile ground for the speakers to sow their message. Just as our weekly Scripture Chats allow us to marinate in the Scripture text before Sunday, this is a way to come to Annual Conference worship with our own understanding of the text and allow our perspectives to be broadened by another's wrestling with and study of a passage. For this reason, this is always one of my favorite sermon series to preach each year.

This year's moderator, Madalyn Metzger, selected the theme *Welcome and Worthy*. In explaining her choice, she wrote: "In today's society, we spend a lot of time wondering if we're worthy. And, whether we admit it or not, we spend a lot of time assessing others based on our own standards.

"We do this, because we've set up so many 'rules' for ourselves since before we can remember – rules that have been influenced by our families, neighbors, teachers, and experiences. These rules are how we make sense of the world. They help us interpret and navigate our complex social constructs.

"But, when taken to the extreme, they also can limit our understanding of the infinite worth of every human being. They can painfully and disruptively fracture our relationships. And they can run contrary to God's Word and the Holy Spirit's leading.

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We extend our sympathy to Barry on the death of Betty Kuhn. Betty was a lifelong mentor and "second mom" to Barry.

Thank you for giving to the missions and ministries of the Church of the Brethren. With gratitude we acknowledge your support of **Core Ministries** and the **Global Food Initiative** we received in April 2024. - Nancy McCrickard

Thank you for your continued support to the **Hempfield Area Food Pantry** with your most recent generous financial contribution of \$320. - Diana L. Gerlach, Vice President

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS begin June 17, 2024

Jackie will be in the church office Tuesday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and on Fridays 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Mondays the office is closed and you may call Pastor Angela on her cell phone if there is a need.

PASTOR ANGELA'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela will be out of the office and away from ministerial duties from June 10-16. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer needs.

Love Notes from Pastor Angela continued

"Let's explore our call to live together in community, abide in Christ and one another, and re-envision how we extend Christ's love to each other and ourselves in ways that are worthy of God's people."

This sounds like great work for us to engage in here, beginning May 26. Join me!

In Christ's peace, Pastor Angela



Family Mini Golf Outing for All Ages!

The Education Ministry Team would like to invite you to our 2nd Annual Mini Golf Outing on Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Scoops. All ages are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet across from the church mailboxes. We hope to see you there! See Rebekah Priest with questions.

JUNE SERVERS



Worship Leader

2 - Gina Bautista 9 - Jeanne Dickel

16 - Walt VanderHeijden

23 - Holly Mele

30 - Phyllis Kepner

Ushers

Cindy Heisey

BethHess

Lynn Landis

Lois Silver

Nursery

2 - Joan Boshnaugle

30 - Family Worship

Children's Worship

2 - Nanette Bushong, Sue Beiler

9 - Gina Bautista, Connie Renn

16 - Rebekah Priest, Joy Meley

23 - Joyce Kerns, Alexa Taylor

9 - Becky Fuchs

16 - Regina Schulz

23 - Betsy Thomas

30 - Regina Schulz

Greeters

2 - Bill & Phillis Kepner: Upper Narthex

- Daryl & Karen Strine: Lower Narthex

9 - Tom & Margie Musser

16 - Wendy Allshouse, Mark Yoh

23 - Carolyn Berrier, Forrest Collier

30 - Lynn Landis & Molly Mitchell

Mountville COB April 2024 Tithes & Offerings



For General Fund Designated

\$ 29,004.75 \$ 4,141.00

Thank you for your faithful gifts!

June Sermon Topics

June 2	Known and Loved by God	Luke 1:46-49, Jeremiah 1:4-10, 2 Sam. 9:1-10a
June 9	Belonging to One Another	Romans 12:3-10, John 15:9-13,
		2 Chronicles 30:18-21
June 16	Guest Preacher: Lisa Krieg	1 Corinthians 3:1-4, 1 Corinthians 13
June 23	Extending Mutual Care	Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 Peter 4:8-11
June 30	Nurturing Dignity & Wholeness Philippians 2:1-11, Micah 6:8,	
		Zechariah 7:8-10. Galatians 6:2. 6-10 -





Deadline for the July 2024 New Vision articles is Sunday, June 9, 2024.

