

Mountville Church of the Brethren



February 23, 2025

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA'S SABBATH

Friday's prayer concerns should be directed to 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.

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

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**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 *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Spiritual

***CALL TO WORSHIP^**

Love. Without it we are like clanging cymbals,

Love!

We can speak like prophets, but we still have to

Love!

We can build great buildings, but we need to

Love!

We can preach and pray, thank God every day, but we must

Love!

Be patient and kind, with no envy in mind,

Love!

Don't be rude or resentful; don't insist on your own way,

Love!

How can we live without it?

Love!

How can we sing without it?

Love!

Who can serve God without it?

Love!

We have gathered this morning so that God could remind us to

Love!

*HYMN *Renew your church* 363

*INVOCATION

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NT 175

ANTHEM *Reflections on Love* Martin

RESPOND

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *We are one in the Spirit* overhead

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *O Lamb of God* Paris

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* vs. 2 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Love on Repeat* Rev. Angela Finet

SEND

*HYMN *Heart with loving heart united* 420

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Diemer

^<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/21st-century-africana-liturgy-resources-worship-resources-for-the-fourth-su>. Adapted

^^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2025). Pg. 28.

^^^Kauffman, Bradley, ed. *Voices Together*. (MennoMedia: Harrisonburg, VA 2020). Pg. 1036. Adapted.

^^^^Kauffman, Bradley, ed. *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*. (MennoMedia: Harrisonburg, VA 2020). Pg. 367.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

THIS WEEK

Today: 11:15 a.m. – Potluck meal & Congregational Forum
 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
 Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
 Tues: 7:00 p.m. - Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and via Zoom
 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101, Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100
 Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
 Fri: 7:00 p.m. – UNR Women, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Next Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

- Adult Sunday School studies “Questions Jesus Asked”. Meet in room 102 at 9:00 a.m.
- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meet in room 123.

Children’s Worship

Children will begin worship in the sanctuary with their families. Those ages 4 - 6th grade are invited to join the Children's Worship Leaders at the back of the sanctuary at the designated time for their own special worship.

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares *Here I am, send me* from Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13). Cindy Dale is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

In God’s Service Today

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 Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
 Music Director John Hess
 Organist Gloria Hess
 Piano Gloria Hess
 Worship Leader Phyllis Kepner
 Ushers Norman Bollinger, Barry Lauver, Harry Light, Tim Wrighton
 Anthem Chancel Choir
 Flute Angela Finet
 Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Sue Beiler
 Nursery Nanette Bushong
 Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Jeralyn Rettew, Anne Schanz
 Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
 Security Pete Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God and in loving memory of Dottie Light’s birthday by her family.

FAMILY BOWLING OUTING FOR ALL AGES!

The Education Ministry Team would like to invite you to our 3rd Annual Bowling Outing on Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at Leisure Lanes. The cost is \$3.75 per game and shoe rental is **FREE!** All ages are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet across from the church mailboxes so we can reserve enough lanes. We hope to see you there! See Rebekah Priest with 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 Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13). The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is a Bible.

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 Sam, Jeanne, Marian, Linda, Rick, Ray & Mary, Harold, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, Nick and Alex, Army, and troops as they serve in Africa.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Pray for those suffering from the wildfires in California and those in harm's way battling the flames.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Israel, Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Annville COB. Myerstown COB is praying for us.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our February 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.

NEW ART IN THE NARTHEX

The month of February features original artwork by Shannon Woolman. The display includes four unique types of art including Line Art, Diamond Painting, hand-drawn images for coloring, and original, computer-generated art. You can find more information about each of these art forms next to the display cases. Get to know Shannon through these gifts she has shared!

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM is TODAY. Please plan on staying after church for a Potluck Meal. Remember we can't cook your food for you but we can keep it warm. The Congregational Forum will begin after lunch. Plan on staying to learn about the work of the church.

STATISTICS for February 16, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$18,871.98

DESIGNATED FUND

Memorial Fund.....	200.00
Global Food Initiative.....	120.00
Sunday Flowers.....	131.00
Children's Ministry	20.00
Church Music.....	20.00
Misc. Designated: Library	20.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	500.00
Cemetery & Memorial Garden	400.00
Refugee Resettlement	100.00

Worship: 75 Sunday School: 24

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

Today: 11:15 a.m.: Potluck Meal & Congregational Business Forum.
March 6, 10:00 a.m.: World Day of Prayer, Rm. 102
March 29, 9:00 a.m.: Brethren Beliefs Class, Rm. 101

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

The 2025 Lenten devotionals, "Take Up Your Cross" by Tim Harvey are now available on the narthex table.

SEEKERS CLASS

The month of March the Seekers class begins "Questions Jesus Asked" exploring the meaning behind some of the more challenging questions posed by Jesus in the Gospels. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. downstairs on Sunday mornings in room 102.

The ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP is coming up on March 15th at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/WFSpring2025> no later than **March 2**. Check-in registration on March 15 begins at 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Dave Weiss, from the Springfield COB will be speaking and sharing his talent of painting on the theme "A New Creation". The Harrisburg First COB Praise Band will be leading us in music and sharing special music. Cathy Funderwhite from the Mountville COB will preside over the event as this year's president. We look forward to seeing all the ladies of our district as we fellowship together.