SERMON NOTES

Mountville Church of the Brethren



March 16, 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.

March 16, 2025 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 Sinfonia Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

At God's table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kingdom of God is revealed.

At God's table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out kingdom of God is revealed.

At God's table of life, all people know peace and creation flourishes. Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for peace. Here in our very midst the kingdom of God is revealed.

*HYMN Unto thy temple, Lord, we come

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE John 2:14-22 NT 93

ANTHEM Love Lifted Me McDonald Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

RESPOND

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN Lord Jesus, come and overturn Overhead INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY Ah Holy Jesus Davidson

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom vs. 2 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE The Whip of Christ Rev. Angela Finet

SEND

*HYMN Strong, righteous man of Galilee 540

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata Pachelbel

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

[^]Penrose, Rev. Leslie. United Church of Christ Worship Way. https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/justice_immigration_worship_call-to-worship/. Accessed 3/10/25. Adapted.

^{^^}Beu, B.J. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2017).
Pg 53. Adapted.

^{^^^}Boyd, Mary Petrina. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2023). Pg 60. Adapted.

THIS WEEK

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

1:00 p.m. – Red Rose Antique Car Club, Fellowship Hall

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

6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Women, Fellowship Hall

Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and via Zoom

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Ministry Team, Rm. 106

7:00 p.m. - Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Youth, Rm. 100

Wed: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale set-up, F. Hall

1:00 p.m. – Stitch 'n Sew 'n Share, Rm. 106

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale set-up, F. Hall

2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101

Fri: 10:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale, Fellowship Hall

9:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer Women, Sanctuary

Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Book Sale, Fellowship Hall

10:0 a.m. - All Church Bowling @ Leisure Lanes

Next Sunday, March 23, 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 "Traps" from Mark 12:13-17; "Truth" from Matthew 23:13-32 and "Traitor" from Mark 13:5-23, Kathy Long is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

In God's Service Today

Rev. Angela Finet **Pastor** Music Director John Hess Organist Gloria Hess Worship Leader Tim Wrightson Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver Ushers **Chancel Choir** Anthem Children's Ministry Gina Bautista, Tess Wolford Nursery Regina Schulz Bob & Heidi Keller, Glenn Bushong, Nanette Bushong Greeters Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine **Prayer Chain** Carl Harnish Security _____

George and Janet Schwert give the flowers in worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary!

Thanks to Jerry Bushong for sharing the picture and other information about the "Last Supper re-enactment."

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.

Stop by the bulletin board in the hallway near the kitchen and enjoy a <u>GLIMPSE FROM THE PAST</u>. See a picture of the cast who participated in the dramatic reenactment of Leonardo da Vinci's painting The Last Supper. The men's names are listed in case they look different after 44 years! It's just one of the many treasures found in our church archives.

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, Harold, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, Nick, and Alex, Army, and troops as they serve in Africa.
- Pray for the Kepner, Dale, and Stemmer families as they mourn Dolly's passing.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- 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 Quakertown COB. Parker Ford COB is praying for us.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will gather by Zoom and in room 102 each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Scripture Chat. This week's scriptures are Mark 12:13-17, Matthew 23:13-32, and Mark 13:5-23. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Pantry receives our March 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.

Chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Elizabethtown COB Dinners are by donation, from 3:00 p.m. - to 5:00 p.m., or until sold out. No tickets are needed. The meals may be picked up at the church portico, 777 South Mount Joy Street, Elizabethtown. Donations will benefit the Haiti Medical Project and CCEPI, Rebecca Dali's non-profit organization that supports Nigerians suffering from terrorism. The meal includes a half of a BBQ Chicken by Dennis Peters, baked potato, homemade baked beans, homemade pepper slaw, homemade rolls, applesauce and homemade cookies. Please join us in supporting these worthwhile organizations and at the same time, enjoy a delicious meal! Any questions, contact Sandy Brubaker @ 717 598 5195.

STATISTICS for March 9, 2025

\$ 4,900.00
40.00
122.00
20.00

Worship: 88 Sunday School: 29

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

March 22, 10:00 a.m.: All Church Bowling

March 29, 9:00 a.m.: Brethren Beliefs Class, Rm. 101

April 12, 9:30 a.m.: Men's Breakfast @ Mountville Family Restaurant April 12, 9:30 a.m.: Women's Breakfast @ Mtville Family Restaurant Contact Janet Schwert if you plan to attend.

April 12, 6:30 p.m.: Handbell Concert, Pie and Ice Cream family event planned by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.

April 17, 7:00 p.m.: Love Feast

<u>The SEEKERS CLASS</u> studies "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.

BRETHREN BELIEFS CLASS

Are you new to our family of faith? Have you been around awhile and never had a behind-scenes-tour? Would you like to know more or have your knowledge refreshed about the Church of the Brethren globally, and MCoB specifically? Join Pastor Angela for conversation around these topics on Saturday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 in Room 101. This is a no pressure opportunity to expand your knowledge. Please RSVP to the church office so Angela can prepare enough materials. Those wishing to place membership with our family of faith will be received during worship on a mutually agreed upon date.

EASTER FLOWERS

We will decorate the Sanctuary for Easter with spring flowers this year. If you are interested in placing a flower/s in the Sanctuary, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office, along with your check made payable to the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Mark your check "Easter Flowers". Your Payment must accompany your order. Deadline to order your Easter flower(s) is **TODAY.**

You may place as many Easter flowers as you wish in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Those names will be included in the bulletin Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

		Quantity	
6" Daffodils	\$11.50		
4.5" Gerbera Daisies	\$ 6.00		
6" Tulips:	\$11.50	(choose be	low)
Pink Purple	_Red	White	_Yellow
Fotal amount enclosed: _ Please print the names below the bulletin. Given in MEMORY of	ow exactly	as you wan	
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