SERMON NOTES

Mountville Church of the Brethren



March 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.

March 23, 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 A Lenten Prelude arr. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Let us proclaim the Source of our hope and strength.

Our lives belong to God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us rejoice in the foundation of our faith.

There is no rock like our God.

Let us put our trust in God alone.

No one shall deceive us.

Let us worship the Source of our hope and strength.

We will worship the living God.

*HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed 185

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:13-17 NT 49

ANTHEM Come Unto me Beall

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

RESPOND

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 23:13-32 NT 25

HYMN The church of Christ in every age 403

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY Holy Jesus Crager

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom vs. 2 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Mark 13:5-23 NT 50

MESSAGE Traps, Truth, Traitors Rev. Angela Finet

SEND

*HYMN Move in our Midst 418

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Chromatic Fugue Pachelbel

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

[^]Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2017). Pg 252. Adapted.

^{^^}Kauffman, Bradley, ed. *Voices Together.* (MennoMedia: Harrisonburg, VA 2020). Pg. 24. Adapted.

^{^^^}Taylor, Leigh Anne. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg 235.

THIS WEEK

Today: 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: 6:00 a.m. – Special Election Day, Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101

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

Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Brethren Beliefs Class, Rm. 101

Next Sunday, March 30, 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 "A Fork in the Road" from Mark 14:1-11, Gina Bautista is the worship leader and Brian Mueller provides our special music.

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.

In God's Service Today

Rev. Angela Finet Pastor Music Director John Hess Organist Gloria Hess Worship Leader Kathy Long Ushers Beth Hess, Barry Lauver, Holly Mele, Lois Silver **Chancel Choir** Anthem Children's Ministry Joyce Kerns, Joy Meley Nursery **Betsy Thomas** Bob & Heidi Keller, Charlie Worrall, Mark Yoh Greeters **Prayer Chain** Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine Security John Musser _____

The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and support we've received during this challenging time. Your visits, cards, errands running, and most of all, your prayers have been a tremendous comfort to us. The kindness and compassion from each of you have made all the difference in our journey toward recovery. A special thank you to Jerry, Ruthie, and Connie for the delicious food you so thoughtfully brought. Your care and generosity have nourished us both physically and spiritually, and we are deeply grateful. We are blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive congregation.

- Rick and Linda

Church family, Deb and I would like to thank you for your calls and texts, cards, visits, meals and mostly your prayers during my surgery and recovery. This doctor put a cage around my spinal column right below where I had surgery before! I thank God for giving doctors the knowledge and gifted hands that perform these surgeries and that He is with us every step of the way in our daily lives! In Christian love, Pete

Joe and Kristen Buohl will be celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary on April 14. Please add this date to your April *New Vision*.

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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 Kepner'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 Ebenezer COB. Nuevo Amanecer, Bethlehem, is praying for us.

<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.

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 Mark 14:1-11. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible.

NEW DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX

Tim Wrightson shares his photos collected over the years representing Spring. "Not all these photos are my work. For instance, the older B&W photos were taken in 1963 using a Kodak Brownie camera. Curtsey of my late mother, Dorothy. The photo of Gail and I taken by a friend. The remaining photos are family and places from Alaska to Lancaster. Including Philadelphia, Baltimore, Jim Thorpe, Manor Township and Strausburg. Gail and I are so grateful for our blessings and equally blessed to be able to share."

STATISTICS for March 16, 2025

Received for: General Fund	\$ 10,316.00
Room Use: Women's Event	200.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Sunday Flowers	43.00
	205.50
Children's Ministry	200.00
Cemetery Fund	20.00

Worship: 75 Sunday School: 29

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

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

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.

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.