#### **SERMON NOTES**

## Mountville Church of the Brethren



### March 30, 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 30, 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 My Tribute Crouch

\*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Gathered as one, welcoming all, we worship as a community of love. Gathered in love, giving thanks for life, we come to sing God's praises.

\*HYMN Fairest Lord Jesus 117

\*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:1-11 NT 51

SPECIAL MUSIC The Stand Hillsong United

MOMENT IN MISSION Power Packs Deb Lichtenwalner

#### RESPOND

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN Take my life 389

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY Come Thou Font Traditional

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom vs. 2 119

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^^

#### **PROCLAIM**

SERMON A Fork in the Road Rev. Angela Finet

\*HYMN I have decided to follow Jesus Overhead

#### **SEND**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue Pachelbel

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

<sup>^</sup>Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2018). Pg 116

<sup>^^</sup>Dollins, James. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021). Pg 83. Adapted.

<sup>^^^</sup>Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2017). Pg 70. Adapted.

<sup>^^^</sup>Kauffman, Bradley, ed. *Voices Together.* (MennoMedia: Harrisonburg, VA 2020). Pg. 370.

# STATISTICS for March 23, 2025 Received for: General Fund \$ 8,520.00 Room Use 75.00 DESIGNATED FUND 20.00 Food Bank 130.00

Worship: 82 Sunday School: 23

#### 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: 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

6:00 p.m. – Pastoral Support Team, Rm. 101

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

6:00 p.m. - Outreach Ministry Team, Rm. 106

Sat: 6:00 a.m. – UNR Women, Rm. 100

#### Next Sunday, April 6, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies "The Wired Word, a thoughtprovoking platform that seeks to interpret current events in light of Christian scripture and values". 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 Community Conceived" from John 13:31-38. Patrick Snyder 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 Gina Bautista Ushers Beth Hess, Barry Lauver, Holly Mele, Lois Silver Special Music vocal, piano and guitar Brian Mueller Power Packs Moment in Mission Deb Lichtenwalner Children's Ministry Family Worship Lori Lauver Nursery Bob & Heidi Keller, Lyn Landis, Molly Mitchell Greeters Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine Prayer Chain Security Harry Light

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

#### INVITATION TO LOVE FEAST

During Lent, we have examined each day of Holy Week. Thursday was such a jam-packed day that it requires two services to cover it all! Sunday, April 6 will cover the Garden of Gethsemane. Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. will re-enact the events in the Upper Room. Everyone is invited to partake in this Love Feast service of confession, foot (or hand) washing, a simple meal, and communion. Come experience the fullness of Holy Week.

#### 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 John 13:31-38. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible.

#### HANDBELLS, PIE & ICE CREAM

All are invited to our next all-church family event on Saturday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nationally known solo hand bell artist Ron Bellamy will perform and ice cream and pie will be served. Please sign up on the sheet by the church mailboxes. See Gail Druck with questions.

#### **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 Dickel, Marian Bollinger, Linda Bushong, 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 Conewago COB.
   Philadelphia First COB 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.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Hempfied 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. Meals may be picked up at the church portico, 777 South Mount Joy St., 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. Any questions, contact Sandy Brubaker @ 717 598 5195.

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

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, Fellowship Hall

May 14, 12:00 p.m.: Annual District-Wide Older Adult Luncheon @ Yoder's Restaurant. More details to come!

June 12, 6:00 p.m.: Annual Mini-Golf Outing @ Scoops. Sign up sheet on bulletin board by church mailboxes.

#### SABBATH: GOD'S CALL TO PEACE

We will be using this book, written by our own Pastor Angela, for a small group study beginning Thursday, September 11 at 1 pm, and continuing on Thursday afternoons for the next several weeks. The books are \$11.99 plus tax and shipping. However, if we pre-order as a group, we save 20% and lower the shipping costs. For those for whom this creates a financial burden, free copies will be available. If you would like a copy of the study for your personal use, rather than joining the small group, you are still welcome to join the pre-order for the cost savings. You are not committing to attend the small group by purchasing the book. Books will begin shipping at the end of May, and we will calculate the actual cost of shipping and notify you then to collect your book and make payment. Please contact Jackie in the office to have your name added to the pre-order list. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, April 13.** 

#### 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."