

Mountville Church of the Brethren



March 9, 2025

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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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

Toccata

Pachelbel

***CALL TO WORSHIP[^]**

God of the foolish cross, you are not the savior we expect.

Your power does not look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd,
waving branches,

**but not so sure we want to follow you into the temple courts,
into the upper room,
into the garden of Gethsemane,
to the foot of the cross.**

Forgive our false assumptions. Clarify our clouded vision.

Free us to relax into the foolishness of your love and grace.

***HYMN**

Hosanna, loud hosanna

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***INVOCATION^{^^}**

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:29-42

NT 83

ANTHEM

God so loved

Choplin

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

RESPOND

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN

One day as Jesus reached a town

Overhead

To the tune #159 - All beautiful the march of days

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY

Blessed Jesus at your Word

Birchwood

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom

vs. 2 119

***PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^}**

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE

The things that make for peace

Rev. Angela Finet

SEND

***HYMN**

For the healing of the nations

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Gavotte

Arne

[^]Kauffman, Bradley, ed. *Voices Together*. (MennoMedia: Harrisonburg, VA 2020).
Pg. 107.

^{^^}Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2021).
Pg 88.

^{^^^}Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN.
2018). Pg 82.

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

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: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
3:30 p.m. – Congregational Fellowship Comm., Schwert home
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – UNR Women, Rm. 101
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
Sat: 8:00 a.m. – ANE District Women’s Fellowship, Fellowship Hall,
Kitchen, Rms. 122, 124

Next Sunday, March 16, 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 *The Whip of Christ* from John 2:12-22. Tim Wrightson is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

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.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Worship Leader Joel Musser
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver
Anthem Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry Rebekah Priest, Sue Beiler
Nursery Connie Renn
Greeters Dave & Beth Serfass: Upper Narthex
Matt & Eva Priest: Lower Narthex
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser
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Chuck and Terry Few give the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of their 24th Anniversary.

Thank you for the birthday cards and wishes for my 102nd birthday!
– Edna

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 GLIMPSE FROM THE PAST. 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.

Articles for the April *New Vision* are due in the church office today.
Thank you.

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, Georget, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, Nick, and Alex Sload, Army, and troops as they serve in Africa.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- 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 Providence COB. Palmyra 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 scripture is John 2:12-22. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring 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.

SURPLUS ALLOCATION UPDATE

At our semi-annual Congregational Forum on February 23, the congregation voted to spend the \$71,740.91 2024 budget surplus in the following manner: 30% to the Endowment Fund (our savings account); 20% to Outreach Ministry Team to include gifts to Power Packs, COBYS, and Church World Service; 15% to the Deacon Emergency Fund to help those in need; 15% to the Building Maintenance Fund; 10% for technology upgrades; 5% to the Education Ministry Team for upgrades to the Children's Wing; and 5% for a new ministry based upon our Core Values. We are in awe of the generosity of this congregation which makes all these important expenditures possible.

STATISTICS for March 2, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 5,448.50
Room Use: UNR.....400.00
DESIGNATED FUND
K. VanderHeijden Justice Fund.....90.00
Global Food Initiative.....20.00
Seasonal Flowers: Easter.....69.00
Misc. Designated: Brethren History Projects.....20.00

Worship: 84 Sunday School: 24

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

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Contact Janet Schwert if you plan to attend.

April 12, 6:00 p.m.: Handbell Concert, Pie and Ice Cream family event
planned by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.

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

The SEEKERS CLASS 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 Sunday, March 16.

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 below)	
Pink _____ Purple _____ Red _____ White _____ Yellow _____		

Total amount enclosed: _____

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