

Mountville Church of the Brethren



April 13, 2025

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

April 13, 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

CHORAL PROCESSIONAL
Blessed is the King! Hosanna! arr. Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP^**
Sing and shout your praise and hosannas,
We rejoice, even as we anticipate the cross of Christ before us.
Enter this ancient and sacred story.
We enter, open to transformation.
Find your place in this holy narrative.
We seek to receive anew the grace and love of Jesus.

***HYMN** *All glory, laud, and honor* 237

***INVOCATION^**

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:18-30 NT 61
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* 145

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig* Pachelbel

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

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Mark 15:1-15 NT 53

CHORAL ANTHEM *The Only Road to Easter Morning* Carter

SERMON *Rejoice, Reject, Reconcile* Rev. Angela Finet

***HYMN** *Forgive our sins as we forgive* 137
To the tune of #143 "Amazing Grace"

SEND

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* arr. Honore

^Ristine, Karen Clark. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2020). Pg 80, Adapted.

^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg 90.

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: 9:00 a.m. – Behavioral Health Care, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 9:00 a.m. – Bread Baking, Kitchen
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and via Zoom
7:00 p.m. – Stewards Ministry Team, Rm. 106
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
5:45 p.m. – Pastoral Support Team, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – UNR Women, Rm. 101
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Love Feast
Sat: 10:00 a.m. – UNR Women’s Workshop, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, April 20, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies “Questions Jesus Asked” meeting in Room 102.
- 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 “Peace be with you” from Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:19-23. Phyllis Kepner 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
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Anthem	Tambourine: Zachary Snyder
Children’s Ministry	Rebekah Priest, Joy Meley
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Barry & Lori Lauver: Upper Level
	Rebekah & Autumn Priest: Lower Level
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	John Musser

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Holly Mele gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of Michael’s birthday.

Don and Cindy Dale and Bill and Kristen Stemmer and their families are most grateful for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during the passing of our mother and grandmother, Dolly. Also, a thank you to the choir for the beautiful flowers. We appreciate the love and support given by this congregation. Mountville COB truly is a caring church.

Becky and I are most grateful for the outpouring of expressions of sympathy upon the death of my brother, John. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring Christian fellowship. - Dave

Heidi wants to thank all of you who sent me cards and good wishes for the celebration of my 95th birthday!

BUNK BED NEEDED

The Afghan family our church has sponsored has four growing children. Their bedroom space is limited and they are now in need of a bunk bed. If you have one to spare or know of someone who does, please contact Larry Booz.

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 Jeanne, Marian, Linda, Harold, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, Nick, and Alex S., Army, and troops as they serve in Africa.
- 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 Conestoga COB. Light of the Gospel Project, NJ, is praying for us.

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."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our April 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.

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 Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:19-23. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible.

Articles for the May *New Vision* are due in the church office today.

Thank you.

STATISTICS for April 6, 2025

Received for: General Fund	\$ 5,706.10
DESIGNATED FUND	
Memorial Fund.....	300.00
Kits.....	20.00
Food Bank.....	20.00

Worship: 78 Sunday School: 24

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

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

May 4, 11:30 a.m.: Labyrinth Walk, Fellowship Hall

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

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

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! Today we will cover the Garden of Gethsemane. Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. we 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.

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 **TODAY**.

FAMILY MINI GOLF OUTING FOR ALL AGES!

The Education Ministry Team would like to invite you to our 3rd Annual Mini Golf Outing on Thursday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Scoops. All ages are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet across from the church mailboxes. We hope to see you there! See Rebekah Priest with questions.

THE ANNUAL DISTRICT OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON is

May 14, 2025, 12:00 p.m. at Yoder's Restaurant & Banquet Hall, New Holland, PA. Cost is \$25 which includes your choice of entrée: broasted chicken, ham balls, or vegetarian lasagna; gourmet au gratin potatoes, green beans & baby carrots, tossed salad, family style dinner rolls, butter & jelly, hot and cold beverages, and Yoder's famous vanilla or chocolate ice cream. **Note:** A gluten free chicken platter and a hot and cold vegetable platter are also available. No tips or taxes are required from you!

Entertainment is provided by Matt Miskie, a well known local musician and singer who specializes in folk songs from the 1950s through the early 1970s. Matt takes requests! So, if you have a favorite well known and popular folk song from your past, please email the name of the song to Sam Frankhouser at (safh@ptd.net).

Registration deadline is May 6, 2025. You may register online at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/bqhvjwv>. If you have questions or need help with registration, please see Gail Druck, our ANE Sr. Adult Representative.

LABYRINTH WALK

Stay after worship on May 4 and walk the labyrinth together in the fellowship hall. This is an opportunity to literally "practice what Pastor Angela preached," as our worship service will delve into the spiritual benefits of this ancient practice. All ages and abilities are welcome - finger labyrinths will be available for those who are more comfortable participating in that way.

A CALL TO ACTION

The Peace and Justice ministries of the denomination are asking congregations to answer the call for peace during dangerous times for many of our brethren. We are called to "welcome the stranger," to speak prophetically to the state in areas of refuge, status, and religious freedom, and the global spread of weapons. The Gospels guide our office of Peacebuilding and Policy, the Intercultural Ministries Advisory Committee, and On Earth Peace. Our own Peace and Justice Committee is willing to answer this call.

Pastor Angela's sermon of March 23, was in perfect synchrony with the Brethren's historic peace identity. We asked if we could highlight some quotes from the sermon, and they are framed on the narthex table. To start our own efforts, we would like to encourage greater awareness and participation. We will make quotes, copies of resolutions, declarations, resources for populations at risk, and "peace news" available. Feel free to take them to read and share. Anyone who would like to join our Peace and Justice initiative, please contact Walt VanderHeijden or Rebekah Priest.