SERMON NOTES

Mountville Church of the Brethren



April 27, 2025

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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.

FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA'S SABBATH

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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 27, 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 Largo Vivaldi

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,

before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

To worship is to be silent, receptive,

before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.

To worship is to work with dedication and with skill;

it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth;

it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.

Worship is the mystery within us

reaching out to the Mystery beyond.

HYMN All Creatures of our God and King vs. 1-4, 7 48

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVE

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:28, 2:15-20 OT 2

ANTHEM *Hymn of Grateful Praise* Raney *Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN O God, when Your land Overhead
To the tune of #66 O Worship the King

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY Cantate Domino Hassler

*HYMN OF GRATITUDE We Plow the Fields and Scatter 96

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIM

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Romans 8:18-23 NT 158

SERMON Peace with Creation Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN God, who stretched 414

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Canzona Gabrieli

^Johnson, Sarah Kathleen, et al. *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition.* (MennoMedia: Harrisonburg, VA. 2020). Pgs 17, 69, 373, 23. Adapted.

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: 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

Next Sunday, May 4, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets 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 "The Path of Life, World Labyrinth Day" from Psalm 16. Walt VanderHeijden is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

In God's Service Today

Pastor Rev. Angela Finet Music Director John Hess Organist/Piano Gloria Hess Worship Leader Holly Mele Ushers Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser Chancel Choir Anthem Children's Ministry Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford Nursery **Betsy Thomas** Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Gina Bautista, Cindy Heisey Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine Prayer Chain Security Pete Musser

The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and in honor of God and in celebration of my daughter, Lori Scifers, on her 56th birthday and in loving memory of Lori's father and my husband, Ted Mitchell. – Molly Mitchell

We offer to God prayers of gratitude for Pastor Angela's "Fight Like Jesus" theme and her faith-building leadership throughout Lent.

-Pastoral Support Committee

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 scripture is Psalm 16. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible.

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 Bev, Jeanne, Marian, Linda, Harold, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, Nick, and Alex, 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 Spring Creek COB.
 Mechanic Grove COB is praying for us.

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. 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.

CAN YOU HELP?

There is a dire need for old laptops and computers, even those that don't work. Alpha & Omega Community has an amazing tech team that prepares these for refugee families. At this point, they have given all the computers that they had and there are still ten families on a waiting list. If you have one to donate, please talk to Norman Bollinger and he will be happy to take it the folks at Alpha & Omega who desperately need them.

STATISTICS for April 20, 2025

Received for: General Fund DESIGNATED FUND	\$ 3,820.50
Sunday Flowers	43.00
Food Bank	200.00
Misc. Designated: Pastors Discretionary Fund	20.00
Messenger Subscriptions	83.00

Worship: 132 Sunday School: 27

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

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

May 10, 9:00 a.m.: Mens & Womens Breakfasts @ Centerville Diner

May 14, 12:00 p.m.: Annual District-Wide Older Adult Luncheon

June 1, 11:30 a.m.: Pot Luck Dinner & Talent Show

June 12, 6:00 p.m.: Annual Mini-Golf Outing @ Scoops.

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.

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.

NARTHEX DISPLAY

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."