

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



**April 6, 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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*In joyful community, we follow Jesus to  
embody God's love with all our neighbors.*

April 6, 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

*Wondrous Love*

Higgins

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP^**

Teach our hearts to love, O God,

**as you would have us love.**

Train our eyes to see, Holy One,

**as you would have us see.**

For we yearn to love without prejudice

**and accept others without judgment.**

Make your home among us,

**for we long to be made one and whole.**

**\*HYMN**

*All praise to our redeeming Lord*

21

**\*INVOCATION^^**

## RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-38

NT 108

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## RESPOND

HYMN

*Healer of our every ill*

377

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY

*Gavotte*

arr. Wolff

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom*

vs. 2 119

**\*PRAYER OF BLESSING^**

## PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:35-38

NT 87

CHORAL ANTHEM

*The Garden*

Shackley

SERMON

*A Community Conceived*

Rev. Angela Finet

**\*HYMN**

*Heart with loving heart united*

420

## SEND

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

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^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2024).  
Pg 125

^^Sorensen, Mark. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN.  
2021). Pg 125

**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. - Children’s Church Planning Committee, Rm. 124  
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  
6:00 p.m. – Education Ministry 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  
Sat: 9:30 a.m. – Men & Women’s Breakfasts@ Mountville Fam. Rest.  
6:00 p.m. – Handbells, Pie & Ice Cream event, Fellowship Hall

## Next Sunday, April 13, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies “The Wired Word”, a thought-provoking 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 “Rejoice, Reject, Reconcile” from Luke 4:18-30 and Mark 15:1-15. Forrest Collier 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	Patrick Snyder
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry	Kathy Long, Beth Hess
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Dave & Becky Fuchs
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light

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

Bill and Phyllis Kepner would like to thank all who touched us with their kind words of sympathy and support, the man heartfelt cards and prayers, and flowers from the choir after our Mother’s recent passing. We are truly blessed and thankful for each one of you.

### 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.

### 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 4:18-30 and Mark 15:1-15. 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 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 Amwell COB. Iglesia Berith, Oasis De Esperanza 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.

### STATISTICS for March 30, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....	\$ 7,802.00
Room Use: Library Book Sale, UNR .....	550.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Global Food Initiative.....	100.00
Sunday Flowers.....	43.00
Church Music.....	20.00
Food Bank.....	100.00

Worship: 82    Sunday School: 23

### 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  
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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.  
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.**

### 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. **Today is the last day to sign up** on the sheet by the church mailboxes. See Gail Druck with questions.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.