

Mountville Church of the Brethren



August 3, 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.*

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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP^**

Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!
**Let's gather at the river by the throne of God! For there is
blessing forever!**

From the throne of God flows a mighty river of peace and hope for all
God's people!

And there shall be rejoicing at the sight of the healing waters!

Our journey brings us to God's wondrous river of Life!

**Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our
world with light.**

*HYMN *Shall we gather at the river?* 615

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:6-15 NT 136

SPECIAL MUSIC *Seekers of Your Heart* Tunney, Darnall
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

RESPOND

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Reflection* Wagner

*SUNG RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God* 349

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIM

HYMN *Open my eyes, that I may see* 517

SERMON *The people you meet along the way* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Guided by the Holy Spirit* Overhead

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary No. 6* Page

^Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters* website. https://ministrymatters.com/2022-01-01_worship_connection_sixth_sunday_of_easter_c/. Published 1/1/2022.

^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2024). Pg. 129.

^^^Paton, Catarina. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2021). Pg. 130.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

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 Daryl, Johnathon, Bev, Jeanne, Marian, Linda, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Israel, Gaza, Pakistan, India, Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Indian Creek COB. Wyomissing 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 scriptures are Acts 16:16-40. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

TRANSPORTATION TO DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION - SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

The bus trip to the auction has been cancelled due to lack of interest. We could carpool from the church if there are enough people interested. Please let Janet Schwert know if you would be a driver or would like a ride no later than September 7, 2025. Thank you.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR MOUNTVILLE COB SILENT AUCTION

We need craft items, baskets or services to be auctioned at our Silent Auction on Saturday, September 13, 2025. If possible, we would like to have a preview day on Sunday, September 7 after church. All proceeds will be sent to the Disaster Relief Auction at Lebanon on September 27. Contact Gail Druck, Phyllis Kepner, Lori Lauver, Anne Schanz, Janet Schwert, or Shannon Woolman if you can donate an item.

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

August 9: 9:00 a.m.: Men's & Women's Breakfasts-Centerville Diner

August 17: 10:15 a.m.: Blessing of the Students

11:30 a.m.: All Church Pizza & Ice Cream Party in the Fellowship Hall

September 7: COBYS Bike, Hike & Tasty Tour fundraiser

September 13: Silent Auction & Dinner to benefit Disaster Relief Auction

CWS & MCOB: RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

We have built a wonderful relationship with Church World Service (CWS) over more than a decade, particularly through our kit ministry, financial donations, and refugee resettlement efforts.

However, in 2025, the kind of support that CWS needs has drastically changed. Due to funding cuts, CWS, a faith-based organization working in communities to respond to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster, finds itself in need of more flexible kinds of help.

After several conversations with them, we have learned that we can better meet their needs and the needs of those they minister to through financial assistance, which they can allocate and direct in response to urgent requests. The Outreach Ministry Team is recommending that we, as a congregation, focus on our financial gifts to CWS, increasing them as we are able. Please mark envelopes with your donations: Kits Projects. CWS will determine the best use of those funds, and assemble needed kits on site to meet the demands of our neighbors locally and around the world.

Questions: See Dianna Zimmerman or another member of the Outreach Ministry Team.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our August 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.