

Mountville Church of the Brethren



August 24, 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.*

August 24, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Elevation* Dupre

***CALL TO WORSHIP^**

People of God, open your hearts and minds!

Let us listen carefully to what Christ is saying,

for he comes to us today speaking peace,

offering life to all who love him

and honor him with their hearts and lives.

Let us worship God together.

*HYMN *With happy voices singing* 83

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Acts 17:10-15 NT 137

SPECIAL MUSIC *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chisholm & Larson
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*HYMN *God of our life* 486

RESPOND

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY *Offertoire* Maleingreau

*SUNG RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God* 349

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Encouraged and Equipped* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Go, my children* 433

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Paso in D Minor* Casanovas

^Finet, Angela.

^^Johnson, Sarah Kathleen, et al. *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*. (MennoMedia: Harrisonburg, VA. 2020). Pg. 124, 367.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for August 17, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 3,675.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Memorial Fund.....200.00
Kits.....270.00
Food Bank.....25.00

Worship in Person: 85 Online: 44

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – MCOB Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. – Assemble School Kits, Fellowship Hall
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Room 102 and Zoom
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

Next Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “Making the Unknown Known” from Acts 17:16-34. Walt VanderHeijden is the worship leader. Sarah Repkoe provides our special music.

Nursery is available in room 122.

Children’s Worship Today

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 he back of the sanctuary at the designated time for their own special worship.

Children’s Worship Next Week: Family Worship

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.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Tim Wrightson
Ushers	Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Joel Musser
Special Music	Debbie Conon, Cathy Funderwhite
Children’s Ministry	Kathy Long, Connie Renn
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Lois Silver
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser

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

Praise God, for bringing George and me to this loving church family 45 years ago! The love, caring and true friendship you have given us over those years show the Holy Spirit is at the center of Mountville Church of the Brethren. Our entire family can never say enough “Thank Yous” for the help and support you have given George and us throughout the past 3 years of George’s journey of health issues. He loved each and every one of you and he felt your love to the very last of his days. – In Christian love, Janet and family

All knowing God, Grant our pastor keen discernment and clarity in every decision and situation she encounters. Help her to hear Your voice. May she see clearly the path You have set for her life and ministry. Amen. – Pastoral Relations Team

My friends at MCOB, Thank you for the prayers, cards, and messages during the two years of my cancer journey. I have experienced the healing power of God’s grace and mercy. Having completed a radiation regimen, and trusting in God, I am again on the way to recovery. I will bend to God’s will with a prayerful and grateful heart, and the support of others. Thank you for the love that you graciously extended to my brother, Walt, and to me. In His love, Bernadette

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 Lew & Fay, Daryl, Johnathon, Bev, Jeanne, Marian, Linda, 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 Germantown COB. Drexel Hill 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 Acts 17:16-34. 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.

TODAY: Assemble School Kits after church, Fellowship Hall
September 7: COBYS Bike, Hike & Tasty Tour fundraiser
September 13: Silent Auction & Dinner to benefit Disaster Relief Auction

DEACONS' MEETING

There will be a Deacon's meeting for all Deacons after church on Sunday, September 14 in room 101.

JOIN OUR PEACE AND JUSTICE INITIATIVE

As a congregation, we have made a commitment to look at our mission and vision through the lens of peace and justice. Globally, nationally, and locally, the needs that relate to peace and justice are overwhelming. If you would like to be part of our efforts, or learn more about our expanded peace and justice activities you are invited to join us on at the church on Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in room 102.

CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICES VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Are you looking for a meaningful way to help children and families after disasters? Do you have a warm heart, patience, team spirit a sense of adventure, and time to give? Then you maybe interested in attending the Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Training on October 17, 4:30 p.m. through October 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Elizabethtown COB with training coordinator Sandy Brubaker. A \$55 registration fee covers materials and trainer costs. Meals are provided by the host organization. Late registration, 3 weeks prior to the workshop is \$65. To learn more and /or to register visit www.brethren.org/cds/. See the church bulletin board by the mailboxes for more information and paper registration forms.

BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Make your plans now to contribute and participate in this year's Brethren Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center on September 26 and 27. Check out the Brethren Disaster Auction 2025 Web site for pictures of items being sold and activities you may be interested in. This years BDRA booklets have been placed in your mailbox. Contact Gail Druck if you have items or time to donate.

CARD MINISTRY STREAMLINED

Through our card ministry, all of us have experienced the generous outpouring of love, caring, and celebration that we extend to one another. In recent discussions with leadership, our card ministry will be simplified. Sending cards is an individual decision, and although we will no longer be using card bags, we hope the following changes will make it possible for us to continue this ministry as a personal extension of God's love and grace for one another.

1. Birthdays, and anniversaries are printed in the newsletter. Personal contacts and prayer requests make us aware of illnesses, accidents, trauma, and deaths.
2. We will continue to have cards available at no charge in the narthex. If anyone has cards to donate, it would be appreciated. Donated cards may be added to the box on the narthex table. Cards can also be individually purchased, or made.
3. We will no longer use card bags. If you are inclined to send a card, your choice would be to put a card in the recipient's mailbox or send it through USPS.
4. If the recipient of cards is not able to retrieve cards from their mailbox, they will be collected and sent from the office in a bulk envelope.
5. On special holidays we have signed "congregational cards" for our shut-ins. We will continue as before.
6. Jeanne Dickel, who shepherds this ministry, will send cards on behalf of the church for birthdays over 90, and sympathy cards.

We hope these changes will reduce the number of questions that can arise, and encourage us to express our care for one another. Thank you. Walt VanderHeijden, Leadership Chair

Silent Auction & Dinner

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Benefit Disaster Relief

Doors open 4:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Auction Winners announced at 7:00 p.m.

Auction items available for preview on Sunday,
September 7 following morning services.

Dinner tickets are available before and after church
now through August 31.

Cost

Adults: \$18

Age 10 & under: \$8

Age 2 & under: free

Menu

Salad Bar

Applesauce

Lasagna

Italian Bread

Cupcakes

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade

*Att. Vegan, Dairy, etc.

Pasta w/marinara sauce available.

Order when you purchase a ticket.

**Take-outs if ordered ahead