



The New Vision

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Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service is in house and live
streamed Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

[https://www.youtube.com/user/
MountvilleCOB](https://www.youtube.com/user/MountvilleCOB)

Nursery care is available for younger
children and Children's Worship
for age 4 through 6th grade.

Our Staff:

Angela Finet – Pastor
John Hess – Director of Music
Gloria Hess – Organist
Jackie Sands – Office Administrator
Mary Rudy – Custodian

Mountville Church of the Brethren is located
at the corner of College, Hoover, & Clay
Streets in Mountville, PA. If you have further
questions regarding the Mountville Church,
please feel free to call the church office at
717-285-5122 or 717-285-7424 or email :
Office@Mountvillecob.org

Love Notes from Pastor Angela

*The community continually committed themselves to
learning what the apostles taught them, gathering for
fellowship, breaking bread, and praying.*

~~ Acts 2:42

One of the greatest blessings of a church is the loving
community that is nurtured there. The family of faith is
intended to gather together, study together, eat togeth-
er, have fun together, and pray together.

Scripture Chat, which meets every Tuesday evening
at 7:00 p.m., is one of my favorite activities each week –
we laugh, pray together, and read Scripture, seeking
God's guidance in our lives. This fall, Sunday school will
resume, offering faith formation opportunities for all
ages.

Additionally, I will offer another small group Bible
Study beginning Thursday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m.,
and running each Thursday through October 2. The
topic is *Sabbath: God's Call to Peace*. In this study, we
will explore dozens of Scriptures that define what
Sabbath is, and how practicing it is good not only for
our own well-being, but for society as well.

Please let me know if you plan to participate in this
small group so that I can reserve an appropriately sized
room. I'm looking forward to this fellowship and oppor-
tunity to learn together how our Sabbath-keeping God
calls each of us to peace.

Peacefully,
Pastor Angela



Bits 'n Pieces

My family and I want to thank my loving and caring church family for the cards, beautiful flowers, prayers, and all the words of comfort after the death of Ray and my daughter-in-law Iris Finkbiner. I also wish to express my gratitude to everyone for your help and support over the past 14 years since Ray's stroke. Your prayers, cards, and caring presence sustained us. God bless all of you. Mary

Phyllis thanks all the dedicated Prayer Warriors who lifted up her nephew, Alex Sload, and the unit during their deployment in Africa. They have returned state side. Thanks be to God!

Danielle Peters, Director of The Columbia Food Bank, thanks us for our check of \$160 and 130 pounds of much needed food supplies. "Your kindness shines bright on even our darkest days."

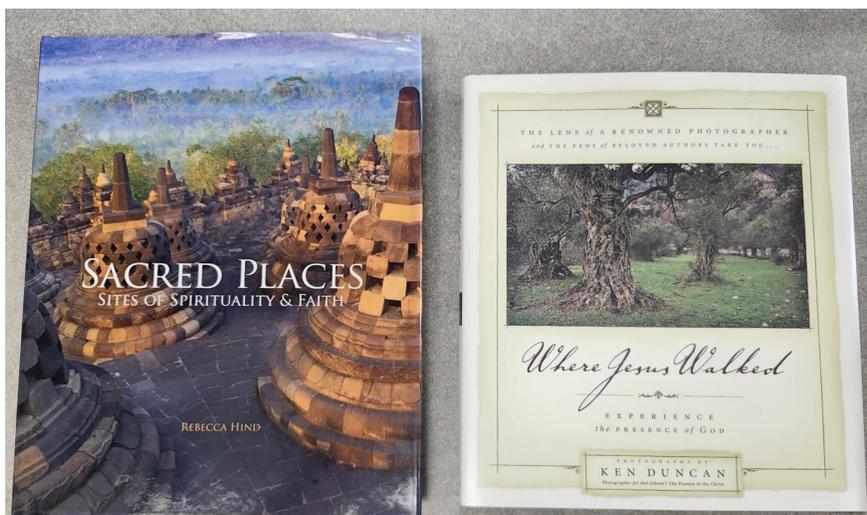
Brethren Housing Association posted an email to the District Church offices stating that BHA's supply closet was running low and they needed cleaning supplies. Since Mountville COB's Outreach supply room had items leftover from our Cleaning Buckets, which we are no longer packing, Ruthie Bushong and Shirley Smith gathered the items and packed them into small boxes for easy handling. Norman and Marian Bollinger delivered the 10 boxes to BHA on Tuesday, July 29. Blair Grove, Director of Volunteers, was most appreciative that we were able to supply them with these much needed items.

The Library Collection Continues to Grow

There is something for everyone in our library, located in the lower narthex. This month, we have added several Brethren History books, including a biography on Dan West, the founder of Heifer Project, two books on the impact of Brethren Service, and a look at the Ephrata Cloister (along with many others).

We've added 2 devotional books, including one based on the Message paraphrase of the Bible, and 3 new Bible studies for your personal growth.

And, there are two new coffee table books for those of you who are inspired by beautiful artwork of *Sacred Places* and *Where Jesus Walked*. All of this material is available to you, so come "check it out."



Glimpses from the Past

The fill in the blanks statements are related to Brethren History - both the denomination of the Church of the Brethren and our local Mountville Church. The choices to complete the blanks will be found at the end of the 15 statements. The correct answers will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

1. The town of _____ in Germany was the birthplace of the Church of the Brethren in _____.
2. _____ was the founder of the Church of the Brethren in Germany.
3. The first baptism was held in the _____ with _____ candidates.
4. Early Brethren were influenced by the _____ and _____ who were among other religious groups in Germany.
5. A Brethren hymn was composed by Alexander Mack that followed three words of a biblical text: _____.
6. The Brethren came to America in _____ and held their first worship at _____ on Christmas Day 1723.
7. In 1724, the _____ congregation was formed, which was the first organized Church of the Brethren in Lancaster County.
8. The Mountville Church district was taken from the _____ congregation in 1882.
9. The original Mountville church house was built in _____.
10. A sewing circle was approved in _____.
11. In December 1917, a decision was made to divide the congregation into the _____ division and the _____ division.
12. The church decided to support a missionary to Africa at a cost of \$600 in _____.
13. In _____, it was decided to take regular offerings at every service.
14. In _____, a refugee family was sponsored and the following year, the church became a member of the Lancaster County Council of Churches.
15. Since _____, the church has been served by full time pastoral ministry. The first full time pastor was _____.

East Petersburg	1708	Anabaptists	Conestoga	1881
Schwarzenau	1928	Alexander Mack	Mountville	1955
White Oak	1906	A. Joseph Caricofe	Eder River	1717
Count The Cost	1930	Germantown	Sept. 1961	8
		Pietists		

I hope you enjoyed this “quiz” on Brethren Heritage. I know personally I read many facts that were new to me and they are not all included in the above 15 statements.

Watch this space for next month’s *Glimpse from the Past* which will require your participation.
Submitted by Janice Ulmer

See answers on page 5.

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 will be available before and after church
August 3 through August 31.

Cost

\$18 adult \$8 age 10 and under 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.

If I Had a Hymnal

They carried God all leather bound,
With edges gilt and names embossed,
So small He'd go clutched in one hand,
Or snugly by a heart ensconced.

The early ones were without tunes,
Particular on metre though,
And for an index there was room,
So they could find the ones they know.

Would that I lived in olden days,
When God went everywhere with me,
Though know am I with Him always,
I'd love to say, "I carry Thee!"

Inspired by wanting to hear old hymns and
wanting to use a hymnal at a Service,
so attending Mountville Church of the
Brethren.



Started at Church, 7/13/2025
Finished at work, 7/13/2025
Claudia Ritter

ADULT Sunday School

Our Fall Adult Sunday School will restart September 7 with a report from Annual Conference by our Delegate, Walt Vanderhejden.

Starting September 14 we will take a new look at some familiar parables of Jesus with Josh Scott, whose "Context" series last spring was quite well received. All are welcomed to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in room 102 as we discuss challenging topics that deepen our faith.

Mountville COB July 2025 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$	21,229.50
Designated	\$	1,579.55

Thank you for your faithful gifts!

Answers to the

Glimpse from the Past Quiz:

1. Schwarzenau 1708
2. Alexander Mack
3. Eder River 8
4. Anabaptists Pietists
5. Count the Cost
6. 1717 Germantown
7. Conestoga
8. White Oak
9. 1881
10. 1906
11. East Petersburg Mountville
12. 1928
13. 1930
14. 1955
15. Sept. 1961 A. Joseph Caricofe

Items Needed for Mountville COB 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.



SEPTEMBER SERVERS

Worship Leaders

- 7 - Holly Mele
- 14 - Bill Kepner
- 21 - Forrest Collier
- 28 - Harold Ulmer

Ushers

- Wendy Allshouse
- Dave Fuchs
- Joel Musser
- Daryl Strine

Children's Worship

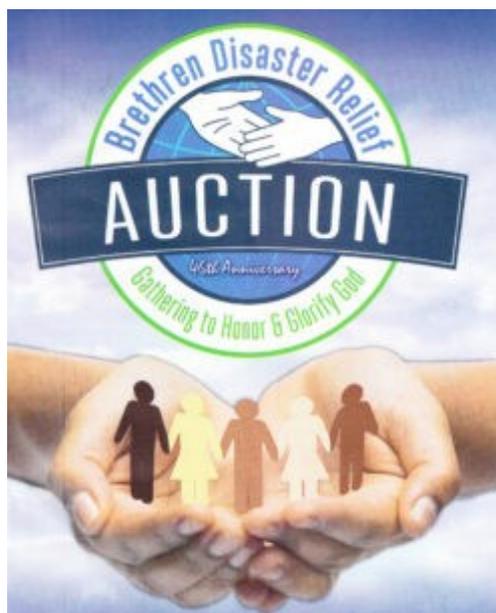
- 7 - Joyce Kerns, Sue Beiler
- 14 - Rebekah Priest, Beth Hess
- 21 - Kathy Long, Tess Wolford
- 28 - Family Worship

Greeters

- 7 - Holly Mele, Mark Yoh
- 14 - Dave & Beth Serfass, Upper Narthex
- Matt & Eva Priest, Lower Narthex
- 21 - Beth Hess
- 28 - Lynn Landis, Molly Mitchell

Nursery

- 7 - Joan Boshnaugle
- 14 - Regina Schulz
- 21 - Betsy Thomas
- 28 - Lori Lauver



September 26 & 27, 2025

Lebanon Valley Exposition Center
80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon

WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US THIS YEAR

COBYS 2025
BIKE & HIKE

Sunday, **September 7, 2025**
Lititz Church of the Brethren

10 & 25-mile Bicycle Rides
3-mile Walk
The Tasty Tour
Ice Cream!

Tasty Tour
STEP OUT IN GOOD TASTE

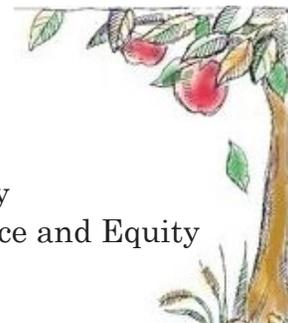
Incredible Ice Cream Celebration

COBYS
Family Services

Visit www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike for more information

September Sermon Topics

- Sept. 7 Acts 18:1-17 - Speak and do not be silent
- Sept. 14 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 - Unity and diversity in the body
- Sept. 21 1 Corinthians 11:4-22 and 1 Corinthians 14:33-40 - Peace and Equity
- Sept. 28 Luke 16:19-31 - The rich man and Lazarus



LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 7: COBYS Bike, Hike & Tasty Tour fundraiser

Sept. 11: Bible Study on "Sabbath" begins.

Sept. 17: Dinner & Silent Auction

Sept. 27: Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon

Oct. 5: Love Feast

Oct. 11: ANE District Conference

Oct. 26: Congregational Forum



*Deadline for the October 2025 New Vision articles is **Sunday, September 14, 2025.***



*"Your young . . . shall see Visions -
your old . . . shall dream Dreams."
- Acts 2:17-21*

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