

Mountville Church of the Brethren



August 31, 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 31, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I've Got Peace Like a River* Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Search for God, seekers of the way.

Where shall we go to find what we seek?

Grope for truth, disciples of wisdom.

Where shall we look for answers?

Listen for the Word of God.

We will listen, and worship, with the Spirit's help.

*HYMN *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* 70

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Acts 17:16-34 NT 137

SPECIAL MUSIC *Blessed Are They* Haas
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

*HYMN *God of the earth, the sky, the sea* 53

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *On Eagle's Wings* Joncas

*SUNG RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God* 349

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^}

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Making the Unknown Known* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *He comes to us as one unknown* 498

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Bober

[^]Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2025). Pg. 106. Adapted.

^{^^}Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg. 92.

^{^^^}Gaudino, Rebecca. *Ministry Matters*

website. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5006/worship-elements-may-17-2020>. Published April 6, 2020. Used with permission.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for August 24, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 6,355.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Memorial Fund.....	100.00
Sunday Flowers.....	103.00
Church Music.....	20.00
Food Bank.....	40.00
Brethren Housing Association.....	200.00

Worship in Person: 93 Online: 45

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary

Mon: Labor Day, Office closed

Tues: No Scripture Chat

Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

7:00 p.m. – Peace & Justice mtg., Rm. 102

Next Sunday, September 7, 2025

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “Speak and do not be silent” from Acts 18:1-17. Holly Mele is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

Nursery is available in room 122.

Children’s Worship Today: Family Worship

Children’s Worship Next Sunday

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.

PASTOR ANGELA’S SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela is not in the office September 1-5. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer needs.

In God’s Service Today

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Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Pianist	Sarah Repkoe
Worship Leader	Walt VanderHeijden
Ushers	Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Joel Musser
Special Music	Sarah Repkoe
Children’s Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Bill & Phyllis Kepner
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light

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Walt VanderHeijden gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in memory of Kathy VanderHeijden and in thanksgiving for her kindness, compassion, joy, and love.

Daryl Strine would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers that were said on his behalf for the last nine months. He also appreciated the texts, cards, visits and flowers. He is now pain free. Thanks be to God!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and messages to help us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. It was very special for us to be remembered by our church family. – John & Louse Graham

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will not meet next week. However, everyone is encouraged to read Acts 18:1-17 in preparation for next Sunday’s 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.

Prayer Ministry Update

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Loving God: Open our ears, minds, and hearts to Pastor Angela's words today. May her message help us feel your Holy Spirit within ourselves and others. May it inspire us to speak words and commit acts of love that lift our families and communities closer to your Kingdom. Amen.

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Continue to pray for Lew & Fay Powell, Marian Bollinger, John Graham, the Fitze family, and Nick Cyr.
- 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 Lancaster COB. Mt. Wilson COB is praying for us.

DEACONS' MEETING

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

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.

September 7: COBYS Bike, Hike & Tasty Tour fundraiser

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

September 26-27: Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Valley Expo

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.

GUN VIOLENCE MEMORIAL

Beginning September 11, MCOB, our Peace and Justice Committee, and in partnership with Heeding God's Call, will take part in the Memorial to those from Lancaster County who have recently been lost to gun violence. Over 100 shirts with the names of gun violence victims will be displayed on our lawn, similar to the pinwheels memorial two years ago. This is a tangible memorial to honor and remember the loss and disruption gun violence wreaks on family, friends, and our larger community. It represents an opportunity for all to stop, walk among the shirts, pray, and reflect. The memorial will go up on September 11, and will end with a prayer vigil on the International Day of Peace, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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 year's 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