

Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 21, 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 *Toccata per L elevazione* Frescobaldi

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

In mutual compassion and authentic love...

we gather as the family of God.

We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives...

to build up the community of faith.

We bring our songs of gratitude and joy...

to bless God with our worship and praise.

*HYMN *We are people of God's peace* 407

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 11:4-22 NT 168

CHORAL ANTHEM *Peace in our time*
Hayes

CHILDREN'S TIME *Paul Writes a Letter*

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

*HYMN *In Christ there is no East or West* 306

INVITATION TO GIVE^

OFFERTORY *Partita* Pasquini

*DOXOLOGY Overhead

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Paul's call to peace and equity* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Fore we are strangers no more* 322

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Albinoni

^Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg. 189. Adapted.

^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2017). Pg. 176. Adapted.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. – Peace Candlelight Vigil
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 101 & Zoom
Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
5:30 p.m. – Finance Committee, Rm. 101
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Thurs: 1:00 p.m. – Sabbath Book Study, Rm. 106
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Worship Team, Rm. 101
Fri. – Sat: Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon

Next Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets in Room 102. Dave Fuchs teaching on Josh Scott's *Putting Jesus' Parables in Their Place*.
- Birth through pre-K meets in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meets in room 123.
- Jr. High class meets in room 100.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “The rich man and Lazarus” from Luke 16:19-31. Harold Ulmer is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

Nursery is available in room 122.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Jackie is now in the church office Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

In God’s Service Today

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Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Acolyte	Eva Priest
Ushers	Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Anthem	Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry	Kathy Long, Tess Wolford
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Holly Mele
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Carl Harnish

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

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We gather by Zoom and in room 102 each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Scripture Chat. This week’s scripture is Luke 16:19-31. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

GUN VIOLENCE MEMORIAL & VIGIL TODAY

MCOB’s Peace and Justice Committee, in partnership with Heeding God’s Call, is taking 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 are on display 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 ends with a prayer vigil on the International Day of Peace, today at 6:00 p.m. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Great Almighty God, hear our prayer for Pastor Angela as she brings Your Word to us. Provide her with strength and wisdom as she continues her commitment to You and our church family. Amen.

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Lew & Fay, John, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Please pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Pakistan, India, Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Swatara Hill COB. East Cocalico COB is praying for us.

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

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

Oct. 5: Love Feast Carry in meal, 11:15 a.m.

Oct. 25: Congregational Forum, 11:15 a.m.

NEW IN THE NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES

The 2 items in the display case are cross stitch pieces that Cathy Funderwhite sewed for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction back in the 1990's. She would sew one every year. She even had a Noah's Ark that sold for \$600. The Lord's Prayer that is displayed was the first that she sewed for the auction. Her sister and mother bought it back and gave it to her for Christmas that year. The 23rd Psalm was one that she bought back in 1997. Her sister, mother, and she switched to putting together baskets for the basket auctions. Before her mother passed away, she was known for her Barbie baskets. Debbie and Cathy enjoy putting together chocolate baskets because they know they will bring a good price! Over the years they have raised thousands of dollars for the auction. Look for their baskets at this year's auction!

BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Make your plans to and participate in this year's Brethren Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center on Sept. 26 and 27.

STATISTICS for September 14, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 4,131.65

DESIGNATED FUND

K. VanderHeijden Justice Fund40.00
Memorial Fund.....100.00
Disaster Relief.....2,394.00
Food Bank.....65.00

Worship in Person: 90 Online: 33 Sunday School: 35

LOVE FEAST REIMAGINED

Everyone is invited to stay after worship on **Sunday, October 5**, to partake in one of our most sacred ordinances, Love Feast! But just because something is cherished and holy doesn't mean God isn't doing a new thing! Bring a dish to share, because our fellowship meal will be a potluck! We have also made changes to the hand/footwashing portion of the service to make folks more comfortable. See the October newsletter for more information, or talk to Jerry Bushong, deacon chair, or Pastor Angela. Come, meet Jesus around the table, for it is he who issues this invitation....to you.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Pantry receives our September 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.

A/V VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Livestreaming our worship services serves an important need in our faith community and beyond. Dozens of people join us faithfully each week, and are able to worship with us thanks to the A/V (audio/visual) volunteers. We are looking for a few people to "view worship from a new perspective" once a month. Don't be intimidated by all the buttons - a little training will have you navigating them with great ease and confidence. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to try something new! And then talk to Dell about your interest.

UPCOMING EVENT

All are invited to attend "Chalk Talk" with Elva Horst on Saturday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts to be served. Watch for more details in the October bulletins. Sponsored by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.