

Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 7, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE *Prelude* Saint-Saens

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

We come seeking God,
the one who guides us and protects us.
People of God, there is nothing to fear,
for God dwells in our hearts.
Let us shout with joy, for God is here!
Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

*HYMN *We gather together* 17

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Acts 18:1-17 NT 138

CHORAL ANTHEM *I am resolved* Pethel

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

*HYMN *How buoyant and bold the stride* 394

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Aria con Variazioni* Martini

*DOXOLOGY *Paise God from whom* vs. 2 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

PROCLAIM

SERMON *Speak and do not be silent* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me* 499

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* Stanley

[^]Ellis, Karin. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg. 15.

^{^^}Hunter, Amy B. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2025). Pg. 17.

^{^^^}The United Church of Canada. Published Winter 2024. Used with permission.

^{^^^^}Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016). Pg. 25.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for August 31, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 18,089.65

DESIGNATED FUND

K. VanderHeijden Justice Fund2,000.00
Global Food Initiative.....1,000.00
Disaster Relief.....1,942.00
Mountville Elementary School Gifts1,000.00

Worship in Person: 65 Online: 37

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
COBYS Bike & Hike Fundraiser
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 101 & Zoom
Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
1:00 p.m. – Book Study, Rm. 101
7:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment meeting, Rm. 101
Sat: 4:00 p.m. – Silent Auction / Meal Fundraiser; Fellow. Hall, Kitchen

Next Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets in Room 102.
- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meet in room 123.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “Unity and diversity in the body” from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. Bill Kepner 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.

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 Holly Mele
Ushers Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Anthem Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Sue Beiler
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Beth Hess, Mark Yoh
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Harry Light
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Holly Mele gives the flower arrangement in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in memory of the day Joe and I were married 58 years ago.

Walt VanderHeijden gives the flower vases 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.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of Molly Mitchell’s birthday on September 8 by Lori, Ron, John, Lindsay, Theodore, and Julianna.

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 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

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.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Dear Lord, we ask that you surround and protect the health and well being of Pastor Angela as she ministers to us. May we all remember to pray for and minister to her. Amen.

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Continue to pray for Lew & Fay, Marian, John, 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 Brooklyn First. Schuylkill COB is praying for us.

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!

DEACONS' MEETING

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

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

Today: COBYS Bike, Hike & Tasty Tour fundraiser

Sept. 13: Silent Auction & Dinner to benefit Disaster Relief Auction

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

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 Sept. 11, and will end with a prayer vigil on the International Day of Peace, Sept. 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.

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 **today**. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

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