

Mountville Church of the Brethren



October 12, 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.*

October 12, 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 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* arr. Porter

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

Lord, come into our hearts today.

Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings you pour into our lives.

In the midst our joys and concerns,

We lift our voices in praise to you.

*HYMN *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly* 514

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16 NT 21

CHORAL ANTHEM *Trust in the Lord* McDonald
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN *A Man Owned a Vineyard* Overhead

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Priere du Soir* Jongen

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom* vs. 2 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

PROCLAIM

MESSASGE *Glancing in the Rear View Mirror?* Rev. Del Keeney

*HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* 145

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Rondel* arr. Callahan

[^]Ministry matters.com/ worship connection by Nancy Townley: 8/24/2020.

^{^^} Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, copyright, The Abingdon Press.)

^{^^^}Michele Torigian ucc.org/UCC Resources 7/2/23.

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Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

THIS WEEK

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

Tues: No Scripture Chat this week

7:00 p.m. – Stewards Ministry Team, Rm. 106

Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. – Sabbath Book Study, Rm. 106

2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101

Fri: 7:00 a.m. – Behavioral Healthcare, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Next Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets in Room 102. Bill Kepner is 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 “Persistent Prayer” from Luke 18:1-8. Tim Wrightson is the worship leader. Special music is provided by Chuck Few.

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.

PASTOR ANGELA'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela is out of the office and away from ministerial duties from Thursday, October 9 – Wednesday, October 15. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer concerns.

The **Church Office is closed** on Monday, October 13 as Jackie enjoys a vacation day.

In God’s Service Today

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| Ministers | ALL of Us |
| Pastor | Rev. Angela Finet |
| Guest Preacher | Rev. Del Keeney |
| Music Director | John Hess |
| Organist | Gloria Hess |
| Worship Leader | Lois Silver |
| Ushers | Dave Fuchs, Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, John Musser |
| Acolyte | Eva Priest |
| Anthem | Chancel Choir |
| Children’s Ministry | Rebekah Priest, Joy Meley |
| Nursery | Regina Schulz |
| Greeters | Forrest Collier, Connie Renn: Upper Narthex Dave & Becky Fuchs: Lower Narthex |
| Prayer Chain | Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine |
| Security | John Musser |
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The flower arrangement in the worship center is given to the glory and honor of God by the Light Family and in loving memory of Dorothy “Dottie” Light.

WELCOME REV. DEL KEENEY

Prior to retirement at the end of 2021, Del Keeney served as pastor at the Mechanicsburg COB for 15 years. In his 40+ years of ministry, he served long-term pastorates at Mt. Vernon COB in Virginia and at Conestoga COB in Leola. He also served nearly 5 years as an Intentional Interim with Conflicted Churches in the region, and for 3 years as the Executive Director of Congregational Life Ministries for the denomination. Del grew up in the Little Swatara COB. He and his spouse, Lois, have three sons and four grandchildren. Since retirement, Del has enjoyed coaching JV Boys Tennis for the local high school, and has re-certified as a trainer in the DeBono thinking tools (Six Thinking Hats, Lateral Thinking).

NEW IN THE NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES

Our narthex display cases now feature story figures and other elements that our children’s worship program uses to tell and learn about The Parables. The displays are labeled with the name of the parable being shown. Thanks to Rebekah Priest for setting these scenes.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Ever present God, we pray for Pastor Angela today, that she will have a restful sabbath. As she looks ahead to the next weeks and months, may the Holy Spirit lead her through decision-making and empower her to minister faithfully and effectively. 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 Wilmington COB. Harrisburg First COB is praying for us.

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

Oct. 26: Congregational Forum, 11:15 a.m.

Nov. 1: “Chalk Talk” with Elva Horst, 6:30 p.m.

GLIMPSES OF CHRISTMAS PAST



I'm asking for assistance from the congregation to submit pictures from Christmases past to fill the bulletin board across from the kitchen for this Christmas season. The pictures can be of your family or activities at church. Please put the pictures in my church mailbox #100. Horizontal orientation would be preferable, but vertical is also acceptable. If your picture is too large for the mailbox, please put it in the box on top of the mailboxes - nothing larger than 8 x 10. Be sure to note on the back of the picture details of the picture - names of persons pictured and an approximate date. The pictures will not be damaged for the display and will be returned to you in January. Don't forget to include your name so the picture may be returned to the proper person. I would like to have all pictures no later than Sunday November 2. Thanks for your help with this project. - Janice Ulmer

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will not meet this week. However, everyone is encouraged to read Luke 18:1-8 in preparation for next Sunday's worship.

STATISTICS for October 5, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 6,238.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Church Music.....20.00

Food Bank.....20.00

Worship in Person: 77 Online: 34 Sunday School: 32

Love Feast: 66

Please plan on staying for the **Fellowship Meal and Congregational Forum** on October 26. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. We can't cook it for you but we can keep it warm. The Fellowship Meal will be directly after church followed by our Congregational Forum. Forum packets are available in the narthex for your taking, but remember to bring them back to Forum on Sunday, October 26.

CHALK TALK

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. Sponsored by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our October 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.

MCOB SILENT AUCTION/DINNER RESULTS

The total donation from the Silent Auction, the Lasagna Dinner, and designated funds was \$9,851. The amount of cash put into the plastic jar in the narthex was \$330.08. Grand total equals \$10,181.08. Thanks to all who participated in these events!

ANE OLDER ADULT COFFEE HOUSE is Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Savor some coffee, tea, and cookies and enjoy a special presentation by Dave Weiss. Dave is an author and/or illustrator of several books. Donations basket available to cover the cost of the gathering.