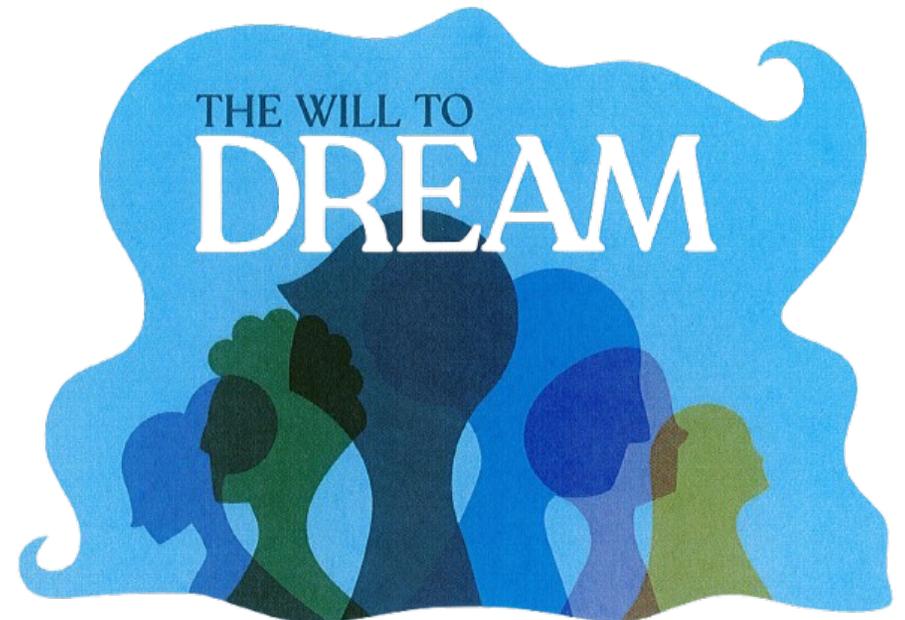


Mountville Church of the Brethren



November 30, 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.*

November 30 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.**

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

CALLING US TO IMAGINE

THE SONG OF THE PROPHET

Prepare ye the way of the Lord Schwartz

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

We gather together in this place:

prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,

we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

we who dare to dream God's dream.

We proclaim expectation with Isaiah!

God's redemption is near!

Through tears and through trials,

we hold fast to our hope.

Do not fear, for God is faithful.

Our redemption rises with the dawn.

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

We have come to wonder and praise.

*INVOCATION^

*HYMN *While we are waiting, come* Overhead

ADVENT WREATH: KINDLING THE LIGHT

We light the candle of hope

Because hope creates a path for a new, unknown story to unfold.

INSPIRING OUR DREAMS

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5 OT 631

THE PROPHET'S STORY

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

ADVENT PRAYER

ANTHEMS *Advent Carol of Hope* Besig
When will he come Besig

LIVING OUT OUR VISION

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Journey to Bethlehem* Franck

*DOXOLOGY *Paise God from whom* Overhead

To the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

*HYMN *Christ is the world's true light* 334

To the tune of #86 Now thank we all our God

MESSAGE *Vigilant Hope* Rev. Angela Finet

SHARING OUR HOPE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* 178

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Alleluia* Mozart

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Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for November 23, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 3,778.75

DESIGNATED FUND

Poinsettias	123.00
Food Bank.....	215.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	70.00
Cemetery Maintenance	720.00

Worship in Person: 88 Online: 42 Sunday School: 32

THIS WEEK

- Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
- Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom
- Wed: 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
- Fri: 8:00 a.m. – Dayspring & Lion’s Club Food Drive, Parking lot

Next Sunday, December 7, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets in Room 102 featuring Andy Langford's Advent series "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" with Larry Booz.
- 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 “Prophetic Peace” from Matthew 3:1-12 and Malachi 3:1-6. Cindy Dale 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	Lois Silver
Advent Candles	Brandon & Beckett Astacio, Jackie Hart
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Barry Lauver, Harry Light, Daryl Strine
Choral Anthem	Chancel Choir
	Flute
	Rev. Angela Finet
Children’s Ministry	Joyce Kerns
Nursery	Nanette Bushong
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Tim & Gail Wrightson
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will gather by Zoom and in room 102 each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Scripture Chat. This week’s scriptures are Matthew 3:1-12 and Malachi 3:1-6. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

MOUNTVILLE ELEMTARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

You can help neighbors in need this Christmas season by stopping by the narthex after worship TODAY and picking up a paper mitten gift wish. Wished-for items are printed on paper mittens and include items such as toys, clothing, and household goods. If you prefer not to shop and you’d still like to help, you can put your gift of cash or check in a pew envelope and mark it for Mountville Elementary.

DURING ADVENT (November 30 to December 24), we will not share spoken announcements at the beginning of worship. Please provide your announcements to the office by Wednesday morning of each week so that Jackie can include them in the bulletin and prepare an overhead slide for display during our gathering time.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Loving Parent God: Our hearts overflow with gratitude as we joyfully accept the invitation to your table of grace. Bless Pastor Angela, our leadership, our sisters and brothers in Christ, and all who support and sustain us. Together we celebrate this loving family of faith and know that...together...we are strong for your Kingdom work. Amen. - Pastoral Relations Team

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Louise, 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.
- Pray for the people in Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Light of the Gospel Project, NJ. Conestoga COB is praying for us.

NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES

Do you have a Nativity Set that you would like to share and display in the narthex during the advent season? If you would like to participate, please bring your Nativity to the church office today and enjoy the display through the Advent and Christmas season.

PICK UP AN ADVENT CALENDAR!

Advent calendars are available on the narthex table today. These advent calendars invite families to participate in activities for each day during advent. Please pick up a calendar and mark those days and activities as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth. Everyone is welcome to participate!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The 2025 Advent devotionals "Word Among Us" by John Fillmore are now available on the narthex table along with a few large print copies.

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

Dec. 7: Community Christmas Concert, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 7: Christmas Supper & Carol Sing, 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 8: Blue Christmas Service at Concordia Lutheran, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 13: Men's & Women's Breakfasts @ Black Olive Diner, 9:00 am

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Bank receives our November 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.

LET'S FILL THE TRUCK!

Dayspring Christian Academy's National Honor Society has once again joined forces with the Mountville Lion's Club to collect food for the Columbia Food Bank. There will be an enclosed truck in our parking lot Friday, December 5 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for the community to stop by and fill the truck with food. We may bring our used prescription glasses for the Lion's Club to repurpose.

CHRISTMAS CARD BAGS

Christmas Card Bags for our church family who worship remotely are on the table outside the kitchen. You may bring in a card for each person on the list or just a few. It is whatever you feel led to do. Those who cannot worship in person with us really enjoy hearing from us each year. The list of names for Christmas bags can be located on the table across from the kitchen. Also, if you could sign up to deliver a bag or two, it would be greatly appreciated. The sign-up sheet for bag delivery is on the table across from the kitchen. DEADLINE for bringing in cards is Sunday, December 21! If you have questions, please ask Jeanne Dickel at 717-314-6159. Please leave a message! I don't answer calls from phone numbers that I do not recognize.

JACKIE'S OFFICE SCHEDULE

Jackie will not be in the Church Office Thursday, Nov. 27, Friday, Nov. 28 and Monday, Dec. 1 Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer concerns.



Christmas Poinsettias

As in years past, we will decorate the Sanctuary on the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve with poinsettias. If you are interested in placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Mark your check "Poinsettia". YOUR PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER. Deadline to order your poinsettia(s) is **TODAY!**

This year all poinsettias will be **WHITE**. You may place as many poinsettias as you wish in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Those names will be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Please write in the amount you wish to order.

4 1/2" branch poinsettia White \$ 9.00 _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please print the names below exactly as you want them to appear in the bulletin.

Given in MEMORY of _____

Given in HONOR of _____

Given by _____
