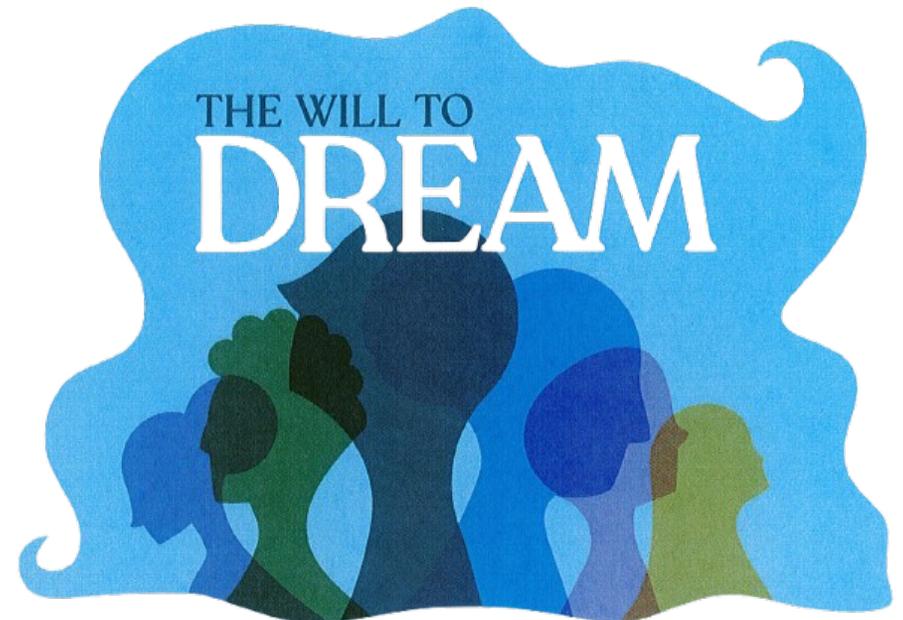


# Mountville Church of the Brethren



**December 28, 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.*

December 28, 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

WELCOME AND ANOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst

CALLING US TO IMAGINE

\*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 witness with Anna.

**Jesus is our hope!**

We hold fast to our faith,  
**trusting God's promises.**

Young and old, declare it together:

**love is born and salvation is here!**

Come and worship, all you who dream and imagine.

**We have come to wonder and praise.**

\*HYMN *What Child is this?* 215

\*INVOCATION^

INSPIRING OUR DREAMS

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148 OT 582

SPECIAL MUSIC *Behold the Lamb of God* Peterson & Story

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LIVING OUT OUR VISION

HYMN *Infant holy, infant lowly* 206

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *There's a Song in the Air* Harrington

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom* 119 vs. 2

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40 NT 59

MESSAGE *See something, say something* Joe Buohl

SHARING OUR LOVE WITH THE WORLD

\*HYMN *Away in the Manger* Overhead

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow* Spiritual

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^^Finet, Angela

**Please remember to sign the attendance pads.**

## THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary  
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom  
Wed: No Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
Thurs: New Year’s Day: Office Closed

### Next Sunday, January 4, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets in Room 102 featuring A.J. Levine on DVD as we explore the Gospel of John with CeCe O’Day.
- 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 “Courageous Defiance” from Matthew 2:1-15. Becky Wagner is the worship leader and John Hess provides special music.

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 SCHEDULE

**Pastor Angela and Jackie will be out of the office Thursday, December 25 through Thursday, January 2, 2026.** Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer needs.

## In God’s Service Today

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Ministers           | ALL of Us  |
| Pastor              | Rev. Angela Finet                                    |
| Guest Preacher      | Joe Buohl  |
| Music Director      | John Hess  |
| Organist            | Gloria Hess  |
| Pianist             | Sarah Repkoe   |
| Worship Leader      | Cathy Funderwhite                                    |
| Ushers              | Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele      |
| Special Music       | Jeanne Dickel  |
| Children’s Ministry | Working Worship                                      |
| Nursery             | Joan Boshnaugle                                      |
| Greeters            | Bob & Heidi Keller, Forrest Collier, Charlie Worrall |
| Prayer Chain        | Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine                      |
| Security            | Pete Musser  |

Holly Mele gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of Alex and McKenna Wolford’s birthdays.

#### 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 Matthew 2:1-15. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

## Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Loving God, guide Pastor Angela and our congregation as we transition from a season of thankfulness to this new season of loving, giving and sharing. Make us aware that gifts are more than items chosen. Help us to give love, share time, and be a positive presence in this holy season. 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.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Parker Ford COB, Pottstown. Quakertown COB is praying for us.

### GLIMPSES FROM CHRISTMASES PAST

Be sure to stop by the bulletin board opposite the kitchen to view all the Christmas pictures shared. The pictures will be on display all the Sundays in December and will be returned to the owners in January. Many thanks to those who shared pictures - it's quite an assortment.

### 2026 SUNDAY GREETERS

Have you thought about being a Greeter on Sundays at the Church? If you are interested in serving as an occasional greeter and would like to know more about this, please contact Sue Miller by email or phone which can be found in the Church Directory.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you used offering envelopes this year you should have a box for 2026 in your church mailbox. If you did not previously use envelopes but would now like to, please see Greg Smith.

### STATISTICS for December 21, 2025

Received for: General Fund.....\$ 17,538.92  
DESIGNATED FUND  
Sunday Flowers.....68.00  
Food Bank.....100.00  
Christmas Eve Offering .....360.00

Sunday School: 25    Worship: 108    Online: 50

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

Jan. 10: Men's & Women's Breakfasts, 9:00 a.m. @ Mountville Family Diner  
Jan. 21: Chair Yoga, 11:03 a.m., Rm. 100  
Feb. 22: Congregational Forum / Fair

### 2026 WORSHIP CENTER FLOWER CHANGE

Beginning January 2026, there will be a change in flowers for worship. The Church will no longer be ordering flowers for the worship center. We welcome flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions. You may contact a florist of your choice to make arrangements and your billing. If having delivered, they would need to be at the church by noon before Jackie leaves. You may also bring to church on Saturday. We will have a flower chart so we can add recognition for your flowers in the bulletin. Questions please see Sara Wagner.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our December 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.