



# The New Vision

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Sunday Worship Service is in house and live streamed Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MountvilleCOB>

Nursery care is available for younger children and Children's Worship for age 4 through 6th grade.

#### Our Staff:

Angela Finet – Pastor  
John Hess – Director of Music  
Gloria Hess – Organist  
Jackie Sands – Office Administrator  
Mary Rudy – Custodian

Mountville Church of the Brethren is located at the corner of College, Hoover, & Clay Streets in Mountville, PA. If you have further questions regarding the Mountville Church, please feel free to call the church office at 717-285-5122 or 717-285-7424 or email : [Office@Mountvillecob.org](mailto:Office@Mountvillecob.org)

## Love Notes from Pastor Angela

*Jesus said to them,*

*“Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”*

*~~ John 8:58*

We have just concluded the season of Advent with the celebration of the birth of Jesus – the Son of God, Immanuel, God-with-us. We have these precious words and images to convey who Jesus is.

But, when we look at the Scriptures that follow the birth narrative, there is a lot of confusion about who this baby becomes. In fact, in Matthew 16:13-16, Jesus asks his disciples who people say he is. They respond, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Only Peter finally blurts out, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

In the Scripture above (John 8:58), Jesus clues us in to his connection to God, using the same language that God used when Moses asked who God was.

“I AM” was God’s response.

People were so offended by Jesus’ use of these holy words to describe himself that they picked up stones to throw at him!

Let’s not be too hasty in leaving the manger where shepherds and wise men gathered to wonder together, “who is this child?” Over the next several weeks, we will proclaim that Jesus is ... baptized, the Lamb of God, on the move, and on the mountain. How might these proclamations enhance our understanding of, and deepen our relationship to, Jesus the Christ? And how might our lives be changed in the knowing?

In anticipation,  
Pastor Angela





## Bits 'n Pieces

Thank you for all your prayers and cards over a hard time for our family.

– Louise

Dear friends, Our “senior care” is continuing as we move “back home” to western Pennsylvania. We could not count or list all the ways you have been that “care” we needed during our 14+ years in your neighborhood. Sincerely we carry you with us in Love as we “Thank (our) God upon every remembrance of you...” Philippians 1:3 - In Jesus name, David & Mary

Thank you for your support of **Brethren Housing Association** with your gift of \$500. With your help, families in our transitional housing program are finding stability and hope.

- Jessica Vinton, Director of Development

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$3,5100. Your gift provides peace of mind for family members and residents who are able to stay at **Brethren Village** even when they have exhausted their financial resources. We are grateful for your ongoing kindness.

- Kevin Ditzler, Vice President of Development

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the community at large, the local Scout troops, who brought in over 7,000 pounds of food and toiletries, and wonderful people like you, who gave 120+ pounds of food plus \$120 to **The Columbia Food Bank**. - Danielle J. Peters, Director

## Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

In the event that bad weather requires us to cancel church activities or worship services, these are the ways you will be notified:

1. Mountville Church of the Brethren website
2. Facebook notice
3. Church email
4. A phone call IF and only if you have requested a personal call.

If you would like a call if worship is cancelled and have not yet contacted our church office, please do so today.

Cancellation notices will be posted no later than 8:00 a.m. If you are unable to access any of these methods, please call Jerry Bushong or Barry Lauver. The decision is made after carefully considering the weather forecast and the condition of the roads in Mountville and our parking lot. It is our hope that all persons will give priority to their health and safety when making a decision about traveling to church activities and worship services when the weather and road conditions are not optimal. If worship is cancelled, watch for an email about an online alternative at a later time.



# ADULT Sunday School

The popular Biblical scholar A.J. Levine will be featured on DVD as we explore the Gospel of John during January and February. She will focus on how this gospel was understood by its earliest readers, and what the light of Christ means for us today. On January 26 we will have guest speaker Greg Carey, professor from the Lancaster Theological Seminary, to present on Christian Nationalism. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in room 102.

## What Promotes Healthy Bodies?

Health professionals encourage physical movement to keep us strong and healthy. They also recommend friendship! In fact, the World Health Organization has determined that loneliness has the same impact on our health as smoking 15 cigarettes per day!

Let's begin the new year by strengthening both our bodies and our relationships! We will gather on Wednesday, January 21 at 11:30 a.m. for Chair Yoga in Room 100. All levels of mobility can participate. This practice provides improved strength, flexibility, and even some relaxation! Bring your lunch for a time of fellowship after our practice. If you'd like, why not make a day of it and stay for Stitch, Sew, and Share at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend this activity. Please let Pastor Angela know if you plan to attend so she can set up the room. Depending on interest following the first session, this will become a monthly gathering - always on the 3rd Wednesday, weather permitting.



## Wonderful Winter Reading!



Don't let the winter doldrums get you down! Keep sharp with some new reading material! We've added lots of new (to us) fiction, including the books pictured as well as 16 of the *Home to Heather Creek* series.

You'll find a book on healing wisdom after the loss of a beloved pet, books by Max Lucado and Mitch Albom, devotions, and some fascinating and inspiring new biographies. If you haven't visited the library in the lower narthex recently, now is a great time! There is truly something for everyone!

# FYI Resources



The following places accept donations of good, clean, used furniture. - Submitted by the MCOB Outreach Ministry Team.

**Off the Streets** - <https://otslancaster.org>

**PA Furniture Mission:** 341 Chestnut Street #102, Columbia, PA 17512  
Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday 717-813-2452

**Habitat for Humanity Restore:** 1061 Manheim Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 717-293-0250

**The Salvation Army:** 1244 Manheim Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 800-728-7825

**Goodwill Store and Donation Center:** 121 Rohrerstown Rd., Lancaster, PA 17603  
Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 717-396-6756

These places can also be found the Internet where their list of requirements stating what they accept and do not accept, is available.

## 2026 Worship Center Flower Changes

Beginning January 2026, there will be a change in flowers for worship. The church will no longer order flowers for the worship center. But 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 Friday 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.

## January Sermon Topics

4 -	Matthew 2:1-15, Exodus 1:8-2:10	Courageous Defiance
11 -	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus is ... Baptized
18 -	John 1:29-42	Jesus is ... the Lamb of God
25 -	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus is ... on the move



# JANUARY SERVERS



## Worship Leaders

4 - Becky Wagner  
11 - Bill Kepner  
18 - Larry Booz  
25 - Joel Musser

## Ushers

Dave Fuchs  
Cindy Heisey  
Joel Musser  
John Musser

## Children's Worship

4 - Joyce Kerns, Beth Hess  
11 - Rebekah Priest, Connie Renn  
18 - Kathy Long, Joy Meley  
25 - Working Worship

## Greeters

4 - Tom & Gail Druck  
11 - Barry & Lori Lauver, Upper Narthex  
- Beth Hess, Sue Miller, Lower Narthex  
18 - Carl & Louise Harnish  
25 - Joel & Dawn Musser

## Nursery

4 - Joan Boshnaugle  
11 - Betsy Thomas  
18 - Regina Schulz  
25 - Lori Lauver



## Kind Amish Lady

Harold and I were strolling through the aisles at Green Dragon when we saw a stand that had many kitchen gadgets, including cookie cutters. I like to use cookie cutters to cut small shapes for my fidget blankets. My cardboard circles were getting a bit ragged and I didn't have a heart shaped one. There were possibly 100 different shapes at this stand, but I only wanted circles and hearts so I chose two different sizes of each. The Amish lady came to help us and Harold told her that I would be using these for the fidget blankets that I make. We paid for the cookie cutters and she brought us our change. I shared pictures of some of my blankets and told her we take them to Lancaster General Hospital and Hospice. She said that sharing the fidget blankets was such a blessing. She went back to her cash box and returned half of our money to us because "she wanted to be part of the blessing."

- Submitted by Janice Ulmer

## Mountville COB November 2025 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$	26,080.20
Designated	\$	7,945.00

*Thank you for your faithful gifts!*



# LOOKING AHEAD

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

Jan. 10: Men's & Women's Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.:

Mountville Family Diner

Jan. 21: Chair Yoga, 11:30 A.M.

Feb. 22: Congregational Forum / Fair

*Deadline for the February 2026 New Vision articles is Sunday, January 11, 2026.*



*"Your young . . . shall see Visions -  
your old . . . shall dream Dreams."  
- Acts 2:17-21*

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