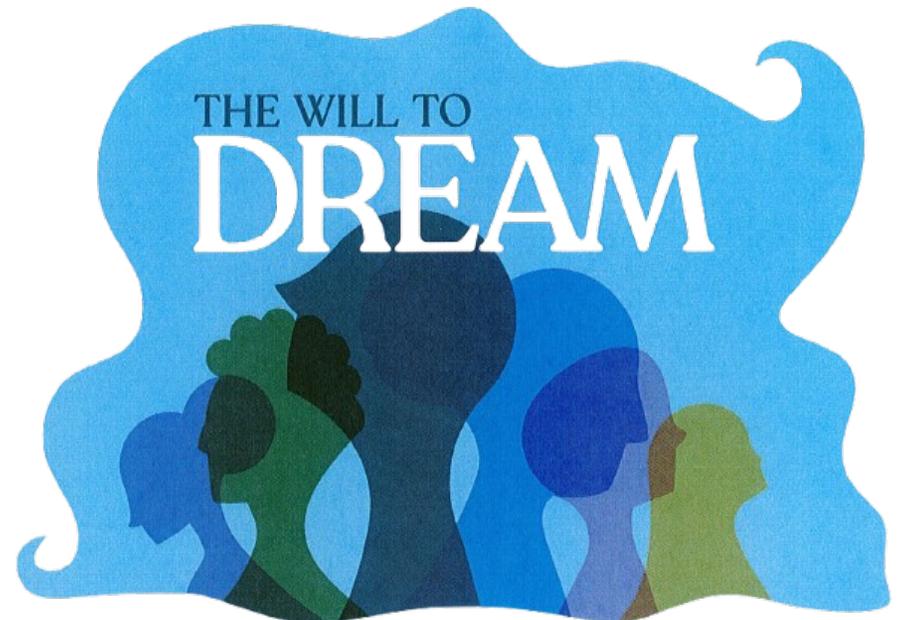


Mountville Church of the Brethren



January 4, 2026

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.*

January 4, 2026 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Mansfield

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 listen with Joseph,

guided by faith and dreams.

In fear or in flight,

God is our refuge.

By the light of a star,

God guides us on the way.

Come and worship, all you who dream and imagine.

We have come to wonder and praise.

*HYMN *The first Noel* 199

*INVOCATION[^]

INSPIRING OUR DREAMS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-15 NT 2

SPECIAL MUSIC *Prayer* arr. Johnson

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LIVING OUT OUR VISION

HYMN *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* 216

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^}

OFFERTORY *What is this Lovely Fragrance* Kihlken

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^}

MESSAGE *Courageous Defiance* Rev. Angela Finet

SHARING OUR LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN *As with gladness men of old* 218

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *How Great is our Joy* Koury

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^{^^}Brown, Joanne Carlson. *Ministry Matters*. https://ministrymatters.com/2018-12-09_worship_elements_epiphany_sunday_option_2/

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for Christmas Eve and December 28, 2025 will be in the January 11, 2025 bulletin.

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
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
Sat: 5:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall set-up

Next Sunday, January 11, 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 Walt VanderHeijden.
- 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 “Jesus is . . . Baptized” from Matthew 3:13-17. 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 Becky Wagner
Ushers Dave Fuchs, Cindy Heisey, Joel Musser, John Musser
Special Music Trumpet John Hess
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Beth Hess
Nursery Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Tom & Gail Druck
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security John Musser
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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 scripture is Matthew 3:13-17. 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 January 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: 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 the Atlantic Northeast District.

CHAIR YOGA BEGINS IN 2026

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.

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.

A/V VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Livestreaming our worship services serves an important need in our faith community and beyond. Dozens of people join us faithfully each week, and are able to worship with us thanks to the A/V (audio/visual) volunteers. We are looking for a few people to "view worship from a new perspective" once a month. Don't be intimidated by all the buttons - a little training will have you navigating them with great ease and confidence. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to try something new! And then talk to Dell about your interest.

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.