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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

Love Notes from Pastor Angela



Our Lenten theme, *Prone to Wander*, is structured around phrases from my favorite hymn, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*. You may have sung this song so many times that you have it memorized. But, do you know how this song was born?

Robert Robinson was born in England in 1735. His father died when he was young, and as he grew, he fell in with the wrong crowd. One story goes that when he was 17, he and his buddies were harassing a gypsy fortune teller. She pointed her finger at him and predicted that he would live to see his children and grandchildren which, given how young he was when his father died, touched him. It prompted him to seek a new path.

A few nights later, Methodist preacher George Whitefield was leading a tent meeting, so Robinson decided to go – whether to seriously learn or to heckle, we don't know. However, something Whitefield said convicted Robinson and led him to make peace with God. He later wrote a letter to Whitefield and told him that he had envied the happiness he saw on the faces of the people in that tent and yearned for that himself.

Within a couple of years, Robinson felt called to ministry, and in 1758 when he was 23 years old, he wrote this hymn to accompany his Pentecost sermon. It was a prayer that the Holy Spirit would flood into our hearts with God's streams of mercy, enabling us to sing God's praises as we faithfully follow him.

Love,

Pastor Angela



Bits 'n Pieces

Thank you for the many Christmas greetings we received. Opening each card felt like a big hug from someone at Mountville. They were all so much welcomed and appreciated. We wish everyone a very healthy, safe and peaceful New Year. Blessings, Gene and Linda

Thank you so much for remembering us with Christmas cards kindly delivered by Janet Schwert and Tom and Gail Druck. It was a blessing to read the messages of love and support. Love, John & Louise

Thanks to my dear church family for the Christmas cards I received with many thoughtful messages. Thanks to Sue Beiler and Harry Light for not only delivering the cards but taking the time to visit with me. Blessings to all, Mary

To our wonderful church family at Mountville Church of the Brethren. Chuck and Terry would like to say a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU for all the prayers, help and support during Chuck's recent hospital stay concerning his heart issues. Please know that it means so very much to us to receive all the love, concern, cards and offers of help during this trying time. God's peace and blessings to you all.

Hello Mountville Church of the Brethren, I would like to let you know how much my family and I appreciate your prayers and generosity. You are truly very kind people. I am truly blessed to work for amazing people. Please keep the prayers coming.

- Love Mary & Glenn (Mary is our Custodian)

Thank you for your gift of \$100 which will help ensure that free food, clothing, and homelessness services are available under the big, red awning.

- Erin Conahan, Director of Advancement, Lancaster County Food Hub

The Hempfield Area Food Bank thanks us for our support and "generous" contribution of \$605.

The Columbia Food Bank is grateful for our gift of \$340 in December and \$125 in January.

The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center greatly thanks us for our support of \$500.

The Parish Resource Center thanks us for our generous gift of \$100.

A very special "Thank You" for your contribution of \$9,581 made toward the efforts of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction.

Matt Rawle's *The Final Days* will continue to be the topic in Adult Sunday School as we pursue our Lenten study of the differences in the description of the passion of Christ in the four Gospels. Won't you join us downstairs in room 102 on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.?

ADULT Sunday School



Family Bowling Outing for All Ages!

The Education Ministry Team would like to invite you to our 4th Annual Bowling Outing on Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Leisure Lanes. The cost is \$3.75 per game and shoe rental is FREE! All ages are welcome!

Please sign up if you are planning to come so we can reserve enough lanes. We hope to see you there! See Rebekah Priest with questions.

March Sermon Topics

- March 1 - By Thy Help (Jochebed and Pharaoh's Daughter) - Exodus 1:22-2:10, & Acts 7:17-22
- March 8 - Flaming Tongues (Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, Tirzah) - Numbers 27:1-11
- March 15 - Tune My Heart (Widow of Zarephath) - 1 Kings 17:8-24
- March 22 - When a Stranger (A woman seeks healing) - Mark 5:21-34
- March 29 - His Precious Blood (Palm Sunday) - Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 23:44-56



Mountville COB January 2026 Tithes & Offerings



For General Fund	\$ 21,931.10
Designated	\$ 18,573.00

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



MARCH SERVERS

Worship Leaders

1 - Phyllis Kepner
8 - Tim Wrightson
15 - Cindy Dale
22 - Bill Kepner
29 - Lois Silver

Ushers

Beth Hess
Holly Mele
Lois Silver
Daryl Strine

Children's Worship

1 - Rebekah Priest, Sue Beiler
8 - Kathy Long, Beth Hess
15 - Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
22 - Working Worship
29 - Family Worship

Greeters

1 - Harold & Janice Ulmer
8 - Walt VanderHeijden, Mark Yoh: Upper Narthex
- Beth Hess, Sara Wagner: Lower Narthex
15 - Anne Schanz, Charlie Worrall
22 - Tom & Gail Druck
29 - Holly Meley, Sue Miller

Nursery

1 - Joan Boshnaugle
8 - Lori Lauver
15 - Betsy Thomas
22 - Regina Schulz
29 - Betsy Thomas

Atlantic Northeast District Women's Spring Fellowship

The ANE District Women's Spring Fellowship is March 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren with speaker Ann Van Hine. Theme for the day is "Stillness in a Chaotic World" from Psalm 46:10. Wendy Allhouse is providing the special music. The cost of \$25 for the event includes not just engaging sessions, but also a lasagna lunch and childcare for kids ages 3-8.

Register at ane-cob.org. Registration closes on March 9. If you need help registering, please see Cathy Funderwhite. Come enjoy music, lunch, sessions, Q & A, and fellowship!

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 22: All Church Pot Luck Meal followed by
Congregational Forum / Fair

March 7: All Church Bowling @ Leisure Lanes, 10:00 a.m.

March 18: Chair Yoga, Rm. 100, 11:30 a.m.

March 21: ANE Women's Fellowship @
Lancaster COB, 8:30 a.m.

Deadline for the April 2026 New Vision articles is Sunday, March 8, 2026.



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

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