

Mountville Church of the Brethren



March 15, 2026

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*In joyful community, we follow Jesus to
embody God's love with all our neighbors.*

March 15, 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 in spirit.**

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in E Major* Fischer

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

You are welcome in this space with all of who you are:
your body, with its pain and its pleasure;
your heart, with its passion and its longing;
your feelings of relief and grief, anger and elation.

We bring into this space all of who we are:

**committing to love ourselves,
endeavoring to love each other,
trusting in the fierce and eternal love of God.**

Come, offer your full selves in this time of worship.

*HYMN *Come, we that love the Lord* 14

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 17:8-24 OT 324

CHORAL ANTHEM

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place Schrader
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *Where charity and love prevail* 305
Sung to the tune of #306, In Christ there is no east or west

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Aria Cantabile* Wesley

*DOXOLOGY *Fill us with your feast* Overhead

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *The widow of Zarephath - Tune my heart*
- Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Help us to help each other* 362

GO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Greene

^Harader, Joanna. *Prone to Wander*. (Herald Press: Harrisonburg, VA, 2025). Pg. 187
^^Rhodes, Bob. *The Abindgon Worship Annual 2021*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2020). Pg. 65. Adapted.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. – Red Rose Antique Car Club, Fellowship Hall
Mon: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Booksale set-up, Fellowship Hall
Tues: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Booksale set-up, Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. – Peace & Justice Committee, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom
7:00 p.m. – Stewards Ministry Team, Rm. 106
Wed: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Booksale set-up, Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, Rm. 100
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Booksale set-up, Fellowship Hall
2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, 7:00 p.m., Rm. 101
Fri: 10:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Booksale, Fellowship Hall
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Mountville Library Booksale, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 22, 2026

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets in Room 102. “The Final Days” about the Passion of Christ by Matt Rawles with Bill Kepner.
- 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 “When a Stranger (A woman seeks healing) from Mark 5:21-34. 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 Cindy Dale
Acolyte
Ushers Beth Hess, Holly Mele, Lois Silver, Daryl Strine
Choral Anthem Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
Nursery Betsy Thomas
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Anne Schanz, Charlie Worrall
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Carl Harnish
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The flowers in the worship center are given
to the glory and honor of God.

Thank you for all the cards, messages, and prayers during John’s hospitalization. They were most welcome and encouraging.
- John and Louise

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 Mark 5:21-34. 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: Prayer for March.

Creating and Sustaining God: Throughout this holy season of Lent we offer prayers of gratitude — for our loving Pastor Angela, for our compassionate leadership, and for our caring congregation. Fill each of us with the joy of the Holy Spirit whenever our thoughts, words, and actions reflect those of Jesus. Convict us to provide for and receive from each other the care that strengthens us for justice work in our neighborhood and world. Amen.

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Pray for comfort for the family of Mark & Brenda on the death of Brenda on March 10, 2026.
- Chuck, Janet, Barbara, Louise, John, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Please pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Iran, Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the Swatara Hill COB. Pottstown COB is praying for us.

STATISTICS for March 8, 2026

Received for: General Fund\$ 3,597.91
DESIGNATED FUND
Food Bank.....20.00
Church Music Fund20.00
Mountville Elementary School.....5.00

Worship in Person: 75 Online: 55 Sunday School: 25

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

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

April 2: Maundy Thursday Love Feast, 7:00 p.m.

April 5: Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. @ Mountville Park Pavilion

April 15: Chair Yoga, 11:30 a.m.

April 18: “A Taste of Italy” International Dinner, 5:00 p.m.

April 25: Parent’s Night Out, 6:00 p.m.

April 26: Jazz Minister’s Concert, 2:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Pantry receives our March Food Cart items. They are in need of: Cereal, Pancake mix, Canned Mixed fruit, Canned Peaches, Canned Mandarin oranges, Spaghetti sauce. (No glass jars), Egg noodles, Salmon (15 oz.), Canned Cream of chicken soup, Dried beans (bags), Raisins, Crackers, Cake Mix and Icing, Ketchup, Mustard, and Salad dressing. 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.