

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



**April 12, 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.

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

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**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 *All Hail the Power* arr. Armstrong

## GATHER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP^

In the dark of the womb we wondered...

**what could be better than this warm and safe place?**

Once we were birthed into this life, at times we wondered...

**could there be more than meets the eye?**

In the dark of the tomb-times of our existence we wonder...

**is there life beyond these constraints?**

When we hear the story of Jesus we wonder...

**is new life possible for me?**

**Then the love of the Divine reminds us,**

“You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again.”

\*HYMN *God is here among us* 16

### \*INVOCATION^

## RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38 NT 56  
John 19:38-20:1 NT 114

SPECIAL MUSIC *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Slechta

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## RECOMMIT

HYMN *Renew your church* 363

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Minuet in Eb* arr. Clark

\*DOXOLOGY Overhead

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

## PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Tombs and Cocoons: Trusting the Dark*  
Rev. Angela Finet

\*HYMN *In the bulb there is a flower* 614

## GO

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Pachelbel

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^McFee, Marcia. *Emerge*. Worship Design Studio, 2023.

^^*Seasons of the Spirit*. The United Methodist Publishing House. Nashville, TN. 2005.  
Pg. 37. Adapted.

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

## STATISTICS for April 5, 2026

Received for: General Fund .....\$ 11,949.00  
Room Use.....1,000.00  
DESIGNATED FUND  
Food Bank.....40.00  
Children's Ministry... ..20.00  
Misc. Designated: Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....20.00

Worship in Person: 126    Online: 98    Sunday School: 31

## THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary  
Mon: 1:00 p.m. – Outreach Ministry Team, Rm. 106  
Tues: 9:00 a.m. – Mandated Reporter Training, Rm. 102  
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom  
7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Committee, Rm. 101  
7:00 p.m. – Stewards Ministry Team, Rm. 106  
Wed: 11:03 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: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs  
7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101  
Sat: 1:00 p.m. – Brethren Beliefs, Rm. 101  
5:00 p.m. – A Taste of Italy dinner, Fellowship Hall

## Next Sunday, April 19, 2026

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

- Adult Sunday School meets in Room 102. (See bulletin announcement.)
- 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 “*Coming Out: Leaving Comfortable Places*” from Hebrews 11:1-3. Walt VanderHeijden 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 Larry Booz  
Acolyte Autumn Priest  
Ushers Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser  
Special Music: Brass Quintet: Lori Groff: Horn; James Zeigler:  
Trombone; John Hess, Libby Weder: Trumpet; George Demers: Tuba  
Children's Ministry Rebekah Priest, Tess Wolford  
Nursery Lori Lauver  
Greeters Dave & Beth Serfass: Upper Narthex  
Shirley Smith & Charlie Worrall: Lower Narthex  
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine  
Security John Musser  
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## 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 Hebrews 11:1-3. A link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

## “A TASTE OF ITALY”

The Congregational Fellowship Committee invites everyone to our Spring Event, “A Taste of Italy” on Saturday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign your name and what you are bringing on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. It promises to be an evening of good food, fun and fellowship!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our April 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: Prayer for April.

Loving God, we are thankful for Pastor Angela, and for the love she has for our congregation. We appreciate her unique set of gifts and talents that enrich us through every season, especially as we celebrate resurrected life during this time after Easter. Bless her and show us how we can support and encourage her, and help her to sense your presence as she is present with us.

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Chuck, Janet, Barbara, John, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Joe Buohl to finish strong as his Seminary training draws to a close.
- 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 Harrisburg First COB. ANE District Board is praying for us.

### BRETHREN BELIEFS CLASS

Would you like to know more about the Church of the Brethren globally, and Mountville Church of the Brethren specifically? Since 1708, Brethren have had a unique way of engaging with God and neighbor, and a rich history of service to each other, and to the world! Join Pastor Angela for conversation around these topics as well as the history and structure of the Mountville congregation on Saturday, April 18 from 1:00 - 4:00 in Room 101. This is a no pressure opportunity to expand your knowledge, and is also a perfect refresher for long-time members! Please RSVP to Angela so she can prepare enough materials.

### SEEKERS CLASS

Today Larry Booz will lead a discussion about Christian Nationalism. Next Sunday, Erin Clanahan from the Food Hub will talk about food insecurity and how food banks help alleviate the problem.

ARTICLES for the *MAY NEW VISION* are due in the Church office today. Thank you!

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

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

April 18: Brethren Beliefs Class, 1:00 p.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.

Dear Church Family, thank you so much for being a support to my husband and myself, with prayers, cards, visits and phone calls. We moved 16 times within our 70 years of marriage. We had 11 different church families. There is nothing like when Jesus is the head of your family. He gives us the strength when we are weak. Thank you for your love and kind thoughts. I will always love you. – Fay

With deep gratitude for our church family and Pastor Angela. I’m writing with a heart overflowing with gratitude for the love, kindness, and support you have shown. Your prayers, encouragement and acts of service has been a true reflection of Christ’s compassion. In moments of joy, you have celebrated with me; in times of challenge, you have stood beside me with unwavering faith. Your generosity – whether through a warm smile, a helping hand or a thoughtful word – has been a constant reminder that we are truly the body of Christ, working together in love. I thank God for each of you and for the way you live out his word in such tangible, beautiful ways, may He bless you abundantly for the countless ways you have blessed me and others. Pastor Angela was by my side before Brenda’s transition into heaven with Bible scriptures, prayer and anointing. With heart felt appreciation and love, Mark & Family

An enormous “Thank You” to every one of you who have become so important to me during this difficult time. Hearing a stage 4 cancer diagnosis really threw me for a loop and chemotherapy was almost more than I could bear. Without the prayers and love and support of all of my “church family” I ‘m not sure how my “other family” would have been enough to get me to this point. There is still a long road to travel and lots of questions and decisions to be made, but with the power of God and all of you, I feel so hopeful for a good outcome. God Bless All of You! With love and prayers, Janet

**The Annual  
ANE District Older Adult Luncheon**

May 6, 2026 12:00 Noon  
Yoder's Restaurant & Banquet Hall  
New Holland, PA

The cost of \$27 includes a meal, a concert by the Ridgeway Brass quintet, and the opportunity to fellowship with older adults from across the district (as well as special guest Don Fitzkee, this year's Annual Conference Moderator)! No tips or taxes are needed from you!!

**What's on the Menu?** Your choice of entrée (broasted chicken, ham balls, vegetarian lasagna, or gluten-free chicken platter), gourmet au gratin potatoes, green & yellow beans with carrots, tossed salad, dinner rolls, hot & cold beverages, and Yoder's famous vanilla or chocolate ice cream.

**Special Diet Note:** Arrange special diet requests other than vegetarian or gluten-free with Marcia, the Banquet Director at Yoder's, after you are officially registered. Call Marcia at (717) 354-2565 and tell her you are registered for the May 6 ANE Older Adult Luncheon and are requesting a restricted diet meal!

**Deadline to Register is April 26. Register** online at <https://tinyurl.com/88exesdk>, call the ANE Office at (717) 367-4730, or contact Gail Druck.