

Mountville Church of the Brethren



April 19, 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.*

April 19, 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 *Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale* Young

GATHER

***CALL TO WORSHIP[^]**

Safe in our cozy cocoons we wondered...

does anything really need to change?

While the world rushed on around us, we wondered...

what if I'm just not ready for whatever comes next?

When we fold our true selves down in order to fit inside the old
container, we wonder...

am I truly honoring myself by staying in this shape?

When our worldviews are painfully challenged by new information, we
wonder...

could this discomfort indicate an opportunity for growth?

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

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

*HYMN *Great is Thy faithfulness* 327

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3 NT 225

CHORAL ANTHEM *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. Schrader
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *Blessed Assurance* 332

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Classic Trio* Young

*DOXOLOGY Overhead

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^}

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Coming Out: Leaving Comfortable Places*
Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Take my life* 389

GO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Marche Religieuse*

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

^{^^}Dillon, Robin, D. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022).
Pg. 186. Adapted.

^{^^^}Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters*.
https://ministrymatters.com/2022-02-25_worship_connection_proper_14_c/. Adapted.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for April 12, 2026

Received for: General Fund\$ 6,645.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Food Bank.....205.00
Seasonal Flowers.....301.00
Misc. Designated: Outreach.....20.00

Worship in Person: 84 Online: 56 Sunday School: 23

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom
Wed: 11:45 a.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share lunch @ Olive Garden
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs
– Fellowship Hall Reserved; set-up for Friday
Fri: 2:00 p.m. – Barbara Swords: Visitation
3:00 p.m. – Barbara Swords Funeral Service
Sat: 6:00 p.m. – Parent’s Night Out, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Rm. 100

Next Sunday, April 26, 2026

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

- Adult Sunday School meets in Room 102. we will continue our Peace and Justice series with Dave Fuchs leading a discussion about Income Inequality in the US.
- 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 “Open: Into the Light” from Luke 24:28-49. Forrest Collier 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	Walt VanderHeijden
Acolyte	Beckett Astacio
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Choral Anthem	Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry	Kathy Long, Connie Renn
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Joel & Dawn Musser
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Carl Harnish

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I just received a packet of wonderful Easter messages and a beautiful crocheted cross bookmark and send you all many good wishes and thanks. They all arrived today, the same day I found out I had bronchitis and pneumonia. I am so grateful for your messages of hope and encouragement. May God’s peace and blessings continue to surround each of you. - Linda

Thank you so much for the beautiful Easter cards. It was a special way to share our holiday with our church family. – John & 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 Luke 24:28-49. A 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 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:

- Sympathies and prayers to the Barbara Swords family on the death of Barbara on April 9, 2026.
- Sympathies and prayers to the family of Jane and Jay on the death of Jay on April 15, 2026.
- Chuck, Janet, 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 Cornerstone Christian. Ebenezer is praying for us.

SEEKERS CLASS

Today Erin Clanahan from the Food Hub will talk about food insecurity and how food banks help alleviate the problem.

ALL INVITED TO THE JAZZ MINISTERS BIG BAND CONCERT

The Jazz Ministers Big Band will present a concert in the sanctuary at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. The band is made up of 18 musicians who find a common spiritual mission in sharing the gift of music through the Christian worship or concert experience. JMBB members are all active performers in a variety of musical idioms and many hold degrees in music. Two members of our choir, Jim Zeigler and John Hess, play in the group. The JMBB draws on a variety of musical selections that are frequently based upon standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites. A freewill offering will be taken.

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

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

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

May 7: National Day of Prayer

May 9: Men's & Women's Breakfasts @ Mountville Diner, 9:00 a.m.

The Annual ANE District Older Adult Luncheon is May 6, 2026, 12:00 noon at Yoder's Restaurant & Banquet Hall, New Holland, PA. The cost of \$27 includes a meal, a concert by the Ridgeway Brass quintet. No tips or taxes are needed from you. 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. 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.

CLEAN UP BUCKETS CONTRIBUTIONS

The Outreach Team is focused this month on helping Church World Service assemble Clean Up buckets. In the past, MCOB has assembled those buckets locally. At CWS's request we are only sending monetary contributions because they can buy items in large quantities, and have more flexibility in assembling them on site to serve our neighbors far and wide. We ask for your prayerful consideration of making a financial donation to support this effort.

In the Narthex display case, we list the items included in a bucket and an approximate cost. Your contributions, clearly noted, can be placed in the offering plate each week, or can be mailed to the church office, designated for CWS Cleanup Buckets. Thank you in advance for caring for our neighbors in crises.