

# Mountville Church of the Brethren



**April 26, 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 26, 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 *Was Gott tut, das ist Wohlgetain* Walther

## GATHER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>^</sup>

On the long road of our faith journey, we wonder...

**what lies ahead along the path?**

Through all our in-between stages of transformation, we wonder...

**where am I going, and where am I growing?**

As we search for direction in life, we wonder...

**how can I trust when everything is so uncertain?**

Moving into new paradigms and perspectives, 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 *Open my eyes, that I may see* 517

\*INVOCATION<sup>^^</sup>

## RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:28-49 NT 90

CHORAL ANTHEM *Our Songs Shall Rise To Thee* Wagner  
*Children ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to worship downstairs*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## RECOMMIT

HYMN *Be Thou my vision* 545

INVITATION TO GIVE<sup>^^^</sup>

OFFERTORY *Aria* Solomons

\*DOXOLOGY Overhead

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING<sup>^^^^</sup>

## PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Open: into the light* Rev. Angela Finet

\*HYMN *Amazing Grace* 143

## GO

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prologue* arr. Gower

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<sup>^</sup>McFee, Marcia. *Emerge*. Worship Design Studio, 2023.

<sup>^^</sup>Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg 47. Adapted.

<sup>^^^</sup>Finet, Angela.

<sup>^^^^</sup>Scifres, Mary J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2022). Pg 190.

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

STATISTICS for April 19, 2026

Received for: General Fund .....\$ 3,372.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Food Bank.....55.00  
Kits.....40.00  
Kathy VanderHeijden Justice Fund.....100.00  
Memorial Fund.....200.00

Worship in Person: 80 Online: 41 Sunday School: 29

**THIS WEEK**

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary  
2:30 p.m. – The Jazz Minister’s Concert, Sanctuary  
Tues: NO Scripture Chat  
Wed: 11:45 a.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share lunch @ Olive Garden  
NO Chancel Choir  
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

**Next Sunday, May 3, 2026**

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

- Adult Sunday School meets in Room 102. We continue our Peace and Justice series with a speaker from Indivisible Lancaster County.
- 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 “Unwrap: Waking Up” from John 11:1-44. Patrick Snyder 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	Forrest Collier
Acolyte	
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Choral Anthem	Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry	Working Worship, Joyce Kerns
Nursery	Regina Schulz
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Sara Wagner, Mark Yoh
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser

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Molly gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory of God and “in honor of my daughter, Lori, on her 57<sup>th</sup> birthday today and also in loving memory of Lori’s father, Ted, who died April 27, 2013. (I do have a question. How can Lori be older than I am?!)”

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.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will not meet Tuesday, April 28, 2026. This week’s scripture is John 11:1-44.

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela will be out of the office and away from all ministerial duties April 27 – April 29. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer needs.

## 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 Swords family on the death of Barbara on April 9, 2026.
- Sympathies and prayers to the Fitze family 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 Ridgeway Community COB. Puerta Del Cielo, Reading, is praying for us.

### 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 **TODAY** at 2:30 p.m. 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 26: Jazz Minister's Concert, 2:30 p.m.

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

May 24: Pentecost & Graduation Recognition

May 31: Hymn sing at Bucher Meeting House, 3:00 p.m.

June 7: All Church Talent Show & Covered Dish, watch for details.

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 TODAY.** 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.