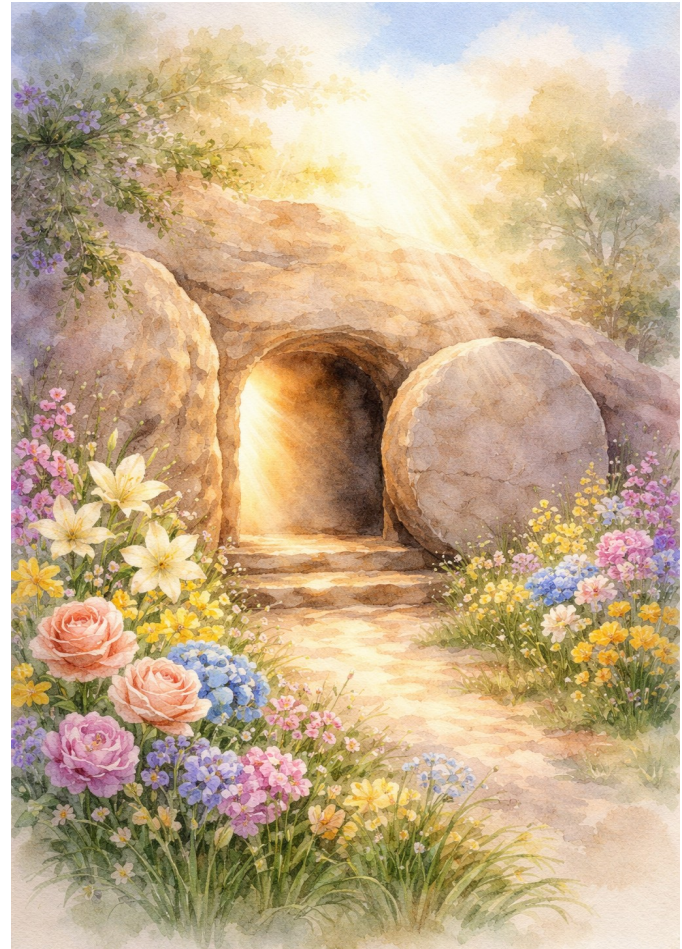


Mountville Church of the Brethren



April 5, 2026

Worship 10:15 a.m.

60 Clay St., Mountville, PA 17554
717-285-5122

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email: office@MountvilleCOB.org

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 5, 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 *He Lives* arr. Landon

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women went to the tomb.

On this first day of the week, a little past early dawn, we have come to worship.

The women took the spices they had prepared.

We bring ourselves, prepared, like the women, to find what we expect.

But what if we find the unexpected? The unimaginable? The unbelievable?

What if we find the stone rolled away? The tomb empty? The dazzling presence?

What if we find life where we expect death? Good news where we expect grief?

Are we prepared for that? Are we prepared for Easter?

Let us worship this morning in holy expectation.

*HYMN *Christ the Lord is risen today* 280

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12 NT 90

CHORAL ANTHEMS *Alleluia, He Lives* Raney
Easter Hymn of Praise[#] McDonald
[#]*Congregation may sing as directed* Insert

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *Proclaim the tidings near and far* 282

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *All Glory Laud and Honor and Christ Arose*
arr. Hustad

*DOXOLOGY Overhead

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Songs of Loudest Praise* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Thine is the glory* 269

*PARTING ANTHEM *Hallelujah Chorus*[#] Handel
[#]*Those wishing to sing along may join the choir
on the chancel during the last hymn.*

GO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Westminster Fanfare* arr. Callahan

[^]Harader, Joanna. *Prone to Wander*. (Herald Press: Harrisonburg, VA, 2025). Pg. 187.

^{^^}Boyd, Mary Petrina. *The Abindgon Worship Annual 2025*. (Abindgon Press: Nashville, TN, 2024). Pg. 104.

^{^^^}Beu, B.J. *The Abindgon Worship Annual 2018*. (Abindgon Press: Nashville, TN, 2017). Pg. 86.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for March 29, 2026

Received for: General Fund	\$ 8,615.00
Room Use.....	150.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Food Bank.....	70.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts.....	50.00
Misc. Designated: Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.....	20.00

Worship in Person: 100 Online: 59 Sunday School: 24

THIS WEEK

- Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
- Mon: Church Office closed.
- Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom
- Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
NO Chancel Choir
- Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

Next Sunday, April 12, 2026

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

- Adult Sunday School meets in Room 102. We will continue the sessions from A.J. Levine's study of the Gospel of John that we missed due to snow.
- 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 “Tombs and Cocoons: Trusting the Dark” from Luke 1:26-38 and John 20:1-18. Larry Booz is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir Sings.

Nursery is available in room 122.

Children’s Worship: Family Worship

All children will worship in the sanctuary today.

In God’s Service Today

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Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Pianist	Leigh-Ann Powers
Worship Leader	Joel Musser
Acolyte	
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Harry Light, John Musser
Choral Anthem	Chancel Choir
Musicians:	Becky Wagner – Baritone; Aaron Booz, Chuck Few – Euphonium; Jim Zeigler – Trombone; Evan Gregory, John Hess, Bruce Wagner, Libby Weder – Trumpet; Bruce Smith – Tuba
Children’s Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Connie Renn, Walt VanderHeijden
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

Happy Spring and Easter wishes to all our beloved friends at Mountville Church of the Brethren. You all mean so much to us. Bunny hugs, Lynn and Molly

Thank you for the Easter card bag with all the good wishes and reminders of Spring. We have read all of them several times. We also appreciated the visit by the Drucks who delivered the bag.
– Norman & Marion

“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!

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 Lititz COB. Elizabethtown COB 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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Office is closed Easter Monday, April 6. Pastor Angela is available for any pastoral needs.

Pastor Angela is taking her Easter holiday on Thursday, April 9.

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.

EMERGE WORSHIP SERIES

Today, we will shout Alleluia and sing *Songs of Loudest Praise*. We will bear witness to rebirth, and claim our inheritance as Resurrection People! But, then what??? What do we do with the rest of the month? Next Sunday, we will begin a new worship series called ***Emerge***, featuring imagery of butterflies - a long-standing symbol of resurrection. We will begin with the caterpillar and chrysalis — the beginning of the journey of transformation — and affirm that darkness *can be good* for birthing new things. Each week, various stories of faith will help us see how God’s people have always been dealing with transformation and issues of fear, trust, and letting go. May this series provide the assurance that we are never alone in this journey. All are welcome!

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 gather by Zoom and in room 102 each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Scripture Chat. This week’s scriptures are Luke 1:26-38 and John 20:1-18. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

TAKE HOME THE WORSHIP FLOWERS

Take home the worship flowers after the service today. There is a basket up front for you to leave a donation. Suggested amount: Tulips, Daffodils, and Pansy bowls are \$8 each; Mini Daffodils and Primrose are \$5.00 each. We can receive checks or cash. Do not put your donations in the offering plates. Direct any questions to Sara Wagner or Cindy Heisey.

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.

Easter Hymn of Praise (Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken)* Arranged by Mary McDonald Congregation Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Please sing when directed



Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es— raise!
Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our— God;



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of— praise.
He, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for His own a - bode.



He, who on— the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
On the Rock— of Ag - es found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is— ris - en— from the— dead.
With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile— at— all thy— foes.

Please sing when directed



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Soar we now where Christ hath— led.
'Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed— Head.
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is— near!



Christ, the Lamb,— for sin - ners giv - en, ris - es to His throne a - bove.
Thus, de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, reigns e - ter - nal— as His— love.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God— gives— them— on their— way.



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*Optional title for general worship; general lyrics appear in italics.

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