



The New Vision

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Hebrews 11:1, KJV

Sunday Worship Service is in house and live streamed Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MountvilleCOB>

Nursery care is available for younger children and Children's Worship for age 4 through 6th grade.

Our Staff:

- Angela Finet – Pastor
- John Hess – Director of Music
- Gloria Hess – Organist
- Jackie Sands – Office Administrator
- Mary Rudy – Custodian

Mountville Church of the Brethren is located at the corner of College, Hoover, & Clay Streets in Mountville, PA. If you have further questions regarding the Mountville Church, please feel free to call the church office at 717-285-5122 or 717-285-7424 or email : Office@Mountvillecob.org

Love Notes from Pastor Angela

From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. ~ Isaiah 48:6

This blessing was written by one of my favorite authors^ and speaks to our Worship Theme leading us to Pentecost: *Emerge!* May you be blessed. **

God, I'm haunted by the shadows of the old me. The one who's tried every promised elixir, every five-step plan, every guru's solution to what ails me. But nothing seems to stick.

I'm the same me, with the same problems, and the same quiet hopes.

Is it my lack of discipline? Or am I just a lost cause? What new beginnings are possible?

Blessed are we, the incomplete, standing at the edge of what could be, in this perpetual season of waiting and looking and longing for the fulfillment of hope.

Blessed are we, the restless, grieving what's over, but isn't done – what is gone, but isn't finished.

Blessed are we, in our midnight struggle with past and future, while the present has already arrived outside our door like flat-packed furniture with missing parts.

God, what can we do with what we have now? And who are we? And who might we become?

Blessed are we in the place where desire and will are beginning a conversation about what this day, this moment is for, and for whose glory.

Blessed are we who suddenly find that while we weren't looking, the Lord appeared saying, "Peace, be still."

This is the clearing where the light shines through, where the new can begin.

Never doubt it. God is writing you into the story of the world's healing. And your own.

Love,

Pastor Angela



^Kate Bowler, from her book *The Lives We Actually Have*. Convergent Books, 2023

Bits 'n Pieces

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 heling 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, The Yoh 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 chem therapy 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



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

Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received two weeks ago. They are still full of color and make my living room a reminder of Spring, soon coming, I hope. Thank you to a friend, I really needed that. God bless, Anne

Dear Church Family, Thank you for all your prayers, calls, cards and many expressions of love during my recent surgery. Believe me, I truly felt and continue to feel all the prayers and love.

Love, Deb

Thank you so much for the beautiful Easter cards. It was a special way to share our holiday with our church family. - John and Louise

I received this beautiful bouquet of flowers from " A friend at Mountville Church of the Brethren" on Tuesday, March 10. It just made my day, and I thank you for it! My health has improved and I am so thankful to God. - Louise

This is surely a special message of thank you to a very caring friend who sent Lynn and me a very nice surprise last week. Lynn and I both received a spring bouquet of lovely spring flowers. How nice to be thought of in such a loving way. We wish we could thank you personally, but we are not sure who sent the flowers. Thank you hugs for your kindness and God bless. – Lynn & Molly



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ADULT Sunday School

We will continue our focus on Peace and Social Justice issues in May, with some outside speakers in the mix. May 3 will feature a speaker from Indivisible Lancaster County. The Adult Sunday School season will end on May 17. Thanks for joining us this year. Please submit ideas for next year to a member of the Adult Sunday School committee: Forrest Collier, Larry Booz, Dave Fuchs, Bill Kepner or Walt Vanderhejden.

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Thank you for making a gift of \$2,479.03 to World Central Kitchen in support of our work around the globe. - Javier Garcia, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your generous Christmas Eve offering of \$2,479.03 toward our Day Center expenses and thank you for standing with us and reflection Christ's love in such practical, meaningful ways. We pray the Lord blesses you with the same warmth, provision, and encouragement you help extend to others each day. Thank you for making a difference in our city!
Anchor House, Patty Eastep, Executive Director

Once again it is March Madness at The Columbia Food Bank. Food donations coming in . . . food donations going out to help those in need. In addition to regular food orders we distributed Easter Dinner bags with the choice of a ham or turkey to make the holiday meal complete. Thank you for your donation of \$345 plus 146 lbs. of food. Danielle J. Peters, Director

Thank you for the 321 pounds of food contributed to the pantry in March WOW !
- Diane Gerlach, The Hempfield Area Food Pantry

May Sermon Topics:



EMERGE



- May 3 Unwrap: Waking Up - John 11:1-44
May 10 Unfold: Claiming New Possibilities - Matthew 16:13-20
May 17 Guest Preacher Jan King. Let Go: Leaving behind what we don't need
- Exodus 16
May 24 **Pentecost!** Journey: The places we will go - Acts 2:1-4, 10:34-36

IMAGINE!

- May 31 Radical Discipleship - Luke 9:23-27, 14:25-33 (Symbol: Cross)

Our New Hallway Exhibit

A few years ago, our congregation gathered in small groups for several months to read the Gospels to discern what Jesus said, what Jesus did, and where Jesus was calling us to follow. From those conversations, we looked at what we were currently doing, and where we needed to go. What emerged was a set of Core Values to help us focus on what was ours to do.

This work inspired Charlie Worrall, so he, Bob Keller and Harold Ulmer began to think about how our upper hallway could be enhanced to give visitors and our church family a chance to see, visually, the many ways that the church reaches out to our community and beyond.

At first, we developed a 3-panel portable exhibit which we display when we host a special event which would draw visitors – the Library Book sale and special concerts for example. That project was endorsed by the church’s outreach team. With that success, we began to explore the creation of a feature wall in the narthex with pictures that demonstrate our Core Values, and plaques that name the Core Values.

Working with interior designer, Kristen Stemmer, and adding Barry Lauver to the group, a long-range plan began to emerge for the upper hallway with the visual display being the first phase. This long-range plan has been approved by the church’s leadership team. The visual display came in \$400 under budget.

The wood in the frames is “sapele” (in the mahogany family) which comes from non-endangered forests of southern Africa and was supplied by Groff and Groff hardwoods, Quarryville, PA. It was chosen to match woodwork in the sanctuary. Photographs are held in place by Velcro fasteners and can be updated easily.

The finished hallway visual project was made possible by the assistance of many people including:

Charlie Worrall, Bob Keller, Barry Lauver, and Harold Ulmer - Brainstorming and hallway paper mockups

Kristen Stemmer – Hallway interior design ideas

Harold Ulmer, with shop time donated by Brunner and Associates, pipe organ builders, Silver Spring, PA - Frame design, construction, and finishing

Barry Lauver - Wall painting and frame hanging

Pastor Angela Finet, Don Dale, Beth Serfass, Cindy Heisey, Harold Ulmer, Sarah Wagner, and Jackie Sands – Photocopying dozens of images and selecting final photographs for inclusion. A special thanks to all whose images were captured on film

Photographs by Cindy Heisey, Harold Ulmer and Tim Wrightson. Photographic prints were supplied by Perfect Image photofinishng, Lancaster PA.

A special thanks to all who participated. Stay tuned!



MAY SERVERS

Worship Leaders

- 3 - Patrick Snyder
- 10 - Phyllis Kepner
- 17 - Cathy Funderwhite
- 24 - Holly Mele
- 31 - Tim Wrightson

Ushers

- Dave Fuchs
- Barry Lauver
- Joel Musser
- Daryl Strine

Children's Worship

- 3 - Rebekah Priest, Connie Renn
- 10 - Joyce Kerns, Sue Beiler
- 17 - Kathy Long, Joy Meley
- 24 - Working Worship
- 31 - Family Worship

Greeters

- 3 - Lynn Landis, Molly Mitchell
- 10 - Charlie Worrall, Lois Silver: Upper Narthex
- Jacqueline Hart, Brandon Astacio: Lower Narthex
- 17 - Glenn & Ruthie Bushong
- 24 - Beth Hess, Shannon Woolman
- 31 - Sue Miller, Shirley Smith

Nursery

- 3 - Joan Boshnaugle
- 10 - Betsy Thomas
- 17 - Regina Schulz
- 24 - Joan Boshnaugle
- 31 - Lori Lauver

Mountville COB March 2026 Tithes & Offerings



For General Fund	\$ 31,207.91
Designated	\$ 3,915.00

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



LOOKING AHEAD

April 26 - The Jazz Ministers Concert, 2:30 p.m.

May 7 - National Day of Prayer

May 20 - Chair Yoga, 11:30 a.m.

May 24 - Graduate Recognition, 10:15 a.m.

June 7 - Talent Show & Covered Dish, 11:30 a.m.

June 11 - All Church Mini Golfing @ Boulders

Deadline for the June 2026 New Vision articles is Sunday, May 10, 2026.



*"Your young . . . shall see Visions -
your old . . . shall dream Dreams."
- Acts 2:17-21*

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