

Mountville Church of the Brethren



July 5, 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 between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.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.*

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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 *The Prayer* arr. Holstein

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love.

God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.

Calling all pilgrims of the spirit, carried by the winds of hope,

God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.

Calling all who want to translate compassion into peace.

God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.

Come to worship and be renewed.

We have come to worship the creator of all.

*HYMN *Lift high the cross* 321

*INVOCATION

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 7:15-25a NT 157

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus Loves Me* Arr. Bock

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *For this land in all its wonder* Overhead
To the tune of #366 God of Grace and God of Glory.

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Martin

*DOXOLOGY 119B

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Perspectives from the back porch* Warren Esbach

*HYMN *Beyond a Dying Sun* 323

GO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Dove of Peace* Martin

^ Rev. Erika Marksbury and Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer, 2026 *Illustrated Ministry*

^^ Michele Torigian/ UCC resources 7/2/23

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for June 28, 2026

Received for: General Fund	\$ 4,280.00
Room Use	100.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Kits	340.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	50.00
Food Bank	33.00
Misc. Designated	15.00

Worship in Person: 57 Online: 44

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
Mon: 2:00 p.m. – Book Study, Rm. 106
Tues: Set-up for Wednesday Funeral Service
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & Zoom
Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Robert Ritter Funeral Service
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment, Rm. 106
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Men’s & Women’s Breakfasts

Next Sunday, July 5, 2026

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares from Romans 8:1-11. Larry Booz is the worship leader and special music is provided.

Nursery is available in room 122.

Children’s Worship: Family Worship

All children will worship in the sanctuary today.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Jackie is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and on Fridays 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Mondays the church office is closed but you may call Pastor Angela on her cell phone if a need should arise. Thank you.

Pastor Angela will be at Annual Conference from June 27-July 5, with limited access to email and phone. Please send prayer concerns to Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine during this time.

In God’s Service Today

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Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Speaker	Warren Eshbach
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Guest Organist	Leigh-Ann Powers
Worship Leader	Lois Silver
Special Music	Leigh-Ann Powers
Ushers	Wendy Allshouse, Cindy Heisey, Bob Keller, Barry Lauver
Children’s Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Larry & Janice Booz
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light
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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 Romans 8:1-11. A link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

WELCOME WARREN ESHBACH TO OUR SERVICE

Warren Eshbach is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, and McCormick Theological Seminary. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at Bethany Theological Seminary, and Lutheran Theological Seminary, and was the Director of the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center. Warren has pastored congregations in Maryland and Pennsylvania and was the District Executive Minister in the Southern Pa. District. He and his spouse, Theresa, currently live at Messiah Lifeways and are members of Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren.

Prayer Ministry Update

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Prayer for July

Ever faithful God: You bless me with such amazing grace. Every day of my life your awesome gifts feed, sustain, and inspire me. Fill me with a humble heart and a spirit of discipleship as I recognize that all of my talents and resources also are gifts from you. I am grateful for the love and care Pastor Angela provides for me and for all my sisters and brothers in my church family. Inspire me to speak and act in ways that glorify you and uplift others, especially those most in need of bread, shelter, and peace. Thank you, God, for loving me forever. Amen. - Pastor Relations Committee

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Janet, John, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Joe Buohl as he begins Clinical Pastoral Education at York Wellspan in August.
- Please pray for peace in Lebanon, Gaza, Iran, Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Parker Ford COB . Philadelphia First is praying for us.

BAND CONCERT ON THE LAWN

On Sunday, July 12, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., we will host our second annual lawn concert featuring the Twin Rose Community Band (with a familiar face playing flute in the front row!) Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs for a family-fun outing. Musical selections span several generations and genres, and there is sure to be something that will get your toes tapping! There will be a freewill offering to support the band's expenses. In case of inclement weather, the concert will move indoors - so put this on your calendar, in pen, today!

ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S CAMP, AUGUST 14-15, Camp Swatara

This year's speaker is Marie Monville. Her theme is "Our Comeback Stories" based on the book of Ruth. Come for Bible study, activities like crafts, games, hiking, fellowship and good food! You can register for Friday and Saturday or just Friday evening or all day Saturday. Whatever fits your schedule. Register at ANE-cob.org. Registration will close July 31.

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

July 6: Book Study with Joe Buohl, 2:00 p.m.

July 11: Men's & Women's Breakfasts @ Mountville Family Restaurant, 9:00 a.m.

July 12: Twin Rose Band concert, 7:00 p.m.

July 30: Movie Night: "Sully", Rm. 102

LAY VISITORS WANTED - TRAINING PROVIDED

Beginning in August our new Lay Visitation Team members will "bring church" to our beloveds unable to attend in person. Pastor Angela will train anyone interested in joining our new Lay Visitation Team. Please consider attending ONE of the two-hour sessions being offered, either Wednesday evening July 22nd 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Thursday afternoon July 23rd 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Contact Larry Booz with any questions or to add your name to one of the session rosters.

LOSS SUPPORT GROUP DATE CHANGE

Please make note that Loss Support Group has changed this week's meeting to next **Wednesday, July 15** at 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Bank receives our July Food Cart items. These items 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.