

Mountville Church of the Brethren



August 16, 2026

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.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*In joyful community, we follow Jesus to
embody God's love with all our neighbors.*

August 16, 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 *Air in F* Handel

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God created a beloved community through the giving of the law.

**The people expanded the law, but not in ways that were always
life-giving.**

When words become law, yet fail to feed and heal, the Word-made-flesh acts.

**May God's word and The Word free us for acts of justice and
mercy.**

*HYMN *I heard the voice of Jesus say* 493

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 2:23-28 NT 36

SPECIAL MUSIC *I then shall live* Larson
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *Take time to be holy* Overhead

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Andante* Teleman

*DOXOLOGY 119 vs. 2

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Law or Life?* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *For the healing of the nations* 367

GO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Marche* Clarke

^Garnass-Holmes, Steve. *Unfolding Light*.

<https://unfoldinglight.net/2023/08/01/ot-9-2/> Adapted.

^^Holznagel, Hans. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*. (Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 2017). Pg. 136. Adapted.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

Received for: General Fund \$ 4,897.00

Food Bank	70.00
Kits.	110.00
Ott Music Fund	25.00
Sanctuary Improvement Fund	10.00

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary: Blessing of the Students
Pizza & Ice Cream Sundaes, Fellowship Hall

Tues: 9:00 a.m. – Behavioral Health Care, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & Zoom
7:00 p.m. – Stewards Ministry Team, Rm. 106

Wed: 10:00 a.m. – Loss Support Group, Hospitality Room
11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, Rm. 100
1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106

Thurs: 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team, Rm. 101

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.

Aug. 20 - No Movie
Aug 27 - Into the Woods
Sept 3 - Star Trek 5: The Final Frontier
Sept. 10 - Beauty and the Beast

Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Committee: Prayer for August

Dear God of renewal, we are grateful that Pastor Angela had the opportunity to attend Annual Conference this past summer, visit with clergy, renew friendships, and work with church members who, wonderfully, are also friends. We pray that this summer has refreshed her for the work in the coming year. We ask that you continue to immerse her in the richness of your spirit as she seeks to shepherd our spiritual family at Mountville COB. Amen.

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.
- Please pray for peace in Lebanon, Gaza, Iran, Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Drexel Hill. Lampeter COB is praying for us.

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 Nehemiah 2:11-20 and Ephesians 2:14-22. A link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

KIDS KITS

During the month of August, we will be focusing on Kid's Kits and in the narthex, you will see a display about how and where our financial gifts make a difference. Please mark envelopes with your donations: Kids Kits. CWS will determine the best use of those funds, and assemble needed kits on site to meet the demands of our neighbors locally and around the world. Thank you in advance. Questions: See Dianna Zimmerman or another member of the Outreach Ministry Team.

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

Aug. 16: Blessing of the Students; Pizza and Ice Cream Sundaes

Aug. 19: Chair Yoga, 11:30 a.m., Rm. 100

Aug. 27: Movie Night: "Into the Woods", 6:30 p.m., Rm. 100

Sept. 6: Annual Conference Report, 9:00 a.m., Rm. 102

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Food Bank receives our August 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.

BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS, PIZZA & SUNDAE PARTY

Our Sunday service August 16th will feature our annual "Blessing of the Students" tradition including pizza, ice cream, and other tasty treats following worship. Our 10:15 a.m. worship that day will include a special blessing for students of all ages along with recognition of teachers and other school staff. And then immediately following the service all families, friends, and guests are invited to enjoy a delicious pizza lunch in Fellowship Hall. You will be sure to find your favorite pizza toppings, salad, beverages, fresh cut fruit, and desserts including a sundae bar! The food and fellowship will be provided, so just please bring your appetite.

COBYS ANNUAL BIKE & HIKE FUNDRAISING EVENT

The 30th annual Bike & Hike, hosted by COBYS Family Services, will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 13, at the Lititz COB. This signature fundraiser and fellowship event consists of a three-mile walk through Lititz, a 10- or 25-mile bicycle ride and the Tasty Tour 1.5 mile walk to Lititz with four stops at local eateries to sample tasty treats. All events end back at the church for the Incredible Ice Cream Celebration. Watch for more details.

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.
I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me...Amen

— lyrics by Gloria Gaither to the tune of Finlandia, by Jean Sibelius