

Mountville Church of the Brethren



FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA'S SABBATH

Temporarily, Friday's prayer concerns should be directed to Pastor Angela or the church office. 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.

August 23, 2026

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 23, 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 *Adagio* Nardini

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

God, you invite us to gather for worship.

We long to join your presence, openly and warmly.

You bid our hearts and spirits to come to you.

We open the gates of our hearts.

Come in and meet the Creator.

*HYMN *Here in this Place* 6

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Nehemiah 2:11-20 OT 431

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Can I Keep From Singing* Tomlin
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Adagio* Albinoni

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom* 119 vs. 2

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:14-22 NT 192

MESSAGE *Building Walls, Bridges, and Gates*
Rev. Jim Grossnickle-Batterton

HYMN *Beyond a dying sun* 323

REFLECTIVE PRAYER / FINGER LABYRINTH

*HYMN *God be with you* 430

GO

*CELTIC BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Allegro* Francheschini

^ Grossnickle-Batterton, Jim

^^ Worship Resources UCC, 8/16/2026.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for August 16, 2026

Received for: General Fund	\$ 3,475.50
DESIGNATED FUND	
Kits.	160.00
Sanctuary Improvement Fund	1,010.00
Misc. Designated: PeaceFest.	300.00
Misc. Designated: COBYS Bike & Hike	200.00

Worship in Person: 90 Online: 53

THIS WEEK

Today:	10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
Tues:	9:00 a.m. – Behavioral Health Care, Fellowship Hall
	11:30 a.m. – Pastor Relations Committee, Rm. 106
	7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & Zoom
Wed:	1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
Thurs:	6:30 p.m. – Movie Night, Rm. 100

Next Sunday, August 23, 2026

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.
Next Sunday guest preacher Audrey Hollingberg-Duffy, shares from Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Angela Finet is the worship leader. Cindy Dale and Bill Kepner provide special music.
Nursery is available in room 122.

Children’s Worship:
Children 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.

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.

In God’s Service Today

Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Preacher	Rev. Jim Grossnickle-Batterton
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Lois Silver
Special Music	Sue Kresge
Ushers	Norman Bollinger, Jerry Bushong, Bob Keller, Joel Musser
Children’s Ministry	Working Worship
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Joel & Dawn Musser
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser

WELCOME REV. JIM GROSSNICKLE-BATTERTON

Rev. Jim Grossnickle-Batterton has served the Lititz congregation for the past 9 years. Jim passionately believes our Brethren heritage offers great ways for us to address the issues of our day. He sees our need to lean into both our Anabaptist obedience to Jesus and our Pietist reliance on the Law of Love. Two books he is recommending a lot right now are *A Beautiful Year* by Diana Butler Bass and *Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism* by Brian Kaylor and Beau Underwood. Jim currently serves as Atlantic Northeast District Board Chair, partner of Stephanie, and Daddy to Elias (9) and Reid (3 1/2). He is a classmate of Pastor Angela's from Bethany Theological Seminary, where he earned his MDiv and a certificate in Theopoetics and Theological Imagination.

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 Philadelphia First COB. Parker Ford 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 scripture is Deuteronomy 6:4-9. 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. 27: Movie Night: "Into the Woods", 6:30 p.m., Rm. 100

Sept. 12: Men's & Women's Breakfasts, 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 13: Annual Conference Report, 9:00 a.m., Rm. 102

Sept. 13: COBYS Bike & Hike, 12:30 p.m., Lititz COB

Sept. 19: PeaceFest, Lititz COB, 11:00 a.m.

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.

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.

MOUNTVILLE AT THE MOVIES

Have you ever watched a movie and thought, "This sounds like a parable?" If not, you may find yourself watching movies in an entirely different way after this sermon series. Beginning July 30 through September 10, we will gather on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm and watch a movie together. Then, on future Sundays, you will hear sermons based on Scripture, of course, but also on the theme of the movie. You don't have to have seen the movie to enjoy the sermon. Everyone is welcome!

Movie Dates:

Aug. 27 - Into the Woods

Sept. 3 - Star Trek 5: The Final Frontier

Sept. 10 - Beauty and the Beast

