



The New Vision

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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.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. beginning September 13, 2026.

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

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth;
do you not perceive it?
~~ Isaiah 43:19*

Fall is my favorite time of year! I've always looked forward to back-to-school clothes shopping. It made getting up early for school more enjoyable, knowing there was something new-to-me to wear. I looked forward to new classes, new teachers, and new experiences. And I especially anticipated meeting new students! It's fair to say that I was much more excited about *September* than I've **ever** been about *January*!

As September rolls around again, what new thing are you excited about? What is something you've considered trying, but just never quite followed through? Perhaps now is the season!

In one of my sermons last month, I suggested spending part of your daily prayer time simply breathing, and letting your breath carry your prayers to God. Might that be your "something new?"

Have you seen an announcement in the bulletin – for choir, Scripture Chat, Chair Yoga, the men's and women's breakfasts, Stitch, Sew & Share, the Grief Support Group, or some other committee – and thought, "I should give that a try?" Today is the perfect day to take that leap of faith!

Maybe this is the time to make a new friend! Is there someone that you've seen each week, but haven't gotten to know? Why not make a lunch date after church? Or, do you have a friend that could really use the support and encouragement of a family of faith? There's no better time than now to extend an invitation.

God's mercies are new each morning...and each day God is doing a new thing. This is the season to see what God is up to...and to join in!

In anticipation,

Pastor Angela



Bits 'n Pieces



Janice and Harold are grateful for the prayers, communications and various offers of assistance and comfort during Janice's recent accidental fall, emergency room visits and hospital stays. They are truly humbled by the generosity of this church family and have felt God's presence in their lives during this trying time.

It is with a heart full of gratitude, that I thank Pastor Angela for allowing me, only in attendance at this church for a year, the opportunity to hold a funeral service in the Sanctuary this past Wednesday, for my father, himself not even a member. I want to thank all my church family who were in attendance that day, and all who supported me during the past two and a half months. A special thank you to my brothers and sisters in the kitchen, Gail and Tom, Janet, Shirley, Dianna, Sara, and Jerry, who turned the simple fare into an elegant gathering. I am so grateful that I had here, this place, to invite my family and my friends to. There is nothing quite like Brethren hospitality. Yours truly, Claudia

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughts, food, cards, calls and planted flowers, over the past months and years. They were much appreciated. - Jane Darlene, Janelle and Family

Thank you all for so many prayers, thoughts and cards honoring Tom and comforting our family. MCOB will always be a part of our lives. Peace and Love, Margie and Family

I'd like to thank you all for your prayers, your cards, your texts, your messages, and the flowers! What a blessing to have such a caring church family! Your prayers carried me through my successful surgery and continue to lift me through my recovery. I am grateful and blessed! - Wendy

Daniel Peters, Director of The Columbia Food Bank, thanks us for our donation of \$163.

Rick Santos, President and CEO of Church World Service, thanks us for our gift of \$960 for CWS Kits.

ADULT Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will resume on September 13 with a report on Annual Conference from our delegate Walt Vanderheidjen and Pastor Angela. Beginning September 20 we will embark on a five-week DVD series with Duke University professor William Willomon called "Fear of the Other." Willomon will look at why we fear people unlike ourselves, and then examine the Biblical command to minister to them. Join us Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in room 102 for some lively discussion.

Sanctuary Renovation Capital Campaign Starting this Fall

On June 14th, as the result of a congregational meeting to review the proposed sanctuary renovations, our MCOB congregation enthusiastically approved the \$375,000 accessibility project. This project hopefully will begin in January 2027 and finish around Easter. To ensure that project timeline is met, we need to raise capital dollars to move the project forward and begin construction. To raise the necessary funding, we will be launching a Capital Campaign at the end of September through October 31st. Members of our Campaign Committee will be reaching out to you for your pledges in support of this vital project for needed accessibility and enhanced functionality. Please prayerfully consider your pledge in support of MCOB's future needs. Our Campaign Committee will keep you updated on our progress. Any questions reach out to Bill Kepner.

COBYS Annual Bike & Hike Fundraiser

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.

Choose your event, arrive on time and let the fun begin, all the way through to the ice cream celebration. Registration and the starts of the rides and walks will take place in the front of the church, along Orange Street.

25-mile Bicycle Riders

12:00 p.m. – Registration/Check-in begin

12:30 p.m. – Ride begins

10-mile Bicycle Riders & 3-mile Walkers

1:00 p.m. – Registration/Check-in

1:30 p.m. – Ride and Walk begin

1 ½-mile Tasty Tour Walkers

Participating stops: Dosie Dough, Slate Cafe, Cafe Arabella, Brazilian Table

12:30 p.m. – Check-in begins 12:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – Tasty Tour Walk begins 1:00 p.m.

Incredible Ice Cream Celebration:

Around 2:45 p.m. – When participants begin to return.



PeaceFest: Forging Peace & Cultivating Justice Together

For several months, the MCOB Peace and Justice committee has been gathering with the Peace and Justice committees from the Elizabethtown, Lancaster, Lititz, and York First Churches of the Brethren to plan an event to promote peace, justice, and nonviolence within our communities. Through this collaboration, we are pleased to invite you to PeaceFest - a family-friendly event designed to bring people together in hope, education, fellowship, and action around a shared vision of a more peaceful world. This event will take place on **Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 11:00 am - 4:00 p.m. at the Lititz Church of the Brethren.**

A highlight of the day will be presentations by **Shane Claiborne**, prominent speaker, activist, best-selling author, and co-founder of **RAWtools** Philly, along with a demonstration by **RAWtools**, an organization dedicated to transforming weapons into symbols of hope. Guided by the vision to “Disarm Hearts, Forge Peace, and Cultivate Justice,” RAWtools is known for literally forging guns into garden tools.

Throughout the day, attendees can enjoy food trucks, music, face painting, the Tree House Playground, and a variety of hands-on activities for all ages while engaging in meaningful conversations about peacebuilding, community care, understanding, and well-being.

Participants are also encouraged to bring donations for the **Lititz Warwick Community Chest Food Bank**, helping extend the spirit of peace and care to neighbors in need.

Schedule of Events

11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Raw Tools	<i>Blacksmithing Demonstrations, turning guns into life-giving things</i>
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Nathan Hosler	<i>Church of the Brethren’s Office of Peacebuilding and Policy in Washington DC.</i>
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Jesse Eisenbise	<i>Music</i>
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Shane Claiborne	<i>Shane’s Story from the Irresistible Revolution</i>
12:30 pm – 12:55 pm	Jesse Eisenbise	<i>Music</i>
12:55 pm – 1:15 pm	Marie Benner-Rhoades	<i>On Earth Peace - active nonviolence to respond to conflict, injustice, violence, militarism, and war.</i>
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Shane Claiborne	<i>Peacemaking - Keynote Address</i>
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Tim & Kim Craven	<i>Music</i>
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Shane Claiborne	<i>Beating guns into life-giving things</i>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Tim & Kim Craven	<i>Music</i>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Jennifer Mattson/Lyndsey Martin	<i>Road to Blacksmithing</i>



SEPTEMBER SERVERS

Worship Leaders

6 - Jeanne Dickel
 13 - Phyllis Kepner
 20 - Becky Wagner
 27 - Cathy Funderwhite

Ushers

Wendy Allshouse
 Dave Fuchs
 Joel Musser
 Daryl Strine

Children's Worship

6 -
 13 -
 20 -
 27 -

Greeters

6 - Cindy Heisey, Sue Miller
 13 - Tom & Gail Druck: Upper Narthex
 Dave & Beth Serfass - : Lower Narthex
 20 - Alexis Kopp, Shannon Woolman
 27 - Beth Hess, Shirley Smith

Nursery

6 - Joan Boshnaugle
 13 - Betsy Thomas
 20 - Betsy Thomas
 27 - Lori Lauver

Mountville COB July 2026 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$ 25,379.25
Designated	\$ 2,507.00

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



September Sermon Topics

Sept. 6: Deut. 13:1, John 4:1-3, Matt. 27:50-51 - Joe Buohl preaches on Star Trek V

Sept. 13: Psalm 69:30-36 - Make a Joyful Noise - Music Sunday

Sept. 20: Matt. 5:1-12 - Blessed are the Peacemakers - Peace Sunday,

Communion during worship

Sept. 27: John 13:34-35, Philippians 2:1-11 - Beast or Beauty: Becoming Human, Guest Preacher Lisa Krieg



Pastor Angela is out of the office September 20-27, 2026 and will not be available for phone calls, texts and /or emails. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer needs.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 3: Movie Night, Lower Level, 6:30 p.m.

September 10: Movie Night, Lower Level, 6:30 p.m.

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

September 16: Chair Yoga, 11:30 a.m.



Deadline for the October 2026 New Vision articles is Sunday, September 13, 2026.



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

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