



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.

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

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ~~ John 15:12

On **Sunday, October 4**, we will kick off a new worship series entitled *Love One Another*. This service will begin in the Sanctuary, and then flow over into the Fellowship Hall for **Love Feast**, where we will share in a very light fellowship meal, wash one another's hands and feet, and partake in communion. To fully appreciate the morning's worship service, everyone is encouraged to stay. You do not need to be a member of this church to participate to your comfort level.

We will continue the theme – *Love One Another* – throughout October, then conclude with a meaningful service on *All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 1*.

This fall feels like an important season to remember Jesus' command to Love One Another. As tensions mount in our country, and in our world, we must look to Jesus for direction. And where better to look than the Farewell Discourse, specifically John 13 - 15.

Picture this with me...The scene is set. Jesus gathers at the table with his disciples to break bread and break the news that this is their Last Supper together. Alarming fear, bitter betrayal, and tension-laden uncertainty fill the room. In the midst of this unsettling moment, the Gospel of John records Jesus' "famous last words."

Central among these was the commandment to love one another. How do we survive, or even thrive, in times like these? We put love into action, replacing "othering" with "neighboring."

I am eager to Love One Another with you.

In anticipation,

Pastor Angela





Thanks for your generous contribution of \$2,166, Church World Service will be better prepared to provide emergency assistance when and where it is needed. - Rick Santos, President & CEO of Church World Service.

A Special Invitation **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thursday, November 26, 2026

The Schwert and Mutzabaugh Families will be hosting a traditional family dinner, for anyone who would like to take part in the Thanksgiving Meal.

Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. All food will be provided, but you will need to make a reservation no later than October 31st.

Reservation forms will be found on the narthex table starting on October 1st. Please fill them out and place in Janet's mailbox or hand them to her.

Please join our family in this tradition and help us create a new family tradition!

Janet, Tammie and Family



Thanksgiving
DINNER

The series by Duke University Professor William Willomon called "Fear of the Other" will continue on October 4 through 18. The discussion will help us understand why we fear people who are different from us and how our Christian faith helps us surmount that fear. October 25 will feature a guest speaker on Alzheimer's disease. Join us at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning in room 102 for informative and lively discussion.

ADULT Sunday School

Invitation to Love Feast

On World Communion Sunday, October 4, everyone is invited to gather around the table and celebrate Love Feast. We will begin this service as part of Sunday morning's worship, then transition into the Fellowship Hall.

Each table will be set for handwashing, and separate stations will be available for foot washing, where men wash men's feet and women wash women's feet. Therefore, we will no longer sit separated by gender - so sit wherever you like!

Finally, we will celebrate communion. We will share a very light, symbolic fellowship meal.

This meaningful time of worship was instituted by Jesus over 2000 years ago, and we continue to benefit from these practices to this day. Come, meet Jesus around the table, for it is he who issues this invitation....to you.



5th Annual Older Adult Coffee House

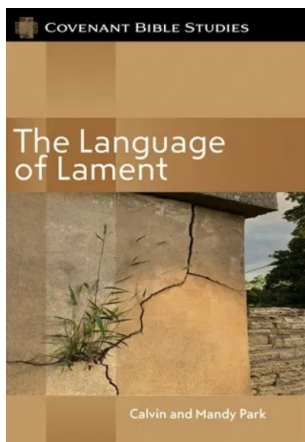
Come enjoy coffee, tea, cookies, and music by talented local singer Peggy Keller with friends from all over the ANE District on Tuesday, October 20, from 2:00—3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. This is a free event and registration is not required.



**Save
the
Date!**

Congregational Forum
will be held on
Sunday, November 1, 2026.

Watch for details!



New Small Group Bible Study

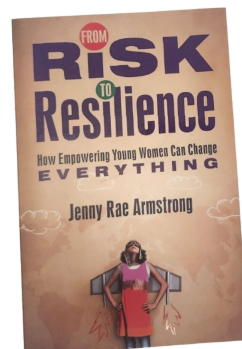
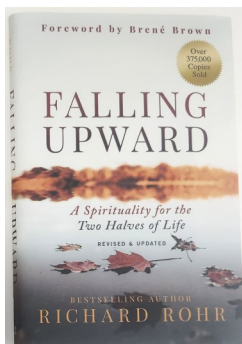
Pastor Angela will be leading a small group Bible Study Thursday afternoons at 2 PM on the following dates: October 8, 15, 29 and November 5, 12, and 19. We will gather in room 106 to discuss the *Language of Lament*. Somewhere along the way, Christians have adopted a stoic demeanor or a belief that we can never be sad that has eroded authenticity in our relationships with one another and with God.

Lament is a necessary component of our relationship with God. Speaking to God honestly about the pain we experience, the injustice we observe in the world, and the fears these realities create in us is not only necessary, but biblical. Across the pages of the Hebrew Bible, God's people use the language of lament to express themselves and maintain their faith. This study considers the laments offered in Psalms, Lamentations, Jeremiah, and Habakkuk, and invites us to consider the role of lament in our faith today. All are welcome to attend!

New Books in the Library

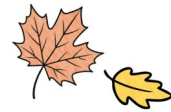
Our worship theme in October is *Love One Another*. We have added two new children's books to the library to support that theme. *Love Your Neighbor* introduces children to the wondrous diversity among our neighbors - and inspires them to include them instead of fear their differences. In *I is for Immigrants*, children will see beautiful illustrations of the heritage and traditions that immigrants bring which enriches the fabric of our daily lives. Follow this joyful ABC journey, and celebrate our neighbors, family, and friends!

We also have new titles for adults. Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward*, helps us explore our spirituality in the second half of life. In this season, we are confronted by our challenges, mistakes, losses, and other forms of suffering. Rohr reminds us that our failings can become the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth, and that the heartbreaks and disappointments of life's first half are actually stepping-stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us. *The Space Between us*, by Betty Pries (speaker at the 2026 Women's Clergy Breakfast at Annual Conference) invites us to turn conflict into a tool that strengthens relationships and also deepens our self-knowledge. This information is helpful for transforming family, friend, or organizational relationships. In the book, *From Risk to Resilience*, author Jenny Rae Armstrong illuminates dangers common to women and girls here and around the world. She also delves into the narratives of women in Scripture, examining theologies of oppression that contain and crush women's potential, along with theologies of shalom that lift women up. This book is a call to action, with practical ways that churches and individuals can help girls thrive!





OCTOBER SERVERS



Worship Leaders

4 - Bill Kepner
 11 - Tim Wrightson
 18 - Walt VanderHeijden
 25 - Alexis Kopp

Ushers

Cindy Heisey
 Dave Fuchs
 Bob Keller
 John Musser

Children's Worship

4 - Joyce Kerns, Jackie Hart
 11 - Kathy Long, Sue Beiler
 18 - Joy Meley, Tess Wolford
 25 - Work and Worship

Greeters

4 - Glenn Bushong, Forrest Collier
 11 - Don & Sara Wagner: Upper Narthex
 - Daryl & Karen Strine: Lower Narthex
 18 - Walt VanderHeijden, Charlie Worrall
 25 - Tim & Gail Wrightson

Nursery

4 - Joan Boshnaugle
 11 - Eleanor Deeg
 18 - Lori Lauver
 25 - Betsy Thomas

Mountville COB August 2026 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$ 37,042.25
Designated	\$ 9,775.00

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



October Sermon Topics

4	John 13:1-4a, 34-35	Love One Another - - Love Feast will follow immediately after worship.
11	John 14:8-14	Show Us
18	John 15:1-5, 9b-11	Abide in Love - Sara Haldeman-Scarr guest preacher
25	John 15:12-17	You are my friends



Pastor Angela is out of the office October 16 to 22, 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

October 4: Love Feast, 11:15 a.m.

October 10: Men's & Women's Breakfasts, 9:00 a.m.

November 1: Congregational Forum

November 5: Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.

Deadline for the November 2026 New Vision articles is Sunday, October 11, 2026.



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

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