

Mountville Church of the Brethren



September 20, 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.*

September 20, 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 *Andante Tranquillo* Warlock

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.

We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.

Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;

to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.

We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people;

to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church;

to make peace a reality.

*HYMN *God of grace and God of glory* 366

*INVOCATION^^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12 NT 4

CHORAL ANTHEM *Let There be Peace on Earth* Arr. Ades
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *We are people of God's peace* 407

INVITATION TO GIVE^^^

OFFERTORY *Interlude* Rawsthorne

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^^^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Blessed are the peacemakers* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *The church of Christ in every age* 403

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*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Now in Love and Peace* Liebergen

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March in E Flat* Medlock

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^^From *A Collection of Prayers for Peace, 2004*

. <http://overcomingviolence.org/en/decade-to-overcome-violence/about-dov/international-day-of-prayer-for/resources/prayers-2004.html>

^^^Brenneman, Diane Zaerr. *Words for Worship 2*. (Herald Press, Scottsdale, P1a, 2009). Pg. 142.

^^^^Beu, B.J. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*. (Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 2016). Pg. 29.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for September 13, 2026

Received for: General Fund \$ 4,510.00

DESIGNATED FUND

Sanctuary Improvement Fund. 50.00
Food Bank 100.00
Misc. Designated: Pastor's Discretionary Fund 20.00
Cemetery & Memorial Garden Fund 600.00

Worship in Person: 81 Online: 39 Sunday School: 28

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary

Tues: No Scripture Chat

Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch 'n Sew 'n Share, Rm. 106

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Next Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

- Adult Sunday School meets in Room 102. *Fear of the Other* by William Willomon with Walt VanderHeijden leading the discussion.
- Birth through pre-K meets in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meets in room 123.
- Jr. High class meets in room 100.

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

Next Sunday Guest Preacher Lisa Krieg shares “Beast or Beauty: Becoming Human” from John 13:34-35, Philippians 2:1-11. Cathy Funderwhite is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

Nursery is available in room 122. `

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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Jackie is in the church office: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In God's Service Today

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Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Becky Wagner
Choral Anthem	Chancel Choir
	Flute: Angela Finet

Ushers	Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Children's Ministry	Kathy Long, Tess Wolford
Nursery	Betsy Thomas
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Alexis Kopp, Shannon Woolman
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Carl Harnish

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It is a heart full of gratitude for all the love you showed to me. I am grateful for your prayers, visits, gifts, cards. James 5:16 “The prayers of the righteous person carries great power in effectiveness.” I feel your prayers. Thank you. – Ruth

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will not meet next week. However, everyone is encouraged to read John 13:34-35 and Philippians 2:1-11 in preparation for next Sunday's worship.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Pantry receives our September 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.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Committee: Prayer for September
Loving God, Hold Pastor Angela close to you as she guides this congregation on our journey in your kingdom to become more like Jesus. Reveal your vision to her as she discerns each new path. Send your spirit to her so that she is wrapped in assurance and clarity and comfort her daily with your love. 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 Amwell COB. Little Swatara COB is praying for us.

AN EVENING WITH RIZZETTA'S TONES – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 5:30 p.m.

Save the date for an evening of music and fellowship. The members who make up this Celtic Americana Band play more than 15 different instruments and feature music from Ireland, Scotland, and the USA. Cookies and punch will be served. Bring your family and friends. Sponsored by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.

NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Angela will be leading a small group Bible Study Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. 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*. Stay tuned for more information.

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

Oct. 2-3: ANE District Conference

Oct. 4: Love Feast, 11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Oct. 8: The Language of Lament Bible Study, 2:00 p.m., Rm. 106

Nov. 1: Congregational Forum, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Nov. 5: Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Rm. 100

Nov. 7: Rizzetta's Tones, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

49th BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Make your plans to visit and participate in this year's Brethren Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center on September 25 and 26. Check out the Brethren Disaster Auction 2026 web site: www.BrethrenAuction.org for pictures of items being sold, schedule of events, and activities you may be interested in. This year's BDRA booklets have been placed in your mailbox. Contact Gail Druck if you have items or time to donate.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/LOVE FEAST

On Sunday, October 4, our worship service will focus on the theme *Love One Another*, with the beloved passage from John 13. The service will flow into the fellowship hall where we will share in a time of hand/foot washing; eat a simple, symbolic meal; and partake together in communion. This is one of the most meaningful services in our faith tradition, and everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member to participate.

Pastor Angela is out of the office September 21-27, 2026. She 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.