

Mountville Church of the Brethren



FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA'S SABBATH

Friday's prayer concerns should be directed to Karen Strine 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.

September 6, 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.*

September 6, 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* Corelli

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP^

God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy
and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise.

**Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of
loss or exhaustion.**

And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.

When we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the
ground.

When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.

Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.

*HYMN *Blessed Jesus, at your word* 13

*INVOCATION^

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 13:1-4, 6-8, 12-14a OT 170

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Great Thou Art* Hine
Children will worship in the sanctuary today. Nursery is available.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RECOMMIT

HYMN *God, who stretched* 414

INVITATION TO GIVE^^

OFFERTORY *Allegro* Purcell

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

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^^

PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:1-3 NT 247

MESSAGE *Boldly going...where?* Joe Buohl

*HYMN *Here I am, Lord* 395

GO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C* Buxtehude

^*Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition.* (MennoMedia, Harrisonburg, VA, 2020).
Pgs. 21 and 69, Adapted.

^^Gaudino, Rebecca. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026.* (Abingdon Press,
Nashville, TN, 2025). Pg. 9.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for August 30, 2026

Received for: General Fund \$ 17,645.25

DESIGNATED FUND

Kathy VanderHeijden Justice Fund	2,000.00
Global Food Initiative	1,000.00
Sanctuary Improvement Fund	10.00
Kits.	1,130.00
Disaster Relief	1,000.00
Church Music	20.00
COBYS	20.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	1,000.00
Memorial Garden	800.00

Worship in Person: 83 Online: 44

THIS WEEK

Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
Mon: Labor Day – Office Closed
Tues: 4:00 p.m. – Worship Ministry Team, Rm. 106
7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 & Zoom
Wed: 1:00 p.m. – Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share, Rm. 106
3:30 p.m. – Congregational Fellowship Committee, Rm. 101
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Thurs: 6:30 p.m. – Movie Night, Rm. 100
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – Men’s & Women’s Breakfasts, Mountville Family
Restaurant
11:00 a.m. – Celebration of Life for Tom Musser, Sanctuary

Next Sunday, September 13, 2026

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “Make a Joyful Noise” from Psalm 69:30-36. Phyllis Kepner is the worship leader, the Chancel Choir sings, and we will dedicate our Christian Education Staff.

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.

In God’s Service Today

Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Preacher	Joe Buohl
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Jeanne Dickel
Special Music	Bill Kepner
Ushers	Wendy Allshouse, Dave Fuchs, Joel Musser, Daryl Strine
Children’s Ministry	Family Worship
Nursery	Joan Boshnaugle
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Cindy Heisey, Sue Miller
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Harry Light

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 Psalm 69:30-36. A link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

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.

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.

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 Hatfield COB. Mechanic Grove COB is praying for us.

JOIN US FOR PEACEFEST

Five Churches of the Brethren have worked together to sponsor PeaceFest on Saturday, September 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Lititz CoB. This family friendly event features activist and author Shane Claiborne speaking on *Turning Guns into Tools. Turning Communities Toward Peace*. There will be live music, face painting, balloon animals, food trucks, and live demonstrations by RAWTools - literally turning guns into garden tools and jewelry. For more info, see Walt VanderHeijden, Rebekah Priest, or Sara Wagner.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Office is closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7. Beginning Tuesday, September 8, Jackie will return to her regular hours in the church office: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela will not be available on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Please reach out to Karen Strine with prayer requests and Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs.

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

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.

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

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 worship series. Join us Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in Room 100 for movie night. Then on Sunday, hear a sermon based on Scripture, of course, and the movie of the week!

Movie Date: Sept. 10 - Beauty and the Beast

Nov. 6 - It's a Wonderful Life

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.

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.