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Grateful to God

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

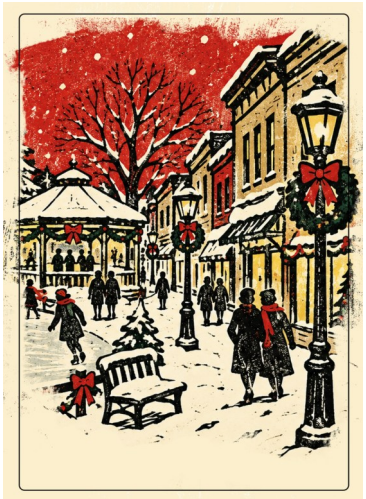
The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

~~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Practicing spiritual disciplines – like prayer, worship, and gratitude – fosters feelings of serenity, harmony, truth, compassion, peace, love and joy. However, those might not be the first words you think of when you consider the spiritual discipline of giving, and the role of money in your life.

Conversations around money can generate feelings of fear, discouragement, anxiety, and even unworthiness. In the classic film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, a crisis of money creates vastly diverse reactions from several characters that might reflect our own relationships with money.

We will gather on Thursday evening, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. to watch *It's a Wonderful Life* together. Then, beginning Sunday, November 8 (Stewardship Sunday) through Sunday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Sunday), the movie will serve as a framework for worship as we examine our money issues in Biblical and compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness and a whole new outlook on what constitutes *a wonderful life.*



Faithfully,

Pastor Angela

Bits 'n Pieces

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

"Thank you for your generous donation of $140 plus 85.7 lbs. of food supplies."
- Danielle M. Peters, Director, The Columbia Food Bank

"It was good to be with you in September. Thank you for your hospitality and for giving me an opportunity to share a little about the work of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center with you. Thank you for your gift of $200. Many blessings to you all and your ministry!"
- Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, Director, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

"The COBYS 30th Annual Bike & Hike was held on September 30 with over 200 people who joined us. Your generosity was clearly felt as you helped us raise more than $115,00 and counting! Your donation of $220 contributes to the care we provide and benefits our children and families." - Anne Stokes, Director of Development & Communications, COBYS Family Services

MCOB WAVE Capital Campaign Underway

Starting in October our WAVE (Worship Accessibility Values Everyone) Capital Campaign Committee has been reaching out to church members for monetary support and will continue to do so into November.

Creating an accessible sanctuary for worshipping shows that everyone is welcome, everyone is valued and everyone can participate. We also hope to create an enhanced worship experience for all participants in-person and on-line.

Besides making the sanctuary much more accessible, usable and improving safety, we are also adding better quality cameras, microphones and improved lighting to enhance on-line viewing.

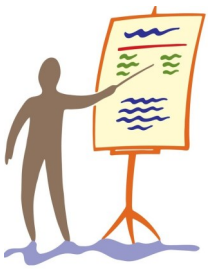
We hope to begin the Renovation Project in early January, but need everyone's help in raising our project costs of $370,000 for that to happen.

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to support this vital project and our future. Please send your pledges to the church office marked Capital Campaign and confidential.

Any questions please contact Bill Kepner.

ADULT Sunday School

On November 1 the series on Aging will continue with a program on living safely at home led by Bill Kepner. The next three weeks will focus on the book, "When Helping Hurts," which will help us understand how we can be helpful without harming ourselves or the people we are trying to help. November will conclude with "An Unlikely Advent," which involves a study of some of the lesser figures in the Advent story. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in room 102.



Congregational Forum, November 1, 2026

Our semi-annual Congregational Forum will take place Sunday, November 1 following a fellowship meal after worship. Please bring a covered dish to share. Items may be kept hot in the oven, but please have them cooked prior to bringing them. This is an important meeting where we will set our budget and affirm our leaders for the following year.

Mountville Walkers raise money for COBYS



It was a beautiful, warm Sunday afternoon in Lititz for the COBYS Bike and Hike. Thank you for the generous support of this congregation and to some friends of the congregation for your generous support. Our group received 3rd place for raising $6,725. First place was a single male that raised $15,480. Second place was a single female that raised $8,495. COBYS raised $115,000. As of last year which was year 30 they have raised 2.5 million dollars for the children and families. So again thank you very much for your generous support. - The Mountville Walkers



Our Congregational Fellowship Committee invites you to a delightful evening of vocal and instrumental music.

On November 7, at 6:00 the Rizzetta's Tones, a Celtic Americana band, will be presenting 90 minutes of music from Ireland, Scotland, USA, and traditional music from many other lands.

The band is comprised of 2 hammer dulcimers, silver flute, high and low whistles, guitar, plus alto and bass melodions. They spice up their sound with button accordion, Greek bouzoukl, mandolin, autoharp, ukulele, as well as bodhran, djembe and other percussion instruments. They perform with about 15+instruments on stage, which they enjoy having folks check out.

You do not want to miss this enjoyable evening of fun and entertainment, invite your family and friends to share this event with you.

Refreshments will be served during a 20 minute break.

Christmas Eve Offering Designations

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian organization which seeks to build affordable housing by partnering with families. Future homeowners work with affiliates to build or rehab a house and find affordable housing for the prospective buyer. Habitat also supports policies that promote adequate affordable housing. It works with local lenders around the world to fund housing projects. They also have created Habitat Capital to provide low-cost funding to help affiliates in the U.S. secure properties and build homes.

Here are a few examples of their work:

Globally: Habitat partnered with Nepalese communities to evaluate and compile data to prove the safety and compatibility of bamboo homes. With this data Habitat was able to obtain government approval for bamboo to be a standard construction material in Nepal. Habitat Ukraine along with local partners transformed a school building that sat empty for 20 years into a space that has 48 apartments that can comfortably house up to 150 residents.

Locally: The Lancaster-Lebanon Habitat team and volunteers did excavation and exterior framing of 5 houses on Linden and 4th Streets in Columbia over the spring and summer. In September the Linden Street Build was the site of this year's Women Build Week. Their next project will be an eight home condo style build on Wheatland Ave. in Lancaster City. This project represents the first time that Lancaster-Lebanon Habitat builds vertically.

2026 marks 50 years of Habitat for Humanity. Now they enter a new chapter. Habitat feels the urgency of the housing crisis. They have set an ambitious goal of helping 50 million people across affordable housing in the next three years.

Water Street Rescue Mission -

located in Lancaster, PA

Our Mission: In response to Christ's love, we join with His mission to walk with our neighbors who are experiencing marginalization and poverty, trusting Him to transform lives and restore hope.

Emergency Shelter

- An environment of hope and healing for men, women and children experiencing homelessness
- Nutritious food and encouraging community in our dining hall
- Connections to counseling or other community-based supportive services
- Access to our computer lab and community resources to move forward with housing and a sustainable lifestyle
- 45,000 nights of shelter this year
- 83,000 Meals served

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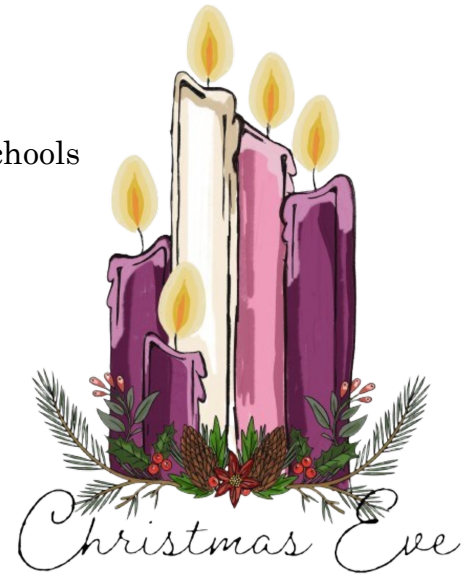
Residential Programs
- Personalized action plan and counseling to help guests discover areas of growth
- Step Up vocational and career training
- Chapel and small group discussions
- Individualized course load for personal, academic and life growth
- Residential living for deeper community building
- 567 Stayed with them

Community Clinic
- Treatment for chronic and recurring health challenges
- Restored smiles that boost health and confidence
- Behavioral health treatment giving patients hope and a brighter future
- Effective health counseling to improve health management for years to come
- Nurse care management to help navigate the complex medical system
- 2,080 Medical Visits
- 1,376 Dental Visits
- 400 Behavioral Health Visits

Community Food Pantry
- Fresh produce and fruits
- Shelf-stable pantry items
- Dairy, proteins, and prepared foods
- Fresh bread and baked goods
- A welcoming space of hospitality and respect
- 2,995 Families Receiving Groceries

Pre-K and Kindergarten Education
- A strong educational foundation to inspire a lifelong love of God and learning
- Personal attention from teachers in small classroom settings
- Support for children who may struggle with food insecurity and poverty related issues
- Excellent training in language, number readiness, crafts, music, motor development and social skills
- 50 at Wonder Academy

Teen and Young Adults Ministries
- Providing a safe, fun, and nurturing environment
- Mentoring youth to become leaders in our city, churches and schools through weekly Bible studies and worship
- Training students in career development and a biblical understanding of calling
- Building relationships with adults and key role models
- 320 at Teen Haven
- 90 Young Adults at Compass



NOVEMBER SERVERS

Worship Leaders
1 - Cindy Dale
8 - Forrest Collier
15 - Harold Ulmer
22 - Larry Booz
29 - Patrick Snyder

Ushers
Jerry Bushong
Barry Lauver
Harry Light
Daryl Strine

Children's Worship
1 - Joyce Kerns, Jackie Hart
8 - Kathy Long, Connie Renn
15 - Work and worship
22 - Joy Meley, Beth Hess
29 - Family worship

Greeters
1 - Harold & Janice Ulmer
8 - Carl & Louise Harnish: Upper Narthex
- Barry & Lori Lauver: Lower Narthex
15 - Larry & Janice Booz
22 - Wendy Allshouse, Connie Renn
29 - Lynn Landis, Molly Mitchell

Nursery
1 - Joan Boshnaugle
8 - Lori Lauver
15 - Betsy Thomas
22 - Eleanor Deeg
29 - Beth Hess

Mountville COB September 2026 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	$	22,051.00
Designated	$	1,767.00

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



November Sermon Topics

Scriptures for our November Stewardship theme based on the movie "It's a Wonderful Life."

November 1 John 16:1, 12-13a, 20-22 - Grieving to Rejoicing
November 8: Matthew 6:19-24 - Looking In, Stewardship Sunday
November 15: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 - Looking Out
November 22: Acts 4:32-35 - Looking with Gratitude, Thanksgiving Sunday

ADVENT BEGINS - Theme "The Inn - Housing the Holy"

November 29: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:4-5 - Making room (hope)



Christmas Supper & Caroling

Sunday, December 6, 2026

MENU

Hamburger B-B-Q
Hot Dogs w/sauerkraut
Mac & Cheese w/stewed tomatoes
Baked Beans
Chips & Cookies
Hot chocolate
Iced Tea

SCHEDULE

Craft Time
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Supper
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Prizes Awarded
6:00-6:30 p.m.
Caroling in Sanctuary

Please join our church family and friends for this fun evening to kick-off the holiday.

Come dressed in your best holiday style, including an appropriate hat or decorated head piece. We will award a number of prizes for men and women and of course children.

Following supper we will gather in the sanctuary, upfront!, and Dell will live stream our group singing Christmas carols. No need to wear your coats or jump in and out of cars. Last year we had about 50 carolers and many of our church family tuned in to our performance. Let's see if we can have an even bigger "choir" this year!





Deadline for the December 2026 New Vision articles is Sunday, November 8, 2026.

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

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