

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

Awakening 2024

September 15, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather

Praise Team

"Build My Life"

"Made for More"

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

All: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

One: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

All: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

One: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

All: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace.

***Worship in Song**

"Open Up the Heavens"

Praise Team

***Invocation**

Children's Story

Margaret Alger

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of Offering

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Praise Team

Scripture

James 1:1, 5-8 & 3:13-18

Message

"Wisdom"

***Closing Song**

"The Blessing"

Praise Team

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Praise Team

*Those who are able are invited to stand

Assisting in Worship

MORNING MESSAGE: Pastor Ryan McAllister

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Glenn Bollinger **PRAISE TEAM**

CHILDREN'S STORY: Margaret Alger **AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger

ACOLYTE: Georgia Harper **JR. ACOLYTE:** Mary Susan Goodwin

NURSERY: Jennifer & Chloe Martin, Betsy Henderson

LIVESTREAM: Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Ben Martin, Brant Somma

USHERS: Mary Jane Cox, Larry Hostetler **HEAD USHER:** Gary Cline

Today – September 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. Handbell Choir
9:00 a.m. Puppet Ministry in Jr. High Room
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)
11:00 a.m. Sunday School; Large Group Bible Study in Sanctuary

Children, ages 2-4 & grades K-5 attending Sunday School, may be picked up in the Sanctuary at noon, after Sunday School is over.

This Week

September 16, 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Commission in Library

September 18 -- Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal in Social Hall

Menu served by Pathfinders-Calvary Class

(Friends and neighbors welcome)

Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, mac & cheese, green beans, brownies & ice cream

6:30-7:00 p.m. Mill Creek Kids in the Chapel

7:00-7:30 p.m. Little Angels, Kingdom Kidz Club

6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Hang Time – Sr. Highs, Sr. High Room;

Jr. Highs, Jr. High Room

6:30-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

7:45-8:45 p.m. Praise Team

Scripture Readings – James 2:1-13 & 4:11-12;

James 2:14-26

Next Sunday – September 22, 2024

Awakening 2025

8:30 a.m. Handbell Choir
9:00 a.m. Puppet Ministry in Jr. High Room
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Children's Church,
Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)
11:00 a.m. Sunday School;
Large Group Bible Study in Sanctuary

Last Sunday – September 8, 2024

Worship: 164
General Offering: \$6,916.00

Sunday School: 136
Special Services: \$10.00

Mark Your Calendar

September 23, 7:00 p.m.	Nurture Commission in Chapel
September 23, 7:00 p.m.	Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library
September 26-27	Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA
September 30, 7:00 p.m.	Missions & Service Commission in Board Room

Announcements



Congratulations Congratulations to Emma Berkey and Delane Bailey on their marriage on September 8!



IN THE LIBRARY: You will find a large assortment of cross-stitch patterns and materials donated by Barbara Ervin (Gloria Garrison's sister). Please take as much as you would like, and enjoy.

HOW HAS GOD GIFTED YOU? All Christians have been given spiritual gifts, but many aren't sure what they are or how to use them biblically and practically. Join us starting Wednesday, September 18th, from 6:30-7:30 PM in the New Covenant classroom (Rm. 202 & 222) to help discover and learn more about your spiritual gift(s) and how to use them to serve and unify the body of Christ. Mary Landes will lead this 10-session Bible study by Charles Stanley. Please let me Mary know (540-746-8926 or mblandes@verizon.net) if you plan to attend so materials can be ordered.



AWAKENING2024 - *"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."* This powerful promise from James 4:8 calls each believer to step forward in faith with hearts awakened by the light of Christ. Mill Creek's Awakening2024 season of spiritual renewal will focus on the Letter of James through a 4-week message series and accompanying large group Bible study. Join us as we explore the rich and challenging words of James from Sunday, September 15 through Sunday, October 6. The season will conclude with the celebration of Love Feast on the evening of Sunday, October 6.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL HELP REQUEST! As Mill Creek looks ahead to the fall and Wednesday evening programs, we are looking for any individuals or groups that might be interested in helping to prepare a meal. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the church office.



PICKLEBALL, DISASTER CLEANING BUCKETS, WE NEED YOU!, & MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS →

START DATES FOR FALL 2024:

- Wednesday 9/18 - Wednesday meals (5:30) Kid's Choir (6:30) and Little Angels/Kingdom Kids (7pm) begin.
- Sunday 10/13 - 2nd Sunday Youth Worship begins

TODAY'S PICKLEBALL MEETING - For those of you interested in attending a brief meeting regarding Pickleball here at Mill Creek, please come to the **Board Room during Sunday School**. You will be joined with myself



(Charles Long), Dick Myers, and Pastor Ryan. We would like to hear from you, those who may be interested for Mill Creek Church to install a combination Pickleball & Basketball Court on our property. This is in the early stage, and not to take away from the

much-needed kitchen upgrades and remodel for the near future. For any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to myself or Dick Myers. --Charles Long (Chairman-Fellowship & Recreation)

WE NEED YOU! – The Personnel and Nominating Commission is looking to fill the following positions starting in January, 2025:

- Deacon Chairs – The Deacon Chairs lead the Deacon body is providing care and service to the congregation, as well as organizing communions and Love Feasts, and assisting with baptisms.
- Chair – Finance Commission: The Finance Commission monitors the financial logistics of the church by counting the weekly offering, formulating the church budget, and making financial recommendations to the Church Board as needed.
- Co-Chair – Worship and Music Commission: The Worship and Music Commission facilitates Sunday morning worship to ensure such as working closely with our pastors to plan each Sunday service as well as special services. Appointing choir directors, accompanists, acolytes, organists, pianists, etc. Arranging special music for the summer months.

We are also looking for new members to serve on the Evangelism Commission and the Personnel and Nominating Commission. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to serve and contact Cindy Morgan at (540) 810-4001 or any other member of the Personnel & Nominating Commission.

DISASTER CLEANING BUCKETS -- The Missions and Service Commission will be collecting donations during the month of September to support the District

in filling 5-gal. cleaning buckets with cleaning supplies. The cost of the bucket, and to fill, is now approximately \$85, up from \$50 just a few years ago. Sunday School Classes and individuals may help by making a donation to the church. Mark your check on the memo

line **“Disaster Cleaning Buckets”** and if you are using an envelope, please also mark the envelope. Donations may be dropped in the offering box, dropped by the office, or mailed to the church.



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