

# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

### Music as We Gather

Praise Team

*"No Longer Blind" "Hosanna" "I Saw the Light"  
"We Will Remember" "Turning to the Light"*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*"Hallelujah, I Am Free"*

Praise Team

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

#### \*Call to Worship

One: Shepherd us, O God.

**All: Open our ears to hear your calling.**

One: Shepherd us, O God.

**All: Open our eyes to see your care.**

One: Shepherd us, O God.

**All: Prepare us to follow you.**

#### \*Hymn

*"Open My Eyes, that I May See"*

Blue 517

#### \*Invocation

#### Children's Story

Kara Velez

#### Blessing of Offering

\*Doxology (Blue 119A)

\*Prayer of Dedication

#### Scripture

John 9:1-41

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Special Music

*"Healing Rain"*

Praise Team

#### Sermon

*"God's Works Might Be Revealed"*

#### \*Hymn

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Blue 545

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Postlude

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

# Assisting in Worship

**PREACHER:** Glenn E. Bollinger

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Taryn Landes & Taylor Myers

**CHORISTER:** Donna Hill    **ORGANIST:** Janet Weller

**PIANIST:** Jean Andrews    **PRAISE TEAM**    **ACOLYTE:** Jocelyn Vaughan

**CHILDREN'S STORY:** Kara Velez    **NURSERY:** Emma Berkey, Delane Bailey

**LIVESTREAM:** Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Brant Somma

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger    **HEAD USHERS:** Gary Cline, Bill Diehl

*Mill Creek Church services are Live Streamed. If you have concerns about being on camera, ask an usher about our "video-free" zones.*

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## Today – March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.                                      Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)  
11:00 a.m.    Sunday School

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

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## This Week

March 20, 7:00 p.m.    Worship & Music Commission in Chapel

March 22, 10 a.m.    Daytime Bible Study in Choir Room/Bethany Classroom

March 22, 6:30 p.m.    David Jeremiah Bible Study in New Covenant Classroom

March 22 -- Wednesday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m.    Fellowship Meal in Social Hall

*Menu served by Fellowship & Recreation Commission*

*(Friends and neighbors welcome to attend)*

*Fried chicken with fixings*

6:30-7:45 p.m.                                      Little Angels Choir, Kingdom Kidz Club

6:30-8:00 p.m.                                      Youth Hang Time – Sr. Highs, Sr. High Room

Jr. Highs, Jr. High Room

6:45 p.m.    Chancel Choir

8:00 p.m.    Praise Team

**Scripture Readings** – Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;

Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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## Next Sunday – March 26, 2023

### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

10:00 a.m.                                      Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)

11:00 a.m.    Sunday School

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## Last Sunday – March 12, 2023

Worship: 156

Sunday School: 118

General Offering: \$6,022.00

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# Mark Your Calendar

March 27, 7 p.m.	Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library
March 30, 7 p.m.	Nurture Commission Library
May 19-20	Shenandoah District Disaster Auction
June 20-23	Bible Day Camp

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## Announcements

*Our heartfelt thanks for making our “March Gladness” celebrations so very special with calls, gifts, and many, many lovely cards. We are so blessed and thankful to have such a loving family and church family. God’s peace and joy to all. Happy Spring and Easter Blessings!*

**John & Helen Jarrels**

**PROPERTIES COMMISSION IS REFURBISHING THE CARETAKER HOUSE** and needs help with demolition, wallpaper removal, wall prep, painting walls & ceilings, plumbing, etc. Please call Jason Landes, 540-820-4723, or Susanne Myers, 540-478-5098, if you can help. Thank you!



**EASTER LILIES FOR THE CHANCEL** – Rose Good will place lilies in the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of our loved ones. *Forms are available in the gathering area and table outside the church office.* Lilies are \$17 each and the **order deadline is Wed., Mar. 29.**

*Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday -- The item for March is Dish Detergent*



**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC BEGINS JUNE 4.** Please contact Jean Andrews or any commission member if you are interested in sharing your musical gift with the congregation.

**CALLING ALL ACOLYTES!** On behalf of the Music and Worship commission, we are looking for all children (for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year) who will be going into 2nd-8th grade and are interested in participating in the worship service as an acolyte! **Please fill out the google form by midnight, Mar. 26,** to sign your child up to participate! If your child is already on the schedule, please go ahead and fill out the form for the new schedule. <https://forms.gle/PtpmNfQEfSLqsGuS6>

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Berkey at (540) 383-1737.

**THE AWESOME READERS NEXT BOOK** will be “*The Stranger in the Lifeboat*” by Mitch Albom. We will be meeting on April 24 at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and book discussion at the Mill Creek Country Store. Please join us! For information contact Gloria Garrison, Leona Raines or Nancy Hain.

**WRE STUDENTS 2023 CHORAL PRESENTATION**, “The Lord’s Prayer”, will be on Sat., Apr. 1, 4 p.m., at EMU’s University Commons.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS →**



**THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** will be on Palm Sunday (Apr. 2) at 11:00 a.m. during the Sunday School Hour. I am asking again for all Adult Sunday School Classes to provide the following:

- Donate 36-48 plastic eggs filled with candies, money, and/or Bible scriptures appropriate for children.
- Donate (1) prize for children who find the “Special” Egg in each age group. Filled eggs and prizes are to be dropped off in the Genesis Classroom upstairs by Sunday, March 26. –Charles Long

## Holy Week Activities

### **April 2 Palm Sunday**

- *Coffee Hour/Breakfast*, served by Friends & Followers S.S. Class
- *Morning Worship*
- During S.S. hour – *Easter Egg Hunt* for 2-yr. olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### **April 6 Maundy Thursday**

- 7 p.m. *Love Feast*

### **April 9 Easter Sunday**

- 7 a.m. *Sunrise Service* (at back of cemetery) – Please bring lawn chair for seating
- *Easter Breakfast* following Sunrise Service (sign-up in S.S. classes or at Hospitality Table)
- Before worship service (until 9:30 a.m.) – Arrive early and bring fresh flowers to decorate our *Living Cross*
- 10 a.m. *Worship Service*

**THE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN'S 'ABIDE IN ME' CONFERENCE** is coming to Thomas Roads Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA Oct. 13 (starts at 7 pm) and 14 (ends at 4 PM). Mary Landes is forming a group from Mill Creek to attend, and registration is currently open with early bird pricing ending March 31st. If you would like to attend, please register and reserve a hotel independently and let Mary know you're planning to join the fun and fellowship. Plan to drive or set up carpooling, and we'll plan to meet as a group for dinner Friday before the conference and/or dinner Saturday when the conference is over as well as sit together at the event. Mill Creek registrants thus far are registered to sit in the reserved seating section, but if some would like to sit in the general seating area, a group can be formed there too. Please visit [ewomen.net](http://ewomen.net) [[ewomen.net](http://ewomen.net)] for the list of speakers and to register.

**WISE OWL PAL PROGRAM**—Nurture Commission would like to see the Wise Owl Pal Program reinstated at Mill Creek. In order for us to move forward, we need to get an idea of how many in the congregation would be willing to be a “Pal” to one of our older members (Wise Owls). Sign-up sheets for Pals will be in the following Sunday School classes: Friends & Followers, New Covenant, Genesis, and Bethany. If the response for Pals justifies proceeding with the program, we will then place sign-up sheets in the Gethsemane and Calvary-Pathfinders classes. For those not familiar with this program, please see Bonnie McLeod or Gloria Garrison for more info. Thanks for your consideration to participate in this important ministry.

**THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its annual spring concert on Fri., Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Apr. 16, 3:00 p.m. at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature Maurice Durufle's 20th century masterpiece, Requiem, with organ accompaniment by Dr. Larry Taylor, and student soloists from James Madison University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. **The second half of the concert will feature a celebration of spring with choral settings of poetry by Robert Burns, Robert Louis Stevenson, and William Wordsworth among others.** Tickets are available at the door, locally at Harrisonburg Friendly City Food Co-Op, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and online at [singshenandoah.org](http://singshenandoah.org). Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. Two members of our choir, Tom Scanlan and Jean Andrews, are singing in this concert.

**NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS** for a bus trip to **Sight & Sound** to see **Moses** September 21-22. Deposits of \$100 per person are due at time of registration. Detailed itinerary and price information were attached to this past week's Mill Creek Connections email. Copies available at the hospitality desk, on the table across from the church office, or from Debbie Bollinger.



**AUCTION TIME IS HERE – MAY 19 & 20** at Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Set-up starts this year on Tuesday, May 16. *The Golf Classic* kicks off the



weekend on Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Heritage Oaks. If interested, call Doug Hughes at 540-830-5854 or see Garnett & Ginger for a form. Anyone having items to donate may drop them off on Thurs., May 18 at the Fairgrounds. *The Craft, Plant and Bake Sale* starts at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. An *evening auction* will start around 6 p.m. and the *Livestock Auction* at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, the *main auction* starts at 9:00 a.m. with *Craft, Plant, Bake and Outside Tent sales* going throughout the day. *Children's Activities* will start, rain or shine, under the big white tent at 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The *Theme Basket Auction* will start at 1:00 p.m. and a *Coin Auction* will be held at some time Saturday. If you can't attend and want to donate, you may make checks to SDDA or contribute coins to our coin church (paper money works also!). Any donations of money, crafts, or theme baskets may be given to Garnett & Ginger any time prior to the Auction. As always, thanks so much for your support. –Garnett & Ginger Good

**BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES** is moving to Dawson Springs, KY after Christmas. They completed 30 homes in the short time they were in Waverly, TN. Below are the 2023 dates for the Shenandoah District:

April 16-22 / July 30-Aug. 5 / Sept. 17-23 / Oct. 22-28. Please contact Daniel Martin or Gail Bowman if interested in one or more of these trips.



**BRETHREN WOODS CAMP**—For information and to sign up for camp: <https://brethrenwoods.org/summercamp/>. You're invited to attend the Spring Festival & Yard Sale on Apr. 29. Volunteers also needed.