

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

October 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather

Praise Team

"I'll Fly Away" "Raise a Hallelujah"

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth,

One: before the earth and sky were formed,

All: God was from everlasting to everlasting.

One: We come to worship this day,

All: that God may gather us in.

One: We will be close to God's heart,

All: and we will dwell in God's grace.

One: We will love God fully,

All: and we will love one another well.

***Worship in Song**

Praise Team

"I Saw the Light" "Open up the Heavens"

***Invocation**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of Offering *"Living Hope"*

Praise Team

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

"Up for Debate?"

***Closing Song**

Praise Team

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Assisting in Worship

PREACHER: Glenn E. Bollinger **WORSHIP LEADER:** Andy Myers

CHORISTER: Jean Andrews **PIANIST:** Mary Lieu Cline **ACOLYTE:** Luke Miller

NURSERY: Bonnie McLeod, Krystal Moyers **AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger

USHERS: Dick & Susanne Myers **HEAD USHER:** Gary Cline

LIVESTREAM: Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Brant Somma

Monthly Worship Schedule

- 1st Sunday – Coffee Hour, Children’s Choir
2nd Sunday – Chancel Choir, Youth Worship, Children’s Church
3rd Sunday – Praise Team
4th Sunday – Chancel Choir, Children’s Church
5th Sunday – Praise Team
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Announcements

*I would like to thank the congregation for all the cards, visits, texts, emails, food, and prayers given for me during my recent hip replacement. The love filled actions were all felt and truly appreciated.
Thank you, **Donna Hill***



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends 2 a.m. next Sunday morning. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday evening!



THE JUNIOR HIGHS WILL BE SELLING HONEY today, *before church and before Sunday School*, in the gathering area. All proceeds will go to support the Youth.

TODAY IS THE MILL CREEK CHURCH TRUNK OR TREAT, 3:30-5 p.m., in the church side parking lot. Please be set up and ready by 3 p.m. Event will be rain or shine.

Coffee Hour Schedule (October through April)

First Sunday of Each Month – 9 a.m.

November – Friends and Followers; *December* – Bethany;
January – Recreation and Fellowship; *February* – Pathfinders;
March – New Covenant; *April* – Gethsemane

If the month does not suit as shown, please contact another class to switch.

FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS & NOMADS UNITE! Starting November 5th, we will have a new focus for both our *Friends & Followers* and *NOMADS* Sunday school classes as they join together. Pastor Ryan will be teaching stand-alone lessons based on the “Wired Word.” The goal of this weekly study is to cultivate Biblical discussion on current events. We hope this will allow those who are teachers/helpers themselves, along with others who may be traveling, to join at any time. We hope you join us for this new season of spiritual growth and community! If you’d like to be added to the email list for this group and receive previews of the weekly topics, please contact Pastor Ryan.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. It’s that time again when we start filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are available in the gathering area and are due at the church **no later than Nov. 19**. Remember to use the adhesive labels to indicate the age group and whether the box is for a boy or girl. A \$10 donation is requested to help cover the cost of shipping. If questions, please contact Jean Andrews



Christmas Bible Study, & More Announcements →

Do you want to prepare your heart to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas this year and rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas? **Max**



Lucado's 4-week Bible Study, "Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here", will be offered following the Wednesday night meals in November. This DVD small group study will meet in the New Covenant classroom from 6:30-7:45 PM and be led by Mary Landes. *Please let Mary know if you'd like to participate so study guides can be ordered.* Join us as we step away from the distractions of the secular holiday and receive what Jesus has already done as we celebrate Christmas.

THE PROPERTIES COMMISSION of Mill Creek Church is constantly monitoring the needs and usage of our congregation's building and grounds. In response to numerous requests to upgrade our kitchen facilities, the Properties Commission would like to establish an **Exploratory Kitchen Committee** to assess our current kitchen. The committee will be asked to look at the space, appliances, and usage and, if necessary, offer suggestions on expansion or reconfiguration of the kitchen. Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee should be in contact with either Gerry Beam or Jason Landes.



THE LIVE NATIVITY AT THE MICHAEL'S BARN will be held December 21, 22 & 23, 7-9 p.m. each night at 8218 Port Republic Rd., Port Republic. Sign-up sheets will be in the classrooms, Library and Lounge, or you may contact Mary Jane Michael at mjmichael119@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of it.

CARE CLOSET SUPPORT FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS: The New Covenant Sunday School Class is having a care closet drive during the months of September and October to support teenagers in need at BHS, ERHS, SHS, and TAHS. The following items are requested: shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant (full-size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, moisturizer, brushes and combs, new or gently used sweatshirt hoodies (adult sizes - the students often wear these instead of jackets), underwear (new, adult sizes, boys prefer boxer briefs), tennis shoes and socks (new). If you are able and willing to help, please drop items off in the basket in the New Covenant classroom. If any questions, please contact Camala Kite at 540-810-9109.



BRETHREN WOODS NEWS: Renewing Our Faith Outdoor Dinner -- December 1.

November Birthdays (65 & up)

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| 4 Jim Weaver | 22 Lou Dellinger |
| 10 Bill Hartman | 27 Jean Burkholder |
| Linda Failes | 28 Gerry Beam |
| 21 Lynn Hill | 30 Milton Jarrels |
| 21 Judi Hutton | |

November Anniversaries

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| 1 Eric & Ashley Myers | 20 Bob & Bethany Prevatt |
| 4 Steve & Beth Gillette | 25 Allen & Mary Gillette |
| 19 Lynn & Donna Hill | Bob & Dorothy Wright |
| | 26 Joel & Danielle Geisert |