

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather

Praise Team

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

"Yes I Will"

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously!

All: God is our strength and our might!

One: Long ago God freed the slaves from Egypt,
opening passage through the Red Sea waters.

**All: Here and now, God is our salvation,
leading us through dangerous waters.**

One: Who is like our God, majestic in holiness
and awesome and splendor?

**All: Every knee bow, every voice shall praise
the God of wonder.**

***Worship in Song**

"I'll Fly Away"

Praise Team

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

***Invocation**

Children's Story

Camala Kite

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of Offering

"Goodness of God"

Praise Team

Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

"Forgiven"

***Closing Song** *"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"* Praise Team

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Praise Team

*Those who are able are invited to stand

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday –
The item for September is Shampoo/Toothpaste

Assisting in Worship

PREACHER: Glenn Bollinger **WORSHIP LEADER:** Sally Halterman, Praise Team
PIANIST: Becky Hummel **CHILDREN'S STORY:** Camala Kite
ACOLYTE: Georgia Harper **NURSERY:** Emma Berkey, Delane Bailey
USHERS: Terry Sager, Brian Kelley **HEAD USHER:** Gary Cline
AUDIO/VISUAL: Jon Wenger **LIVESTREAM:** Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Brant Somma

Today – September 17, 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.
12:00-2:00 p.m. McAllister "Thank You" Appreciation Lunch in the Social Hall/Shelter for those who helped with the parsonage renovation.

This Week

September 18, 1:00 p.m. Awesome Readers Book Group in Library
September 18, 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Commission in Chapel
September 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bible Study in New Covenant Classroom
September 20 -- Wednesday Evening Activities
5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal in Social Hall
*Menu served by Bollingers and friends: Lasagna, salad, and dessert
(Friends and neighbors welcome to attend)*
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
6:45-7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:00-9:00 p.m. Praise Team

Scripture Readings – Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Next Sunday – September 24, 2023

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

Last Sunday – September 10, 2023

Worship: 197 Sunday School: 169
General Offering: \$9,535.00 Special Services: \$20.00
Disaster Buckets: \$3,785.00

Mark Your Calendar

September 25, 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library
October 1, 7:00 p.m. World Communion Sunday, Love Feast in Social Hall
October 2, 5:45 p.m. Ministry Commission in Library
October 2, 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
October 22 Church Council and Meal

Announcements

AWAKENING 2023

A 4-WEEK EXPLORATION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Spiritual Renewal can be a daunting subject to approach for Christians. How can we set out to grow faithfully and intentionally while maintaining a sensitivity to the Spirit? We begin this adventure with united hearts in prayer. As we pray for renewal, we ask God to move in our midst and speak through the Word in order that we may come through *Awakening 2023* with a deeper and more obedient connection with Christ.

Each week we will focus on one chapter of Philippians as we learn from Paul's instructions to the early church. In addition to a sermon series titled "Consumed" we will have opportunities for renewal and growth through the celebration of Love Feast, Large Group Bible Study, Youth Worship, Family Fellowship and more!

Awakening begins with honest and self-reflective hearts. Our hope for each member of the Mill Creek community, is to take a step forward in faith as we press on together in service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

AWAKENING 2023 EVENTS:

- Sermon Series "Consumed" Sundays 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15
- Large Group Bible Study 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15—Sanctuary
- Love Feast Sunday October 1st 7pm—Fellowship Hall
- Family Fun Night October 7th 3:30-7:30—Walter Curt Residence
- Youth Worship October 8th 10am—Chapel

AWAKENING 2023 LARGE GROUP BIBLE STUDY--As a complement to the spiritual renewal sermon series, Pastor Glenn and Pastor Ryan will be leading a Bible Study from September 24 – October 15 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. This study is titled "Philippians: Live as Courageous Disciples." All adult Bible studies and individuals are invited to join, no RSVP necessary!!

BRETHREN WOODS NEWS: Fall Workday is October 21. Looking for volunteers.



DO YOU LIKE TO CROSS STITCH? Check out the box in the library of free kits and patterns.

Did you know that Mill Creek Church of the Brethren has a **Compassion Fund**? The Compassion Fund is for use by/for any church member who may be facing an unexpected monetary crisis in their personal life. It is managed by the pastors, Board Chair and Missions & Service Commission. Requests are kept confidential. Any wishing to make donations to the Compassion Fund can do so by designating "Compassion Fund" on the Special Services line on your offering envelope or memo line of your check. Donations may be designated unspecified for future needs or can be directed to specific needs to be passed on anonymously.

COME JOIN US AS WE MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD! We are inviting all past (and hopefully some new) Chancel Choir members as we prepare to sing praises to our God. and King. Practices are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Andrews at 540-490-2407.



More Announcements →

THE AWESOME READERS BOOK GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN tomorrow, September 18 at 1 p.m. in the church library. We will be sharing books that we read over the summer and discuss books to read and discuss at future meetings. Please join us if you are interested. For information, please contact Nancy Hain.

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.



DISASTER CLEANING BUCKETS -- The Missions and Service Commission will be collecting donations during the month of September to support the District in filling cleaning buckets with supplies. The 5-gal. buckets are filled with cleaning supplies and are an important part of disaster relief. The country has already experienced many fires and floods this year and the hurricane season is just arriving. Last year we collected \$3680. The cost of the bucket and to fill it 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.

THE CEMETERY EXPANSION COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED THE FINAL PLANS for the Parking Lot/Cemetery Expansion from Jon Garber with Lineage Engineering and the plans have been approved by Rockingham County and VDOT. Lineage will seek construction bids from local excavation firms in September. After receiving the bids, they will be presented to the Church Board for approval and then to Church Council in October to decide whether we want to proceed with this project. A copy of the approved plans and possible phasing plan is on display in the Church Library. The Cemetery Expansion Committee is made up of the following church members: Mark Echard, Terry Sager, Jean Burkholder, Dick Myers, Keith Sheets, Lou Stover, Gerry Beam, Jason Landes, Greg Geisert and Lee Foerster, Board Chair. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to contact one of the Committee members.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO THE DISASTER MINISTRY, Disaster Auction or Kit Depot. The Services Team is hosting an **Ice Cream Social** on Sat., Sept. 30, 2-5 p.m. at Bridgewater Retirement Community, Alexander Mack Room in Maple Terrace (302 N. Second St., Bridgewater). *RSVPs are requested but not required.* Contact Anita Landes at anitalandes@shencob.org or the District Office at 540-234-8555.

