

# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## Music as We Gather

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

### \*Call to Worship

One: Have mercy, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

**All: Wash us and cleanse us from sin.**

One: Create in us new and clean hearts.

**All: Renew a right Spirit within us.**

One: Do not cast us from Your presence or withhold Your Spirit.

**All: Restore the joy of Christ within us!**

\*Hymn                    *"To God be the Glory"*                    Blue 102

### \*Invocation

Children's Story                    Jacob & Layla Sheets

## Blessing of the Offering

### \*Doxology (Blue 119A)

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

Hymn                    *"Have Thine Own Way"*                    Blue 504

Scripture                    Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Message                    *"Wash. Your. Hands."*

\*Hymn                    *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"*                    Blue 516

### \*Benediction

### \*Taking Out the Light of Christ

### \*Postlude

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

# Assisting in Worship

**MORNING MESSAGE:** Pastor Ryan McAllister

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Jean Andrews **CHORISTER:** Nolan Cline

**PIANIST:** Mary Lieu Cline **CHILDREN'S STORY:** Jacob & Layla Sheets

**ACOLYTE:** Abby Engel **JR. ACOLYTE:** Teal Hoffman

**NURSERY:** Connie Flook, Dana Good **AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger

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

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

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## Today – September 1, 2024

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

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

***New Sunday School classes begin for kids: 2s & 3s, 4s-K,  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, Jr. High, Sr. High.***

*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

September 2 Church Offices Closed – Labor Day

September 4, 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn

September 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

September 4, 7:45-8:45 p.m. Praise Team

**Scripture Readings** – Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;  
Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; Mark 7:24-37

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## Next Sunday – September 8, 2024

8:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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

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## Last Sunday – August 25, 2024

Worship: 196 Sunday School: 139

General Offering: \$7,530.00 Special Services: \$20.00

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## Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 9, 5:45 p.m. Ministry Commission in Library

Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Commission in Friends & Foll. Classrm.

Sept. 9, 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

September 11, 6-8 p.m. Youth Kick-off Party at the Shelter—  
kick ball, pizza & ice cream

September 14, 3:30-7:00 p.m. Awakening 2024 Kick-off Family Night  
at the Curts'

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## Announcements

*Thank You to our Mill Creek Church Family for your prayers, visits, and meals to our father, Ed Long, during his hospital stay & recovery from a fall, and his ongoing rehab at home. We are so blessed to have a loving church family willing to step in and help as needed. Dad, as well as our family, is very appreciative to all those who spent time with visits and his care during the time that we were away. Continue to keep Dad (Ed Long) in your prayers as he reaches the age of 90 on 10/11.*

*May God Bless each of you!*

*The Family of Ed Long*

**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.



**WE WELCOME LITTLE OAKS PRESCHOOL** as they start their school year at Mill Creek this Tuesday, September 3, with Stephanie Parlee and Katie Engel as teachers!

**DO YOU ENJOY SINGING PRAISES TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR?** If the answer is yes, please consider joining our Chancel Choir. We practice on Wednesdays (starting September 4) and sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. If you have any questions, contact Jean Andrews at 540-490-2407.



**PICKLEBALL** - For those of you interested in attending a brief meeting regarding Pickleball here at Mill Creek, please put on your calendar: Sun., Sept. 15 during Sunday School in the Board Room. 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)



**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.

**WE NEED YOU!, START DATES, PUPPETEERS, & MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS →**

## **START DATES FOR FALL 2024:**

- Sunday 9/1 - New Sunday School classes begin for kids. (2s & 3s, 4s-K, 1st & 2nd, 3rd-5th, Jr. High, Sr. High)
- Wednesday 9/4 - Praise Team (7:45) and Adult Choir (6:30) rehearsals begin
- Sunday 9/8 - Handbell choir (8:30) and P.I.G.S.(9am) rehearsals begin
- Wednesday 9/11 - Youth Kick-off party 6-8pm
- Saturday 9/14 – Awakening 2024 Kick-off Family Night 3:30
- Sunday 9/15 - 4-week Awakening 2024 Sermon series and Large group Bible Study begin
- 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

**WE NEED YOU!** – The Personnel and Nominating Commission is looking to fill the following positions starting in January, 2024:

- 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.



**CALLING ALL PUPPETEERS!** We would like to invite any Jr. High Youth to join our puppet ministry this fall. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 8. Please contact Bonnie Hutchison for more details! [valinnfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:valinnfarm@yahoo.com)

**A CLIPBOARD ON WHICH TO LIST MAINTENANCE NEEDS REQUESTS** is posted on the end of the mailboxes.



**ONLINE GIVING**