

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.



Music as We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing Alleluia! Amen!”*

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

One: Easter people, rejoice!

All: For God is good and faithful!

One: Easter people, rejoice!

All: For God brings love and hope!

One: Easter people, rejoice!

All: For all things work together for God!

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”* Red 182

*Invocation

Children’s Story Jessica McAllister

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *“Low in the Grave He Lay”* Red 185

Blessing of Offering

*Doxology (Blue 119A)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture John 20:1-18

Anthem *“Rejoice, He is Alive!”* Chancel Choir

Sermon *“Covenant Fulfilled: Part 2”*

*Hymn *“Sing Glory, Hallelujah”* Red 188

*Benediction

*Postlude *“Alleluia! The Strife is O’er”* Arr. L. Smith, F. Ritter

*Those who are able are invited to stand.



Assisting in Worship

PREACHER: Pastor Glenn Bollinger

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Ryan McAllister **CHORISTER:** Carlyle Cline

ORGANIST: Kaye Cline **PIANIST:** Adrienne Whiteside

ACOLYTE: Anabelle Good **CHILDREN'S STORY:** Jessica McCallister

CHOIR: Chancel Choir - **DIRECTOR:** Jean Andrews

AUDIO/VISUAL: Jon Wenger

NURSERY: Krystal Moyers, Melissa and/or Justin Harpine

LIVESTREAM: Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Brant Somma

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

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

Today – March 31, 2023

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service (at back of cemetery, bring lawn chair for seating)

Following Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast (sign-up in S.S. classes or
at hospitality table)

8–9:55 a.m. Arrive early and bring fresh flowers to decorate Living Cross

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

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

Pastor Glenn will be gone April 1-7. If there are any pastoral needs during this time, please contact Pastor Ryan.

April 1 Church Offices Closed – Easter Monday

April 3, 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn

April 3, 10-11 a.m. Bible Study in Choir Room

April 3 -- Wednesday Evening Activities

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

Menu served by Gethsemane Class

(Friends and neighbors welcome)

Grilled hamburgers, potato chips, cookies, etc.

6:30-7:15 p.m. Little Angels Choir, Kingdom Kidz Club

7:15-7:45 p.m. Mill Creek Kids in the Chapel

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 – Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Next Sunday – April 7, 2024

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, hosted by Gethsemane Class
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream Worship (9:50 prelude)
11:00 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday – March 24, 2024

Worship: 232 Sunday School: 156
General Offering: \$7,461.25 Special Services: \$20.00

Mark Your Calendar

April 1 Church Offices Closed – Easter Monday
April 8, 5:45 p.m. Ministry Commission in the Library
April 8, 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Monthly Worship Schedule

1st Sunday – Coffee Hour, Children's Choir, Handbells
2nd Sunday – Chancel Choir, Youth Worship, Children's Church
3rd Sunday – Praise Team
4th Sunday – Chancel Choir, Children's Church
5th Sunday – Praise Team, Puppets

Announcements



The flowers on the organ today honor John Long, who passed on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. They are a gift from his children in loving memory.

Lee and I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our Church family for the cards, texts, flowers, prayers and words of encouragement received upon my recent diagnosis of B cell lymphoma. We have felt your prayers, love and concern and are optimistic that the outcome is good. Please continue praying for me as I enter into chemo treatments next week. ~Carla Foerster

CALLED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING. The Mill Creek Board has requested the meeting be held next Sunday, April 7, immediately after worship, at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the recommendation from the board to sell a portion of the recently purchased house and lot located next to the empty lot at the intersection of Port Republic Road and Mill Creek Church Road and related financing needs. A copy of the recommendation can be found at the hospitality desk or at the table across from the church office.

MYSTERY FRIEND REVEAL, May 19, 12:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. A light meal will be served. Please RSVP to Lucinda if you will be attending. Thanks!

Coffee Hour Schedule (October through April)

First Sunday of Each Month – 9 a.m.

April – Gethsemane

Day Camp Registration, Card Shower & More Announcements →



CARD SHOWER!! Nelson Sheets will be turning 90 on April 2. Thank you for helping celebrate by sending a card to 117 East Rainbow, Bridgewater, VA 22812

THE ROCKINGHAM MALE CHORUS WILL PRESENT A CONCERT HERE at Mill Creek next Sunday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m. Our own Bill Hain is one of the singers. A freewill offering will be collected.

ATTENTION! MILL CREEK DAY CAMP REGISTRATION will open on Monday, April 1! Day Camp this year is June 18-21, 9 a.m.-12 noon. This year's theme, "100% Chance of Rain", is based on the Old Testament story of Noah's Ark in Genesis. There will be limited spaces in Day Camp classes this year, so **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!** If you register by May 17 at midnight your child will be guaranteed a **FREE Day Camp T-shirt!** Use these QR codes below to register.



MINI CAMP

DAY CAMP



THE SHENANDOAH DISTRICT DISASTER AUCTION is 2 months away (May 17-18). Plans for food and activities are being finalized and projects and donations are being finished. To date, our coin church has collected \$751.91 in donations, but there is room for more. Checks can be made to SDDA. Thanks again for your continued support. <https://shencob.org/disaster-auction-and-sale/>

BRETHREN WOODS SPRING FESTIVAL will be Saturday, April 27. This is a day filled with fun, fellowship, and lots of ways to support camp's ministry!

PLANS ARE SET FOR THE BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND Sept. 26-27. We also plan to visit Longwood Gardens on our return. The deposit of \$100 per person (*made out to Debbie Bollinger*) will reserve your spot. Final payment is due Aug. 11. Itineraries and prices can be found at the hospitality desk or across from the office. To make your reservation or if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Bollinger.



April Birthdays (65 & up)

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| 2 Nelson Sheets | 20 Larry Good |
| 5 Lou Stover | 25 Joyce Blackburn |
| 6 Sara Ritchie | Earl Downs |
| 9 Tom Bowman | John Foley |
| 16 Jeff Huffman | 26 Mac Long |
| 18 Charles Miller | 30 Pat Sacra |
| 19 Mary Jane Michael | |

April Anniversaries

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| 9 Nolan & Mary Lieu Cline | 21 Bill & Shirley Jarrels |
| 10 Gordon & Linda Magalis | 22 James & Mary Beth Shuke |
| 14 Larry & Rose Good | 26 Ryan & Molly Harper |
| 18 Larry & Emily Hostetler | Keith & Jennifer Sheets |
| | 28 Garnett & Ginger Good |