

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

September 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”*

Arr. Lani Smith

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

One: We rejoice with the One who leads us by still waters,

All: And gives refreshment for our souls.

One: Though the trials and evil of this world seek to
destroy us,

**All: We will not be afraid for our Good Shepherd is
with us.**

One: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the
days of our lives,

All: And we will dwell with Him forever. Amen!

***Hymn** *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* vs. 1-3, 6 Blue 328
(Children may leave for Children’s Church)

*Invocation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Hymn *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* Blue 170

Blessing of Offering

*Doxology (Blue 119A)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Matthew 18:1-20

Anthem *“Walk Worthy”* Chancel Choir

Sermon *“Penny”*

***Hymn** *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* Blue 355

*Benediction

***Postlude** *“Hymn of Praise”* G. Moisanet

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Next Sunday – September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:00-2:00 p.m. McAllister “Thank You” Appreciation Lunch in
Social Hall/Shelter for those who helped with the parsonage renovation

Last Sunday – September 3, 2023

Worship: 139 Sunday School: 131
General Offering: \$7,150.00 Special Services: \$20.00
Disaster Buckets: \$1,445.00 Children’s Ministry \$500.00

Mark Your Calendar

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 25, 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library
October 1, 7:00 p.m. World Communion Sunday - Love Feast in Social Hall

Announcements



A HANDBELL INTEREST MEETING will be held today, September 10, immediately following worship in the Library.

Thank you so much for all the kind words of encouragement and beautiful cards I received for my 97th birthday.

It’s really nice to be remembered! ~Aleene Wagner

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.



LIBRARY -- NEW ARRIVALS: CHECK OUT THE NEW BOOKS on the table at the back of the Library! Lots of new ones! The children's table also has new books. You are sure to find something of interest for you and/or your children. Enjoy!
FREE COOKBOOKS: There is a box of free cookbooks in the Library! These do not have to be returned. Please enjoy some new ideas!

A 6-WEEK WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY entitled, “Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at your Table” by Louie Giglio will be led by Mary Landes starting Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the New Covenant Classroom. This study will include a 20-minute DVD lesson followed by additional scripture reading and discussion using the study guide. Please contact Mary at 540-746-8926 or mblandes@verizon.net if you would like to participate so study guides can be ordered (or if you have questions).

Disaster Buckets, Cemetery Expansion, & More Announcements →

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.

THE AWESOME READERS BOOK GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN on Monday, 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.

DEACON TRAINING OPPORTUNITY--The District Conference Congregational Care Team is sponsoring a **new workshop for deacons** called "**Deacons as Reconcilers**" on Sat., Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Wakemans Grove (668 Wakemans Grove Road, Edinburg). This workshop aims to help deacons sharpen their **conflict transformation skills**. Particular emphasis is placed on listening and communication, understanding personal and another person's anger, and basic models for dealing with conflict. Matthew 18:15-20 is also discussed in this workshop. Veteran presenter Bernie Fuska will lead the workshop, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Register by emailing Anita Landes or calling the District Office at 540-234-8555. Download a flyer here.

CALLING ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO THE DISASTER MINISTRY, Disaster Auction or Kit Depot (all volunteers, church reps, volunteers on local or national rebuilding projects, Children's Disaster Ministries, volunteers, auction volunteers, those who assist through donations of items, or who serve locally to help with fundraising activities, and also those who have an interest in learning more about volunteering with any of these ministry program). The Services Team is hosting an **Ice Cream Social** on Sat., Sept. 30, 2-5 p.m. (drop in anytime) at Bridgewater Retirement Community, Alexander Mack Room in Maple Terrace (302 N. Second St., Bridgewater). Those invited are *RSVPs are requested but not required*. Contact Anita Landes at anitalandes@shencob.org or the District Office at 540-234-8555.



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