

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

August 27, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “*Built on the Rock*” Arr. Roger C. Wilson

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship¹

One: We step off the street, away from places of work, shopping malls, billboards, and news broadcasts, to stand before the living God.

All: Our help is in the name of the living God, maker of heaven and earth.

One: We turn away from the world and the patterns of power that too often hurt, trap, and swallow us up.

All: We stand before our helper, the God of mercy, who rescues and renews us.

One: We come to this worship seeking the living God, maker of heaven and earth.

All: We present ourselves to the living God, who is compassionate and merciful, as a living and pleasing sacrifice.

*Invocation

*Hymn “*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” Blue 110

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Hymn “*O God, in Restless Living*” Blue 557

Scripture Matthew 16:13-20

Special Music “*I’ll Fly Away*” Carlyle Cline, Liam Ettinger

Blessing of Offering

*Doxology (Blue 119A)

*Prayer of Dedication

Sermon “*Who Do You Say I Am?*”

*Hymn “*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*” Blue 528

*Benediction

*Postlude “*The Work is Thine, O Christ*” Arr. Jane Carrier

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Assisting in Worship

PREACHER: Glenn E. Bollinger

WORSHIP LEADER: Dean Boese **CHORISTER:** Carlyle Cline

ORGANIST: Kaye Cline **PIANIST:** Becky Echard

SPECIAL MUSIC: Carlyle Cline, Liam Ettinger

ACOLYTE: Liam Ettinger **NURSERY:** Molly Harper, Stella Harper

USHERS: Mary Jane Cox, Gloria Garrison

LIVESTREAM: Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Brant Somma

AUDIO/VISUAL: Jon Wenger

Today – August 27, 2023

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School Teachers Kick-off in Social Hall,
coffee & danishes provided.

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.*

This Week

*Pastor Glenn will be gone to NOAC in Lake Junaluska, NC, September 2-9.
If there are any pastoral needs during this time, please contact Pastor Ryan.*

August 28, 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library

Scripture Readings – Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28

Next Sunday – September 3, 2023

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

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday – August 20, 2023

Worship: 199

General Offering: \$17,229.00

Audio Visual: \$800.00

Sunday School: 138

Special Services: \$80.00

Mark Your Calendar

September 4	Church Offices Closed – Labor Day
September 6, 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn
September 6, 6:00 p.m.	Youth Picnic in the Shelter
September 6, 6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice in Choir Room
September 11, 5:45 p.m.	Ministry Commission in Library
September 11, 6:00 p.m.	Title Trustees in Board Room
September 11, 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting

Announcements

I appreciate all the beautiful cards and birthday wishes for my 80th birthday!

Carolyn S. Morris

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD! We invite all our students to bring their backpacks to receive a blessing for the new school year during the 10 a.m. worship service. Backpacks may be placed on the pulpit steps prior to worship and then taken following the service or Sunday School.



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 start Wednesday, September 6, 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Andrews at 540-490-2407.



MISSING ANY SERVING UTENSILS, CLOTHING, or other items left at the Outdoor Worship picnic? Check the Lost & Found shelf above the coat rack outside the church office.

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!



**TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY –
THE ITEM FOR AUGUST IS CANNED SPAM/CHICKEN**

RODEFFER REUNION—TODAY, August 27, 1 p.m. in Social Hall. Meat is provided.



BRETHREN WOODS NEWS: Golf Blast, September 9. Looking for golfers and sponsors.

More Announcements, Sept. Birthdays & Anniversaries →

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 Missions and Service Commission

A 6-WEEK WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY entitled, “Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at your Table” by Louise 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).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Weekday Religious Education needs to hire a Bible Teacher for Elkton & River Bend ES. This is a part-time, paid position for classes held during school hours two days a week. If interested, call 540-438-9997 or email WREock1929@gmail.com.

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES is now located in Dawson Springs, KY (9 hours away from here). This area was ravaged by tornados so most everything is new build in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. The 2023 dates for the Shenandoah District are Sept. 17-23 / Oct. 22-28. Please contact Gail Bowman or Kara Dee Layman if interested in one or more of these trips.

September Birthdays (65 & up)

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| 1 Brenda Patterson | 19 Paige Landes |
| 4 Kara Dee Layman | Janet Weller |
| 5 Bill Stover | 22 Sam Cox |
| 10 Mary Lieu Cline | 25 Wayne Myers |
| 11 Judy Shirey | Larry Wheeler |
| 17 Juanita Wheeler | 29 Terry Sager |
| Bob Wright | Martha Sheets |
| | David Bollinger |

September Anniversaries

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| 2 Bill & Lou Stover | 10 Craig & Theresa Landes |
| 6 Ed & Beth Pease | 12 Justin & Krystal Moyers |
| Rodney & Elizabeth Petersen | 23 Joe & Sarah Morris |
| 9 Darryll & Cindy Diehl | 27 Matt & Dana Good |