

# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

### Music as We Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**            *"God So Loved the World"*    Sir John Stainer

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

#### \*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: We are called to go places that we don't know.

**All: We look to the hills for our strength.**

One: Our strength is in God, who always goes with us.

**All: We walk in faith.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who calls us and who walks beside us throughout the journey.

**\*Hymn**            *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*            Blue 46

#### \*Invocation

#### Special Music

*"Father, I Adore You", "Jehovah Jireh"* -- Mill Creek Kids

*"Shout to the Lord"* -- Mill Creek Kids & Praise Team

#### Children's Story

Bob Failes

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn**            *"God Sent His Son"*            Blue 345

**Responsive Scripture Reading**            Blue 842

#### Blessing of Offering

\*Doxology (Blue 119A)

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Sermon**            *"Close! But No Cigar!"*

**\*Hymn**            *"Move in Our Midst"*            Blue 418

#### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude**            *"Comfort Ye My People"*            *Isaiah 40:1-2*

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\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

<sup>1</sup>*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017, Edited by Mary Scifres and B. J. Beu, page 59*

**Council Meeting Packets are in the gathering area  
and on the table outside the church office.**

## **Assisting in Worship**

**PREACHER:** Glenn E. Bollinger

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Andrew Bollinger    **CHORISTER:** Lou Dellinger

**ORGANIST:** Janet Weller    **PIANIST:** Chloe Stone

**ACOLYTE:** Stella Harper    **CHILDREN'S STORY:** Bob Failes

**CHOIR:** Mill Creek Kids - **DIRECTOR:** Debbie Bollinger

**NURSERY:** Connie Flook, Dana Good

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

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger    **HEAD USHERS:** Gary Cline, Bill Diehl

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

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## **Today – March 5, 2023**

NO Coffee Hour today

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

11:00 a.m.    Sunday School

12:00 noon                      All-You-Care-To-Eat Spaghetti Dinner--Sr. High Fundraiser,  
(see announcement)

1:00 p.m.    Council Meeting

*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**

March 6, 1:00 p.m.    Awesome Readers in Library

March 6, 5:45 p.m.    Ministry Commission in Library

March 6, 6:00 p.m.                      Evangelism Commission in Friends & Followers Classrm.

March 6, 7:00 p.m.    Board Meeting

March 8, 10 a.m.                      Daytime Bible Study in Choir Room/Bethany Classroom

March 8, 6:30 p.m. David Jeremiah Bible Study in *New Covenant* Classroom

March 8 -- Wednesday Evening Activities

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

*Menu served by Phyllis Saufley, Leona Raines & Friends*

*(Friends and neighbors welcome to attend)*

*Barbecue pork, cole slaw, buns, macaroni & cheese,  
celery & carrot sticks, and ice cream sandwiches*

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 p.m.    Chancel Choir

8:00 p.m.    Praise Team

**Scripture Readings** – Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;  
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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## Next Sunday – March 12, 2023

### Third Sunday of Lent

### Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

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## Last Sunday – February 26, 2023

Worship: 182

Sunday School: 129

General Offering: \$14,538.00

Special Services: \$20.00

Disaster Relief, Piano Maintenance: \$2,750.00

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## Mark Your Calendar

May 19-20

Shenandoah District Disaster Auction

June 20-23

Bible Day Camp

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## Announcements

**TODAY THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH WILL BE SERVING A FUNDRAISER “ALL-YOU-CARE-TO-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER”** immediately following Sunday School, prior



to the Council meeting. *There will be plenty of food, so even if you didn't sign up, we welcome you for a delicious meal of spaghetti with meat sauce or marinara, salad, applesauce, garlic bread, and lush*

desserts! This fundraiser is for activities throughout the year and NYC 2026.



**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR** this Saturday night, March 11, so you make it to church on time!

*Thank you to members of my church family and Pastor Glenn who have visited me, sent cards, made telephone calls, and kept me in their thoughts and prayers. I am temporarily in skilled care in Bridgewater Home and hope to soon return back to assisted living.*

**Brenda Patterson**

*I want to thank the Pathfinders-Calvary Class and others from the church for the flowers, cards and visits.*

**Genevieve Ritchie**



A heartfelt thank you to the Fellowship and Recreation Commission and the audio-video team for making the movie night successful. Our church family working together continues to produce inspirational activities like this. --Richard Andrews

**2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are on the hospitality table and table across from the church office. *Please check off your name on the checklist.* (If needed, you may pick up a directory for someone else and check off their name.) Please limit one per family. Contact the church office if any corrections are needed.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS →**



**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC BEGINS JUNE 4.** Please contact Jean Andrews or any commission member if you are interested in sharing your musical gift with the congregation.

**THE AWESOME READERS WILL MEET TOMORROW** at 1 p.m. in the church library to discuss the book, "*Fear Has a Name*" by Creston Mapes. If anyone has questions, please contact Gloria Garrison, Leona Raines or Nancy Hain.

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** at Cross Keys-Mill Creek Ruritan Hall on Sat., Mar. 11, 7:30-10:30 am. Proceeds go to Spotswood High School FFA and Spotswood High School Girls Soccer Team.

**THE CHURCH IS STILL IN NEED** of Deacon chairpersons and a person to lead the Worship and Music Commission. Thank you to those who have offered to serve on Worship and Music Commission as members. The church appreciates your willingness to serve.

**PLEASE COME TO THE LIBRARY** and check out the wide selection of Bible Study resource books. ~Gloria Garrison

**NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS** for a bus trip to **Sight & Sound** to see **Moses**



September 21-22. Deposits of \$100 per person are due at time of registration. Detailed itinerary and price information were attached to this past week's Mill Creek Connections email. Copies can also be

picked up at the hospitality desk and on the table across from the church office. Debbie Bollinger will also have copies.



**NEEDED: QUILTERS** – Please join us for quilting Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. until. Bring a bagged lunch. No school, no quilting.

**2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT AT BRETHERN WOODS**, Mar. 31-Apr. 1, "Living the Fruitful Life". Go to [www.brethrenwoods.org](http://www.brethrenwoods.org) for flyer and registration form. *Registrations due by March 17!*

**SHENANDOAH DISASTER AUCTION** – Mark your calendars for May 19 & 20 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. The quilters are busy and our woodworkers are planning. More info to follow. Remember to donate coins to our little coin church.

**A DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY IS HELD ON WEDNESDAYS** through April 5, 10-11 a.m. -- "Jesus: Miracles & Parables". Meet in the Choir Room/Bethany Classroom. If questions, contact Carlyle Cline or Leona Raines.

**AN 11-WEEK DAVID JEREMIAH BIBLE STUDY** entitled "A Life Beyond Amazing" is led by Mary Landes Wednesday evenings through April 5 in the *New Covenant Sunday School classroom*, 6:30-7:40 p.m. Contact Mary at 540-746-8926 or [mblandes@verizon.net](mailto:mblandes@verizon.net) with any questions.

**BRETHERN DISASTER MINISTRIES** is moving to Dawson Springs, KY after Christmas. They completed 30 homes in the short time they were in Waverly, TN. 2023 dates for the Shenandoah District: April 16-22 / July 30-Aug. 5 / Sept. 17-23 / Oct. 22-28. Please contact Daniel Martin or Gail Bowman if interested in one or more of these trips.



**BRETHERN WOODS CAMP** – Don't miss out on the camp of your choice and early bird pricing! For more information and to sign up, go to <https://brethrenwoods.org/summercamp/>.

*Our Vision*

*Mill Creek Church of the Brethren*

an alive, vibrant, growing church  
inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
to serve, invite and love others  
in Jesus' name.