

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”* Arr. Summers

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek life.

All: Praise be to Christ who gives us life.

One: Come, all who strive to follow in His steps.

All: Praise be to Christ who guides us.

***Hymn** *“Jesus Shall Reign”* Blue 319

*Invocation

Children’s Story Krystal Moyers

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Blessing of the Backpacks

Special Music *“King of Kings”* Jessica & Ryan McAllister

Blessing of Offering

*Doxology (Blue 119A)

*Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *“Final Sale”*

“Lead Me to the Cross”

***Hymn** *“Take My Life”* vs 1,3,5-6 Blue 389

*Benediction

***Postlude** *“Sonatina, Op. 36”* Clementi

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Announcements

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS TODAY! 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.



DUE TO UPCOMING FAMILY SURGERY scheduled for Fri., Sept. 8, church office hours may be modified.



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

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 will be 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!



WE WELCOME LITTLE OAKS PRESCHOOL as they start their school year at Mill Creek this Tuesday, September 5, with Stephanie Parlee and Katie Engel as teachers!

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, 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 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. --Missions and Service Commission



Awesome Readers, Deacon Training, & Many More Announcements →

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.

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.

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 VOLUNTEERS THAT CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO THE DISASTER MINISTRY, Disaster Auction or Kit Depot – 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 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 programs. *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.

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.