

# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

November 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**Music as We Gather**

Praise Team

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" "Yes I Will"*

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Sing, O daughter of Zion;

**All: Shout aloud, O Israel!**

One: Be glad and rejoice with all your heart!

**All: Lift up your voice in praise!**

One: God has reversed judgement against His people.

**All: Let us celebrate and sing for joy!**

**\*Worship in Song**

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

Praise Team

*"Goodness of God"*

**\*Invocation**

**Children's Story**

Carter Myers

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Blessing of Offering**

*"You Are My King"*

Praise Team

**Scripture**

Zephaniah 1:7-16

**Sermon**

*"Zephaniah?"*

**\*Closing Song**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Praise Team

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Praise Team

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand



# Assisting in Worship

*PREACHER: Ryan McAllister*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Kathryn Landes  **PRAISE TEAM**

**CHILDREN'S STORY:** Carter Myers  **ACOLYTE:** Miriam Stover

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger  **NURSERY:** Emma Berkey, Delane Bailey

**USHERS:** Terry Sager, Brian Kelley  **HEAD USHER:** Gary Cline

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

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## Today – November 19, 2023

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

10 a.m.-12 noon Youth Worship in Chapel & Social Hall (Jr. & Sr. Highs)

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.*

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## This Week

November 20, 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Commission in Chapel

November 21, 9 a.m. ***Deadline for Bulletin Announcements This Week***

November 22 NO Meal or Wednesday Evening Activities (Thanksgiving)

November 23 & 24 Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Scripture Readings** – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Psalm 95:1-7a;  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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## Next Sunday – November 26, 2023

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

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

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## Last Sunday – November 12, 2023

Worship: 193

Sunday School: 154

General Offering: \$8,577.00

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## Mark Your Calendar

November 27, 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library

December 3, Following Sunday School Information Meeting on  
Parking Lot/Cemetery Expansion Plans

December 10, Following Worship Called Council Meeting  
(Parking Lot/Cemetery Expansion)

December 21, 22 & 23, 7-9 p.m. Live Nativity

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Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday – The item for November is Pop Tarts

# December Worship Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Coffee Hour, Praise Team  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Chancel Choir, Youth Worship, Children's Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Children's Pageant  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Christmas Eve – a.m. Chancel Choir, Children's Church;  
7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Praise Team
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## Announcements

**PLEASE HAVE ANY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE** by this *Tues., Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.* The bulletin will be printed on Wed., Nov. 22 due to Thanksgiving week.

**YEARLY CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM: We ask that each family/person (active members and others who attend regularly) complete the form**



located on the gathering area tables and drop it in the offering box or the church office mailbox **OR** print form attached to Mill Creek Connections and mail to the church office **by Dec. 17**. If info is the same, write name and "SAME". Please let us know if there are other family members who should no longer be included in our directory. If questions, contact Susanne Myers, Ministry Chair, or the church office. Thanks!

**FILLED OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE DUE to the church TODAY.** Preprinted boxes are available in the gathering area.

Cost of shipping and handling has increased to \$10 per box. Any questions, please contact Jean Andrews, 540-490-2407.



**CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN DECEMBER.** Lucinda will be out following surgery from Dec. 6 to ?. Please contact Susanne Myers if you are willing to answer the office phone any day(s), 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.



**THE LIVE NATIVITY AT THE MICHAEL'S BARN** will be held December 21, 22 & 23,



7-9 p.m. each night at 8218 Port Republic Rd., Port Republic. You may sign up on the sheets in the classrooms, Library and Lounge, on this link: [bit.ly/2023nativity](http://bit.ly/2023nativity) or contact Mary Jane Michael at [mjmichael119@gmail.com](mailto:mjmichael119@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of it.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**, \$3 each, are available on the hospitality desk and small table outside the church office, under the coat rack.

**FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS & NOMADS UNITE!** We have a new focus for both our *Friends & Followers* and *NOMADS* Sunday school classes as they join together. Pastor Ryan and Pastor Glenn will be teaching stand-alone lessons based on the "Wired Word." The goal of this weekly study is to cultivate Biblical discussion on current events. We hope this will allow those who are teachers/helpers themselves, along with others who may be traveling, to join at any time. We hope you join us for this new season of spiritual growth and community! If you'd like to be added to the email list for this group and receive previews of the weekly topics, please contact Pastor Ryan.

*Parking Lot/Cemetery Expansion Information Mtg. & Called Church Council →*

**AT THE MONTHLY CHURCH BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER**, the Church Board voted to move ahead with the **Parking Lot/Cemetery Expansion Plans**. The Board made a motion to recommend to Church Council that the Church accept the construction bid and proposed financing plan for this project. An Information Meeting to discuss the plans, receive feedback, and answer questions will be held after Sunday School in the Sanctuary on December 3 and a Called Council Meeting will be held immediately after worship on December 10 to vote on this matter.

**BRETHREN WOODS NEWS: Renewing Our Faith Outdoor Dinner - December 1.**

*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