



**MINI CHILDREN'S CHURCH – AGES 3 THRU KINDERGARTEN** (Sanctuary Basement)

**TEACHER:** Allison Brunk **HELPER:** Bonnie McLeod

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH – 1<sup>ST</sup>- 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES** (Sanctuary Basement)

**TEACHER:** Cindy Morgan **HELPER:** Debby Rimel

## **Assisting in Worship**

**PREACHER:** Glenn E. Bollinger

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

**ORGANIST:** Kaye Cline **PIANIST:** Adrienne Whiteside

**ACOLYTE:** Ruby Ann Good

**CHOIR:** Chancel Choir - **DIRECTOR:** Jean Andrews

**NURSERY:** Blair Huffman, Jennifer Martin, Chloe Martin

**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 12, 2023**

### **Daylight Saving Time Begins**

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.*

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## **This Week**

March 13, 7:00 p.m.

Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library

March 13, 7:00 p.m. Missions & Service Commission in New Covenant Classrm.

March 15, 10 a.m. Daytime Bible Study in Choir Room/Bethany Classroom

March 15, 6:30 p.m. David Jeremiah Bible Study in New Covenant Classroom

March 15 -- Wednesday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m.

NO Fellowship Meal

6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir

8:00 p.m.

Praise Team

**Scripture Readings** – I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14;  
John 9:1-41

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## **Next Sunday – March 19, 2023**

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

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## **Last Sunday – March 5, 2023**

Worship: 208

Sunday School: 150

Council Meeting: 89

General Offering: \$11,802.00

Special Services: \$50.00

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# Mark Your Calendar

March 20 7:00 p.m.  
May 19-20  
June 20-23

Worship & Music Commission in Library  
Shenandoah District Disaster Auction  
Bible Day Camp

## Announcements



The flowers on the altar are in honor of John and Helen Jarrels' 68th wedding anniversary.

*There have been many prayers and kind thoughts expressed by Pastor Glenn and the church family since my brother, John's, death. How blessed I am to be part of this loving Mill Creek Church of the Brethren family.*

*Janice Miller*

**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 14!*



**EASTER LILIES FOR THE CHANCEL** – Rose Good will place lilies in the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of our loved ones. Forms are available in the gathering area and table outside the church office. Lilies are \$17 each and the **order deadline is Wed., Mar. 29.**

## Holy Week Activities

### April 2 Palm Sunday

- *Coffee Hour/Breakfast*, served by Friends & Followers S.S. Class
- *Morning Worship*
- During S.S. hour – *Easter Egg Hunt* for 2-yr. olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### April 6 Maundy Thursday

- 7 p.m. *Love Feast*

### April 9 Easter Sunday

- 7 a.m. *Sunrise Service* (at back of cemetery) – Please bring lawn chair for seating
- *Easter Breakfast* following Sunrise Service (sign-up in S.S. classes or at Hospitality Table)
- Before worship service (until 9:30 a.m.) – Arrive early and bring fresh flowers to decorate our *Living Cross*
- 10 a.m. *Worship Service*



**THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** will be on Palm Sunday (Apr. 2) at 11:00 a.m. during the Sunday School Hour. I am asking again for all Adult Sunday School Classes to provide the following:

- Donate 36-48 plastic eggs filled with candies, money, and/or Bible scriptures appropriate for children.
- Donate (1) prize for children who find the "Special" Egg in each age group.

Filled eggs and prizes are to be dropped off in the Genesis Classroom upstairs by Sunday, March 26. –Charles Long

**ACOLYTE SIGN-UP, WISE OWL PALS, & MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS →**

**CALLING ALL ACOLYTES!** On behalf of the Music and Worship commission, we are looking for all children (for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year) who will be going into 2nd-8th grade and are interested in participating in the worship service as an acolyte! **Please fill out the google form *by midnight, Mar. 26***, to sign your child up to participate! If your child is already on the schedule, please go ahead and fill out the form for the new schedule. <https://forms.gle/PtpmNfQEfSLqsGuS6>  
If you have any questions, please contact Emma Berkey at (540) 383-1737.

**THE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN'S 'ABIDE IN ME' CONFERENCE** is coming to Thomas Roads Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA Oct. 13 (starts at 7 pm) and 14 (ends at 4 PM). Mary Landes is forming a group from Mill Creek to attend, and registration is currently open with early bird pricing ending March 31st. If you would like to attend, please register and reserve a hotel independently and let Mary know you're planning to join the fun and fellowship. Plan to drive or set up carpooling, and we'll plan to meet as a group for dinner Friday before the conference and/or dinner Saturday when the conference is over as well as sit together at the event. Mill Creek registrants thus far are registered to sit in the reserved seating section, but if some would like to sit in the general seating area, a group can be formed there too. Please visit [ewomen.net](http://ewomen.net) [[ewomen.net](http://ewomen.net)] for the list of speakers and to register.

**WISE OWL PAL PROGRAM**—Nurture Commission would like to see the Wise Owl Pal Program reinstated at Mill Creek. In order for us to move forward, we need to get an idea of how many in the congregation would be willing to be a "Pal" to one of our older members (Wise Owls). Sign-up sheets for Pals will be in the following Sunday School classes: Friends & Followers, New Covenant, Genesis, and Bethany. If the response for Pals justifies proceeding with the program, we will then place sign-up sheets in the Gethsemane and Calvary-Pathfinders classes. For those not familiar with this program, please see Bonnie McLeod or Gloria Garrison for more info. Thanks for your consideration to participate in this important ministry.



**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.

**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 available on the hospitality desk, table across from the church office, or from Debbie Bollinger.



**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.

**BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES** is moving to Dawson Springs, KY after Christmas. They completed 30 homes in the short time they were in Waverly, TN. Below are the 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.

**BRETHREN WOODS CAMP NEWS** – Summer staff help is needed for Juniors (15-17 yrs.) and Seniors (18+). **Application deadline March 15.** Also, for more info and to sign up your children to attend summer camp, 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.