

# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

## First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

### Music as We Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**                      *"My Redeemer"*                      Lani Smith

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

#### \*Call to Worship

One: Temptation surrounds us every day.

**All: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.**

One: Opportunities to stray litter our path.

**All: Happy are those whose sin is covered.**

One: Though we stumble and fall,  
God's mercy picks us up.

**All: God's grace brushes us off.**

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

**All: God's love meets us here.**

#### \*Invocation

**\*Hymn**                      *"God is Here Among Us"*                      Blue 16  
*(Children may leave for Children's Church)*

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Morning Prayer

**Hymn**                      *"Grant us, Lord, the Grace"*                      Blue 388

### Blessing of Offering

\*Doxology (Blue 119A)

\*Prayer of Dedication

### Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

**Anthem**                      *"Come, Come Unto Me"*                      Chancel Choir

**Sermon**                      *"The Shiny Object Syndrome"*

**\*Hymn**                      *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*                      Blue 505

### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude**                      *"Recessional"*                      R. Zientarski

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\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

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

**TEACHER:** Blair Hoffman **HELPER:** Bonnie Hutchison

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

**TEACHER:** Josh Bollinger **HELPER:** Andrew Bollinger

## Assisting in Worship

**PREACHER:** Glenn E. Bollinger

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Danny Cline **CHORISTER:** Carlyle Cline

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

**ACOLYTE:** Chandler Nicholson **NURSERY:** Molly Harper, Stella Harper

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

**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.*

## Today – February 26, 2023

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.*

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

## This Week

February 27, 1 p.m. Awesome Readers Book Group in Library

February 27, 7 p.m. Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library

February 28, 7 p.m. Nurture Commission in Library

March 1, 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn

March 1, 10 a.m. Daytime Bible Study in Choir Room/Bethany Classroom

March 1, 6:30 p.m. David Jeremiah Bible Study in Pathfinders-Calvary Classrm.

March 1 -- Wednesday Evening Activities

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

*Menu served by Bethany Class*

*(Friends and neighbors welcome to attend)*

*"Breakfast for Supper" – egg casseroles, biscuits & gravy and fruit salad*

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

7:30 p.m. Praise Team

**Scripture Readings** – Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

## Next Sunday – March 5, 2023

NO Coffee Hour today

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

1:00 p.m.

Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)

Sunday School

Council Meal

Council Meeting

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## Last Sunday – February 19, 2023

Worship: 197

General Offering: \$5,731.00

Young Life: \$500.00

Sunday School: 143

Special Services: \$20.00

Praise Band: \$3,000.00

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## Mark Your Calendar

March 6, 1:00 p.m.

March 6, 5:45 p.m.

March 6, 7:00 p.m.

May 19-20

June 20-23

Awesome Readers in Library

Ministry Commission in Library

Board Meeting

Shenandoah District Disaster Auction

Bible Day Camp

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## Announcements

**THE CARPET** in the gathering area and chapel is being replaced this week.

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 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. Please make plans to stay and be served a delicious meal of spaghetti with meat sauce or marinara, salad, applesauce, garlic bread, and lush desserts! *Sign up in your Sunday School class or in the gathering area today!* This fundraiser is for activities throughout the year & NYC 2026.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY THROUGH EASTER** are available on the table across from the church office and the gathering area table. \$3 each.



**TRIPLE CELEBRATION CARD SHOWER** for Helen Jarrels' birthday on March 2, John Jarrels' birthday on March 8, and their 68th wedding anniversary on March 12. Their address is: 307 North Second Street, Apt. 4; Bridgewater, VA 22812.

**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.

**Today is Food Pantry Sunday -- The item for February is Pancakes/Syrup**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS →**

**THE AWESOME READERS WILL HAVE THEIR NEXT MEETING** on March 6, at 1 p.m. in the church library. We will be discussing the book, *"Fear Has a Name"* by Creston Mapes.

**WITH THE CONGREGATION'S GENEROUS SUPPORT**, the Sr. Highs raised \$1,000 for Hope Distributed on SOUPER Bowl Sunday! We are looking into options to volunteer our time to help them when we give them this monetary donation. They are such a good resource in our community for those in need--a food pantry, free clothing store, a warehouse for household items, Hope for Kids, and Baby Hope program. They can always use volunteers, so if you are not familiar with them and want to also help, you can access their volunteer sign-up sheet and read more about what they need at [www.hopedistributed.org/getinvolved](http://www.hopedistributed.org/getinvolved).

**THE LIBRARY** has a series of books from Guideposts titled "Ordinary Women of the Bible". Easy reading and interesting stories. Stop by and take one to read. I think you will enjoy them. ~Gloria Garrison

**KAY MUMBERT BOWMAN**, mother of Darin Bowman, moved into Bridgewater Home on Feb. 13. She would appreciate cards and visits as she gets settled into her new home. You can visit her in the Tranquility House (2nd Floor, South Tower), Room T257. Her new mailing address will be: Mrs. Kay Bowman, Bridgewater Home, 302 North Second Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812. Thank you for the love, care, and prayers for her and the family as she makes this transition over the next several weeks.

**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.



**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.

**2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT AT BROTHERN 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!

**BABYSITTER NEEDED:** Brant & Angie Somma are looking for a babysitter for mid-February through May, 2-3 days/week for Lyla (2 yrs. old on March 1). Contact Angie for more details at 540-421-9847.

### **March Birthdays** (65 & up)

1	Carla Foerster	8	John Jarrels
2	Helen Jarrels	14	Mary Gillette
	John Wilson	16	Vern Michael
6	Phyllis Saufley	30	Lynn Landes
7	Walter Coffey		Garland Beam
	Yvonne Jarrels	31	Beth Pease

### **March Anniversaries**

8	Mike & Becky Ruckman	29	Norman & Mary Southerly
12	John & Helen Jarrels	31	Jimmy & Becky Hummel