

Mark Your Calendar

September 16, 7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Commission
September 18	Wednesday Evening Meals & Activities Begin
September 23, 7:00 p.m.	Nurture Commission in Chapel
September 23, 7:00 p.m.	Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library
September 26-27	Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA
September 30, 7:00 p.m.	Missions & Service Commission in Board Room

Announcements

I would like to thank everyone for all the love and support that has been showered upon our family these last few weeks after Jack's surgery. The cards, messages, visits, and meals have been such a blessing to us. We are so thankful to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

Jack and Bonnie Hutchison

Thanks to our friends at Mill Creek for the many prayers, cards, meals, expressions of sympathy, and support both before and after Margaret's passing. Mill Creek has a special place in our hearts.

Greg Geisert and family

AWAKENING2024 - "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." This powerful promise from James 4:8 calls each believer to step forward in faith with hearts awakened by the light of Christ. Mill Creek's Awakening2024 season of spiritual renewal will focus on the Letter of James through a 4-week message series and accompanying large group Bible study. Join us as we explore the rich and challenging words of James from Sunday, September 15th through Sunday, October 6th. Awakening2024 will begin with a Family Fun night on Saturday, September 14th at the Curt's residence. The season will conclude with the celebration of Love Feast on the evening of Sunday, October 6th. (See back page of insert.)

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING PRAISES TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR? If the answer is yes, please consider joining our Chancel Choir. We practice on Wednesdays (starting September 4) and sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. If you have any questions, contact Jean Andrews at 540-490-2407.



HOW HAS GOD GIFTED YOU? All Christians have been given spiritual gifts, but many aren't sure what they are or how to use them biblically and practically. Join us starting Wednesday, September 18th, from 6:30-7:30 PM in the New Covenant classroom to help discover and learn more about your spiritual gift(s) and how to use them to serve and unify the body of Christ. Mary Landes will lead this 10-session Bible study by Charles Stanley. Please let me Mary know (540-746-8926 or mblandes@verizon.net) if you plan to attend so materials can be ordered.





DISASTER AUCTION TOTAL: The numbers are finally in -- \$248,317.45 was raised. Thanks, everyone, for your continued support!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL HELP REQUEST! As Mill Creek looks ahead to the fall and Wednesday evening programs, we are looking for any individuals or groups that might be interested in helping to prepare a meal. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the church office.

WE NEED YOU! – The Personnel and Nominating Commission is looking to fill the following positions starting in January, 2025:

- Deacon Chairs – The Deacon Chairs lead the Deacon body is providing care and service to the congregation, as well as organizing communions and Love Feasts, and assisting with baptisms.
- Chair – Finance Commission: The Finance Commission monitors the financial logistics of the church by counting the weekly offering, formulating the church budget, and making financial recommendations to the Church Board as needed.
- Co-Chair – Worship and Music Commission: The Worship and Music Commission facilitates Sunday morning worship to ensure such as working closely with our pastors to plan each Sunday service as well as special services. Appointing choir directors, accompanists, acolytes, organists, pianists, etc. Arranging special music for the summer months.

We are also looking for new members to serve on the Evangelism Commission and the Personnel and Nominating Commission. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to serve and contact Cindy Morgan at (540) 810-4001 or any other member of the Personnel & Nominating Commission.

PICKLEBALL - For those of you interested in attending a brief meeting regarding Pickleball here at Mill Creek, please put on your calendar: Sun., Sept. 15 during Sunday School in the Board Room. You will be joined with myself (Charles Long), Dick Myers, and Pastor Ryan. We would like to hear from you, those who may be interested for Mill Creek Church to install a combination Pickleball & Basketball Court on our property. This is in the early stage, and not to take away from the much-needed kitchen upgrades and remodel for the near future. For any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to myself or Dick Myers. --Charles Long (Chairman-Fellowship & Recreation)



DISASTER CLEANING BUCKETS -- The Missions and Service Commission will be collecting donations during the month of September to support the District in filling 5-gal. cleaning buckets with cleaning supplies. The cost of the bucket, and to fill, 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.



A CLIPBOARD ON WHICH TO LIST MAINTENANCE NEEDS REQUESTS is posted on the end of the mailboxes. **More Announcements** →

START DATES FOR FALL 2024:

- Sunday 9/8 - Handbell choir (8:30) and P.I.G.S.(9am) rehearsals begin
 - Wednesday 9/11 - Youth Kick-off party 6-8pm
 - Saturday 9/14 – Awakening 2024 Kick-off Family Night 3:30
 - Sunday 9/15 - 4-week Awakening 2024 Sermon series and Large group Bible Study begin
 - Wednesday 9/18 - Wednesday meals (5:30) Kid's Choir (6:30) and Little Angels/Kingdom Kids (7pm) begin.
 - Sunday 10/13 - 2nd Sunday Youth Worship begins
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ONLINE GIVING

AWAKENING 2024
MILL CREEK CHURCH
OF THE BRETHREN
THE BOOK OF JAMES

Join us as we do an in-depth exploration of
The Book of James.
Starting each Sunday, September 15th
through October 6th, 2024, with additional
events!!

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