

# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

January 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## Music as We Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**      *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* Arr. Rick Parks

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

#### \*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: Come to the river of life.

**All: Listen for the words of love.**

One: Come to the waters of grace.

**All: Receive the gift of acceptance.**

One: Come to the river of love,

**All: for all are welcome here.**

#### \*Invocation

\*Hymn      *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*      Blue 70  
*(Children may leave for Children’s Church)*

### Morning Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Hymn      *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*      Blue 357

Scripture      Matthew 3:13-17

### Blessing of Offering

\*Doxology (Blue 119A)

\*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem      *“Worthy, Alleluia!”*      Chancel Choir

Sermon      *“Stop in the Name of Love”*

\*Hymn      *“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”*      Blue 151

#### \*Benediction

\*Postlude      *“Song for a New Day”*      David Paxton

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\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

<sup>1</sup>*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019, Edited by Mary Scifres and B. J. Beu, page 13*

**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:** Camala Kite **CHORISTER:** Sally Halterman

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

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

**ACOLYTE:** Abby Myers

**NURSERY:** Blair Hoffman, Jennifer Martin & Chloe Martin

**LIVESTREAM:** Dick Halterman, Brant Somma

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger **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 – January 8, 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.*

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## **This Week**

January 9, 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

January 11, 10 a.m. Daytime Bible Study in Choir Room/Bethany Classroom

January 11 -- Wednesday Evening Activities

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

*Menu served by Bethany Class*

*(Friends and neighbors welcome to attend)*

*Chili, cornbread, salad, assorted cakes*

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

8:00 p.m. Praise Team

**Scripture Readings** – Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9;  
John 1:29-42

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## **Next Sunday – January 15, 2023**

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

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

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# Last Sunday – January 1, 2022

Worship: 117  
General Offering: \$6,660.00  
Offering Envelopes: \$44.00

Sunday School: 73  
Special Services: \$40.00

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## Mark Your Calendar

January 16, 7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Commission in Chapel
January 18, 6:30 p.m.	David Jeremiah Bible Study (see announcement)
January 23, 1:00 p.m.	Awesome Readers Book Group in Library
January 23, 7:00 p.m.	Personnel & Nominating Commission

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## Announcements

*I want to thank the carolers who came to visit me prior to Christmas and brought me a gift and goodie tray. It meant a lot to me and I really appreciated it.*

**Brenda Patterson**

**YOU MAY PICK UP 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ON THE TABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.** If you need envelopes, you may take a blank box of envelopes (at the hospitality desk) and you will need to write your name on the outside the first time you use one. You may take someone else's box to them if needed.



**A PROTECTIVE GLASS COVERING FOR THE SANCTUARY'S ORGAN** was recently cut by Glass and Metal and donated by Fred Glick. We so appreciate this donation, and Randy and Donna Nesselrod's attention to it being replaced! Sincerely, Worship and Music Commission



**NEEDED: QUILTERS** – Please join us for quilting Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. until, starting January 10. Bring a bagged lunch. No school, no quilting.

**A BOUND COPY OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE** in Omaha, Nebraska has recently arrived and is available for review in the Church Library.

**AN ELEVEN-WEEK DAVID JEREMIAH BIBLE STUDY** entitled "A Life Beyond Amazing" will be led by Mary Landes on Wednesday evenings starting January 18. It will meet in the Calvary Sunday School classroom from 6:30-7:40 p.m. Please contact Mary at 540-746-8926 or mblandes@verizon.net with questions or to sign up. Materials will be provided. Please join us as we study how we can imitate the character of Jesus by developing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives!

**CROSS KEYS–MILL CREEK RURITANS WILL BE HAVING A COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** for Hose Company #4 on Saturday, January 14, 7:30-10:30 am. Please help to support them.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS →**

**A DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY IS BEING HELD ON WEDNESDAYS** through April 5, 10-11 a.m.--“Jesus: Miracles & Parables”. Meet in the Choir Room/Bethany Classroom. If questions, contact Carlyle Cline or Leona Raines. All are welcome! Info sheets are on the Hospitality Desk and the table outside the church office.

**THE AWESOME READERS BOOK GROUP** will have their next meeting January 23, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the church library. Our book selection is *“In Alexa’s Shoes”* by Rochelle Alexandra. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hain, Leona Raines or Gloria Garrison.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR - WE HAVE A BUS TRIP PLANNED** to go to Sight & Sound to see Moses on September 21-22, 2023. Be on the lookout for prices and trip details at a later date. --Debbie and Danny



**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**, check WHSV-TV 3 for announcements of church-related delays, postponements, or cancellations. Church-wide emails will also be sent to those who receive Mill Creek Church Connections emails.



**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-August 5 / October 22-28. Please contact Daniel Martin or Gail Bowman if interested in one or more of these trips.