

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

Second Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“A Mighty Fortress is our God”* Arr. Stanley E. Saxton

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

One: Welcome home, beloved children of God!

All: Gathered in God’s arms, we come to worship.

One: Sheltered in God’s love, we come to grow in love.

All: Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

One: Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

**All: we trust that God is with us,
guiding and protecting our days.**

***Hymn** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* Blue 37
 (Children may leave for Children’s Church)

*Invocation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Hymn *“God of Our Life”* Blue 486

Scripture Luke 4:1-13

Blessing of Offering

*Doxology (Blue 119A)

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *“Let the Song of Praise Be Heard”* Chancel Choir

Message *“The Other Way”*

***Hymn** *“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous”* Blue 338

*Benediction

***Postlude** *“Epilogue”* Edward Broughton

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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

TEACHER: Layla Sheets **HELPER:** Angie Somma

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – 1ST- 5TH GRADES (Sanctuary Basement)

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

Assisting in Worship

MORNING MESSAGE: Pastor Glenn Bollinger

WORSHIP LEADER: Debby Rimel **CHORISTER:** Sally Halterman

ORGANIST: Kaye Cline **PIANIST:** Bethany Prevatt

ACOLYTE: Georgia Harper **AUDIO/VISUAL:** Jon Wenger

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

NURSERY: Jacob &/or Layla Sheets, Ginger &/or Taylor & Macey Myers

USHERS: Liam Ettinger, Andy Myers **HEAD USHER:** Gary Cline

LIVESTREAM: Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Ben Martin, Brant Somma

Today – March 9, 2025

8:30 a.m.	Handbells
9:00 a.m.	Puppet Ministry in Jr. High Room
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Children's Church, 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.

This Week

March 11, 6:30 p.m.	Bible Day Camp Meeting in Library
March 12, 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Choir Rm./Bethany Classroom
March 12 – Wednesday Evening Activities	
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal in Social Hall
	<i>Menu served by Gethsemane Class</i>
	<i>(Friends and neighbors welcome to attend)</i>
	<i>Hot dog bar, macaroni salad, veggie tray, chips, & dessert</i>
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Mill Creek Kids in the Chapel
7:00-7:30 p.m.	Little Angels, Kingdom Kidz Club
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Youth Hang Time – Sr. Highs, Sr. High Room; Jr. Highs, Jr. High Room
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study in New Covenant Classroom
7:45-8:45 p.m.	Praise Team

Scripture Readings – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27,
Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Next Sunday – March 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude)
11 a.m.	Called Church Council Meeting (see announcement)
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School

Last Sunday – March 2, 2025

Worship: 210	Sunday School: 149
General Offering: \$10,125.00	Special Services: \$40.00
National Youth Conference: \$25.00	

Mark Your Calendar

March 16	Name Tag Sunday
March 17, 7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Commission in Library
March 23, 12:30 p.m.	Women's Luncheon in Social Hall (see announcement)
March 24, 7:00 p.m.	Nurture Commission in Chapel
March 24, 7:00 p.m.	Personnel & Nominating Commission in Library
March 31, 7:00 p.m.	Missions & Service Commission in Board Room

Worship Schedule

- 1st Sunday – Coffee Hour, Children's Choir, Handbells
2nd Sunday – Chancel Choir, Youth Worship, Children's Church
3rd Sunday – Praise Team
4th Sunday – Chancel Choir, Children's Church
5th Sunday – Praise Team, Puppets
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Announcements



The flowers on the altar are in honor of John & Helen Jarrel's 70th wedding anniversary, given with love from their daughters and families.

The family of Allen Gillette would like to thank the Mill Creek congregation for all the kindness you showed us during Allen's illness and after his passing. All the cards, visits, phone calls, food, and prayers meant so much to us. We could feel all the prayers surrounding us. We would also like to thank everyone who helped make his memorial service so special, especially Pastor Glenn for making sure the service was everything we wanted. It is so comforting to be part of such a warm and caring church family.

Mary, Stephen, Beth, David, Ashley & grandchildren

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16, THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CALLED COUNCIL MEETING following worship to vote on the recommendation of Pastor Ryan's ordination in the Church of the Brethren.

CORRECT ADDRESS FOR DEVIN & JILL BOWMAN FOR DIRECTORY: 3156 Swiftwater Court, Rockingham, VA 22801

LEADERSHIP EVALUATION! OUR 2025 EVALUATION AND SURVEY are now available in the gathering area and online millcreekcob.org. We would appreciate your feedback for our pastors and volunteer leaders, as well as a few general survey questions. Thank you!

NEW 2025 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.

Kitchen Plans, Escape, Women's Luncheon, and More Announcements →

PLANS FOR A POTENTIAL KITCHEN REMODEL ARE POSTED in the Library. Feel free to review and leave any comments or questions you may have.

ESCAPE! On March 23rd from 2:30-4 p.m. the **Jr. & Sr. High Youth** will be taking a trip to Escapism Escape Rooms in downtown Harrisonburg. The cost will be \$20 with the youth fund covering the rest. Please contact Ryan if you'd like to attend!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL HELP REQUEST FOR 2025! 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.



SAVE THE DATE FOR BIBLE DAY CAMP! Our 2025 Bible Day Camp “Jesus Trek” will be held from June 17-20. Registration will be available online starting April 1st. We can’t wait to see you there!

POWER OF THE PAUSE! On Sunday, March 23 at 12:30 p.m. the Women’s Ministry will be hosting a luncheon with guest speaker, Angela Kohl, who will share a message on the importance of the PAUSE. This free event will be held in the social hall for women, high school and up. Lunch will include a taco bar and Klines Dairy Bar ice cream. Please register in your Sunday School class or online at millcreekcob.org

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY IS HELD EACH WEDNESDAYS thru April 16, 10-11 a.m., “**Jesus, Disciples, & Apostles**”, held in the Choir Room/Bethany Classroom. If questions, contact Carlyle Cline or Leona Raines Wyrick. All are welcome! Info sheets are on the Hospitality Desk and the table outside the church office.



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

BRETHREN WOODS REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE SUMMER! Calling all campers! Registration is now open for Brethren Woods summer camp. There are multiple options available for those who have completed Kindergarten through High School. Through the generosity of our honey ministry, Mill Creek is currently able to cover the cost of registration. If any questions, please contact the church office.

TO HELP BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES FINANCIALLY, donations can be made by using this QR-code to navigate through our secure online giving site or by making a donation to the church (mark your check memo line “Brethren Disaster Ministries” and if using an envelope, please also mark the envelope). Donations may be placed in an offering box, dropped by the office, or mailed to the church.



2025 SHENANDOAH DISTRICT SPONSORED DISASTER TRIPS

April 20-26 / May 25-31 / Aug 10-16 / Sept 21-27 / Oct 19-26

All trips are scheduled to be in Eastern, Kentucky at this time. If anyone has any interest in going on a disaster trip or would like to learn more, please contact Daniel Martin at (540) 209-1850 or Jerry Ruff at (540) 447-0306.



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