# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Music as We Gather "Holy Water" "Faithful God"

**Bringing in the Light of Christ** 

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

One: To those who eagerly came to worship God,

All: you are welcome here.

One: To those who grumbled about coming,

All: you are welcome here.

One: To those who are not sure why they are here,

All: you are welcome here.

One: In the name of the One who loves and forgives us,

you are welcome in this place.

All: Thanks be to God!

\*Worship in Song "God So Loved"

\*Invocation

P.I.G.S – Puppets in God's Service

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Morning Prayer

**Blessing of Offering** 

"Living Hope"

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**Scripture** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Special Music "King of Love"

Message "Lost"

\*Closing Song "Holy is the Lord"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able are invited to stand.

## **Assisting in Worship**

MORNING MESSAGE: Pastor Glenn Bollinger

5TH SUNDAY TEAM WORSHIP LEADER: Gwen Whetzel

ACOLYTE: Jordyn Good Jr. ACOLYTE: Charlotte Movers

Audio/Visual: Jon Wenger

NURSERY: Krystal Moyers, Melissa &/or Justin Harpine **USHERS:** Larry Hostetler, Andy Myers **HEAD USHER:** Gary Cline LIVESTREAM: Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Ben Martin, Brant Somma

# Today - March 30, 2025

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

Livestream worship (9:50 prelude) 11:00 a.m. Sunday School

Children, ages 2-4 & grades K-5 who are attending Sunday School, may be picked up in the Sanctuary at noon, after Sunday School is over.

#### This Week

March 31, 7:00 p.m. Missions & Service Commission in Board Room April 2, 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn April 2, 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Choir Rm./Bethany Classroom

April 2 NO Wednesday Evening Activities or Fellowship Meal (Spring Break)

Scripture Readings – Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14: John 12:1-8

# Next Sunday - April 6, 2025

Coffee Hour, hosted by Gethsemane Class 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude) 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. **Deacon Meeting in Chapel** 

## Last Sunday - March 23, 2025

Worship: 230 Sunday School: 164

General Offering: \$9,100.00

May 16 & 17

#### Mark Your Calendar

April 2, 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn April 7, 5:45 p.m. Ministry Commission in Library April 7, 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Commission in Friends & Foll. Classroom April 7, 6:00 p.m. Properties Commission in Chapel April 7, 7:00 p.m. **Board Meeting** Love Feast - Maundy Thursday April 17, 7:00 p.m. April 22, 6:30 p.m. Bible Day Camp Meeting in Library Shenandoah District Disaster Auction

## **April Worship Schedule**

1st Sunday – Coffee Hour, Chancel Choir, Children's Church 2nd Sunday, Palm Sunday – Children's Choir, Handbells 3rd Sunday, Easter – Chancel Choir 4th Sunday – Praise Team, Children's Church

#### **Announcements**

We would like to thank our dear church family for all the care, love, support, prayers, cards & messages given to/for us during the loss of my Dad, Andy's father-in-law and the girl's Granddad. Words cannot express how much they meant to us during this difficult time. With love,

Andy, Ginger, Taylor & Macey Myers

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

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., April 9. Make checks to Flowers by Rose and put your form in the basket on the hospitality desk or mail to Rose Good.

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. *The final open date is 4/23*. 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!

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

#### Coffee Hour Schedule (October through April) First Sunday of Each Month – 9 a.m.

April - Gethsemane

If the month does not suit as shown, please contact another class to switch.

**SOFTBALL ANYONE?** Last year, Pleasant Valley COB and Mill Creek COB teamed up to play softball in the Weyers Cave recreational league. Pleasant Valley is interested in putting together a team with Mill Creek again. Anyone who is interested in playing should reach out to James Hall jehall8084@gmail.com 540-569-6263.

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR BRETHREN WOODS (kindergarten through high school). The proceeds from the honey that is for sale will be used to pay registration fees for all interested. Thanks to Mary Southerly and the late Norman Southerly for making this possible. Note: if the honey is cloudy it is perfectly good to use. Just put it in the sun or a pan of hot water to clear, but DO NOT put in microwave because that kills all the enzymes in the honey. You can return your jars to be refilled! Thanks for your support!

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.



#### **ONLINE GIVING**

#### April Birthdays (65 & up)

2 Nelson Sheets 20 Larry Good 5 Lou Stover 23 Susan Weaver 6 Sara Ritchie 25 Joyce Blackburn 9 Tom Bowman Earl Downs 16 Jeff Huffman 26 Mac Long 18 Charles Miller 30 Pat Sacra

19 Mary Jane Michael Tom Scanlan

# April Anniversaries

Bill & Shirley Jarrels 9 Nolan & Mary Lieu Cline 21 22 James & Mary Beth Shuke 10 Gordon & Linda Magalis 14 Larry & Rose Good 26 Ryan & Molly Harper 18 Larry & Emily Hostetler Keith & Jennifer Sheets 28 Garnett & Ginger Good