# Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

November 24, 2024 10:00 a.m. Music as We Gather Welcome and Announcements Prelude "Give Thanks" Arr. Phillip Keveren Bringing in the Light of Christ \*Call to Worship One: To Him who loves us. Be all glory and power. All: One: To Him who has freed us from sin. All: Be all dominion and might. To him who makes us priests of the Kingdom. One: Hallelujah, praise Jesus, Yes! Amen! All: "To God Be the Glory" \*Hymn Blue 102 (Children may leave for Children's Church) \*Invocation Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Morning Prayer** "Be Thou My Vision" Blue 545 Hymn **Blessing of Offering** \*Doxology (Blue 119A) \*Prayer of Dedication Scripture Revelation 1:4-8 Anthem "This Offering of Praise" Chancel Choir "Cards" Message "Crown Him with Many Crowns" \*Hymn Blue 116 \*Benediction "Now Thank We All Our God" \*Postlude Sigfrid Karg-Elert \*Those who are able are invited to stand.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – AGES 3 THRU KINDERGARTEN (Sanctuary Basement)TEACHER: Blair HoffmanHELPER: Bonnie HutchisonCHILDREN'S CHURCH – 1<sup>ST</sup>- 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES (Sanctuary Basement)TEACHER: Josh BollingerHELPER: Andrew Bollinger

### **Assisting in Worship**

MORNING MESSAGE: Pastor Ryan McAllister WORSHIP LEADER: Ben Martin CHORISTER: Carlyle Cline ORGANIST: Kaye Cline PIANIST: Becky Echard ACOLYTE: Stella Harper JR. ACOLYTE: Lucy Harper NURSERY: Katie & Ella Engel, Brooke Erbaugh AUDIO/VISUAL: Jon Wenger USHERS: Liam Ettinger, Terry Sager HEAD USHER: Gary Cline LIVESTREAM: Jamin Engel, Dick Halterman, Brant Somma

### Today – November 24, 2024

8:30 a.m.Handbells9:00 a.m.Puppet Ministry in Jr. High Room10:00 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.

# This Week

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 25, 7:00 p.m.Personnel & Nominating Commission in LibraryNovember 25, 7:00 p.m.Missions & Service Commission in Board RoomNovember 27 – Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30-6:30 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal or Activities due to Thanksgiving November 28 & 29 Church Offices Closed - Thanksgiving

Scripture Readings – Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; I Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

### Next Sunday – December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, hosted by Bethany Class Worship Service, Children's Church, Livestream worship (9:50 prelude) Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

# Last Sunday - November 17, 2024

Worship: 213 General Offering: \$8,310.00 N. Southerly Memorial/Ghana: \$100.00 Sunday School: 146 Special Services: \$20.00

### Mark Your Calendar

December 2, 5:45 p.m. December 2, 6:00 p.m. December 2, 7:00 p.m. December 4, 7:00 a.m. December 16, 7:00 p.m. December 21-23, 7-9 p.m.

Ministry Commission in Library NO Evangelism Commission in December Board Meeting Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn NO Worship & Music Commission in December Live Nativity

### **December Worship Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Coffee Hour, Praise Team
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Chancel Choir, Youth Worship, Children's Church
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Children's Christmas Pageant
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday -- Christmas Cantata - Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Handbells, Communion
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Praise Team, Puppets

### Announcements

PLEASE HAVE ANY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE by this **Tues., Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.** The bulletin will be printed on Wed., Nov. 27 due to Thanksgiving week. Church offices are closed Nov. 28 & 29.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**, \$3 each, are available on the hospitality desk and small table outside the church office, under the coat rack.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE DUE TODAY, November 24.** If you have any questions, please contact Jean Andrews.

**THE LIVE NATIVITY AT THE MICHAEL'S BARN** will be held December 21, 22 & 23, 7-9 p.m. each night at 8218 Port Republic Rd., Port Republic. You may sign



up on the sheets in the Sunday school classrooms, office, library or lounge, use Mary Jane's email (mjmichael119@gmail.com), or text her at 540-810-9218 if you would like to be a part of it.

**CHRISTMAS BIBLE STUDY** - Are you ready to prepare your heart to celebrate the birth of Christ? Please join us for a Wednesday night Christmas Bible study on December 4, 11, and 18. Melissa Stover will be leading the study of Luke 1 and 2 to take a deeper look into the events surrounding Jesus's birth. We look forward to seeing you in the New Covenant classroom, 6:30-7:30 pm!

Yearly Church Directory Update Form: We ask that each family/person (active members and others who attend regularly) <u>complete the form in</u> today's bulletin, or located on the gathering area tables, and drop it in the



offering box or the church office mailbox **OR** print form attached to Mill Creek Connections and mail to the church office **by Dec. 15.** <u>If info</u> is the same, write name and "SAME". **Please let us know** if there are

other family members who should no longer be included in our directory. If questions, please contact Nancy Hain, Ministry Chair, or the church office. Thanks!

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

December – Bethany; January – Recreation and Fellowship; February – Iooking for volunteers; March – New Covenant; April – Gethsemane If the month does not suit as shown, please contact another class to switch. A CLIPBOARD ON WHICH TO LIST MAINTENANCE NEEDS REQUESTS is posted on the end of the mailboxes.

**THE NAVIGATION CENTER**, the new facility offering services to the homeless in partnership with Open Doors and the City of Harrisonburg, is hoping to open in November. The Center will be home to a year-round low-barrier shelter for 72 single adults and a daytime drop-in center that will offer various health and human services. The goal of the project is to provide safe and inclusive shelter, and to extend critical services to the greater Harrisonburg and Rockingham Community. The Center will also offer laundry facilities to those in need. As a former board member, I'm hoping to partner with our Church to provide laundry detergent as they open. If you can contribute, please drop off laundry detergent (no pods) in the area across from Lucinda's office. For more information, please feel free to contact me at 540.746.2292. Thanks for your continuing support. ~Lee Ann Jackson

**DISASTER CLEANING BUCKETS –** With the recent hurricanes, we will continue our disaster bucket fundraising campaign. The cost to provide and fill a bucket is around \$85. Sunday School classes and individuals may help by making a donation to the church (mark your check memo line "Disaster Cleaning Buckets" and if 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. 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.





ONLINE GIVING

#### December Birthdays (65 & up)

- 1 Shelvy Hinkle
- 3 Dennis Dellinger
- 4 Leona Raines Wyrick
- 6 Carter Myers
- 10 Kris Long

- 11 Homer Sacra, Jr. John Jackson
- 14 Al Secrist
- 22 Gordon Magalis
- 30 Janet Bollinger
- 31 Pat Shirey

#### December Anniversaries

- 3 Larry & Juanita Wheeler
- 7 Danny & Sandy Cline Lynn & Anita Landes
- 15 Bob & Linda Failes
- 16 Dennis & Alison Siever
- 17 Dennis & Lou Dellinger
- 18 Will & Brooke Goodwin

- 18 Robert & Tammy Stone
- 19 Brian & Margaret Alger Darin & Karen Bowman
- 20 Clark & Amanda Ritchie
- 22 Chris & Jennifer Hansen
- 27 Chad & Leslie Miller
- 29 Mark & Renee Morris