



**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC**

SUNDAY, JULY 30  
AT MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!**

WE WILL PROVIDE:  
CHICKEN AND DRINKS  
PLATES, CUPS, FLATWARE, AND NAPKINS

**FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR!**

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SEATING AVAILABLE

## GATHERINGS

**9:30 AM Sunday School In-person**  
**10:45 AM Sunday Worship**  
In-person & ONLINE via Facebook

## COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

**"WHAT'S NEXT?"  
A Study of Revelation**  
by Skip Heitzig

Through SEPT. 3  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

We live in a culture that is constantly asking, "What's next?" We want to know the latest fashions, trends, stocks, and gadgets. In a world that's always looking for the next big thing, we can sometimes forget the most important thing. As Christians, we are called to wait with anticipation for the return of Christ. In this series through the book of **Revelation**, we look forward and ask ourselves, "What's next?"

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

JESUS ABIDES IN YOU.  
**ABIDE IN HIM.**

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY!

In this 10-session, verse-by-verse study of 1, 2, and 3 John, Jen Wilkin will help us discover how the apostle John's words challenge us to recall our great salvation and abide in the truth.

*Don't miss this great opportunity to fellowship with other women and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord.*

SERMONS, TEACHINGS,  
MUSIC, & MORE  
check out:  
**"CHURCH ANYTIME"**  
**@MountMoriah.Church**

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MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH  
<https://mountmoriah.church>  
30 Church Street, Smithfield, PA 15478

# Mount Moriah Christian School

*Family-friendly, Bible-based Education*



ESTD 1985

On **MISSION**  
*to encourage,  
equip &  
energize  
students to:*

**LOVE** Jesus &  
Others,  
**GROW** in  
knowledge &  
wisdom,  
**LIVE** the  
Kingdom life.

**1st Day of School**



**August 28, 2023**

The Mount Moriah Christian School was founded in 1985 fulfilling a vision of the church to initiate an outreach ministry to families in Smithfield and the surrounding communities. The first preschool class started in 1985 with 19 students and has grown to include 4 classes with a total of 60+ children participating each year.

Thirteen years after its inception (1998) the ministry expanded to include kindergarten and continued adding classes for the next several years and today offers preschool through 8th grade. Typical enrollment is approximately 180 students. However, enrollment for the upcoming school year is already at 203 students. Praise the Lord!

Church leadership and the School Board are praying about, discussing, and reviewing options for the future. However for now, it's been decided to add a temporary classroom in the New Life Sunday School Classroom (Old Sanctuary). The classroom will be installed in the back corner opposite of the Operation Christmas Child location. In the weeks ahead you may notice a few changes as we prepare for the largest number of students ever at the Mount Moriah Christian School, and we thank you in advance for your patience.

Lastly, so many of you have contributed time, money and energy to the school over its 38 years of existence. As a result of your faithfulness, we've had the privilege to see God work in countless ways. It's such a blessing to be involved with brothers and sisters in Christ that truly understand the great mission we're called to and the importance of the journey we're taking. God bless—and please continue to pray for the school and the numerous other ministries of Mount Moriah.

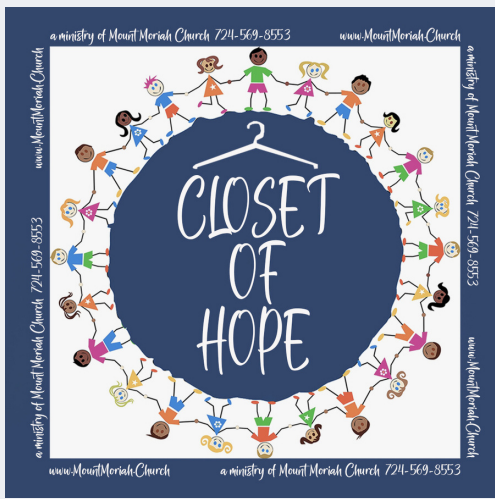
In Christ,  
Rich Ellsworth



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## CLOSET OF HOPE

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The Closet of Hope has moved! God continues to bless our ministries through His faithfulness and answered prayers. We are now officially located at the Uniontown Mall. Praise God for this amazing opportunity!

We ask that you no longer bring donations to the Church. All donations will be collected at the mall store front. For more information on donation needs and delivery dates, please visit our website or feel free to reach out to Jen Diamond, COH Coordinator.

Our Amazon wish list is up, and it can be found on our church website. Should you feel led to donate using the Amazon link, your wish list purchases can be shipped directly to COH. No need to take any extra steps to get the items to us.



We love our volunteers. The St. Peter's Lutheran Youth Group held a donation drive and spent several hours sorting and organizing clothing. They are also hosting a COH fundraiser and plan to send us a financial gift. We are so grateful for Pastor Jim and his impressive group of teens!

Pastor Darrell has been preaching a series on spiritual gifts. Our goal is to use our spiritual gift to love God and love others. If you would like to practice using your spiritual gift, or maybe you are still trying to figure out which gift you have been given, the COH Team would love to help you get started!

*For more information, please visit our website:*  
[mountmoriah.church/closet-of-hope](http://mountmoriah.church/closet-of-hope)

*In Christ's Love,  
Jen Diamond, COH Coordinator*

**COH**

## Items We Need

**Clothing:** new or gently used clean clothing that is age appropriate from birth to teens (*NEW socks and NEW underwear only*)

**Backpacks and duffel bags:** new or gently used backpacks (always in demand)

**Toiletries:** new body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shampoos, conditioners (ethnic hair, too), hairbrushes, girls' hygiene products, and new makeup

**Baby:** shampoo and body wash, diaper bags, wipes, diapers, and small baby equipment, such as car seats and strollers

**Bibles:** age appropriate Bibles for children and teens

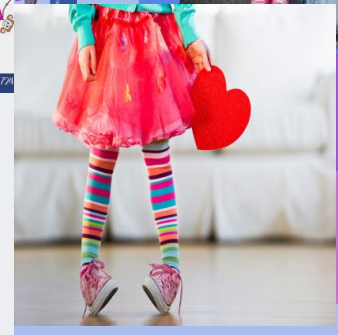
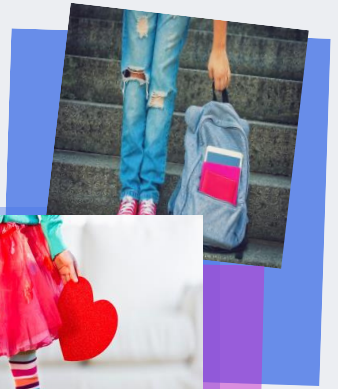
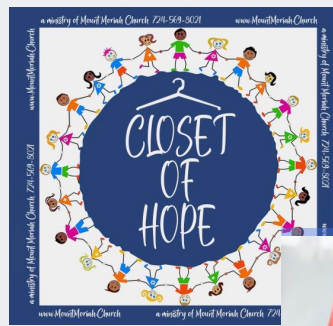
**Technology:** new headphones, night lights, and used gaming systems (always a big hit)

**Toys:** small stuffed animals, learning games, books, art sets, coloring books, Legos, and Barbie dolls

**School Supplies:** school supplies for all ages

**Bedding:** NEW OR GENTLY USED AND CLEAN comfort sets, blankets, twin sheets, and small throws

Please visit our website to see our **Amazon Wishlist** along with a full donation list of what is needed and what is not needed.



# COH

The Closet of Hope serves foster, kinship, homeless, and newly adopted children from ages birth to teens. By appointment, we offer a free shopping experience to provide a basic wardrobe and much-needed essentials. Each child leaves the Closet of Hope with a backpack or duffel bag to carry their belongings.

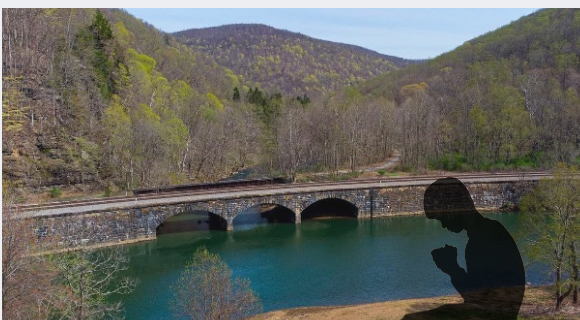
We are more than just a Foster Closet. COH also has a small program called the Hope Chest. We have a little shop located in the Uniontown Salvation Army building. We operate during select soup kitchen hours. Folks can sign up for a free shopping experience when they come in for a warm meal.



## CAMP CARMEL



## COH



We recently had the opportunity to send two foster teenagers to Camp Carmel. Loving members of our congregation immediately jumped in and paid their tuition. COH provided the campers with all their clothing and necessities. We received the best news that one of the teens accepted Jesus into his heart! The other teen also had an exciting time. Praise God for both teenagers and the seeds planted at Camp Carmel.



# MMYOL

## Mount Moriah Youth of Light



### MMYOL

#### MOUNT MORIAH YOUTH OF LIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- Jul. 30 — MMC Picnic & 9-Square Tournament
- Sept. 6 — MMYOL Back to School Cookout & Bonfire
- Sept. 23— Fayette Praise Fest featuring Jason Crabb
- Nov. 15 — MMYOL Fast Food Feast
- Dec. 13 — MMYOL Christmas Caroling



### MOUNT MORIAH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Vacation Bible School 2023 was a tremendous success! We ministered to as many as 258 kids and had as many as 50 volunteers! This year, the VBS offering of \$1,725.00 was donated to **TEAM IAN CHARITIES**.



**"A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!"**

"WHAT A BLESSING IT HAS BEEN TO SERVE AS VBS DIRECTOR FOR YET ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR AND TO MINISTER TO SO MANY KIDS ALONGSIDE SOME AMAZING TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS! LOOKING FORWARD TO VBS 2024!"

ERIN GRAHAM, VBS DIRECTOR





July 2023

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children.”  
-Deuteronomy 6:5-7a*

Most of the time Pastor's Pen is inspired first by scripture and then reflection. I will have to admit that this edition is mostly inspired by my experiences and observations. However, these experiences and observations immediately brought to my mind this passage of scripture.

I am writing this amid Vacation Bible School and Camp Carmel season. I am overwhelmed by what the Lord has allowed me to see. There have been over 250 kids in VBS who have been learning about Jesus and singing His praises. In just the first week of camp, there are over 40 teenagers experiencing God in a manner that is quite foreign to kids today. More than 150 students will encounter God and His Word throughout the rest of the summer at camp. There is also a great number of kids who are registered for the Christian School. These ministries are reaching many more than just the students. They are making it fun, exciting, engaging, and attractive. So many of these kids are getting excited to know that God loves them and that He wants them.

To me this is what God was asking the Israelites to do. He is asking us to do the same. Love God enough to remember His words and what he had done. Then share His Words and deeds with the next generations. It's not just about Bible School and Camp, it's about putting your kids in places where they can experience Him. It's car rides with VBS music blaring on the stereo. It's quiet moments before bed where you can read His Word and let them ask questions. It's showing them how to talk and listen to God. It's about living out your love for God in front of them. It's making a point to bring them to church and Sunday School so we all can worship and learn together.

Our kids need Jesus. Watching hundreds of kids singing, laughing, and learning about Jesus this summer has shown me that kids love learning and singing about Him. If this is encouraged and nurtured, it will help them to know, love and follow Jesus. This is a journey worth taking with them.

Sharing God's Word and His Deeds,  
Pastor D