



News From

The MOUNT

December 2021



IN-PERSON
**CHRISTMAS EVE
COMMUNION**

DATE
December 24, 2021

Please join us any
time between
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

AT MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH

HAPPENINGS

- Dec. 5 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service at the church - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Dec. 17 **SPECIAL** Christmas Offering for Mike and Marcy Brown serving in Peru

GATHERINGS

- 9:30 AM Sunday School In-person
- 10:45 AM Sunday Worship In-person & ONLINE via Facebook
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Night In-person Bible Study
- 7:00 PM MMYOL Wednesday Night Bible Study
- 8:00 PM Wednesday Night ONLINE Bible Study

MOUNT MORIAH YOUTH OF LIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 15 Christmas Caroling



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." ~ Isaiah 9:6

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays - Beginning January 6

9:30 am and 7:00 pm

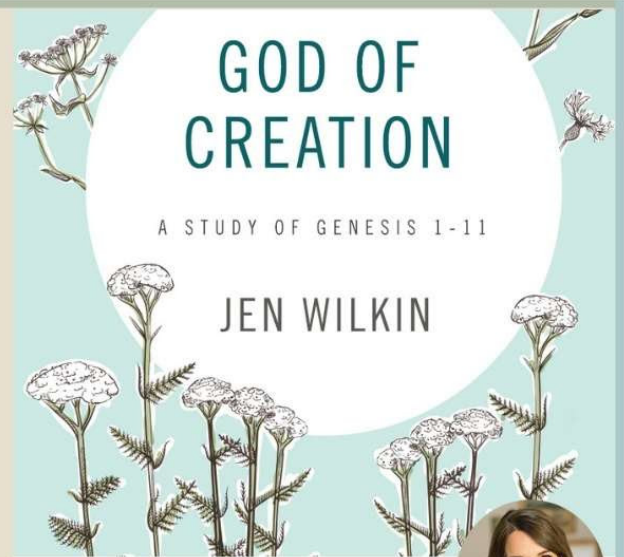
Please join us in learning about the character, attributes, and promises of our Creator in "God of Creation", a ten-session study of Genesis 1 – 11 by Jen Wilkin.

Beginning January 6th, each lesson will be presented in the morning and in the evening. For your convenience, you may attend either session as your schedule allows, as they will both cover the same lesson.

You will need a copy of the Bible study book to follow along with the discussion: *God of Creation: A Study of Genesis 1-11 - Bible Study Book, Revised* can be purchased through Amazon, Lifeway.com, or Christianbook.com for \$15.99.

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

We look forward to seeing you!



It all began with the Word.



Join us if you want to:

- Discover what the Bible says about God, His character, and attributes.
- Learn to love God with your mind as well as your heart through intentional study.
- Challenge your basic understanding of familiar stories through three critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation, and application.
- Gain knowledge of yourself by first understanding God as He has revealed Himself through Scripture.



HELP US BEAUTIFY MOUNT MORIAH
for the CHRISTMAS SEASON

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

How Many	Description	Cost
	1 plant in a 6½" foiled pot	\$8.50
	2 plants in a 7½" foiled pot	\$17.00
	3 plants in an 8" foiled pot	\$25.50
	4 plants in a 10" foiled pot	\$34.00
Total		Total

Given In Memory of: _____

Given In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Anyone wishing to place a poinsettia in the church may do so by giving this Order Form and Payment to Ruth Graham or the Flower Committee by Sunday, Dec. 12. (You may also order online at MountMoriah.Church.) The poinsettias will be displayed around the altar on Dec. 19 and Dec. 26. You may take your poinsettia with you following the service on Dec. 26.


THE DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IS DECEMBER 12th!

Flower Committee: Melodie Ellsworth, Margie Hartman,
and Sheila Smith

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for helping to bring the Good News about Jesus and great joy to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child! We collected 513 shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to deliver with the gospel message to children in need and demonstrate God's love for them in a tangible way.





Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!

-Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas Mount Moriah,

What is Christmas? and *God Gave Us Christmas* are two good children's books I have found that help my children and me focus on the true meaning of Christmas and still have fun with Christmas trees, mistletoe, presents, and Santa. It is so hard for me to write this letter without quoting every line from the books. But let me share my favorite lines with you.

Michelle Medlock Adams writes, "All of these things are really nice, and super-duper fun. But Christmas is much more than that – It's all about God's Son." Lisa Tawn Bergren writes, "Santa Claus reminds us about many good things like generosity and care. But it is God and Jesus that we celebrate most come Christmas. We always want to thank God for giving us Christmas."

Both books are filled with little truths that we can reflect on and, if given an opportunity, can share with kids from one to ninety-two. And both books point to Jesus as being God's best present of all, given to all the world.

I know, that seemed like more of a book report than a letter...lol. But I just wanted to remind you how special Christmas is. We should jump at every opportunity to share Jesus, peace on earth and good will toward men. And there is nothing wrong with having a little child-like fun along the way.

"Although it's been said many, times many ways, Merry Christmas to you!"

Pastor D, Joyce, Tasso and Taleah





The Gaster Family

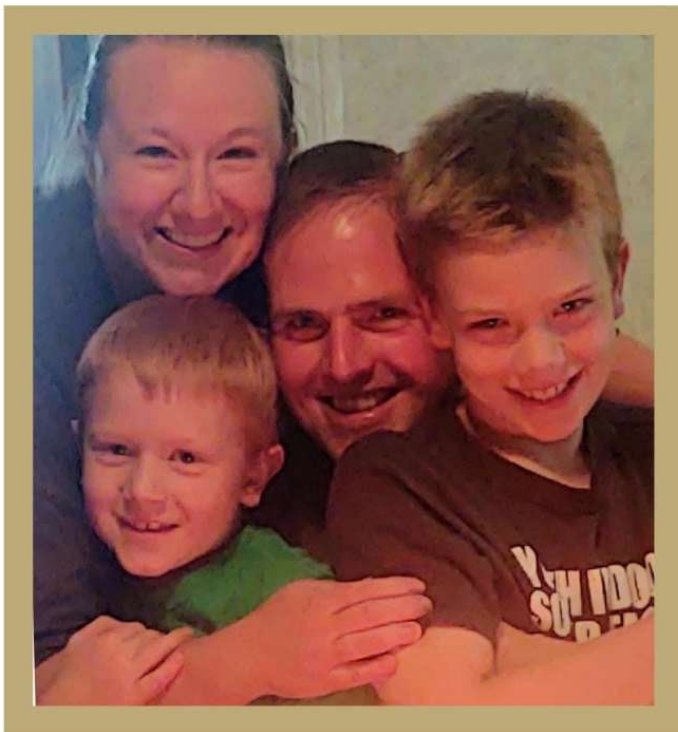
Julie grew up in Mount Moriah. She attended youth group, was baptized, and became a member of the church. Eventually we got married at Mount Moriah on June 24, 2006. However, we didn't start attending as a family until 2014 when Gage was just a baby. We knew it was past time for us to give our children the Christian foundation that Julie had growing up. In fact, that is one of our favorite parts of attending church here. Everyone loves on our children as if they are their own. Both Drew and Gage love attending church and have made some lasting relationships. We also really enjoy our adult Sunday School class where studying the word has helped us deepen our knowledge of Christ's love for us.

Since first coming to Mount Moriah, we have been blessed to see such growth in our family. Shawn was baptized in December of 2019 and enrolled in Colorado Christian University where

he is currently working on earning a degree in Organizational Management in Christian Leadership as well as Biblical Studies.

Shawn also was a counselor at Camp Carmel this past summer where Drew accepted Christ. Drew was baptized in August of this year.

"Our family loves being part of the body of Christ. We feel so fortunate to have found a home and a family at a church that loves God and preaches the Bible. We wouldn't want to be anywhere else but Mount Moriah!"



Julie, Shawn,
Gage, age seven, and Drew, age ten

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. - John 13:34

Mount Moriah Church Ministry Opportunities

You Can Make a Difference!

Get INVOLVED!

We believe every Christian should belong to a local church and take ownership of that church. This includes serving, giving, and participating in biblical community. We have been given gifts to be used for the glory of God. Serving is an opportunity to discover what those gifts are, realize their purpose in life, and become part of a community that loves God, loves others, and serves Jesus.

Mount Moriah has serving opportunities to fit a wide range of personalities and schedules. If you are interested in getting involved, the following are some of the ways you can participate.

1

INVITE SOMEONE

Gather your courage and invite someone to church. Life change starts for many with an invitation to church and then an invitation to know and love Jesus!

Additionally, become a social media evangelist by consistently “liking and sharing” the ONLINE content posted by Mount Moriah. Invite friends to Sunday Service LIVE watch parties, ZOOM Bible studies, and other assorted ONLINE ministry events.

2

GIVE GENEROUSLY

Financially partnering with Mount Moriah makes an impact in people's lives across our town, county, state, and world.

In-Person giving at a Mount Moriah service or event can be done by dropping your donation in the offering boxes at the rear entrance / exit of the sanctuary.

Online giving is simple and secure. You can make a one time or recurring donation by debit card, credit card, or a checking account. Every dollar given to Mount Moriah goes to support ministry to our church members, local community, and outreach partners.

We could not do this without you. We are overwhelmingly grateful for your financial partnership in the gospel.

3

JOIN A SERVE TEAM

Serving others allows God to use us, stretch us, and develop the spiritual gifts He has placed within us. We're most like Jesus when we serve!

SECURITY TEAM

This team, for the most part, goes unnoticed but is responsible to ensure the safety of those attending Mount Moriah sponsored services and events. In addition to security personnel, Mount Moriah utilizes video monitoring throughout the facility with special emphasis on entrances and exits as well as hallways and other locations as established by third-party security professionals. Serving on the security team requires hours of training and is usually by invitation only. However, if you have experience and a background in security and are interested in participating, we would welcome the discussion.

Inquiries should be directed to Brock Hartman, Church Moderator.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

The Hospitality team is responsible for making Mount Moriah the most welcoming place in the county. This team loves people and makes them feel at home. They are knowledgeable about the church, its programs, and ministries. They are willing and able to help visitors as well as new and existing members always feel welcome, comfortable, and safe while at Mount Moriah. This is a year-round ministry opportunity with flexible scheduling.

For additional information see Mount Moriah's Hospitality Team Coordinator, Ron Clark.

DIACONATE BOARD

The Diaconate Board labors in close cooperation with the Pastor to attend to the spiritual needs and welfare of the Mount Moriah Community. The board is responsible to assist in conducting the ordinances of the church: to provide spiritual and physical assistance when warranted for those in need, to ensure the pulpit is regularly supplied with Bible teachers/preachers in agreement with Mount Moriah Church doctrine, to enlist new members, to encourage existing members, to oversee outreach efforts inclusive of missions, special ministry projects such as the ONLINE efforts, and to create an environment where the community can love God, love others, and serve Jesus.

This board is composed of fourteen members; seven Deacons and seven Deaconesses.

For additional information see Rich Ellsworth.

TRUSTEE BOARD

The trustee board is responsible to care for and have oversight of the church buildings, contents, and property. The board works to maintain and improve (where appropriate) the physical property of the church, parsonage, and cemetery.

This board is composed of eleven members; seven Trustees and four Associate Trustees.

For additional information see Jim Dean or Pastor Darrell.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The Board of Christian Education unifies, supervises and promotes the educational interest of the church, including Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Youth groups, and other ministries operating in the field of Christian education.

For additional information see Christian Education Chairperson, Nancy Dean or Pastor Darrell.

TECH TEAM

Lights, action, camera and so much more! Videographers, photographers, sound technicians, graphic artists, writers and a variety of other creative and technical positions are available for those of you with an already existing talent and experience or a desire to learn.

The TECH TEAM is responsible to use their creativity, technology, and hard work to reach those already part of the Mount Moriah Community, as well as those ONLINE anywhere in the world. This is a year-round ministry with various opportunities to serve.

For additional information see Rich Ellsworth.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In partnership with Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization, Mount Moriah collects gift-filled shoe boxes for children living in desperate situations around the world. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks starting in October each year and are utilized for approximately three months.

For additional details see Mount Moriah's OCC Coordinator, Mina Brown.

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

There are a number of other offices, committees and administrative positions where you can volunteer your time and talents. For additional information on these positions, request a copy of the 'Constitution and By-Laws' for reference or talk with Pastor Darrell, Rich Ellsworth, or Brock Hartman.

LEADERSHIP

Leaders play a critical role in accomplishing our mission. If you have been serving successfully on a team over a period of years and are interested in taking the next step toward leading, please connect with Pastor Darrell, Rich Ellsworth, or Brock Hartman to discuss options and next steps.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS is a one week community-wide event held each summer for youth ages preschool through 8th grade. Bible study, crafts, music, and other assorted activities are designed to present the gospel and have children come to know Jesus and grow in their faith. Volunteers are needed for approximately one week in late June or early July. There are a variety of tasks available for anyone interested in helping.

For additional details see Mount Moriah's VBS Coordinator, Erin Graham.

OPERATION BLESSING BAG

The Operation Blessing Bag (OBB) Serve Team organizes collections and distributions of needed necessities, such as food, clothing, and other assorted items, and delivers them to multiple men, women, and children's shelters in the tri-county area. This is a year-round ministry with various volunteer positions in which you can participate.

For additional information see Mount Moriah's OBB Coordinator, Jennifer Diamond.

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JOIN A SMALL GROUP or Serve as a SMALL GROUP LEADER

Small groups are the primary way our church connects one to another in order to provide community, encouragement, training, and accountability in our lives. We exist so that all people can discover life in Jesus and have an opportunity to grow in their faith and outreach to others. We believe that one of the best ways to achieve this vision is in small, biblically based, relational environments where we are intentional about discipleship. Mount Moriah offers a variety of small groups for people of all ages designed to increase your knowledge of God, His word, and help you apply your faith to real-life situations while making meaningful connections with others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes are organized by age for youth through senior high. Adults can select from several available classes including: the Stepping Stones Class, the New Life Class, the Paul Tarcy Class, and the Explorer Class. This is a year-round ministry with various opportunities to serve as teachers and helpers. For additional information see Christian Education Board Chairperson, Nancy Dean.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible studies are held weekly, usually Wednesdays IN-PERSON at 7:00 PM and via ZOOM at 8:00 PM. We encourage every adult to participate by attending. For additional information see Pastor Darrell.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY / TABERNACLE LADIES

Bibles studies and events specifically geared for women are held at various times throughout the year. We encourage every women to participate by attending. For additional information see Judy Whoolery, Cheryl Blaney, or Katie Stouffer.

YOUTH and CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Mount Moriah offers a variety of youth programs, events, camps, and conferences throughout the year for kids of all ages. This is a year-round ministry with various opportunities for those interested to volunteer. Both short and long term volunteer commitments are available. Serving as a volunteer for the youth programs does require background clearances which Mount Moriah would be happy to help you secure.

Salt & Light Junior — Junior Youth Fellowship for children kindergarten through 6th grade

Youth of Light — Senior Youth Fellowship for youth 7th through 12th grade

Wee Kids — Weekly worship for kids ages 3 through kindergarten

Junior Church — Weekly worship for children 1st through 4th grade

Nursery— Nursery is available for infants through age 2.

For additional information see Christian Education Chairperson, Nancy Dean or Pastor Darrell.