



CHRISTMAS EVE
Communion Service

DECEMBER 24, 2024

**PLEASE JOIN US ANY TIME
BETWEEN
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**AT
MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH**

HAPPENINGS

- Dec. 11 Christmas Caroling
6:30 - 8:00 PM
- Dec. 13 MMCS 1st - 5th Christmas Program
2 Performances - 10:00 AM and 1:15 PM
- Dec. 15 Tree of Hope Gift Collection Deadline
- Dec. 18 MMCS Preschool Christmas Program
10:00 AM
- Dec. 18 MMCS Kindergarten Christmas Program
1:00 PM
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service
5:00 - 7:00 PM

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Please join us!
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
January 17th at 6:00 PM
FREE Refreshments
Doors open at 5:00 pm

WE ARE GOING
CHRISTMAS
Caroling!

PLEASE COME AND SING ALONG!

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
(MEET AT THE CHURCH)

GATHERINGS

- 9:30 AM Sunday School In-person
- 10:45 AM Sunday Worship In-person & ONLINE
- 6:40 PM MMYOL Wednesday Night Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Night In-person Bible Study
- 8:00 PM Wednesday Night ONLINE Bible Study

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

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YEARS

MOUNT MORIAH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



The Mount Moriah Christian School (MMCS) recently began its 40th year of ministry and remains on mission to encourage, equip and energize students to: LOVE Jesus and Others, GROW in knowledge and wisdom, and LIVE the Kingdom life.

MMCS was founded in 1985, fulfilling a vision of the Mount Moriah Church to initiate an outreach ministry to families in Smithfield and the surrounding communities. The school serves students from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, with over 200 students enrolled annually. MMCS provides a Biblically-based program of academic, moral, and spiritual instruction, while emphasizing high standards of excellence and challenging students to achieve their individual potential.

The Mount Moriah Christian School is ranked in the top 20% of best private schools in the state of Pennsylvania for 2024. Additionally, we tied for 1st place in the category of "Pennsylvania Private Schools with the Most Educated Faculty."



MMCS serves students from across five school districts, including Uniontown, Laurel Highlands, Brownsville, Albert Gallatin, and Southeastern Greene. For more information about the school visit mymoriah.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

Our Sunday School has had another great year of classes! The children's ministry is growing and it has been exciting to see them learn new things. Our children's classes are separated by age/grade, and new this year is our toddler/nursery age class, which is just as much for the mother as it is for the child. The class is currently studying a devotional geared toward real-life women from the Bible and how to apply their lessons to life as a mother.

We also have four adult classes for you to choose from; The Paul Tarcy Class, Explorer's Class, New Life Class, and Stepping Stones. If you have not attended Sunday School as an adult, please feel free to attend each class and decide which one works best for you. We would love to have you and your family join us for Sunday School!



MOUNT MORIAH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Vacation Bible School 2024 was a total success! Kids learned that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and how to speak the truth in love. We averaged 197 kids and had 54 volunteers! This year, we raised \$1200 to donate to Samaritan's Purse. God is so good.

Mark your calendars.....VBS 2025 is scheduled for June 16 - 20, 2025!!



CLOSET OF HOPE

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Eph. 2:10



The Closet of Hope has been extremely busy. God surely has blessed us with new volunteers, new projects, and many new referrals. Recently our program has expanded into Monongalia County where we will be serving the children of West Virginia. Over the past year we have been able to share the love of Jesus by providing clothing, toys, and necessities to over 300 children. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Recently the Albert Gallatin HS Band helped us to prepare for the wintry weather season by collecting 228 coats! This was in God's perfect timing as we are currently working with Fayette County CYS to provide care packages to 200 more children in need. What a blessing and opportunity it is to help the littlest and most vulnerable members of our community.



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. May HIS light shine brightly during this Christmas Season through our gifts of Hope and Love! - Isaiah 9:6

We will be sharing the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the little 'Angels' in Foster Care along with our local homeless shelters. Please feel free to take an Angel tag off of The Tree of Hope located in the Church foyer. We also have an Amazon Wishlist: the link can be located on the Closet of Hope Tab on our church website. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation and have a volunteer do your shopping, there is a donation box located on the table next to the Tree.

Please bring your items back to church no later than December 15th. We will be holding a gift wrapping and packing event once everything has been collected. If you have questions or would like to help serve in any way, please reach out to Jen Diamond.



Wishing you and your Family a most Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



2024 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WRAP-UP

Mt. Moriah had a great season of Operation Christmas Child this year. We collected a total of 685 shoeboxes to be sent to children in other countries to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ!!



There were a total of 11 people who helped prepare the set-up for our packing parties and who worked throughout the week. Our Christian School packed 184 shoeboxes during National Collection Week. The Middle School students also assembled over 350 shoeboxes. Several of our volunteers were new this year. We set 2 records for our annual Pack & Pray Party. There were 29 people who came out (the most ever), and we packed 304 boxes that day – the most ever!! Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this happen. We have been blessed with many people who give of their time, their talent, their equipment, their finances, and especially their prayers to support Operation Christmas Child.



Fayette County collected 12,855 shoeboxes this year. Praise the Lord! Please continue praying for this ministry as we are now processing the shoeboxes and getting them sent out. Six people from Mt. Moriah will be volunteering at the Processing Center in Charlotte, NC. Also please pray for the children who will receive a shoebox that they also will receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. To God be the Glory!!

TRUSTEE BOARD



- A new metal roof was installed over the 1984 addition (the northeast wing of the building) which required all rooftop air conditioning units to be moved to ground level making them more accessible.
- New windows were installed in the original sanctuary.
- The “Paul D. Eckert” pavilion was remodeled and made to be more multi-seasonal.
- The two lots on the upper side of the church (24 and 28 Church Street) were purchased. Both of these properties were leveled and will be turned into a parking lot.
- The previously purchased lot on the lower side of the church (38 Church Street) will be excavated and turned into a parking lot.
- All of the parking lots around the church have been sealed and lined.
- A new insurance company was selected and coverage was updated to accommodate the growth of the church.
- A new access road was created at the cemetery to make more lots available.



MOUNT MORIAH YOUTH OF LIGHT

2024 was quite a year for Mount Moriah Youth of Light (MMYOL)! We had a big boost in attendance to start the year and continued building even after our summer break. We have been averaging 22 students each week for our Wednesday meeting. Our largest age group this school year has been our older students (6th grade and above). The majority of our students are from MMCS and the AG schools, but there may be one or two other schools represented, too. We are seeing more "non-church" students from the community this year. Even with many other options and competing activities, MMYOL is the chosen event for 20+ students each week! How exciting is that? That's why we say, "MMYOL - The Place To Be @ 6:40 - Come and See!"

MMYOL is the place where students can discover who they are and "Whose" they are. It's the place where students are cared for, where they feel valued, and where they feel free to be themselves. They can feel safe to ask questions, supported in times of difficulty, and prayed for in times of trouble. It's about meaningful interactions. It's about telling every student about Jesus and giving them the opportunity to meet Him! Showing them how much He loves them by loving on them inside our building. It's usually messy - it's very noisy. It is chaotic and sometimes frustrating, but it's ALWAYS worth it.



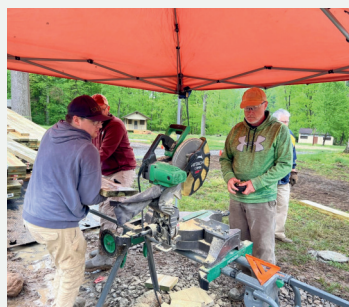
Our goal is to make every event fun and meaningful. When our students invite their friends to MMYOL we want them to emphasize stories of lives changed, truth shared, and God moving. The stories about the craziest games we've played and how much pizza we've served in the last month will be the incentive that brings them in.

CAMP CARMEL

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cori. 5:17

A lot has happened in the past 14 months at Camp Carmel! On the heels of the devastation caused by an EF1 tornado, the board of directors and countless volunteers rolled up their sleeves and hit the ground running to make the property ready for campers. Laughter and fellowship of believers in Christ serving alongside one another was heard over the noise of heavy equipment, chainsaws, and wood chippers, making the heavy load light. Hundreds of hours of manpower, trips up and down the mountain, and loads of logistical hurdles were overcome. God made a seemingly impossible job possible, and Camp Carmel was blessed to serve over 220 campers in the 2024 season!

A season of new creation was observed as loads of projects went from the "to-do" list to the "completed" list. Some of our renovations included building four new cabins, renovations to the girls' dorm, new roofs on three buildings, new bathroom facilities, upgraded electrical supply lines, road improvements and upgraded maintenance and kitchen equipment. The upgrades didn't end with the physical plant as we doubled down on staff training, orientation and compliance standards to better safeguard the counselor/camper relationships. All of this was overseen by the newly appointed Executive Director, Josh Iams. Josh came "up through the ranks" as first a Junior Camper, Camp Manager, and then serving on the Board of Directors for over a decade. We are so excited to see how the Lord is moving in and through the ministry at Camp Carmel, and we do not take for granted the integral part that supporting churches play in making Camp Carmel successful. - Josh Iams



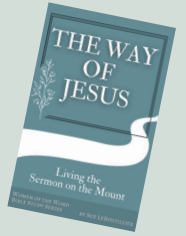
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays and offers both morning and evening sessions. It provides a place for women to explore scripture more deeply, connect with one another in faith, discuss relevant topics specific to their lives, and gain a better understanding of God's word as it relates to their unique experiences and responsibilities. Over the past year, we have studied "1 Peter - A Living Hope in Christ" and "Revelation - Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom," both by Jen Wilkin. We are beginning a new study, "The Way of Jesus - The Sermon on the Mount," by Sue LeBoutillier in January.

Women's Bible Study

THE WAY OF JESUS
The Sermon on the Mount
by Sue LeBoutillier

Thursdays
9:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Beginning January 9, 2025



Please join us for this eight-week, verse-by-verse, Bible Study through Matthew chapters 5-7 showing us how to live the Sermon on the Mount. In these chapters we find just how counter-culture a life will be that puts into practice the things Jesus teaches.

2024 YOUNG LIFE FAYETTE COUNTY RECAP

The mission of Young Life is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

The theme of our recent fundraising banquet was "A Time to Build," and our modus operandi since the Spring has been just that — to build this ministry by hosting multiple events to get the word out and to reach as many kids as we can.

MAY - JUNE

- Held a Meet and Greet, hosted by McMillen Engineering Inc., to introduce our new staff: Tim Florian, Area Director, and Gavin Havrilesko, Staff Associate
- Collaborated with other youth ministries to celebrate the graduating seniors from AG, LH, UHS, and CRCA at a Baccalaureate ceremony
- Hosted a Clay Shoot Fundraiser at Nemaocolin Rod & Range Club

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

- Participated in Footprints on Campus to walk campuses and pray for our high schools and middle schools in Fayette County
- Hosted Monday Night Young Life Club Previews
- Helped launch weekly Campaigner-style clubs at AG, UHS, and LH and now deliver monthly chapel services at CRCA
- Launched weekly Clubs called **Young Life Monday Nights!** for County high school students
- Participated in See You At The Pole at LH and AG
- Led Fields of Faith at Albert Gallatin High School

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

- Held our annual Fundraising Banquet at the Historic Summit Inn
- Relaunched a Young Life Club for middle school students called **WYLD Friday Nights!**
- Held our first "Friendsgiving" event at our new location



We recruited five awesome volunteers to help us keep up with our growing student population, and two of them attended Young Life Keystone Region's Fall Weekend with Tim, Gavin, and five high school students. We are thrilled that Alisha Sloane is spearheading our Wyldlife program!



Young Life Monday Nights! has been going strong. Incredible thanks go out to the following organizations that have hosted our Clubs: Uniontown YMCA, Mount Moriah Church, Grace Brethren Church, Abundant Life Church, Cove Run Church, and Miller's Greenhouses and Flower Shop.



We recently agreed upon the use of the Dining Hall at Light & Life FM Campground in Fairchance for our club nights. Special thanks to Board President, Ken Watt, and the Board's unanimous decision to partner with us to call the campground our new home! Ken and others helped us celebrate this new partnership by hosting a Bonfire and Open House.



December 2024

A Summary of 2024 from the Pastor's Perspective

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. - Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV)

It's been happening for quite a while now, but if I were asked to summarize what I see here at Mount Moriah, it would be growth. I am not talking about a sudden explosion of numbers or development, but a steady positive progress towards a unity in the body of Christ and a likeness to our savior. As Paul mentions, this is something that must occur so that the church as a whole might equip individuals to be built up and working together to accomplish the will of the Father. This kind of growth allows for Christians to identify their spiritual gifts and use them to help other Christians—as well as people in the community and throughout the world. This kind of growth helps and provides opportunities for individuals to grow in the knowledge of God's Word so that we will not be deceived or influenced by the world's lies and schemes. This kind of growth will lead to a deeper love for God and a more Christ-like love for others.

Take a look at what is mentioned in many of the reviews of the individual ministries that are in Mount Moriah Church or supported by MMC. Christ is the focus of each of these ministries, and there is a recognizable growth in each of them. I see Mount Moriah Christian School growing. I see Closet of Hope growing. I see Operation Christmas Child growing. I see Mount Moriah Youth of Light growing. I see Women's Bible Study growing. I see Mount Moriah Sunday School growing. I see Vacation Bible School growing. I see Wednesday Night Bible Study growing. I see Young Life Fayette County growing. I see Camp Carmel growing. Some are growing in numbers and involvement. Some are growing in knowledge and maturity. And some in unity and Christ-likeness. I see Mount Moriah growing!

My prayer is that we continue to grow as individuals and as a whole in every way into Him. Pray with me and may we all grow together.

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