

DISCOVER MCCC

A Comprehensive Guide To
Marsh Creek Community Church



WELCOME to Marsh Creek Community Church (MCCC). In the pages of this book, you will find details about MCCC, our affiliation, history, vision, mission and beliefs. You will also find a membership workbook to help us learn more about you and help you understand what it means to become a member of MCCC.



OUR AFFILIATION

MCCC is affiliated with Brethren in Christ (BIC) Denomination. The BIC is comprised of approximately 1,200 churches worldwide in 19 countries, supporting over 65 missionaries.



KEY THEOLOGICAL ROOTS

PIETISM – emphasis on a personal, heartfelt conversion experience

ANABAPTISM – emphasis on a life of discipleship and the visible church, trine immersion baptism

WESLEYAN HOLINESS – emphasis on a sanctified life

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BIC CORE VALUES

EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE –

We value the free gift of salvation in Christ Jesus and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

BELIEVING THE BIBLE –

We value the Bible as God's authoritative Word, study it together, and build our lives on its truth.

WORSHIPING GOD –

We value heartfelt worship that is God-honoring, Spirit-directed, and life-changing.

FOLLOWING JESUS –

We value whole hearted obedience to Christ Jesus through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH –

We value integrity in relationships and mutual accountability in an atmosphere of grace, love, and acceptance.

WITNESSING TO THE WORLD –

We value an active and loving witness for Christ to all people.

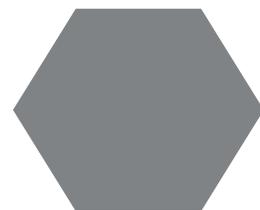
SERVING COMPASSIONATELY –

We value serving others at their point of need, following the example of our Lord Jesus.

PURSUING PEACE – We value all human life and promote forgiveness, understanding, reconciliation, and non-violent resolution of conflict.

LIVING SIMPLY – We value uncluttered lives, which free us to love boldly, give generously, and serve joyfully.

RELYING ON GOD – We confess our dependence on God for everything, and seek to deepen our intimacy with Him by living prayerfully.

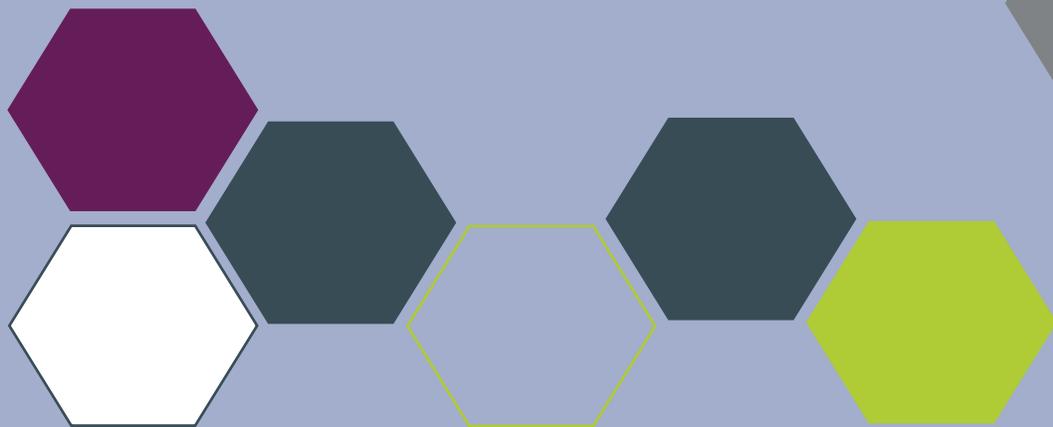


ABOUT MARSH CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Founding Pastor of MCCC was Terry Friesen. His challenge was to create a new place of worship for many individuals who had simply given up on traditional church. He wanted to create a place where you could comfortably bring an unchurched friend.



- April 16, 1995 – Opening Easter Sunday at Lionville Fire Hall.
- Spring 1999 – Terry Friesen resigns to pursue BIC church planting in Orlando FL.
- Fall 1999- Jeff Nicely installed as Senior Pastor.
- Fall 2002 - MCCC moves to 180 Gordon Drive Exton.
- Fall 2004 - Jeff Nicely resigns.
- Spring 2005 – Terry Friesen returns as Senior Pastor.
- Winter 2008 – Joel Schuster installed as Youth Pastor.
- Spring 2009 - Terry Friesen resigns to take role of Senior Pastor at Palmyra BIC.
- Winter 2010 - Joel Schuster installed as Lead Pastor.
- Spring 2011 – Marsh Creek Church adjusts branding to Marsh Creek Community Church.
- December 2012 – Moved to 101 Crump Rd Exton PA.
- February 2015 – Chris Benzing installed as Family Pastor.
- September 2016 – Joel Schuster resigns as Lead Pastor.
- March 2017 – Chris Benzing installed as Lead Pastor.



MARSH CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We help people develop a genuine relationship with Christ, with one another, and with others in our changing world.

PROMISE

You will find an authentic community, with lives increasingly centered on Jesus, in the process of being transformed by His presence and sent on His mission.

PEAK PRIORITIES

The church has developed a three-year action plan that shines a spotlight on growth (Intentional), community (Transformational), and outreach (Missional). To accomplish that, we are making an active, collective and prayerful emphasis on advancing, via these Peak Priorities, to mature in Jesus Christ. These priorities were developed first through a process of church-wide surveys, then team meetings, coaching, assessments and planning over a five month period. We like to call them our Peak Priorities.

INTENTIONAL > WITH THE GOSPEL

The goal of this priority is to develop and create a cohesive Sunday morning experience, which is both focused on the Gospel, and purposeful for drawing in those who want a genuine relationship with Jesus.

TRANSFORMATIONAL > IN THE GOSPEL

Like a life-giving tree, the bigger it grows the deeper it goes. The Transformational Team will focus on discipleship and care within the church body, while growing and connecting with others in the gospel.

MISSIONAL > FOR THE GOSPEL

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is when Jesus commands his disciples to spread the gospel. Our Missional priority is intended to develop outreach opportunities and strengthen existing missional activities with other organizations. As God's people, we need to engage, inspire, and invite others into service with existing and new opportunities.



CORE VALUES

Christ Centered

Focus on the essentials, brilliant in the basics, not majoring in the “minors”, loving God with all our being, loving neighbors as ourselves.

Authentic Community

We seek to live without facades and pretense, to readily admit mistakes, and allow people to be free to be themselves.

Life's Transformed Journey

We promote spiritual teachability for everyone, wherever they are in their journey.

Grace

It is ok to come as you are, it is just not ok to stay there.

Generosity

Extending generosity in our time, talent and treasure.

- Maturity
- Integrity
- Courtesy



WHAT WE BELIEVE

ABOUT REVELATION AND SCRIPTURE

We believe that it is the nature of God to make Himself known. God reveals Himself to humanity in various ways, most clearly in the Old and New Testament of the Bible. We accept these divinely inspired writings as the authoritative Word of God. (John 1:1-2, 18; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-2; 11:6)

ABOUT GOD AND CREATION

The Bible opens with the words “In the beginning God created...” This dramatic statement declares God to be the eternal source and foundation of all that is. The Bible proceeds to reveal the person, nature, and character of the triune God who forever is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1-2; Psalm 24:1-2; Hebrews 11:3)

ABOUT HUMANITY AND SIN

God created man and woman in His image. Humans are distinct from all other forms of creation, having spiritual as well as physical characteristics. When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, their nature became sinful. This sinful nature has become an inherent part of the human experience and has separated man from God. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7-9, 15-20; 9:1-6; Psalm 8:3-8; 90:1-6; 139:13-16; Eccl 12:1-7; Acts 17:26-28)

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ, God the Son, is a distinct person of the Trinity, in perfect equality and unity with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. He was God incarnate- God in the flesh- and lived on earth as a man, fully human, yet without sin. By His suffering and sacrificial death for us, Jesus Christ provided complete atonement for sin. The bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead after three days testifies decisively of His deity and His victory over sin and death. The risen Christ ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father interceding for us. At the end of time, all things in heaven and earth will be brought under His rule. Every person will bow before Him and He will reign forever. (Ephesians 1:3-14; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 1:1-3)



ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is graciously prby the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The response of faith is a personal reliance on God's grace and a turning from sin to righteousness. All who come to faith in Christ are born again, receive the Holy Spirit, become children of God, and receive the assurance of eternal life. (Luke 3:7-9; 5:31-32; 18:9-14; John 3:1-17; 16:5-15)

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is a divine person who eternally co-exists with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit works in the world, convincing persons of sin and bringing them to repentance and faith, guiding them to fullness of life in Christ. He helps the children of God in their need, cleanses and sets them apart for holy living, and empowers them for service. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers according to His sovereign will and purposes, given for the building up of the church and for ministry in the world. (Genesis 1:2; John 3:34; 14:16-17; 15:26; Acts 2; 10:38; Hebrews 9:14)

ABOUT THE CHURCH

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ established the church to be God's new community. Jesus Christ is the head of the church, the redeemed community. His Word and will are authoritative among us. The church consists of all those who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and follow Him as Lord. The ordinances of the church are baptism and communion, which are to be observed in obedience to our Lord's command. (Acts 2:41-47; Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 2:5-11; Philippians 2:2-16)

ABOUT ETERNAL HOPE AND JUDGMENT

The final destiny of all things lies in God's hands. In God's time, creation will be renewed in Christ. The kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and He shall reign forever. God will judge righteously at the close of the age. Those who have trusted Him and obediently followed Jesus as Lord will live eternally in His presence in Heaven. Those who have not trusted Him, will be eternally shut out from the presence of God in Hell. (Psalm 110:1; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:19-20; Revelation 11:15)



LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY AND STRUCTURE

The head of Marsh Creek Community Church is Jesus Christ. As a church we seek to reflect His priorities in all we do and how we do it. Therefore, all of those in leadership share the responsibility to serve God's purposes, not our own. Along with this is the understanding that ultimately leadership is servanthood; the opportunity to serve, to prefer the needs of others, and to model humility and sacrifice. (Luke 22:24-26)

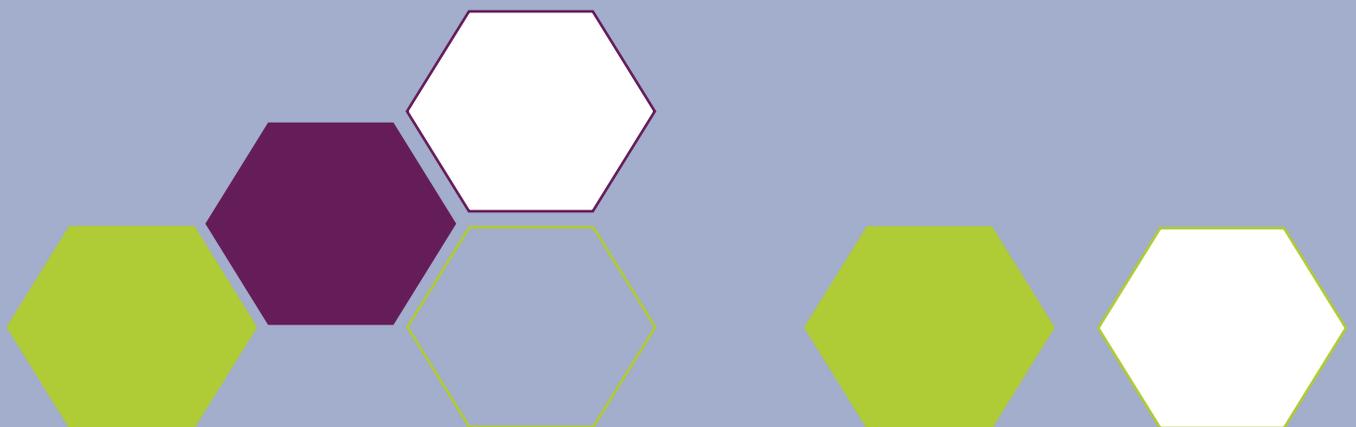
The Leadership Team (LT) is given ultimate responsibility and authority to provide the direction for the church in light of God's work in our culture and His calling. The typical term for a member of the LT is three years. A person can serve two consecutive terms. A person must have a least a year rest between a second and potential third term. Terms of service typically begin in September.

They are responsible for:

- Shepherding actively
- Participating in leading, growth, and care of the church body
- Ensure that the body is being fed through insightful and accurate
- Biblical teaching
- Oversee the life of the church in being well managed
- Care for the spiritual and physical well-being of members
- Commitment to regular prayer for the church family
- Protect the church body against harmful influences
- Administer church discipline
- Oversee and act as accountability for the lead pastor
- Oversee church membership
- Oversee the policies by which resource allocation is distributed through the budgeting process
- Oversee and act as accountability for the lead pastor
- Oversee church membership

LT Member Requirements

- Church Membership
- Attend regular LT meetings
- Attend training events
- Meet character qualifications
- Meet character goals



LEADERSHIP TEAM

The current MCCC Leadership team is:



Al Silkroski



John Engle



Brett Fair



Rachel Brown



Mike Nagel



Chris Benzing

If you would like to contact our leadership team as a group, please email:
leadership@marshcreek.org.



MCCC STAFF

The MCCC Staff includes:



Chris Benzing, Lead Pastor
chris@marshcreek.org



Scott Pollock, Youth Pastor
scott@marshcreek.org



Alison Lake, Kids Ministry Director
alison@marshcreek.org



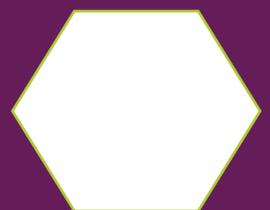
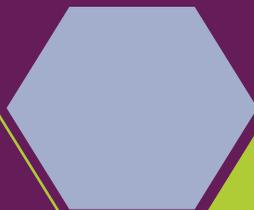
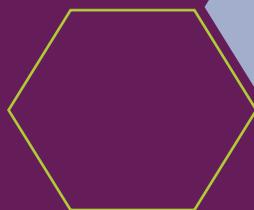
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tera@marshcreek.org



Cindy Hutcheson, Communications Director
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Todd Stuart, Kids & Youth Ministry Assistant
todd@marshcreek.org



HOW CAN I GET CONNECTED AT MCCC?

The Current

One way we try and keep our members connected is via The Current, our online database that allows you to stay connected and view everything from the groups you are involved in to your personal giving statements. This is also the system we use to check in any children you have in our Kids Ministry. If you would like to set up an account on The Current, or need information on how to log in, please send an email to Cindy@marshcreek.org.

Ministries at MCCC

There are many ministries for you to get connected and numerous ways for you to be involved at MCCC - from regular service on a weekly basis to single event participation. Below you will find a list of some of our ministries and the person you can contact for more information. We have needs in all our areas of ministry and encourage you to get involved!



Kids Ministry / The Treehouse - The purpose of kids ministry is to introduce kids to Jesus and help them to grow in their relationship with Christ. Our desire is for kids to understand what Christ has done for them and to be able to share their faith with those they meet. We want to equip them to live transformed lives, make positive changes in their communities, and to share the gospel with the world around them.

Contact: Alison Lake - alison@marshcreek.org



Youth Ministry - Our Youth Ministry goal is to help middle school and senior high school students develop a deeper love for Jesus that compels them to impact their communities. We desire to see these students become the women and men God desires them to be.

Contact: Scott Pollock - scott@marshcreek.org





Life Groups - Join a Life Group to experience the fullness of Christ as you walk with other like minded believers on the same journey in a small group community.

Contact: lifegroups@marshcreek.org



Hosting Team - The MCCC hosting team provides a welcoming environment where our members and visitors can enjoy coffee and tea and feel like a welcome part of our church community.

Contact: John Engle - jce1951@verizon.net



Generosity - The Generosity team at MCCC is committed to generous living and has partnered with a number of local and international organizations to share our love.

Contact: Brett Fair - brettmfair@gmail.com



Women's Ministry / LIFT - Our Women's Ministry seeks to help women grow in the love of Christ while understanding their worth and using their gifts to serve others and build up fellow women. They host a weekly Wednesday morning bible study for women of all stages of life and an annual retreat. Our LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) group hosts a wide range of monthly events for all women to enjoy.

Contact: Rachel Fair - rachelfair9@gmail.com



Men's Ministry - Our Men's Ministry is a great place to connect with other guys and take the next step in your spiritual walk, regardless of where you are starting from. They host a Saturday morning bible study that all are welcome to attend.

Contact: Stephen Rogner-Cook - bluesjam74@gmail.com





Worship Team - The goal of worship at MCCC is to make Sunday mornings more than a service - we want to make them a catalyst for a Spirit filled life of worship lived out all week long.
Contact: Steve Zori - szori@hotmail.com



Prayer Team - We all can benefit from prayer. At MCCC, we have a group of individuals focused on praying for you, your family and our church.
Contact: Chris Benzing - chris@marshcreek.org



Hot Cup - Hot Cup is a time for moms of young children, (preschoolers and under) to gather, drink some coffee/tea and share in fellowship with each other. Location varies each month and new hosts are always welcome.
Contact: Megan Wing - mwing36@gmail.com



Mom's Day Out (MDO) - MDO is a thriving ministry of MCCC. Our desire is to love and nurture children in our community, to grow into the men and women God has created them to be. Through teacher-directed learning, children can gain experiential knowledge, laying a foundation for continued education and encouraging them to be life-long learners in all they do. Love (1 Cor. 13: 4-8), Nurture (Prov. 22: 6), Grow (Phil. 1: 6).
Contact: Tera Baccile - tera@marshcreek.org



MCCC Cares - There are many ways we care for those in our congregation and our community from providing meals in a time of need to financial assistance with rent or manual labor to help with a move and more. Our MCCC Cares group is available to help in a variety of ways.
For meals contact: Susan McCrea - susankmccrea@yahoo.com
For all other assistance contact: Chris Benzing - chris@marshcreek.org



WAYS TO GIVE TO MCCC

At MCCC we have various methods available for making donations to our church and the community we serve. We rely on these donations to do everything from keeping the power on to serving our community. You can contribute financially in the following ways:

Sunday Offering Basket

Mail - Financial donations can be sent via mail to:
Marsh Creek Community Church,
Suite 399
256 Eagleview Blvd.
Exton, PA 19341



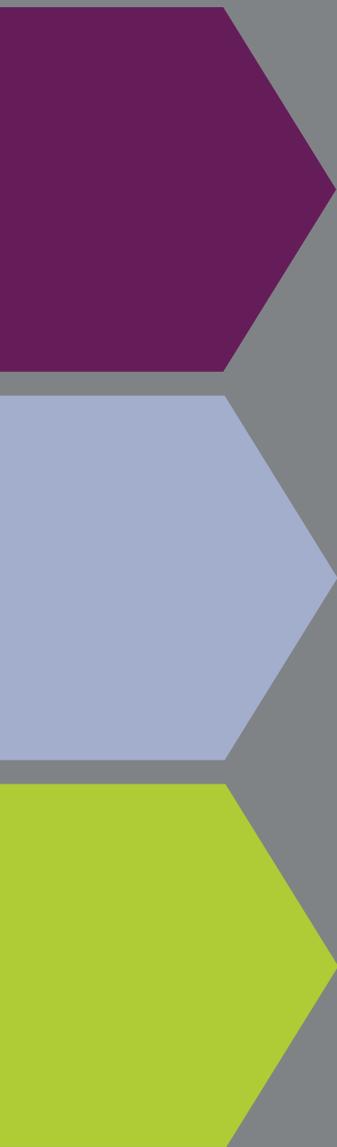
The Current - You can use our online giving tool on The Current. This will allow you to give a one time or recurring gift to Marsh Creek Church and does not require a login.

Visit: https://marshcreek.ccbchurch.com/w_give_online.php



Direct Deposit - You can set up a direct deposit instruction between your bank and the church's bank, KeyBank (formerly First Niagara Bank) as you would with any of your existing home or business related bills.





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