

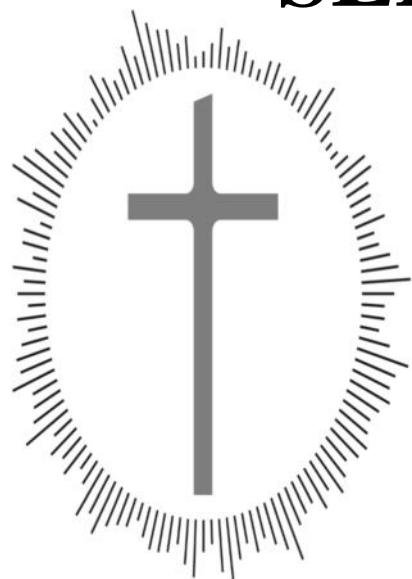
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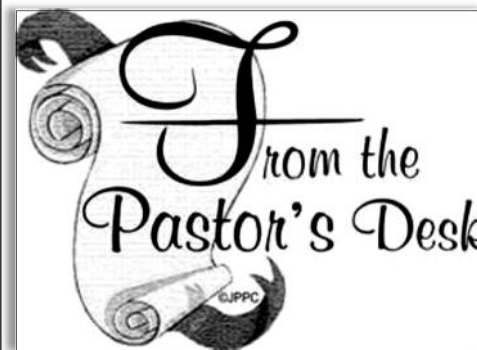
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# SEPTEMBER 2019



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## NEWSLETTER



On the day of our Lord Sunday July 28, history was made as four churches with deep roots in the Youngstown community formally voted to bond into one new church, the Millcreek Community United Methodist Church. With divine help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the people of the former Centenary, Lockwood, Mahoning and Richard Brown Memorial churches celebrated our heritage and legacies and eagerly began to look ahead to new opportunities and possibilities to further the kingdom of heaven. With resolve and dedication, we refused to be content with the victories of our past, knowing that the gifts and grace that God has given us are too precious to become a memory.

We have accomplished much together in the past year and now the work of building a new community of disciples has begun. That word "new" can be frightening for some of us, for it means that "our" church and community has changed. When it comes to the church, it sometimes seems that the only time change is embraced is when the offering plate is passed! Although people often dislike change, we do like new things. We like new clothes, new cars, new homes and new places to vacation. We like new restaurants, new stores, new cell phones and tablets and new songs from our favorite musical group. We like new things, often because we are bored with and tired of the old.

Millcreek Community is a new church, and as our new website and Facebook page say we are a new *kind* of church. Love works here! What does that mean for us? What does it mean for the community? One thing it means is that we are not the typical church people think of when they hear the word church. The word church suggests steeples, pews and hymnals. Our mission is to change that perception and have people know that a real church is a body of believers working together in love to change our community for the better. We are that kind of church, a church where love works.

Our mission statement sums that up well. ***In unity, the mission of the Millcreek Community UM Church is to serve God, help those in need and live by faith and love.*** Yet unless our community hears about our mission and sees it in action, we will become the old kind of church people have grown accustomed to avoiding. We will not be a new and different kind of church looking forward to making love work in our community, but an old kind of church that is looking back to things of the past, centered upon themselves instead of others.

In the next few months, curious people will be asking us questions. Who is the Millcreek Community United Methodist Church? What is it that makes us a different kind of church? How does "love work here"? Why should I be part of the Millcreek Community United Methodist Church? We must be prepared to answer them and then ask them a question of our own: How is the love of Jesus working in your life? Let us memorize our mission statement so that we can answer these and other questions that people will ask us. Our future depends on it!

Love, be loved and be blessed! Pastor Greg

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

**Sunday's 10 am and Wednesday's 10:30 am at Lockwood**

All information for next months Newsletter is to be submitted no later than the 15th of each month by emailing to [info@millcreek.church](mailto:info@millcreek.church). Please state "NEWSLETTER" in the Subject line.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING . . .** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**RETIRED TEACHER COLLECTION . . .** Marge Whitacre is collecting cancelled postage stamps and used eye glasses for retired teachers. This will be an on-going collection. These items can be set in the last pew on the right.

**PRAYER CHAIN . . .** A NEW PRAYER CHAIN has been formed drawing members from all four churches. These members include Judy Williams, Elizabeth Penn, Barb Childs, Roosevelt Glover, Tina Serra, Mary Floyd, Gert Marinelli, Marge Whitacre, Gina Korp and Carmen McFadden and Jasmine Paris.

If you would like to have a concern placed on the prayer chain please contact one of the following:  
 Judy Williams 330-793-7302  
 Barb Childs 330-360-6796

We thank you for your support as we also pray for the needs listed in our bulletin each week.  
 - Judy Williams, Facilitator

**UMW WOMEN MEETING . . .** We will be having our first meeting at NOON on September 5, 2019. Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch with dessert and beverages being provided. If you cannot attend the Noon meeting, we will on occasion have evening meetings. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year of getting to know each other and support missions around the world.

**RICHARD BROWN FOOD TRUCK . . .** Tuesday, September 24th. If you wish to help with unloading, please call the church closer to the date for exact delivery time.

**CHOIR . . .** Starting in September our choir will return. We are offering two choir rehearsals to accommodate everyone and to increase the number in our choir. We have an awesome choir at Millcreek Community UMC and we want to see it grow and be even better. You don't have to read music, just be able to carry a tune and have a desire to sing praises to God.

Our first practice will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 12:30 pm and Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. Please come join us at one of these rehearsals and be a part of our wonderful worship team.

**THANK YOU . . .**  
 Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts, offers of help and so many beautiful cards. The support you gave, during my sons illness was unbelievable. It means so much and makes our church so special!

- Love & Blessings  
 Harriet Case

**NON-VIOLENCE WEEK, October 6—12 . . .** The Non-Violence Parade will be October 6th. We are hoping to have a large participation group from Millcreek Community UMC to be a part of the parade this year. The parade begins at the corner of Wood St. and Wick Ave. at 3 pm and ends at the Covelli Center. If you are not able to walk and want to participate, vehicles will be available to ride. A new banner and signs will be available to carry. At the Covelli Center there will be a rally. Please come join us as we March Against Violence in our valley and in the world. More information will become available closer to the week of October 6th.



All submissions can be sent to [info@millcreek.church](mailto:info@millcreek.church), sent by mail or placed in the offering basket. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

The person who supplies the winning name will be awarded a gift at a later date.



**Millcreek Community UMC 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12th Sn after Pentecost 	2 Church Office Closed	3 6:30 pm - Church Advisory Meeting (everyone is welcome)	4 10:30am - Bible Study	5 Noon - UMW Meeting (if you plan to attend, bring a bag lunch - dessert & drinks provided)	6	7 
8 13th Sn after Pentecost	9 	10	11 10:30am - Bible Study 	12	13	14
15 14th Sn after Pentecost	16	17	18 10:30am - Bible Study	19	20	21 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm FREE COMMUNITY DINNER 
22 15th Sn after Pentecost 	23 	24 Food Truck Delivery: Help is needed to unload. Please call Richard Brown at 330-743-5432 to find out delivery time.	25 10:30am - Bible Study Food Distribution @ 9 am. Please call Richard Brown at 330-743-5432 to help with distribution.	26	27	28
29 16th Sn after Pentecost	30					

# FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**  
**4:30 pm- 6 pm**

**Spaghetti, Meatballs, Bread &  
Butter, Salad, Dessert & Drinks**

**MILLCREEK COMMUNITY UMC**  
4570 Lockwood Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44511

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## **Introducing Millcreek Community United Methodist Church ..... a different kind of church**

Who are we? The Millcreek Community Church has its roots in four United Methodist churches from the Youngstown area, the former Centenary, Lockwood, Mahoning and Richard Brown Memorial churches. Our goal is to develop a sustainable and thriving ministry in the Mahoning Valley and invite new people to experience the love of Jesus. Our ministry is focused on becoming a truly multi-ethnic, multi-generational and multi-cultural body of believers fully committed to furthering the kingdom of Jesus Christ, worshiping without barriers.

What makes us a different kind of church? Love works here! Everything we do at the Millcreek Community Church is centered around loving God and loving our neighbor. We believe that solving the problems of the world begins in our own community by learning to worship together, worship without barriers. We are dedicated to identifying and removing the things that keep people from connecting with God and with each other. Things like outside appearance –clothing or skin color for example. Things like disagreeing over the kind of music we should sing together in worship or which translation of the Bible we should use. We are small enough to know each other by name and large enough to impact God's kingdom.

How can you become part of our family? There are many opportunities to get connected with us (and Jesus). Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM and 11 AM for worship. Come as you are and expect to leave different than when you came! The early service is filled with prayer and praise, while the later service is a blend of traditional and contemporary worship styles. You can also join us between Sunday services at the Holy Grounds Café for a snack and fellowship. Another way to become part of our Millcreek family is to join us for Bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM or Sundays at 10:00 or come to one of our free community dinners held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month. Come and see how love is working here!

How do we work together for the glory of God? The Millcreek Community Church is led by teams of gifted and dedicated people that serve God in a variety of ways. The administrative leadership team meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM, and the meeting is open to everyone who has an interest in attending. The administrative leadership team is supported by a subset of teams that focus on specific areas of ministry. They include mission, worship, prayer, finance, evangelism, technology, education, visitation, building and grounds, outreach and social concerns. It is our hope that everyone who chooses to be part of our church family will also choose to become a part of one or more of these teams.

## **MILLCREEK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Administrative Leadership Team 2019  
*(Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM)*

Pastor  
Greg Calko

Co-Lay Leader  
Steve Easter

Co-Lay Leader  
Lucille Moreland-Smith

Treasurer  
Hope Sabanick

Music Director  
Karen Myers

Mark Boston  
Barb Childs  
Cindy Renner  
Diane Redfern  
Bill Stilson  
Betsy Stark  
Cheryl Viola  
Penny Wells  
Elaine Williams  
Lois LK Williams

### **SPR TEAM MEMBERS**

Barb Hubler	Dr. James Hovell
Lenora Jefferson	Susan Justice
Dr. Donald Mathews	Elizabeth Penn

Support teams:

Prayer, mission, worship, finance,  
evangelism, technology, education,  
visitation, building and grounds, outreach  
and social concerns

*Please talk to a team member or join us  
the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM  
if you want to help!*

## SEPTEMBER DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Sept 1 - Holy God we gather together to partake of the sacred meal as part of our worship today. We remember your great love and grace given to us through Your son Jesus Christ. We do this in remembrance of His work on the cross for us. Our communion is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. We celebrate God with us through Jesus Christ today and everyday. 1 Cor. 11:25b.

Sept 2 - Faithful God, we look to you the author and finisher of our faith. We pray to have our faith increased through the hearing of your holy word. Your word is our faith builder. Help us to keep you only as the object of our faith and keep our spiritual eyes on you. Your words are life and health to us. Proverbs 4:20-22. May the fruit of your blessings abound in our lives to regenerate into the lives of others.

Sept 3 - Heavenly Father we thank you for Your divine power that has given us everything we need for life. We grow in godliness through knowing you, who called us by your own glory and goodness. Thank you for your eternal promises and the participation in the divine nature to escape the corruption and decay in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. 1John 4:4 NIV.

Sept 4 - Great God of Love, our love is to be a lived reality. We are alive in Christ through God's great grace. May our actions be caring, respectfulness, attentiveness, kindness, faithfulness, justice and mercy. 1 John 5:2-3. Ezekiel 36:25-27. May we live out these actions in our daily living, showing the great love of God within us to those around us. They will know we are Christians by our love. James 2:14-26 NLV. Love is an action. John 4: 20-21. Help us to develop a selfless, outgoing concern and love for others. Love in action, not just words.

Sept 5 - Jehovah Rapha, today we intercede as a family of faith for those who are experiencing illness in mind and body. Your healing powers are the same today as when you walked here on the earth. We call out to you for compassion and healing for those who we know and are seeking your healing. For those who are unable to pray, we intercede for them before your throne of grace. Psalm 107:19-20. We pray for wisdom to understand your perfect will and plan when the ones we love suffer. Ps 68:8-9,19, Isa 53:5, Jer 30:17, Matt 4:23, 2 Cor 4:7-11, Phil 2:1-11, Heb 2:10.

Sept 6 - God of Mercy, pardon us we pray from hardened hearts. Let us have the spirit of forgiveness and not take on the character of the enemy when we become offended. Thank you for paying the debt of our sins and giving us new life. You heal the broken hearted and console the wounded. Our affliction from others is temporal and earth bound. Our affection for you is heaven bound. Help us to keep our eyes upon Christ and be steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58, James 1:19-20 and Proverbs 19:11.

Sept 7 - God of Love, we are so thankful for your perfect love that casts out fear. 1 John 4:18. We are made perfect through your love. Your abiding and abounding love is perfected in us. Through our weakness, your grace and in dwelling makes us strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 18:22. May we take this love and turn it in action, practicing active faith in our daily lives. Help us to put into action what you have assigned us to do, the good work of the gospel. 1 John 4:12-18.

Sept 8 - Heavenly Father we give you thanks for the family of God here on earth. We edify each other through prayer and confession before you. James 5:16 Fill us we pray with the Comforter to comfort others as we have received from you. 2 Corinthians 1:4. May we provoke each other in love, to good works and hold each other accountable in your kingdom work. Hebrews 10:24 and Colossians 3:16.

Sept 9 - Holy God we seek you today, to be strengthened by your Holy Spirit in our inner being by your glorious riches. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith and be rooted and established in love. Help us to grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is to us. Holy Spirit fill us to the full measure of God and His love that surpasses all knowledge. Ephesians 3:19.

Sept 10 - God of Hope, we thank you today for our new birth which gives us a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:15. Keep us, we pray from being cynical from the negative influences we encounter everyday, with the security of our great hope. Romans 5:2. May we speak the words of faith and His great hope to those we influence everyday. All joy and peace is ours as we trust in the God of Hope. Romans 15:13 NIV.

Sept 11 - God of Restoration, we recognize that we cannot change the past, so we pray to live with memory and move forward in the present and look to the future in love. We pray for the thinking between "us" and "them" be closed. Help us to overcome the lie of "them" and "I". May we love in you love and the peace that passes all understanding fill our hearts and lives today. Philippians 4:7. We pray for peace, healing and unity in the hearts and lives of all today. Matthew 5:9.

Sept 12 - Heavenly Father, we pray today that the greatest relationship in our life may be with you, May Christ take up dwelling in our hearts and minds. Philippians 2:5. Help us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds to prove what is the good, and perfect will of God in our lives. Romans 12:2. We pray for our walk to be characterized by a moment-by-moment selfless service to God and our love flow from Him to others.

Sept 13 - God of Life, we thank you for the promise of a clean slate every morning. Your mercy and compassion are new everyday. Lamentations 3:22-23. Lord you are kind towards us in your steadfast and enduring love. Your light breaks through the darkness everyday. You are perpetual and always available to us in our needs. Thank you Lord for being the same, yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8. May we sing of your love forever and praise your Holy name.

Sept 14 - Personal God, we are so thankful to have a personal relationship with you. Help us to minister to the new generation growing up online. Help them to crave the intimacy of an in-person connection with You and to others around them. May we as your church and children connect to those who are starved of meaningful connections and reach out in real concern and love. Help us present that personal relationship of Jesus Christ to those in our world around us. John 3:16-17.

Sept 15 - Great Shepherd, we thank you for those who you have appointed to watch over us here on earth. We thank you for pastors and leaders that lead through serving. For those who continue to train, teach admonish and guide to further your kingdom work. We pray for the Holy Spirit to empower and give strength not just spiritually, but physically. May we as the church hold them up in prayer and support and extend arms of service in your holy name. 1Timothy 3:1-13. Titus 1:5-9.

## SEPTEMBER DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Sept 16 - Great God of Compassion, we pray for those who are experiencing loss and the pain of grief. Our losses can be jobs, family members, friends, or even our own health. Psalm 34:19 NIV. We all grieve as differently as we all live our own lives. It is part of our life's journey. Holy Spirit come and comfort us today as we seek your presence within us. Send us forth to console and or comfort someone who needs ministered to on this day. Galatians 6:2 NIV. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV.

Sept 17 - God of Peace, today we seek inner peace that only comes from you, not the world's definition of peace. We will be in perfect peace when our hearts and minds are steadfast on you, because we trust in you. Isaiah 26:3 NIV. We pray for the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts everyday. Colossians 3:15. May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance today and everyday. Jude 1:2. Make the effort to live in peace with everyone and be holy. Hebrews 12:14.

Sept 18 - God of Compassion, we pray to be a person of great compassion, down to our inner core. Give us a yearning to help those in need. Guide us to that person today. May our actions give them hope and set their life on a fresh, new course. Help us we pray to intercede to do what is right and good and just in God's sight. Ephesians 4:32. Colossians 3:12. 1 Peter 3:8. John 15:12.

Sept 19 - Heavenly Father May we look to please you and give you all the honor and praise that is due to you alone. Help us not to look for the applause of others, but for the affirmation of the Holy Spirit. May we seek to please only you in all we do. May we see the reality that what we do is not in vain and it all counts and is credited to our account in the economy of God's kingdom for His glory. We extend ourselves to others to be a blessing and honor Your name. 2 Peter 1:10. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Sept 20 - Dear God sometimes we find ourselves in dark places struggling to see your hand working clearly. In these times help us to trust in you. It's not always easy and we ask for your spirit to strengthen us as we lean on you. You are with us always, unto the end. Help us to hear only you and not the noises of the world. May we grab your spiritual lifeline. Hebrews 6: 19-29. You know our hearts and thoughts. We ask the Holy Spirit to intercede on our behalf to your throne in heaven today. Romans 8:26. Ephesians 3:20.

Sept 21 - God of Light we ask to bask in your brilliance today. Thank you for sending Jesus as the light of the world. We are an extension of His light in our lives. The world's darkness only deepens unless they choose to turn to the truth and light. May we lead others into the Son-glow and out of captivity in the night. Lead us today to someone needing the Light of Christ and out of the dissipation of the darkness in their soul. We are the light of the world through Christ. Matthew 5:13-16.

Sept 22 - Lord we call upon you, as your children declaring your deity, dominion and power. All power and authority has been given to you in heaven and earth. Revelation 4:8. We are commanded to go and make disciples in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:18-20. May we boldly go in the power of the Holy Spirit share the message of the gospel of love to a hurting and dying world.

Sept 23 - Abba Father, we marvel at the glory of your creation and in the rhythm of the times and the seasons. We thank you for the patterns in nature and in our lives. Ecclesiastes 3:1. You hold it all in the palm of your hand. Isaiah 49:16. We thank you for the things you have set before us to enjoy as the seasons change. May we continue to praise you. We recognize your great redemption plan through Jesus Christ and the continual renewal in our lives, just as we see your renewal patterns in your creation. Genesis 8:22. Leviticus 26:4. Psalm 24:1; 100:3.

Sept 24 - Great God, we thank you for the immeasurable riches of Your grace in kindness towards us through the love of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:7. The price He paid for our salvation was once and for all, through the ages. Hebrews 7:27. We pray to share this great love to others. Make us missionaries in homes, our workplaces, schools, neighborhoods as we go forth in our own worlds with the gospel of hope. Mark 16:15-20. Psalm 105:1 NIV. Proverbs 11:30. Isaiah 6:8 kNIV.

Sept 25 - Heavenly Father we pray to be not wise in our own eyes and fear you. Our fear is not the horrified dead of you, but our attitude of respect. Our attitude should motivate us to obey you for our good and to glorify God. We pray to follow His directions for our attitudes and thought patterns. We thank you for knowing the best paths for our lives. Proverbs 3:5-8 and Micah 6:8.

Sept 26 - God of Mercy, we thank you that mercy, peace, and love are multiplied to us through Jesus. Mercy is an attribute of God himself. Luke 6:36. May we recognize that our salvation is according to God's own mercy. Titus 3:5. We allow God's peace in our lives when we show God's mercy to others. We pray to show compassion and forgiveness to someone today instead of judgement and condemnation as God has pardoned us. Titus 3:1-11.

Sept 27 - Great Shepherd, we know we are your needy sheep. We ask that you carry us when we feel we can't go on. Show us our true needs and remind us in you we lack nothing. Teach us that our vulnerability is not a liability because You made us to need You. Help us to know and feel we are safe in Your trust and hands. The Lord is my Shepherd. Psalm 23:1. Isaiah 41:10

Sept 28 - God of Hope, we know we live in a world of disappointment and sorrow, it's a part of life in this fallen world. Thank you that our joy, hope and contentment are not found in the things of this world, but in Christ and what He has accomplished for us. John 16:33. Thank you for using our challenges and struggles to sanctify us and make us holy. What disappoints us now in the end will make us more like our Savior. James 1:2-4. We pray to have an eternal perspective in our lives and to see Jesus and His love and sustaining grace. Psalm 55:22. Nahum 1:7 ESV.

Sept 29 - Resourceful God, we thank you for your provisions to us. Help us to be responsible stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. Teach us lessons in faith and sharing as in the parable of the loaves and fishes. Matthew 14: 13-22. May we use the resources that we have been given and ask God to make us part of His solution in our service to Him. Help us to be creative and generous towards others. With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26.

Sept 30 - Our God of Eternity, we thank you for choosing us before the creation of the world. Help us to be holy and blameless in your sight in love. Thank you for choosing us for adoption to the sonship through Jesus Christ for your pleasure. We thank you for your glorious grace which you freely give us in the One he loves, Ephesians 1:4-6. We worship you today in spirit and in truth. John 4:23-24.