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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here!"

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The great reformer Martin Luther once wrote that "the greater God's gifts and works, the less they are regarded." Those words were first written in the early 1500s, and that observation of gratitude and thankfulness remains relevant, even among followers of Jesus. We often take for granted the majesty of a sunset, the mystery of starlit sky, the beauty of a yellow rose and the harmony of a special piece of music. We easily forget we have freedom to worship where we please, and the liberty to voice our opinions without fear of the military knocking on our door in the middle of the night. By God's grace we are given the opportunity to experience the amazing love of His Son Jesus Christ. It seems that the more blessings we have, the less likely we are to thank God for them. Why is that?

There are many reasons, but perhaps the most obvious is that we simply forget that all that we have comes from God. Perhaps another reason is that we are just politely angry with God. No matter how blessed we are, tragedy or some other trial can cause us to be over-anxious and less than grateful. So how do we learn to be more thankful (and less anxious)? The answer to that question, as well as many other of life's difficult questions, is found in the Scriptures. For instance, in his letter to the church at Thessalonica, Paul reminds us that God's will in Christ for us as His followers is to do three things all the time every time: rejoice, pray, and give thanks.

Paul illustrates a basic biblical truth: we won't be anxious when we are being thankful. Think about that for a moment. If we are truly thankful to God for what we have, or what we are experiencing, or even for what we don't have, we can't be stressed out and anxious at the same time. It's true! Thankfulness brings us joy and peace.

As we prepare for our Thanksgiving celebrations this month, let us thank God in our prayers three ways. Let us say thanks for all that He has done for us in the past, for all that He is doing for us right at this moment, and for all that He will continue to do for us in the future. Let us thank Jesus for dying for us, praise Jesus for loving us, and rejoice because we have a place in eternity with Him. There is no greater gift than the love of Jesus. Nothing deserves our gratitude more. Be thankful and rejoice that Jesus loves you!

I am thankful for His love, and for yours... 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. Please state "NEWSLETTER" in the Subject line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE CONFERENCE . . . Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm - Poland UMC. Following the business session, Pastor Rick Oaks will be presenting "Leading Through Change For New and Renewed Congregations."

UMC WOMEN . . . Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7th at Noon. Hope to see you there.

Met on October 3 to discuss upcoming events that included the Non-Violence Parade that occurred on October 6th, the Art Show on the 9th and the Youngstown Crop Walk on October 13. The UMWs mission pledges were also discussed. UMW members signed up to attend the District meeting on October 24th at Berlin Center UMC and met at the church to carpool.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE . . . The UMW will be sponsoring a church-wide bake sale on Election Day, November 5th. We would appreciate donations of baked goods for this event. You may bring your baked goods on Sunday when you come to worship. If you place them on the kitchen counter or table, we will put them in the refrigerator until Tuesday. You May also bring your goodies to the church on Monday when our secretary is in, from 9 to 2, or Monday night from 5 to 6 pm or very early Tuesday morning. I try to be there by 6:30 am.

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.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - 9 AM SERVICE . . . Praise Team Practice at 6 PM. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 . . . 10:30 AM Bible Study. 12:30 PM Choir Practice & 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, November 7 . . . 6 PM Praise Team Practice . Praise Team will be singing on Sunday, November 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . Sunday's at 10:15 am — The teen class - 6th-12th grade - meets upstairs in the balcony "upper room". The subject material will be taken from The Upper Room magazine. The elementary class - Kindergarten-5th grade - meets in the "nursery", first room on the right down the hall. The subject material will be The Parables.



The Winner of our contest for submitting the winning Name for our Newsletter is Tina Serra for her submission of "THE HEART BEAT - LOVE WORKS HERE"

Nov. 30, 2019
thru
Dec. 29, 2019

Winter Wonderland Celebration



at Fellows Riverside Gardens
123 McKinley Ave, Youngstown, OH 44509

Tuesday - Friday 10am to 5 pm

Winter Night's
Saturday's from 10 am to 7 pm

Come enjoy the 56 trees that will be on display along with viewing the Flower Gardens as they will be lite up for the holiday.

There will also be activities for the little ones.

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December 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday Services
9 am - Power Hour (Contemporary)
11 am - Traditional

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 21st Sn after Pentecost COMMUNION SUNDAY	4 6 pm - 9 am Power Hour; Praise Team Practice	5 6:30 pm - Leadership Team Meeting	6 10:30am - Bible Study 12:30 pm - Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Poland UMC	7 12 pm - UMW Mtg 6 pm - Praise Team Practice 7 pm - Choir Practice	8 1 WORLD COMMUNITY DAY ALL SAINTS DAY	9 2 Free Thanksgiving Dinner 4:30 p - 6 p
10 22nd Sn after Pentecost International Day of Prayer 11 am Service - Praise Team Sings	11 6 pm - 9 am Power Hour; Praise Team Practice	12 Election Day Bake Sale	13 10:30am - Bible Study 12:30 pm - Choir Practice	14 7 pm - Choir Practice	15 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 16 Free Thanksgiving Dinner 4:30 p - 6 p
17 23rd Sn after Pentecost	18 6 pm - 9 am Power Hour; Praise Team Practice	19	20 10:30am - Bible Study 12:30 pm - Choir Practice	21 7 pm - Choir Practice	22 6 pm - Northside Thanksgiving Dinner at the Unitarian Church at 1105 Elm Street	23
24 Last Sn after Pentecost Reign of Christ Sunday Bible Sunday UM Student Day Offering	25 6 pm - 9 am Power Hour; Praise Team Practice 2 pm - Christmas Tree Decorating @ Fellows Riverside Garden	26 Food Truck Delivery. Help is needed to unload. Please see Penny Wells or Karen Myers.	27 10:30am - Bible Study 12:30pm & 7 pm - Choir Practice 9 am - Food Distribution @ Richard Brown. Please see Penny Wells or Karen Myers.	28 28 Happy Thanksgiving	29 29 Our office will be Closed Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving Holiday.	30

Free Community THANKSGIVING DINNER

Saturday, November 16th 2019
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
at Millcreek Community UMC
4570 Lockwood Blvd.
Youngstown, OH 44511

- TURKEY
- STUFFING
- MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- MIXED VEGETABLES
- DINNER ROLLS & BUTTER
- DESSERTS & DRINKS

COMPASSION PRODUCTIONS AND EXTREME FAITH PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

AMBERLY NEESE
Comedian / Author / Speaker from Aspire Women's Events

LELAND KLASSEN
Lead Role in the movie Extraordinary and Christian Stand-up Comedian

JONNY DIAZ
Christian Recording Artist with hits *Breathin'* & *More Beautiful You*

A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER & MUSIC

SAT. NOVEMBER 16
Show 6:00PM | GA Doors 5:30PM | VIP Doors 5:00 PM

NORTH-MAR CHURCH
3855 E Market St • Warren OH 44484

Information & advance tickets available at **ExtremeFaithProductions.com** or by calling **480-812-1100**

ADVANCE TICKETS PER COUPLE PRICING
GENERAL ADMISSION FOR 2 \$35
VIP TICKETS FOR 2 \$50
VIP includes early entry and pre-show Q-n-A with the speakers
VIP/RESERVED FOR 2 \$75
VIP/Reserved includes reserved seats in front section, a gift for her, and some VIP privileges as above.

Extreme Faith Productions
Compassion

NOVEMBER DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Nov 1 - God of Eternity we thank you for our family members, friends, and those brothers and sisters in Christ who have entered the gates of heaven and are now in your presence. We thank you for the saints who have paved the way for us, by living the example of faith in their walk of life in Christ. Hebrews 11-12:1. Thank you for that eternal home in heaven promised to us through your precious gift of salvation. Absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8.

Nov 2 - Omniscient God today we reflect on who you are and who we are in Christ. Psalm 147:4-5. God you are love and righteous, (1 John 4:8), holy, eternal, forgiving and unchanging, We are a child of God (John 1:12), accepted and in unity with you. Thank you for completing us, dead to sin, chosen, justified and part of this holy priesthood. 1 Peter 2:5-9. We praise you for allowing us to be temples of your Holy Spirit and possessors of everlasting life. Amen!

Nov 3 - Father God we prayerfully remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ today as we celebrate Holy communion. We break bread and drink the cup of forgiveness the same as Jesus shared this new covenant with His disciplines when He lived here on the earth with them. We do this in remembrance of You. John 6:33,53 ESV. Luke 22:19-20. 1 Corinthians 11:26.

Nov 4 - True and Living God, we thank you today for all the “redo’s in your Holy Word. Your promise of renewal and refreshment that comes from the presence of your Holy Spirit. Isaiah 40:31, Acts 3:19-21 ESV. Thank you for the repair and rebuilding of our character as we repent and return unto you. We receive your restoration through your son Jesus Christ. Psalm 23:3, Amos 9:11 NIV. Help us to be so filled with your love we spill out to overflow to all who we encounter.

Nov 5 - God of All as we go to vote today and exercise our freedom, we ask for you to rule in the hearts and minds of those voting. May we have spent time in prayer, praying about it, as much as we have talked about the issues and candidates. We pray for elected officials and leaders to make sound judgements, be morally and ethically upright in their leadership positions. 1 Timothy 2:1-1. Proverbs 29:2. Psalm 33:12. Daniel 2:21 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Nov 6 - Great Teacher, we thank you for all those who you gifted and called to be teachers. Not only for those in the church, but the educators in classrooms, bible studies and in the teaching and training of life. May they be of the highest conduct and living example of what they teach. We ask to give them patience, continued growth in their fields and great love from you to extend to those lives of who they influence and teach. 1 Corinthians 12:28 ESV. Ephesians 4:11. Ecclesiastes 7:12. Proverbs 16:16. Luke 6:40 ESV.

Nov 7 - Master Builder, we pray to be your tool of purpose. May we be prepared in any circumstances to minister at any time. Help us to be ready to speak your word whether it is a convenient time or not. 1 Timothy 4:2 . We are not promised tomorrow, so help us to use the opportunities we have today wisely. Proverbs 27:1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone who needs God to meet them at their greatest point of need today. Philipians 2:2-8 ESV.

Nov 8 - God of Joy and Peace we can gain true satisfaction in our earthly lives through the daily study and practice of your word. Your words give us liberty and refreshment Understanding comes a little at a time as we search for the hidden treasures within your Word. Join a bible study fellowship today and share in His great wisdom and words to live by. James 1:25. Proverbs 2:4. Pray for an opportunity to invite someone to come to a Bible study with you today. Share His love.

Nov 9 - God of Compassion we pray for those who are struggling with anxiety and depression today. We know life is a daily struggle and we look to you for security, comfort and strength. Help us to be channels of encouragement, an ear to listen, and a hug to support those near us who just need help anytime. Help them to know God is with them in the good and bad times. Isaiah 33:6. God is stable even when we are not. Hebrews 13:8. God knows our weaknesses and He will always love us. Hebrews 4:15.

Nov 10 - Great Shepherd we thank you for our earthly pastors you have set over us, your sheep. You esteem those who are humble and contrite in Spirit and tremble at your word. Isaiah 66:2. Lead them to teach the truth of God for our growth in spiritual maturity and to live in service following Christ. 1 Peter 5:1-3. May they live by example in your love, prayer life and service to others. Ephesians 4: 11. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit. May they be faithful, fruitful and wise. Jeremiah 3:15. Acts 20:28. Hebrews 13:17. James 3:1.

Nov 11 - God of Power and Might, today we pray for our veterans. Men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We thank you for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety and our county’s heritage for all of us. Joshua 1:9 NIV. Psalm 56:3-4 NASB. 2 Samuel 22:2-4 NLT. Thank a veteran today.

Nov 12 - Faithful God we thank you for making us to be qualified messengers and ministers of the good news. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6. NLT. Help us in every role we fill or relationship we engage in to use it all for His honor and glory. Turn our passions and careers into use through your power and presence to engage in relationship building in your kingdom work. We surrender our weakness into strength for your service. Romans 12:1-2, ESV. 2 Timothy 2:15, ESV. God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Nov 13 - Holy Spirit fill us today with acts and words of kindness. Show us what it means to offer kindness to our families, friends, neighbors and leaders with confidence, conviction and a sound mind. May your kindness be in the fiber of our being and be our filter and sure companion. Kindness is a gift of your Holy Spirit. Fill us to overflow with your gift of love. May we practice a random act of kindness everyday and be used in your service to show others the real giving and loving God through our actions. Galatians 5:22 and 1 Corinthians 13.

Nov 14 - Heavenly Father we thank you for setting a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun. Ecclesiastes 3:1. Help us in our daily activities and routines to remember you have a planned purpose and direction for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11. Increase our faith to trust in you and to keep our hearts, minds and eyes in an onward and upward focus. Psalm 37:4-6 ESV. We thank you Lord for your tender love for us. Luke 12:22-34.

Nov 15 - Great I Am, we thank you for the many aspects of your character that fulfill every need in our lives. Provider, counselor, shepherd, physician, father. The more we come to know you, the more we can identify with your attributes that fills us and extends out to those that we come into contact in our lives. Help us to seek you and be filled with your love. May we become the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth to do your good will to all. Romans 12:9-13 NLT. John 13:35 ESV. Ephesians 2:10 ESV.

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Nov 16 - God of Mercy visit us today. Many struggle with addictions and suffer in loneliness and silence, God we support those in intercessory prayer today asking for strength and courage for them to rely on you. Deliver them from the strongholds in their lives through the power of your Holy Spirit. Give them a fresh and new outlook and inner strength. We pray also for the families affected by those who are struggling. Be their strong arm and staying power to lean on everyday. Galatians 5:1. James 5:15-16. Matthew 11:28-30. Psalm 107:1-3.

Nov 17 - Sovereign God, today we pray for the peace of Christ to rule over the hearts of all mankind. Colossians 3:15. The perfect peace that only comes from you. Philipians 4:7. We know only then will justice be brought to the down-trodden, restoration to the marginalized and abused. We will then see hope for the hopeless and helpless. We pray for social graces to be extended unto others through the courage to forgive and the compassion to do these things in love. Fill us with your personal peace to be agents of and for peace.

Nov 18 - Heavenly Father we as parents and educators involved in raising and teaching children, lift them up in prayer. Help us to show them they are loved, special in your sight and are a true gift from you. We pray to lead and train by example, make fair judgements and show God’s true love in all we do. Father we pray to be better listeners to the youth than to condemn or criticize. May we understand and not judge as you have shown these graces to us. Ephesians 6:14. Psalm 127:3-5. Matthew 19:14. Proverbs 20:11. Deuteronomy 11:19.

Nov 19 - God of Hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing in the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may abound in hope Romans 15:13. Hope is the anchor to our soul, freedom from darkness and confident assurance of the future. Through Your holy scriptures we have endurance, encouragement and the assurance of our Great Hope. Romans 15:4. Share the hope of God’s redemption story for the answer to lasting peace with someone who is struggling today. Ephesians 2:11-22.

Nov 20 - Heavenly Father we celebrate the lives of children. They are a gift from the Lord. Psalm 127:3. Help use to invest in their lives, our time and talents. May we train, teach and live by example to show them how to live in peace and truth. Isaiah 54:32. Proverbs 22:6. 3John 1:4. Most importantly of all, may we share the message of God’s great love to them through Jesus Christ. Psalm 96:2-4. Philemon 1:6.

Nov 21 - Master Planner we come before you today asking your forgiveness for the times we keep you out of our lives. Help us not to run on our own strength or keep you out of our decision making. Let us lay our decision making before you today and then seek your guidance for direction and for the answers. Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 27:8. Proverbs 3:5-8; 8:17. Matthew 6:33. Help us not to lean on our own understanding, but acknowledge you in all our ways.

Nov 22 - Lover of our souls, may we carry your message of love and hope into our world wherever you lead us. John 3:17. Help us not to go our own way, doing and saying what seems right to us, but listen carefully to your voice and share your words of love, hope and salvation. Isaiah 55:8-9. We pray to always be diligent and quick to point the way to you. John 14:6; 16:13 ESV.

Nov 23 - God of grace today our prayer is from Zechariah 8:16-17 ESV. Help us to speak the truth to one another and render in your gates judgements that are true and make peace. May we not devise evil in our hearts against one another and love no false oath. May we always render good for evil and extend a blessing to those who despitely use us. Luke 6:28 NLT.

Nov 24 - Lord we come into your presence with thanksgiving in our hearts. Let us make a joyful noise to You with songs of praise. Psalm 95:2. Our Redeemer-the Lord Almighty is His name. Isaiah 47:4. Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever. Psalm 113:2 NLT . All praise, honor and glory is yours forever. I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1. ESV. Invite someone to go to church with you this week and worship together.

Nov 25 - God of our Lives we thank you for constantly being at work in and around us. Help us to search for your handprints in the everyday circumstances of our lives. May we focus on the inner strength from Christ and not on the outer circumstances to rule our hearts and decisions. No matter what happens may we be thankful to God and trust in Him to deliver us in all situations for his divine purpose. Philipians 4:11-12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Nov 26 - Heavenly Father we are your dear children, are in this world but not of this world. May we not forget what is to come in our eternal home. Help us today to not set our affections to highly on earthly treasures but on kingdom work for your honor and glory. May we not love the world and things in this life. Help us put our trust in you. 1 John 2:15. Mark 8:36. Titus 2:11-12.

Nov 27 - Tender Dove, we thank you for your presence at work in our lives that gives us comfort, strength, leading and correction. We seek and pray for a fresh infilling of your presence each day. Continue to be that still voice in our hearts and teaches us all things and leads us into intercessory prayer for others. John 14:26 and Romans 8:26. We receive your gift today to be your witness of Christ and abound your hope and power to those that surround our lives. Romans 15:13 and Acts 1:8.

Nov 28 - Heavenly Father on this Thanksgiving Day we give you thanks for all you have done and provided for us especially for the gift of Jesus Christ, your Son. May we raise our hearts and prayers in praise in honor of you in the blessings we enjoy in our lives. We also remember today those who are without and the greater needs of others. Use us today to give back the blessings you have gifted us with in our lives to share with others that come through our lives. Glory be to God. Amen.

Nov 29 - Mighty God we seek you for a change and renewal in our hearts and thoughts. Psalm 51:10 Lord as meditate on you, grant us a pure heart of gratitude, empathy, and compassion. We know only then can we be at peace within ourselves and make a difference in our outer world around us. May we live in peace with others. Romans 12:18. Hebrews 12:14. Matthew 5:7. Galatians 5:22-23.

Nov 30 - God of Heaven thank you for bringing us into your presence through the Holy Spirit. We can call upon you anytime and anywhere. Thank you for being high on accessibility. Thank you that we don’t have to be eloquent or rich. All we have to offer is our prayers from our heart in our own prayer closets as we seek you. You do hear us, love us and answer our prayers. Matthew 6:6