

Millcreek Community United Methodist Church  
Boardman Campus  
4570 Lockwood Blvd.  
Youngstown, OH  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 9 am - 2pm

**330-782-0573**

**1st Annual  
LOVE WORKS HERE RETREAT  
Saturday, February 15  
at Pioneer Pavilion  
in Millcreek Park  
From 9 am to 12:30 pm**



Rev. Duffy Roberts will bring Paul to us through a dramatic interpretation of the Letter to the Philippians. Come. Listen to Paul as he inspires you to follow his own example.

We will also have music, games and bible study.

Please bring a dish to share.

If you plan on attending, please sign-up at the "Welcome Table" in the Narthex or call the office at 330-782-0573.

# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

**FEBRUARY**

**2020**



February is known as the month of love, a special time of the year for roses, chocolates, valentines and romance. It is also the shortest month of the year, and even though we will be blessed with one additional day this leap year, 29 days will not be enough to celebrate one of God's greatest gifts to us, the gift of love. The centerpiece of love month is February 14. Once known as Saint Valentine's Day, it has lost its place in history and become increasingly secular in nature, much like many other holidays. One legend has it that Valentine was sentenced to death for marrying Roman soldiers in violation of the emperor's rules. On the evening of his execution he wrote a card to his jailer's daughter, signing it "Your Valentine". The rest is history! Today Valentine no longer refers to the name of a historical priest, bishop and evangelist martyred for his faith, but to a greeting card, a red piece of paper cut into the shape of a heart. Another legend says that the heart shape refers to the eternal love Jesus Christ has in His heart for us. Legend or not, it is true!

[Without His love, the world would be a very different place. Without His love, we would not be a forgiven people!](#) Without history, legends and half-truths would reign supreme. Love and history are so very important in our daily walk as Christians. Even so, our perspective of both is largely based upon our own personal experiences. As a result, it may be much different than that of another brother or sister in the faith. It is fitting that February is the month of love and the month of history, more specifically black history. It is a month where all of us, especially those of us who may not have family ties to chattel slavery or racial discrimination, can learn much more about both.

It is my hope and prayer that our love for each other will deepen as we celebrate Love month and Black History month together. Black History month had its beginning in commemorating the February birthdays of two famous Americans, a white president named Abraham Lincoln and a black abolitionist and social reformer named Frederick Douglas. It has grown into a very significant time to celebrate the important contributions black Americans and others have made in shaping our nation's history. If we learn nothing else, it will be that slavery and discrimination in all their forms are the antithesis of love, an evil with power to divide and separate us. Please join me in praying for enlightenment and guidance....

PS: I added all of you at Millcreek to my blessing list! 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.

## HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY

**SUNDAY, February 2 . . . Communion Sunday**, Presentation of the Lord, 10 am Bible Study, 10:15 Holy Grounds' Café', Ground Hog Day & Super Bowl Sunday

**MONDAY, February 3 at 6 pm . . .** 9 am Praise Team Practice

**WEDNESDAY, February 5 . . .** 10:30 am Bible Study & 12:30 pm Music Team Practice

**THURSDAY, February 6 . . . 12 pm UMW Meeting**, 6 pm Praise Team Practice & 7 pm Music Team Practice

**FRIDAY, February 7 . . . National Wear Red Day**

**SATURDAY, February 8 at 10 am . . . Leadership Team Meeting**

**SUNDAY, February 9 . . .** 10 am Bible Study, 10:15 am Holy Grounds Café' & 11 am Service - Praise Team

**MONDAY, February 10 at 6 pm . . .** 9 am Praise Team Practice

**WEDNESDAY, February 12 . . .** 10:30 am Bible Study & 12:30 pm Music Team Practice

**THURSDAY, February 13 . . .** 5:30 pm meet at Millcreek for Valentine's Day Caroling at Omni Manor

**FRIDAY, February 14 . . . VALENTINE's DAY**

**SATURDAY, February 15 at 9 am . . .** 1st Annual - **LOVE WORKS HERE Retreat** at Pioneer Pavilion in Millcreek Park.

**SUNDAY, February 16 . . . NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DUE**

**MONDAY, February 17 . . . OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT's DAY**

**TUESDAY February 18 at 6:30 pm . . . Mission Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, February 19 . . .** 10:30 am Bible Study & 12:30 pm Music Team Practice

**THURSDAY, February 20 at 7 pm. . .** Music Team Practice

**SUNDAY, February 21 . . .** 10 am Bible Study, 10:15 am Holy Grounds Café'

**MONDAY, February 22 6 pm . . .** 9 am Praise Team Practice

**TUESDAY February 23 at 9 am . . . FOOD TRUCK DELIVERY at RB Event Center. Help unloading is needed. See Penny or Karen Myers for time.**

**WEDNESDAY, February 24 . . .** 9 am Food Truck Distribution at Richard Brown Event Center, 10:30 am Bible Study, 12:30 pm Music Team Practice, **5 pm - 6:15 pm Soup Dinner followed by ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at 6:30 pm**

**THURSDAY, February 27 at 7 pm . . .** Music Team Practice

## FEBRUARY PRAYER CALENDAR

Feb 16 - Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17: 7-8. The fruit of the righteous is the tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30. BSB.

Feb 17 - Almighty God, we worship you in the beauty of Your holiness and bow down before You in reverent praise. You alone are worthy to receive all honor, glory, praise and our worship. Today we gather to give you praise and honor that is due to You. You are our God - We are your people, the sheep of your pasture. Psalm 100. Revelation 4:11.

Feb 18 - Unchanging God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, we put our trust in you. Hebrews 6:17. He who has no limit to his time, power, knowledge and never ending love. To the one who counts the stars, and knows our names, we thank you. Psalm 147:4. Isaiah 43:1. We pray to be lead by your spirit to share the good news of God's unending love to us.

Feb 19 - Master Builder, we pray to let You build a good work in us. May our past not rule our present. We are a new creation created in Christ. 2 Corinthians 15:17. He who has begun a good work in you, will be faithful to complete it. Philippians 1:6. May we seek to do justice, to love mercy and walk humbly before our God as we build our relationship with Christ and with others. Micah 6:8. ESV.

Feb 20 - God of Creation we are so wonderfully created in Your image. Thank you that we don't need to prove ourselves or earn our self worth. We thank you for our worth is already found in our redeemer. We can live out who we are freely in Christ. We are have been fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14. May we seek God to live uniquely the way He intended us to be.

Feb 21 - Create in us a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence and take not they Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation, and uphold us with thy free spirit. Then will we teach transgressors thy ways and sinners will be converted unto thee. Psalm 51:10-13.

Feb 22 - Righteous God fill us today with Your Holy Spirit that we may exercise your fruits in our lives. May we be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath. James 1:19:20. When we are slow to hear and swift to speak these words may consume us with anger. We pray to be a good listener to a Your spirit and to those around us in our days. Lead us to keep our words few, because when we talk much, we can easily become tempted or speak foolishly. Proverbs 13:3. Proverbs 29:11.

Feb 23 - Heavenly Father may we be a workman that needed not to be ashamed as we study your word and share these words of life to others. 2 Timothy 2:15. The Bible is a living book with the answers to life contained in it. Your words are life and power and authority. Our road to salvation. Help us to share these words of life with others as you teach us what to say. Psalm 119:18, 2 Timothy 3:16, Matthew 4:4.

Feb 24 - Let us pray today as Jesus has taught us to pray, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Feb 25 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6. God our Father may we learn to trust you more. We only have today. Help us we pray when we can not clearly see you in times of heartache and trouble and cannot see the bigger picture you have planned for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11-13.

Feb 26 - Merciful God our hope is in You. Thank you for renewing our strength. You make us to soar on wings like eagles. We can run and not grow weary and walk and not grow faint. Isaiah 49:31. We thank you for being our ever present help in time of need. Psalm 46:1. Thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph to spread the knowledge of Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:14.

Feb 27 - God of Power and Might, You have not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7. We pray to be an unstoppable force for the kingdom of God. It is by the Holy Spirit working in and through us we continue to fight the good fight of faith. 1 Timothy 6:12. Let us lay aside every weight and press on in the high calling of Christ. Hebrews 12:1

Feb 28 - We offer our praise up to you this day. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits-who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, who redeems our life from the pit and crowns us with your love and compassion, who satisfies our desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles. Psalm 103:2-5.

Feb 29 - This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118: 24. How precious and marvelous is the gift of time. Lord we pray to use this gift wisely to honor You and share the gift of Your love to others. Help us to make this day count for all eternity. May we be found with our name written in the Lamb's book of life. Hebrews 12:22-23. Revelation 3:5; Revelation 21:27.

## FEBRUARY PRAYER CALENDAR

Feb 1 - Heavenly Father let us offer you the first few minutes of our day, everyday. Psalm 63:1-5. We then will be able to see you clearly throughout the rest of our day. Hebrews 11:6. We pray for discernment on how to use our time and talents wisely for You. 1 Peter 4:10-11. Move our hearts in an upward and onward direction in love and service to others. Romans 12:10.

Feb 2 - God of Grace today we celebrate the redemptive work of Christ. As we partake of the bread and wine, we are grateful for what you did for each one of us on Calvary. Let us all come to the table with great respect and reverence recognizing what Jesus cross accomplished for us on the cross. Until He comes again! Amen. 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

Feb 3 - Blessed Hope, you alone our the glory and joy of our lives. Titus 2:13. We await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring us into eternal life. Jude 1:21. May our prayers today be to boast only of you before others. 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20. To God be the glory for the great things you have done.

Feb 4 - Patient God, we know you are not slow in keeping your promises. Thank you for your patience with us. May we extend the patience you have shown us to others displaying the love of God and be a true witness of Christ in our daily living. 2 Peter 3:8-9 and John 3:16. Do a random act of kindness today to someone you feel may really not deserve it in your heart or thinking. God will know.

Feb 5 - God of our strength, our refuge and stronghold may we cling to you everyday. Our peace is in you. Psalm 29:11; Psalm 59:17. We wait upon You. Psalm 27:14. You make us to walk on high hills and give us swift feet, like a deer. Habakkuk 3:19. May we continue to seek you and draw inner strength to go forward to live the witness of Christ and share the message of love and hope to all we meet.

Feb 6 - Living Word of God who speaks through your spirit and gives us life we thank you and bless your holy name. John 6:63. Our faith is anchored in you. We are nourished by your word and grow in the knowledge of Christ. We pray to apply these truths to our lives and keep them in our hearts. 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Share the life changing words of salvation with someone you meet today.

Feb 7 - Heavenly Father today we ask to not think of ourselves and our own interests but think of others who surround us. Philippians 2:4. "Never worry about numbers, Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you." Mother Teresa. "We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone." Ronald Reagan. Strive to be the light of Christ to one person you meet today.

Feb 8 - God of our strength, we thank you for going before us. We thank you for being in the midst of our lives and life's situations. You cover us from behind and your presence is with us always. May we find hope and consolation in these promises. Psalm 91:1. Thank you for never leaving us nor forsaking us. We can always count on God. Deuteronomy 31:6.

Feb 9 - Heavenly Father today we pray for Pastor Greg. We ask for the Holy Spirit to strengthen him and may he be encouraged. Let his soul be refreshed with the love of Christ. Let him have faith and vision for the future to keep pressing forward in the kingdom work for Christ. May we as brothers and sisters support he and Tami in their ministry work. Give a call or word of encouragement to him this week. 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 1:2 and Psalm 118:14.

Feb 10 - Gracious God, we are humbled and grateful to You, the giver of every good and perfect gift. James 1:17. We pray to have an attitude of gratitude for everything we have. May we acknowledge that all we are is due to Your merciful blessings. Psalm 127. We pray to clothe ourselves in your righteousness and overcome any pride that is before us. Romans 1:17.

Feb 11 - Loving God, You have shown us the way of love through the giving of Your son Jesus. May we follow your example and be ready to give and willing to share at all times. We pray to do good and be rich in good works and deeds. 1 Timothy 6:18. If we love You, we will keep Your commandments. John 14:15. Our obedience is the evidence of our love for Christ.

Feb 12 - Eternal God of design and purpose, we seek Your plan for our lives. We are to love you with all our heart, soul and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Matthew 28:16-20. Thank you for sending the living word and the Holy Spirit, powerful and true. You have equipped us with all we need. Ephesians 6:10-18. Thank you for constantly being at work on our behalf to fulfill your eternal plan for our lives. Trust Him today to tell others about what God has done for you.

Feb 13 - May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift his face toward you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26, NHEB. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27. ESV.

Feb 14 - God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish: but have eternal life. John 3:16. See what great love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are. 1 John 3:1. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8. Best Valentine ever.

Feb 15 - Heavenly Father as some are gathered together today in fellowship and leadership visit us today. Lead us in how to live and be ready to serve others in gladness. Make us ready to hear what Your Spirit will say to us and sing your songs of praise unto You. Move us forward in unity and love to further your kingdom work in our community. Matthew 28:19.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER CHAIN . . .** A PRAYER CHAIN has been formed. Members include Judy Williams, Elizabeth Penn, Barb Childs, Roosevelt Glover, Tina Serra, Mary Floyd, Gert Marinelli, Leslie Fitzgerald. 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

**NURSERY HELP NEEDED . . .** Please see Tina Serra or Pastor Greg for information about volunteering.

**UMW UPDATE . . .** The UMW met at noon on January 9. Pledges were collected for the year, and in Louise's absence, monies will be given to Susan Justice. Karen brought in sample shades for the oil cloth, and 12 -14 coverings will be ordered when the color is selected. The UMW would like to replace the dishware the church presently uses. Leadership will be asked if the china at Richard Brown is available for us.

Upcoming events discussed: Bishop Malone's upcoming address (MLK Commemoration) at Calvary Baptist Church on January 19. Spring district meeting in April TBA. Big rummage sale planned for May TBA.

Next meeting is February 6 at noon. All women welcome!

**FEBRUARY LOVE WORKS HERE RETREAT . . .** On Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 9 am to 12:30 pm at Pioneer Pavilion in Millcreek Park. Music, games and bible study. Bring a dish to share. Please sign-up on the sheet at the "Welcome Table".

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH . . .** Please see Pastor Greg if you are interested in helping to plan.

**MESSY CHURCH - COMING SOON . . .** Thursday nights, from 6 pm to 7 pm. This will be a meeting consisting of family friendly fun, food and fellowship. The evening will start with a quick game or craft, followed by a simple meal of soup or sandwiches, and ending with a hymn or devotional. Bring a friend! We will be inviting the community to join us and learn about who we are and what our plans are for the community at large. Your assistance is welcomed. Contact Gina Korp for more information. 330.397.5212

**OUTREACH . . .** Beginning this Sunday and the next two Sunday's before and after each service, we will be Decorating Valentine's Day Boxes and doing Valentine's Day cards for the children of Alta Head Start. (February 5 and February 12)

**Thursday, February 13 VALENTINE's DAY CAROLING at Omni Manor . . .** Meet at the church at 5:30 pm. See Sandy White for more information.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Barry Ervin

Eleanor Ramson

Georgia Witt

Gertrude Roche

Gloria Finkley (shut-in)

Gordon & Rose Milliken

Irene Wagner

Jim Lottier's cousins who are battling severe health issues

John & Dorothy Kaglic (shut-in)

Juanita Pasley (shut-in)

Lucy Moreland Smith & family for the passing of her cousin Stella James

Marge Whitacre

Muggs Ashbaugh

P. Mae White

Pastor Susan Brown (Pastor Jerry Kruger's Wife)

Penny Hiller & family

Richard Boston (shut-in)

Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law)

Terry (Dawn Crosby's Brother)

Tracy (Henry's Step-Sister)

Verna Wylie

Vicky LaCivita (Pam Boston's Sister)



**MCCUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING MINUTES**

January 11, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Pastor Greg Calko      Lenora Jefferson      Diane Redfern      Barb Hubler  
Hope Sabanick      Elaine Williams      Susan Justice      Barb Childs  
Don Mathews      LK Williams      Bill Stilson      Betsy Stark  
Lucy Moreland-Smith

PASTOR GREG opened the meeting with a prayer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We have chosen West Path to manage our investment-endowment accounts.

**Funerals:** Pastor Greg will first offer a bereavement dinner (Hospitality team would be in charge of this), but in lieu of this, we will offer a cash donation or whatever else is needed.

**FINANCE:** We are at a net income loss of \$8,346.88 from August to December. Apportionments have been paid, with plans in place to pay them monthly.

**ADMINISTRATION:** "Text to give" app is being used -- we need to add banks to the list. Pastor wants to open the stewardship letters with the Finance team.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Roof has been replaced. The tree will be removed once the ground freezes. Sanctuary ceiling must be painted, and Bill will seek out painters and quotes. LED lighting -- change over completely in the future? Also, fans and lights in sanctuary should be on separate circuits. Altar platform should be refurbished. Do we have a spot for Centenary's organ? Also, the idea for a prayer room was introduced.

**MISSION/WORSHIP: Mission** -- Jan. - hats, gloves and scarves collection. Feb. -valentines for shut-ins. **Worship** -- Pastor and Karen will confer on how we move on, and how to integrate our Youth Ministry into service.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Tabled until next meeting when Don Harshbarger can be present. We would like Sye-sha to be involved in this ministry. Try to make a connection with the ALTA kids?

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**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- SPRC to meet last week of January
- Game night is January 24 at 6:30 pm
- UMW inquiry about R.B. china - that china is part of hall rental agreement and is not available to us.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Hubler



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2nd - Marcia Haire-Ellis  
9th - Lillie Washington  
13th - Chloe Klotz & Heather Williams  
15th - Charley Baun  
19th - LK Williams  
20th - Fred Bailey, Jr. & Barb Lowe  
21st - George Makar & Douglas Wade, Sr.

25th - Macilla Grace  
27th - Robert Pegues III  
29th - Sean Roberts & Jacqueline Robinson

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

22nd - Bruce & Sue Kirkland and  
Al & Kathy Miller

**PENNY WELLS**



If ever the words "Touched By An Angel" are to be applied to an individual I know here on earth, it would be Penny Wells, my friend, my sister.

Often times you can pick up the newspaper or turn on the TV and read or see a report on the work or project she is involved in, usually the Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past . . . However, what may not be reported is the heart of a woman that lifts up the accomplishments of others.

Where there is a need big or small, she is ready to do what she can. You can call her at 3 am in the morning with an unstoppable nose bleed and she is there whisking you to emergency. When you have surgery and are laid up for 29 days and need medication every few hours, she takes you into her home and comes home on her lunch break to make sure you get your meds on time.

Even heated discussions and differences of opinion do not interfere with the friendship. She takes time to do the little things that are important to others, like sharing their joys and sorrows.

Of all the many things Penny does, the most impressive thing to me is the fact that "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" (Matthew 22: 39) are not just words to her. She puts action behind it. As Jeremy Taylor once said, "The more we love, the better we are; and the greater our friendships are, the dearer we are to God."

- Submitted by Lucy Moreland-Smith

**MISSION TEAM UPDATE**

Thank you again for the donations for the Rescue Mission. We delivered some of the hats, scarves, and gloves on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. We will deliver the rest of the donations on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

You are cordially invited to come to Omni Manor on Vestal Rd. in Youngstown to sing "Valentine" songs and /or pass out Valentines that the Mission team make. We will meet around 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot outside the Nursing Home side of the facility. We will sing a variety of love songs as well as hymns that speak of God's love.

A "Prayer Bear" ministry will begin soon. Here's what we need: a new teddy bear (average size around 20" or smaller) that you donate. How it works: You can select a bear for someone who is in need of our prayers. Sign the book in front of the bears, print the person's name and their need (or unspoken need). Take the bear to them, the heart tag will let them know that our Church is praying for them. Their name will be added to the prayer concerns in the Heartbeat Newsletter and the Sunday bulletin.

We hope to have the bears ready before the end of February.

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11:00 am      Blended Service (Praise, Pray & Proclaim)

**Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at [pastorgreg@millcreek.church](mailto:pastorgreg@millcreek.church) or by phone at 330-782-0573.**