

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

**Millcreek Community UMC**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
9 am - 2 pm

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
Boardman Campus**

9:00 am                      Power Hour  
(Praise, Pray & Proclaim)

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

**Pastor Calko is available for visits.**  
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# The Beat Newsletter

MARCH

"Love Works Here"

2020



It has been said that the task of the church is not only to get sinners into heaven, but to get saints out of bed. We may think the first one to be the most difficult, but it is not. Jesus is the only way into heaven. What the church can do is help wake us from our slumber, our contentment with sin, so He *can* lead us through heaven's door. One of the primary goals of the church is to welcome the soul that God has awakened and saved by grace and nurture him or her into a mature disciple of Jesus Christ.

Like sanctification, it is not something that happens in an instant. Discipleship is a process that takes time and effort. Outreach, evangelism, mission and stewardship are overlapping and necessary parts of discipleship. We tend to think that they mean the same thing, but there are some significant differences among them. Outreach is publicity, showing others who we are and who Jesus is by inviting, encouraging and at times even coercing people to enter our doors. Evangelism is meeting spiritual needs by

sharing the story of the cross and God's plan for the redemption of sinners. It is sharing the Good News of the gospel, telling others why Jesus came and how He changes lives, including our own. Mission is meeting the physical needs of others, especially those struggling with the burdens of living in a fallen world. Stewardship is accountability, learning how best to use and share the gifts God has blessed us with individually and as a church to further His kingdom.

Outreach leads to evangelism, and evangelism leads to mission and stewardship, which leads to new disciples. At Millcreek, we recognize the importance of discipleship, for without it the church will not grow. Is there room for improvement? Yes, for we should continue to seek new ways to do things better. Are there groups of people we aren't reaching? How are we meeting extended needs beyond our neighborhoods? Outreach is a major part of the mission of the church, but it is only the first step. We can't stop there. For outreach to be truly successful, spiritual and physical needs will also be met.

We are beginning our Lenten season- a time to pray, to fast, to meditate, to repent and prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One of our goals will be to become more purposeful in our discipleship. God gave us His best, His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, in order that we may be saved and spend eternity with Him. It is fitting for us to give Him our best in return. Throughout these forty days, I pray that each of us will search our hearts and our minds and ask ourselves that weighty question Jesus will ask us someday soon. What did you do with the things I have given you? I suggest that the most wonderful of those things is the grace, love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let us share Him with love! 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

**PRAYER BEAR MISSION . . .** Take a bear to anyone who needs a prayer. Please sign your name, the recipients first name and the reason they need prayers and our church will pray for them.

**THE MISSION TEAM . . .** Will be collecting items and monetary donations for Protestant Family Services through the month of March. Items needed: **tuna, spam, Vienna sausage, pork/beans, pears, apple sauce, soup of any kind, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, macaroni/cheese dinners, dry cereal (hot/cold), sugar, salt/pepper, face soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant (men/women), toilet paper, paper towels and canned/bottled juices. Please place items in box in the Narthex.**

**UMW UPDATE . . .** The UMW met at noon on February 6. The treasurer reported a contribution of \$300 was made to the Mahoning Valley district from the collection taken last month from our prayer/self-denial program. The UMW discussed different recycling projects: greeting cards, cans and water bottle caps, and are beginning to research pricing Corelle dishware to replace our china.

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Our guest speaker was Jim Converse from the Youngstown northside's Farmer's Market, who spoke on the environment, conservation and taking better care of God's earth.

The next meeting is on March 5. All women are welcome!

**PRAYER CHAIN . . .** A PRAYER CHAIN has been formed. Members include Judy Williams, Elizabeth Penn, Barb Childs, 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 . . .** See Tina Serra or Pastor Greg for information about volunteering.

**MESSY CHURCH - COMING SOON . . .** Thursday nights, starting February 27th 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 at 330-397-5212.

**UMW MEETING @ 12 pm . . .** March 5, 2020 with special guest Robin Woodberry.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER - FUND RAISER - SOJOURN to the PAST . . .** March 8, 2020 from 12 pm to 4 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH 44503. Adults - \$9 and Children 12 and under - \$5.

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## MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR

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.

Mar 30 - God of Time, help us to use our time wisely. Every new day is a gift from you. Great is Your faithfulness to us. Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV. Give us a clear "2020." vision to move forward in victory in Christ, in our faith and love for others. May we be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of our Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58, ESV.

Mar 31- Lord Jesus 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 4:11. We are commanded to go and make disciples in the name of the Father and Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:18-20. May we boldly go in the power of the Holy Spirit and share the message of the gospel of love to a hurting and dying world.

## MARCH 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.

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.



*Your're  
Invited*

**TO MILLCREEK  
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**FREE COMMUNITY  
DINNER**

**Saturday, March 21  
from 4:30 pm  
to 6 pm**

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**MCCUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING MINUTES**

February 9, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Pastor Greg Calko      Lenora Jefferson      Diane Redfern      Barb Hubler  
Hope Sabanick      Elaine Williams      Susan Justice      Barb Childs  
Bill Stilson      Betsy Stark      Lou Stark      James Hovell  
Cindy Renner      Tina Serra      Lucy Moreland-Smith

PASTOR GREG opened the meeting with a prayer. Popcorn testimonials of friendship with person beside us. Those in attendance went around the table.

**FINANCE:** Hope will redo the budget do to expenses going out for the next month. Pastor Greg discussed the cost of his healthcare. There was discussion about apportionments, expenses. Food Shelf grant money goes only to Food Shelf.

Endowments & Investments - three (3) checks were received to equal \$469,000; Richard Brown American Fund - \$60,622.42, waiting to hear from them. Also checking on 1000 shares of Home Savings & Loan and 1st Energy Stocks.

Endowment Fund - use for ministry fund. There is a policy in place now that states if new money comes in and how we will use it.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Millcreek

Received three (3) estimates for painting; the can match the paint. Estimates ranged from \$4,595 to \$13,000. We have chosen to go with Jim Getz, owner of Gemini Painting. Ceiling fans and light bulbs will be replaced with remote controlled ones once painting is completed. The cost to replace these items will be approximately \$1000.

Looking to get new front doors in the entry way.

Sanctuary platform update

Entrance - Make more welcoming.

Narthex - redo.

Prayer room / Pastor's Office / Multi-purpose room

Richard Brown Event Center - windows blew out. Will have to address before next winter. Bill will start to get quotes so that the windows will be replaced during the summer.

**MISSION/WORSHIP:** *Mission* - "Irish Stew"

**OUTREACH:** Youth program. Education - draw up proposal.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- UMW - replace dishes
- Retreat - Saturday, February 15 from 8:30 - 12 pm, Rev. Duffy
- Podcasts - "Snip its" from members, video service and DVDs for shut-ins
- Discussed Lenten opportunities and a 10 am service only

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Stark

**March Birthday's**

2nd - Deven Carman & Rick Wagner	16th - Rebecca Luman
3rd - Leslie Fitzgerald & Michael Wagner	17th - Thelma Smith
4th - Glenna Droege, Cliff Hiller & Rachel Serra	22nd - Karen Wade
9th - Maria Serra	23rd - Kara Ehret & Norman Toot
10th - Evelyn Fischer	24th - Patrice Brager
12th - Steve Easter, Henry Fetty & Sabra Wellington	26th - Kaitlyn Rohrman
13th - Jill Patterson	28th - Cathlene Harvey
15th - Bud Ross	29th - Eleanor Ramson
	30th - Roosevelt Glover



**Donald Rotar**

My first recollection of attending church was as an eight year old in the year 1936 at McGuffey Methodist Episcopal Church located on the north eastside of Youngstown. I grew up in that church and was blessed to serve in several capacities, of those most memorable was as Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School Teacher for teens.

We merged with Richard Brown UMC in 1966, in which during that time I served as Ad Council Chair, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Lay Leader and for twenty-five (25) years as Administrator of the Food Shelf.

It is a pleasure getting to know my new brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Nursing Home*

**SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST**

- Gloria Finkley (shut-in)
- Juanita Pasley (shut-in)
- John & Dorothy Kaglic - c/o Omni Manor, 3245 Vestal Road, Youngstown, OH 44509
- Florence Marsteller - c/o Hampton Woods, 1525 E. Western Reserve Rd., # 202, Poland, OH 44514
- Esther McClain - c/o Shepherd of the Woods, 1500 McKinley Ave., Niles, OH 44446
- Doris Neal - c/o Arbor at Fairlawn, 5755 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333
- Gertrude Roche - c/o The Inn At Christine Valley, 3150 S. Schenley Ave., Youngstown, OH 44511

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

- Barry Ervin
- Eleanor Ramson
- Georgia Witt
- Gordon & Rose Milliken
- Irene Wagner
- Jim Lottier's cousins who are battling severe health issues
- Marge Whitacre
- Muggs Ashbaugh
- P. Mae White
- Pat Charity & Clara Charity
- Penny Hiller & family
- Ray Mercado & Family
- Ron Miller
- 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)

Our sincere condolences for Pastor Jerry Kruger whose wife, Pastor Susan Brown passed away over the weekend.

Because Pastor Jerry and Pastor Susan were cared about so much, please let them know that their whole family is being kept in our heartfelt prayers at this difficult time.