

The Beat Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST

"Love Works Here"

2020



Happy Anniversary! Nearly twelve months have gone by since the Millcreek Community United Methodist Church became the newest church in the East Ohio Conference. On July 28, 2019, the prayers of the faithful were answered, and our visions and dreams became reality. Votes were tallied and official signatures affixed to the merger document our church leaders had worked long and hard to prepare. Four churches, each with a rich and diverse history of ministry to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, became one in His name. On that day, a new era in the life of the church began. We formed a leadership team of dedicated and

skilled people, renewed our commitment to mission, and began the work of the church together. By grace and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we have accomplished much since. We overcame and removed many barriers, confirming that the words of the Scripture writer are true: with God, all things are possible!

Our ministry is still in its infancy, and we face brand-new challenges and barriers. It appears the Covid19 virus will remain a threat for many more months, limiting our opportunities to come together as God's people. In addition, the social unrest plaguing our country threatens to become a hindrance to the work of the church. At Millcreek Community, we are in a unique position to demonstrate how our loving relationship with Jesus makes us a different kind of church, one that brings people together for the glory of the kingdom. Despite growing persecution, we are called to continue to spread the Gospel and partner with the Spirit to change hearts. Our Bible studies and other small groups will have a different feel, as do our community dinners and food shelf ministries. Our choir director has retired, bringing opportunity for a worship leader/ music director to lead our gifted musicians and singers and breathe new life to our worship. We are also searching for someone with the gifts and grace to help us develop a ministry that will reach youth and young adults. Yes, obstacles abound, but they become powerful opportunities when coupled with the love of Christ.

As we begin our second year of ministry together, may the words of Saint Paul to the church at Philippi be our inspiration. Let us meditate on the things that are true, noble, just, lovely, and praiseworthy. May our ministry be counted among them!

Pastor Greg

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 3rd Office Closed — In observance of 4th of July
July 4th 4th of July
July 7th Leadership Team Meeting @ 7pm
July 18th FREE Community Drive Thru Dinner 4:30pm
July 29th Food Pantry 9am @ Youngstown Campus 1205 Elm Street

August 11th Leadership Team Meeting @ 7pm
August 14th Rummage Sale
August 15th Rummage Sale
August 26th Food Pantry 9am @ Youngstown Campus 1205 Elm Street



MILLCREEK COMMUNITY MISSION TEAM

For our July/August Project we will be collecting monetary donations for Warren Family Mission. The Warren Family Mission is a faith-based family resource center dedicated to serving residents in the community in a variety of ways.

Millcreek Community UMC

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday-Friday
9 am - 2 pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Boardman Campus

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

Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at pastorgreg@millcreek.church or by phone at 330-782-0573.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY
STARTING SOON!!!



SATURDAY - JULY 18TH

**FREE COMMUNITY
DRIVE THRU DINNER**

4:30-6PM

or until dinners run out

(Beef Stew, applesauce, dinner roll, dessert)

Donations will be accepted



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UMW RUMMAGE SALE

Friday - August 14th

&

Saturday - August 15th

Set up August 10th-13th

Items can be dropped off anytime after July 18th

A MESSAGE FROM REV. ABBY AUMAN,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

A COVID-19 BLESSING I expect we all join my daughter in wanting the novel coronavirus to go to Mars, but it is here to stay for a while. Most if not all of us have some version of pandemic fatigue and do not want the current new normal to be the permanent new normal. Hot spots, spikes, clusters, super spreaders, Ro, seven day average, trends, local new cases, pre-symptomatic—all of these and more are things we'll have to learn about and pay attention to as the pandemic situation locally shifts and we continue adapting. Please ask the following questions as you make summer plans, for yourself and your church: What is it my soul really needs? — or—What is the need to be met? For example: to see other people without a screen in between How can God help me/us creatively meet that need? Perhaps worship continues online or drive-in but I gather with a smaller group for study, prayer, conversation, and/or friendship. How can we reduce the risk of spreading the virus as we do so? Meet outside, wear masks, keep our distance, wash hands, limit group size, eat at home. I know this is hard, but I also know that God is with us and will carry us through.

Here is a COVID-19 blessing for your summer:

Cultivate a home for Christ in your heart so his light shines forth from your eyes—above your mask, which you wear every time you leave your house

Reach out and connect—while staying 6 feet away

Get your hands dirty serving—and wash them frequently and long

Invite people into your hearts—and out of doors

Make global local—pay attention to the new case numbers in your county and adjust your actions accordingly to love your community and your world

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, whatever circumstances come to pass.

Pastor Abby



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Michael Grace
 5th - Sue Kirkland & William Stilson
 8th - Harriet Case
 9th - Rev. Lester Wilson
 10th - Jennifer Ferone
 11th - Norman Easterly
 13th - Linda Williams
 18th - Dawn Crosby
 19th - Shirley Stauffer & Cheryl Viola
 23rd - Ian Stevenson
 28th - Penny Hiller & Doris Primm

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Pastor Greg Calko
 4th - Sandra White
 8th - Kathy Soubeyrand
 12th - Mary Lois Floyd
 13th - Aaden Ballinger & Barb Childs
 21st - Diane Redfern
 23rd - Tracy Glover
 26th - Margaret Whitacre
 29th - Cicero Davis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Barry Ervin
 Georgia Witt
 Gordon & Rose Milliken
 Irene Wagner
 Louise & Steve Easter
 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)



SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Gloria Finkley (shut-in)
 Juanita Pasley (shut-in)
 John Kaglic - c/o Omni Manor,
 3245 Vestal Road, Youngstown, OH 44509
 Florence Marsteller - c/o Hampton Woods,
 1525 E. Western Reserve Rd., # 1309,
 Poland, OH 44514
 Esther McClain - c/o Shepherd of the
 Woods, 1500 McKinley Ave., Niles, OH
 44446

MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 12 LEADERSHIP MEETING

Physically present: Pastor Greg, Doc, Don, Steve, Susie, Barb C. and Barb H. Video conferencing: Penny, Hope, Lucy, LK and Elaine.

Treasurer's report: Hope presented the income statement for 01/01/2020 to 04/30/2020. One item highlighted was the roof repair/painting expenditure of \$27,330; it was also mentioned that the monthly offering stayed at a healthy level, and this was very gratifying.

First to be discussed was the anti-racism commitment written by our Bishop, and whether we would add our names to her call to action. We could not reach a consensus/agreement on this. However, two suggestions were made: one, draft our own resolution that would more closely reflect our church's core values (and this would be posted on our website) LK volunteered ; two: take action to make a difference, i.e., sponsor an organization like the Boys & Girls Club of Youngstown. Doc suggested this.

We voted to waive rent for our Youngstown (R. B.) campus for June.

Pastor reported on repairs/renovations since our last meeting: tree removal, painting and new flooring for the entrance area, painting the wall in the rear of the sanctuary, etc. Quotes have been gotten -- or will be gotten -- for scraping and painting R.B. windows, maintenance for roofs, and for flooring in narthex and front foyer (and possibly the entire hallway). We viewed pictures of flooring for this area and tentatively approved it.

Also, to be purchased: supply cabinet by ladies' room is estimated at \$300-400; new exit lights (with automatic emergency spotlights) will be 6 @ \$35 each; grass seeding @ \$200; UPS for our computer and phone system @ \$200.

We will not do "live" video for our Sunday service. The cost for the equipment would be prohibitive.

We will resume our community meal the 3rd Saturday in July. It will be carry-out. The rummage sale will be in August, the date TBA. We need to confer with Cheryl and the Methodist Women. We discussed resuming small group meetings. The Wednesday Bible study could begin again, but because we only have the 9 a.m. service for now, Sunday school and the Holy Grounds Café are not feasible (also, no food can be consumed on site for now).

SPR Team report: in order to replace our departing office manager Debbie, we met with Brooke, who is currently the secretary/office manager at Trinity, to see if she would be a good fit. We assessed her qualifications and discussed salary and hours with her, and we decided to offer her the position. She was going to let us know if she would accept the job. We also need to replace Karen, who is retiring as music director. Pastor offered to advertise for this position in several venues, and we will then interview whoever applies, but in the meantime he stressed that he needed an interim music director or worship would suffer. There are 3 possible candidates for this.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Hubler

TEMPORARY SANCTUARY WORSHIP GUIDELINES

- Initially, a single 9:00 AM Sunday service will be offered. We will continue to video record our services for off-site viewing.

- For those choosing to worship in person, greeters/ushers will ensure seating with 6' social distancing between worshipers. Families are asked to sit together.

Maximum pew seating capacity is estimated to be 50 people, including choir loft. We will do everything possible to accommodate everyone, including setting up folding chairs. When the service concludes, ushers will dismiss by pew if attendance numbers warrant.

- Weather conditions permitting, entry and exit doors in the foyer and sanctuary doors will be propped open to allow for air circulation and touch free entry and exit. Otherwise foyer entry/exit doors only will be propped open.

- Microphones will be assigned to each musician and other speakers and will be sanitized after each service, along with keyboards of pianos and organ if used.

Musicians and worship leaders will also maintain 6' social distancing. Congregational singing will not be permitted at the present time.

- An abbreviated worship service (45 minutes or less) will be offered to help reduce the potential need for restroom use. E-giving is encouraged as offering plates will not be passed. A suitable container will be placed on the altar for those wishing to contribute with cash or check.

- Holy Communion will be offered in pre-filled individual cups. Baptisms will be postponed where possible. Worshipers may pray at the altar rail provided 6' spacing is maintained.

- Holy Grounds Café and childcare/nursery will not be available.

- Worshipers are asked to refrain from eating while in the building.



Hello everybody, my name is Brooke Stull-Scott, your new office manager. I just wanted to introduce myself. I have many years of experience most recently with another local Methodist Church. I am excited to be here and look forward to meeting and working with all of you. Please feel free to stop by or call the office to introduce yourself and as always let me know if I can help in any way.

Check our website at www.millcreek.church for updates regarding services and other happenings at the church.