

Millcreek Community United Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

SEPTEMBER 2020

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I believe in God..... faith, not fear... I'm not prejudiced love works here! It is likely we have heard those sayings and others like them dozens of times this past several months. Perhaps we have uttered them a time or two ourselves. The problem with each of them is that they are generic phrases that mean little until they are accompanied by action. For instance, when asked to give a simple yes or no answer as to whether they believed in God, a recent Gallup poll found that 87% of Americans said yes. At first glance that appears to be good news, perhaps even confirming the long-held notion that we are truly one nation under God. However, what if the implications of "I believe in God" are more clearly defined, perhaps in the context of worship and tithing? A different response will certainly result.

Our beliefs are validated by our actions, and it is the same with faith and fear. All of us have faith and fear in something, and our actions rather than our words will reveal what they are. Do we trust the brakes on our car, the supports holding up the bridge, or the pilot flying the airplane? If not, the fear injury or death will cause us to walk instead of ride. Do we have faith that what we hear from news media and government officials is completely truthful and accurate? If not, we fear needless pain and heartache will result from bias and misinformation.

Prejudice, bigotry, and racism remain a painful part of our vocabulary and depending upon who you ask and how you ask, those words can mean quite different things. They may be described by our beliefs, but they are truly defined by our actions. Judging by some of the awful things we see and hear every day, there remains a great need to repent of those ugly sins, regardless of our skin color or heritage.

Which brings us to Millcreek Community Church. We really are a different kind of church! At times, we may bring our biases and prejudice with us, but only to leave them at the altar. We say we believe the best way to learn to love those who are different from us is by worshiping together. We say we believe love works here! But what does that mean? We may think we know what it means, but is our understanding of love honest or is it self-centered? Is it in complete accord with God's definition of love (Jesus)? Is it in harmony with the Scriptural principles of holiness, righteousness, mercy, justice, forgiveness, and mutual respect? If it is not, then beware for it is not love but love's enemy at work. We dare not give him a helping hand.

Let us remain (or get!) in love with Jesus and each other! 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.

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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harriet Case has moved by family members and has a new condo. The address is 1040 South Perry Street, Unit 12, Napoleon, OH 43545 and her phone number is (330) 797-1678. May God bless your new home and may happiness fill your heart always. We will miss your presence among us but pray that each new day will be a good day for you.

RECYCLING

Our church will no longer recycle cans. Please take items to your nearest recycle center. But, if you are weary and feeling low, join us on Sunday mornings and we will help "recycle" your heart and soul. Together we can raise a Halleluiah!

MISSION TEAM

The Mission Team has sent a check in the amount of \$600.00 to the Warren Family Mission. We collected this through the months of July and August. Thank you faithful and generous church family. May all of you be truly blest!



Our mission for the month of September will be for the Rescue Mission.
Thank you dear ones,
Susie J. – Mission Team Member



Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Mtg - August 11, 2020 7pm-8pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Dr. Hovell, Barbara Childs, Barbara Hubler, Barbara Beach, Diane Redfern, Lenora Jefferson, Susan Justice, Hope Sabanick, and Timothy Mattern.
Pastor Greg called the meeting to order Dr. Hovell opened with prayer.
Devotions. King Solomon's ECC 3 –
Minutes had not been turned in – so they were not available for review.

Pastor Greg introduced Timothy Mattern, our new Worship Director, and gave a summary of his qualification's

Treasurers report – Hope Sabanick Reviewed income statement for July. Snow Plowing and gas - Showing negative – 1/2 will be reimbursed June workman comp posted-did not get processed in June-will be processed in July Payroll protection grant posted in error to 4402 – will be correct to 4406. May payroll protection grant forgiven. A gift from our government - \$20,100.00. Will become other income explanation of PPG – to be used for salaries – Pastor, Musician, Custodian, and Office Staff. Also, to be used for utilities. This money will be kept in a separate account. Documentation of how money is spent will be sent to the bank. All sharer of Home Savings Stock (from Mahoning UMC) are being transferred into Premier Bank. All other investments transferred into Millcreek Community UMC should be completed this month. Dr. Hovell brought to our attention it takes three signatures to make any changes with these investment. Hope and Pastor Greg addressed how blessed we are that we now have these assets

Missions – Susan Justice

Community Meal September 19, 2020

Project for September will be Rescue Mission

August 12, 2020 – Mission balance \$11,493.17

Susan commented how generous people are in their giving

SPRC: Hired Timothy Mattern as our Worship Leader

Old Business:

Sign at Lockwood/Shields to be in place this week (Aug.11, 2020)

Flooring has not arrived

Lenora Jefferson stated there are 15 cemetery plots left.

Parlor furniture needs replaced.

Youngstown campus now getting bids for painting and other, work to be done.

Bible Study and Sunday School to resume in Sept., with guidelines.

Discussion about one service, which would be at 10:00am combined.

Pastor Greg suggested we give a "sendoff" gift to Dave Leonard in appreciation for hiring his gift of music with us. Pastor Greg asked that we consider giving him one of our pianos. All in favor.

Our New Worship Leader made a grand suggestion. We bring the piano in to the Sanctuary and place a love offering basket on it. Susan Justice came back with let us use the mission basket. We are so blessed for what we have in our mission fund, it would be nice to give him the week's offering.

Pastor ended the meeting asking us to go to the website Covid 19 State of Ohio. He feels this is the best source of information.

Timothy Mattern closed in prayer

Next meeting – Tuesday, September 1, 2020

In HIS service, Barbara Beach, acting secretary

Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Mtg – July 7, 2020 7pm-8pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Steve Easter, LK Williams, Barbara Hubler, Barbara Childs, Barbara Beach, Susan Justice, Diane Redfern, Elaine Williams, and Hope Sabanick. Pastor Greg – Devotions from Luke 9 followed by our opening prayer. Pastor Greg asked if minutes had been reviewed. There were no corrections-accepted.

Old Business: Steve Easter made the comment that the area where the tree has been removed, looked so much better. Grass seed and mulch has been put down.

Treasurer report – Hope Sabanick

June giving \$9,627.00
Mission giving \$140.00
Classroom Rental \$808.00
Total June giving \$10,568.00
Total expenses \$17,987.00
Loss \$7,408.00
Income from investment \$1,308.00 for June 2020

Administrative – Pastor Greg

Ad was placed seeking to hire Worship Leader. Received 7 resumes of which 3 are to be interviewed. Joyce Jones is not sure whether she will return.

Building and Grounds

2 preliminary estimates were received to put down vinyl flooring-lowest \$5,500.00. All were in agreement. The entire hallway, the hallway in front of the secretary's office and the hallway in front of the ladies restroom. A new sign will be placed at Lockwood/Shields Rd. Monies that were earmarked for advertising will be used. To have a better view of our electronic sign in the front, the trees along the driveway will be trimmed. All were in agreement.

Mission-Susan Justice

Deposited for Missions April-June \$210.00
Rhie Supply gave a check of \$115.00 to Missions.
Community Dinner – July 18, 2020, Saturday. Serving stew, applesauce, and dessert.

UMW—Rummage Sale August 3, 2020. This event may possibly be held outside. If held inside there will be guidelines for social distancing.

SPRC— Will be mtg to review resumes for New Worship Director

Worship

Brooke will be sending out "Guidelines For Building Use" for Worship and other building events.
Elaine Williams addressed that there was too much crowding in the front at Sunday's Communion. After some discussion all were in agreement that the ushers will be asked to direct them by pews keeping person with social distancing guidelines.

New Business: No Bible Study at this time

Barb Childs – a new ministry, mailing out DVDs, Bulletins, and message manuscripts to shut-ins.
LK Williams will attempt to gather a group to address racism. Pastor asked to be kept informed.
Fryer sold for \$200.00

In closing Steve Easter thanked all for the cards, love, prayers and support shown to Louise and himself.

Pastor closed in prayer.

Next Mtg will be August 11, 2020

In HIS service, Barbara Beach, acting secretary



SEPTEMBER



8th - Sidney Wylie

18th - Pam Boston,

Rev. Mike McHale & P. Mae White

25th - Donna Stevenson

29th - Nathan Stevenson



Barry Ervin

Georgia Witt

Gordon & Rose Milliken

Irene Wagner

Mark Boston

Marge Whitacre

Muggs Ashbaugh

Nancy Stark

P. Mae White

Pat Charity & Clara Charity

Penny Hiller & family

Ray Mercado & Family

Ron Miller

Rita Wolfe

Rose Missik (George's Sister)

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)



Gloria Finkley (shut-in)

Juanita Pasley (home)

Esther McClain

Shepherd of the Woods

1500 McKinley Ave.

Niles, OH 44446

Margaret Whitacre

Briarfield Manor

461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 325A

Austintown, OH 44515

(330) 270-3468 ext. 1591

Nancy Stark— will be moving to

Continuing Healthcare Of

Boardman

830 Boardman-Canfield Road,

Boardman, Ohio 44512

THE MILLCREEK COMMUNITY UMW



“A VERY TALL TALE”

The Rummage Sale of August 14th and 15th had its moments. We began with 3 lovely ladies called Barb. Imagine this... when you would call out Barb all 3 would appropriately turn and answer, YES? Believe me, we got used to that rather quickly and so did they: Bags, boxes and paper went flying about the stage in a flurry! We were going to get this set up in no time. HA! Well guess what, that did not happen. Enter: the Pro of the Rummage Sale – Gert Marinelli. She told us where, when, and how things were done and we being obedient, said yes, oh great wise Pro of the Rummage Sale we will do it that way. Enter: Henry Fetty, we soon called Henry, Oh Henry. Oh Henry, can you move this? Can you reach the top shelf? Oh Henry, can you go upstairs and bring this list of things down? Oh Henry, can this be trashed? I thought Oh Henry was a candy bar, but I was wrong – Henry was the sweetest helper. Kathy Miller came to help, and she wore a shirt that had her name on it and it said, “It’s a Kathy thing”. She said, “I’ll set up the jewelry table.” It was designed just like Tiffany’s of New York. Well maybe Youngstown, New York. (Yes, there is a Youngstown, New York - I knew we were on the map, I just wasn’t sure where!) Thank you, Kathy, for carefully arranging all those jewels. Carolyn, Barb Beach’s friend, almost a constant at our church on Sunday’s stood for hours folding clothes only to find out she had put them on the wrong table. Watch out Carolyn, here comes the great wise Pro Rummage Sale Queen – run Carolyn! Enter: Our beloved Pastor, wait what’s his name? Yes, that’s it, Pastor Greg! Our Shephard, who watches over his flock and gives us encouragement and advice. When we ask his advice on pricing, he said “I don’t want to tell you what you should do but why not do something like “The Dollar Tree.” Let’s get rid of this stuff!”

None other then a superb crew! They persevered, their tenacity was unwavering and then friendships among this crew was strengthen. With God’s help they managed to do the impossible.

I salute you; I love you!

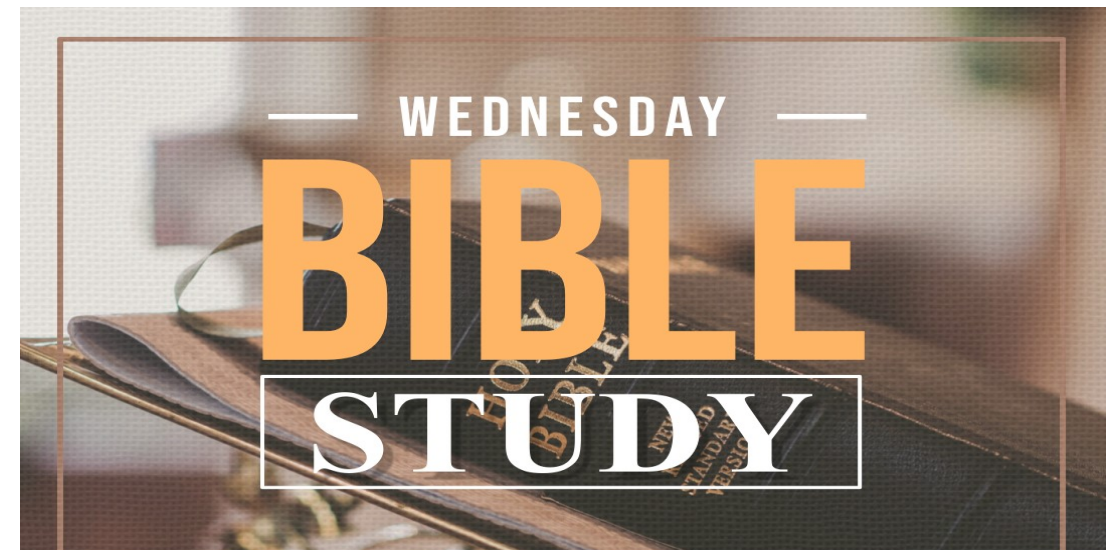


**SATURDAY -
SEPTEMBER 19TH
FREE COMMUNITY
DRIVE THRU DINNER
4:30-6PM**

or until dinners run out

**(Pasta w/ meatballs & cheese,
tossed salad, dinner roll w/ butter, & brownie)**

Donations thankfully accepted



Starting
16
September

**We will meet at 10:30am
in the parlor.
Everyone is welcome.**