

Millcreek Community United Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

**October
2020**

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Millcreek Community UMC

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Politics or the Gospel? Politics and the Gospel? The way we choose to view those two conundrums will become ever so important in the next several months. Before we examine them in detail it will be necessary to define what they mean. We typically think of politics in terms of parties, elections, and forms of government but in its most basic form politics is a process of determining who gets what, where and when. For example, power, wealth, influence, and boundaries that define cities, states, and countries are determined by politics. By their very nature political parties exist to influence elections, and politics of a different nature will influence the workplace and even the church. Try as we may to avoid it, politics remains an inescapable part of life. Unfortunately, the outcome is rarely fair or just.

The Gospel is much more pleasant to define. A word unique to the Christian church, gospel means “good news” or “good telling”, telling others of the good news of Jesus Christ. The English word Gospel comes from the Latin and Greek words for evangelism and spreading the Gospel has been the primary mission of the church since the day of the first Christian Pentecost. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Disciple making begins and ends with the Gospel.

So, the question is not politics or the gospel. Both are necessary. The conundrum is how to bring the two together in a way that brings glory to Jesus Christ. It is the politics of the Gospel that causes us so much grief! Until recently, Jesus death on the cross was always considered to be sacrificial and atoning. Thousands of years of established Christian doctrine teach that Jesus chose to die to pay the penalty for the sins of humanity. Today, some progressive pastors now teach that His death was little more than a political execution, a power grab by the elites of the day. His bodily resurrection is not even considered a possibility. Such teaching raises a divisive question. Did Jesus choose to die to liberate people from sin, or did He lose His life working to liberate people from injustice and oppression?

The implications of reimagining the Gospel are more deadly than Jesus crucifixion. The church is placed at great risk when long held teachings are tossed aside. Good news becomes bad news when the Gospel is stripped of its power. The bad news is that no matter how noble our efforts are to try and become “good” people, they will never be sufficient. (see Romans 3:20) If Jesus did not die to atone for the sins of the world, humanity is doomed. In anticipation of judgment day, will we plead the blood of Christ and seek His holiness, or do we forget about sin and attempt to earn divine favor with our works? Only one of those possibilities brings glory to Jesus and His church. Only one will change hearts and society. If you are not sure which, join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and hear the good news! The truth will set you free!

Pastor Greg

Announcements

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm

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 September Mission Project was the Rescue Mission and we collected \$600. A check was sent to help the homeless men, women and children in our community. Our church has many caring, compassionate people and perhaps God is using all of us to help change lives.

The October Mission Project will be for Protestant Family Service.



The Mission Team will be meeting on Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm. Come and be a part of a wonderful group of people that have a need to help others.

May your hearts remain blest,
Mission Team Member,
Susie J.

NEWSLETTER

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.



Saturday, October 10th
9am-4pm at the Covelli Centre
FREE ADMISSION
www.mensrally.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Boardman Campus
10:00am (Praise, Pray & Proclaim)

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

Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Mtg - September 1, 2020 - 7pm- 8pm

Present: Susan Justice, Pastor Greg, Barbara Childs, Elaine Williams, Steve Easter, Hope Sabanick, Diane Redfern, and Barbara Beach.

Pastor Greg opened with words of wisdom by King Solomon and closed the devotions with a prayer.

Minutes: reviewed minutes-One correction-In the Treasurer's Report. Payroll Protection Grant should be Payroll Protection Plan. Minutes accepted.

Treasure's Report: Hope Sabanick

- * Reviewed Income Statement January 2020 through August 2020.

- * Giving has been down

- * Checking account in the black

- * All bills have been paid

- * Elaine Williams made the request for an itemized statement to be created for the Mission Account. A breakdown of monies being received and disbursed.

Administrative: no report

Buildings and Grounds

- * Trees have been trimmed

- * Steve and Henry will be doing a cleanup of the field at the north end of our building.

- * Flooring almost complete

- * Painting quote at Richard Brown Campus-\$7, 550.00-ceilings, windows(40)-scraping-this price does not include repairing broken glass. Pastor Greg brought it to our attention that the our painter here at Millcreek did such a great job that we should use him for the painting at Richard Brown. Pastor asked if we would be in agreement with using him. All were in agreement.

- * Exterior of Millcreek building extension to be painted from white to a color that will complement and blend in with the bricks.

- * Windows at Millcreek are in need of repair-two companies have come out for quotes-quotes were not in at this time.

Mission: Suzan Justice

- * Bank balance-\$11,532.09 as of August 31, 2020.

- * Mission projects for September-Rescue Mission October-Protestant Family Services November-Sojourner House December-Safe Place

Worship

- * Bible study to start up September 5 Wednesday at 10:30 AM at Millcreek.

- * Continue discussion on one combined service at 10 AM-an announcement to be put in the bulletin to welcome your comments.

- * Sunday Worship Service September 6 will be a Healing Service and Communion. That day there will also be a drive-through Communion Service.

Old business

- * A substantial love offering and one of our Keyboard was given to David Leonard in appreciation for his gift of music that he shared with us.

New business

- * There was a friendly discussion about how important (at this time in our lives) it is to go to our Website, Facebook, and YouTube. Please click on share, then it will go on to all of your friends. Pastor Greg showed us how many hits we had on our Website. This does make a difference on how many folks we reach.

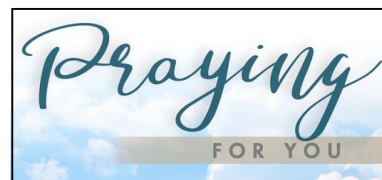
Pastor Greg closed in prayer

In HIS service,
Acting Secretary Barbara Beach

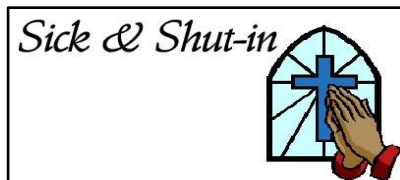
CELEBRATING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!



1st - Rev. Wanda Wilson
 4th - Don Rotar
 6th - Mark Boston
 7th - Ora (Bud) White
 8th - Cameron Fitzgerald
 12th - Jennifer Carman
 13th - Mike Serra
 14th - Damien Carman
 15th - Bennie Sullivan
 16th - Tami Calko & Nevett Granberry
 17th - Lenora Jefferson & Keith Makar
 21st - Louise Easter & Barbara Heffner
 27th - Syesha Shaw
 30th - Elaine Williams
 31st - Janet Hawkins



Barry Ervin
 Donna Howell (Sean Roberts Aunt)
 Georgia Witt
 Gordon & Rose Milliken
 Irene Wagner
 Marge Whitacre
 Marilyn & George Makar
 Mark Boston
 Muggs Ashbaugh
 Nancy Stark
 P. Mae White
 Pat Charity & Clara Charity
 Penny Hiller & family
 Ray Mercado & Family
 Rita Wolfe
 Ron Miller
 Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law)
 Terry (Dawn Crosby's Brother)
 Verna Wylie
 Vicky LaCivita (Pam Boston's Sister)
 Woody Anderson

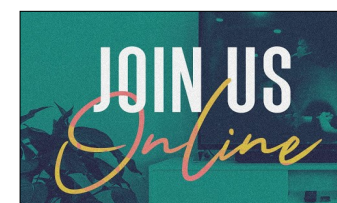


Gloria Finkley
 (shut-in)
 Juanita Pasley
 (home)
 Esther McClain
Shepherd of the Woods
 1500 McKinley Ave.
 Niles, OH 44446
 Margaret Whitacre
Briarfield Manor
 461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 325A
 Austintown, OH 44515
 (330) 270-3468 ext. 1591
 Nancy Stark
 (home)



United Methodist Women Fall Gathering
 October 22, 2020
 at Millcreek Community UMC
 Registration 9am
 Continental Breakfast
 Register by October 8, 2020
 to Rita Newbery-
 4510 New Road-Austintown 44515
 Or call Barbara Beach 330-782-5950
ALL ARE WELCOME

I am very thankful to all that have been helping with cards. It is soooooo appropriated.
 -Barbara Beach



Unable to join us on Sundays?
 Join us for virtual worship on our website
www.millcreek.church, our YouTube channel or Facebook page
 Millcreek Community UMC

Would you like a Sunday Bulletin or Upper Room mailed to you?
 Call the church office at 330-782-0573 or
 e-mail us at info@millcreek.church to add your name to the list.

COMING
 SOON
 Bible
 Study
 &
 Sunday
 School
 Stay Tuned



What Is Your Top Priority?

My name is Timothy Mattern. I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve as Worship Leader/Director of Music for this beautiful blend of people God has called to form Millcreek Community UMC. As we begin this journey together take a couple minutes to consider the ordering of three priorities that influence the quality of our service to Jesus.

- 1. Worshippers
- 2. Leaders
- 3. Musicians

These are the priorities of our servant musicians who help provide support to worship at Millcreek through our music ministries. But the principles have broader application beyond what we do when we gather to praise God. Let us consider them together.

Service

Whether you serve as a musician or in some other way, finding some expression of your talents for the glory of God is an essential part of the journey of every Christ-follower. Colossians 3:23-24 tells us to do our work for the Lord, not for men, for we are serving Jesus. This is true in every endeavor, especially serving with our church family. This is important, but not our top priority. It is important to remember as we serve, there are other principles at work as well.

Leadership

You may not think you are a leader, but every one of us is responsible to lead our own souls. There are also often people watching how we are doing that, and some of them will follow our example, which makes us leaders. As we follow Jesus, others will be challenged and encouraged to follow us. The writer of I Corinthians 11 reminded his readers to follow Him as He followed Christ. Again, this is an essential part of our journey with Christ, but I would say not the top priority.

Worship

When asked what was the greatest commandment, Jesus said “Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul with all your mind and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30) What is worship, giving glory to God, other than a continuous response of love to the One that has first loved us? This is why I believe that it is our top priority. We must be careful to keep it as the first thing in all our other actions.

We must service using the talents God has given us. For some those talents are musical, for others something else.

We must lead even as we follow Christ every moment of every day.

But first, and in a way that influences everything else we do, we must worship God, as a response to His love for us.

I will be trying to live these out before you and helping our servant musicians to do the same. Please pray for me and all of us as we do. And know we are praying for you to encounter Christ each time we gather to serve, lead, and worship!



The Drive-Thru Blessing

Our Free Community Drive-thru Dinners are a thriving, NEW Mission for our church. I use the word NEW because for years our dinners were served in our Fellowship Hall. Due to a “virus” we had to re-think our dinner plan. Just adding, “Drive-thru” to the Free Community Dinner has kept cars circling the parking lot. In re-inventing our dinner plans, thanks be to God, we have been able to serve many people. (At our first dinner) We prepared 80 meals and 80 meals were served. At our second dinner, we served 125 meals with no leftovers! The “Drive-thru Crew” has made this a successful mission once again. May those who gave their time and talent receive the goodness of God’s blessings.

There will come a time
when you believe
everything is finished. Yet
that will be the beginning.

Louis LAmour