

Millcreek Community United Methodist Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
Youngstown, Ohio 44511-3799

The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

**November
2020**

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Millcreek Community UMC

OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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Isn't fall a wonderful time of the year? As the seasons and landscape change with the weather, God takes an astounding palette of colors and faithfully paints for us a gorgeous picture that is more beautiful than anything we will find in the best of museums. Even better, there is never an admission fee to see and enjoy it. Unfortunately, the glimpse of God's glory revealed in the colors

of the leaves we see this time of the year is only temporary. Once they fall from the trees, all that remains are bare branches to remind us that a long winter lies ahead.

One of the high points of the fall season is our celebration of All Saints Day. This year it falls on Sunday November 1, and once again during worship we will honor the saints of the church who have gone on to receive their heavenly rewards this past year. It is a bittersweet celebration that is often bypassed, for the pain of separation from our loved ones is like no other. It is a reminder that we do live in a fallen world. But like summer, tribulation only lasts for a season. We may rest assured that the promises of Scripture are true, including those in the Book of Revelation that say those who overcome tribulation (the saints), will someday worship and serve God together in glory. We can only wonder how amazing that will be!

When we continue to persevere despite heartache and setbacks, when we continue to trust God to lead us knowing that something indescribably wonderful lies ahead, the journey becomes a bearable part of the process. I am not suggesting for moment it will be easy or direct. We might even get filthy dirty along the way. But once we finally get to where we are going, once we reach our destination, imagine a giant pool, a baptismal font where our grime and sins will be personally washed away by Christ and we will emerge the holy perfect being we were designed to be. Whatever we experienced in the past is gone, and we will never have to deal with it again. God's grace is an amazing thing!

Without grace, without our faith in God, without believing the promises of Scripture, without blessed hope for the future, the tribulation we are (or will be) experiencing in some fashion may never end and in fact will get worse. There is no tribulation worse than the despair of knowing that there is no way out and no turning back. Tribulation need not be permanent. As long as we have breath, we can ask God to take us beyond it and make us whole. As we move from All -Saints to Thanksgiving, let us be thankful for His grace and mercy!

I'm thankful for Him and for you..... Pastor Greg

Announcements

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

2020 CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2020 Charge Conference will held at Millcreek Community UMC on Sunday, November 8th at Noon.

MISSION TEAM

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 16th at 5:45pm

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm.
(POSTPONED DUE TO COVID)

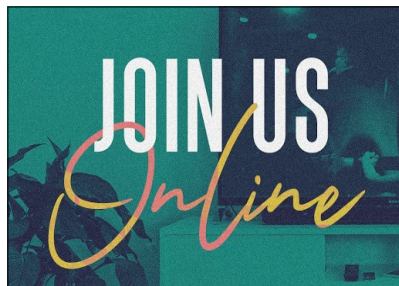
OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th, the church office will be closed.

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.

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.



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



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 Meeting - October 6, 2020 - 7pm- 8pm

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

Minutes from September 1, 2020 accepted.

Treasurers Report-Hope Sabanick.

- *Reviewed Income Statement from 1/1/2020 to 9/30/2020.
- *Weekly offering down-investments down for this month.
- *Apportionments paid through September 2020.
- *All bills paid and current.
- *Pastor said a Stewardship Letter will be sent out soon.

Pastor Greg shared a general report from Cindy Renner detailing expenses and income for the Millcreek mission account. He will ask that additional line items for expenditures and income be provided in the future.

Administrative.

- *No date has been set yet for our Charge Conference. Rev Russ Adams will be officiating.
- *We need to begin considering if changes to Lay Leader and SPR team for 2020-2021 will be necessary.

Buildings & Grounds.

- *Gemini Home Improvement is supposed to start window repairs at the North Side Campus soon.
- *Windows at Millcreek-still waiting for more bids-only one bid received from Youngstown Mirror and Glass.
- *Altar platform area- Pastor Greg shared a concern about opening up the platform area to allow for better social distancing. After consulting with our worship leader Timothy Mattern, he proposed replacing the pews in the choir loft with portable chairs and moving the altar forward to the west wall under the cross. The Leadership Team went into the Sanctuary to consider that change and it was unanimously agreed to sell or donate the pews in the choir loft and replace them with new upholstered chairs at a projected cost of \$40.00 each and move the altar. The team then considered and unanimously approved removing the 2 pews located at the rear wall of the church and replacing them with portable chairs to allow for additional seating in the choir loft if needed during larger choral musical events.

Missions-Susan Justice.

- *At their last meeting, the United Methodist Women's Unit at Millcreek voted to dissolve. They will continue doing mission work as part of our Mission Team. The small amount of money left in the bank account will be used for Mission Projects.
- *Susan gave an overview of the mission team funds and explained how they are used.
- *Mission Team is in charge of the Turkey Dinner on Nov. 21st. Pastor asked that we reach out to all members of the church to help in some way.

Worship-No report.

Susan Justice closed with Prayer.

In GOD'S Love,
Acting Secretary Barbara Beach



2nd - Dr. James Hovel
 4th - MaryAnn Dahman
 8th - Judy Williams
 10th - Karen Myers &
 MaryLou Stahl

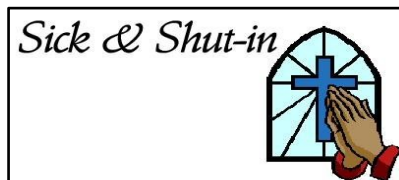
12th - Lucy Moreland-Smith
 13th - Erica Creque
 21st - Susan Justice
 22nd - Nicole Miller
 23rd - Hope Sabanick
 25th - Susan McHale
 27th - Naomi Lynn Luman
 30th - Dom Viola



Irene L. Wagner, 95, passed away Thursday evening, October 22, 2020. She was a long time member of our church and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.



Barry Ervin
 Donna Howell (Sean Roberts Aunt)
 Georgia Witt
 Gordon & Rose Milliken
 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

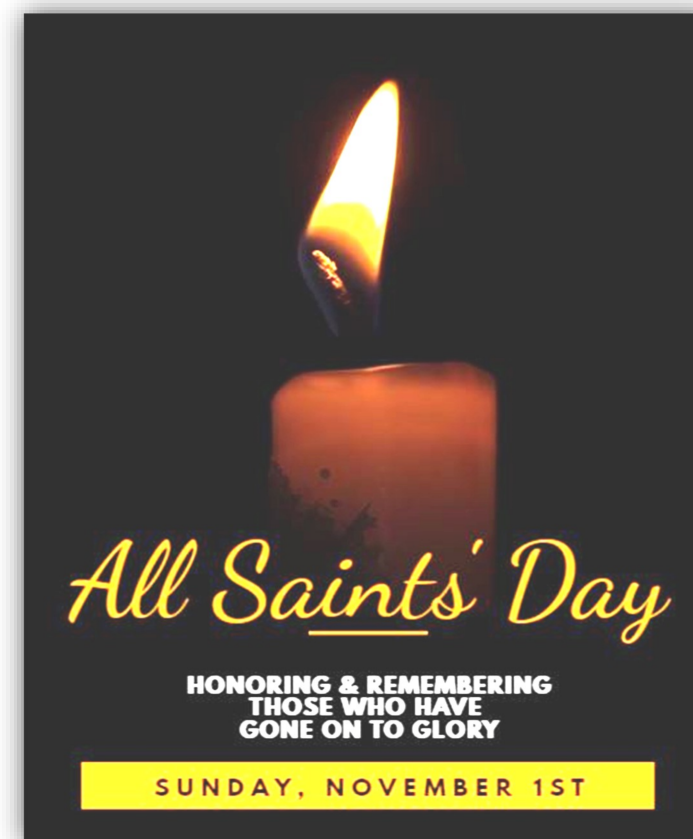


Gloria Finkley
 (shut-in)

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



Elizabeth Jane "Sue" Charles
 Rev. Vancamp C. Chiles
 Richard R. Oakley
 Eleanor Ramson
 Ruby N. (Jackson) Graham
 Gertrude "Gertie" D. Roche
 Doris L. Neal
 Dorothy J. Kaglic
 John Emery Kaglic
 Florence Marsteller

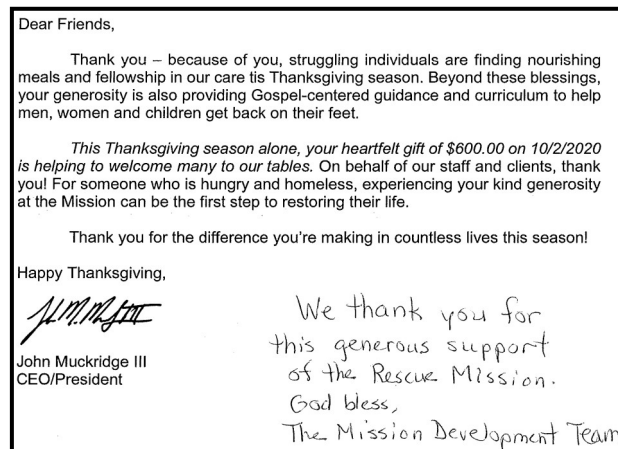


The church office will be closed on Friday, November 27th

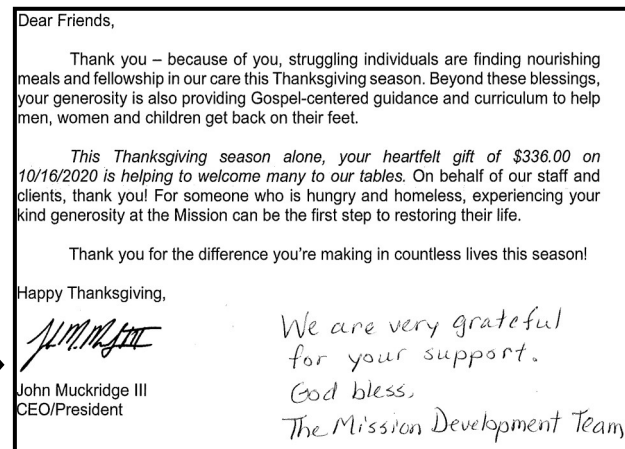
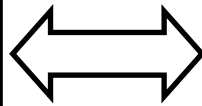
“Mission Possible”
What’s in Your Closet?

Several Sunday’s ago, one of our very dear church ladies handed me an envelope that had a godly sum of \$336.00 in it. Wow! Quietly she asked me to put the money in the mission fund and send a check to the Rescue Mission. Absolutely I would do just that! She told me she found the money in her closet. Closet, I said. Yes, it is from Mahoning UMC, a group called the “WIGS”, Woman In Gods Service. It was their mission group. As she was telling her story, my mind was thinking of what was in my closet, dust mostly, shoe boxes, sweeper, luggage, family photos and certainly not an envelope with \$336.00 in it! Right away my imagination took over and I thought what if I opened my closet and found Jesus’s compassion, kindness, integrity, mercy, understanding, a heart full of love, just love. So much love for all mankind. I believe our church family has found all of these in their closets. Our “Missions” are “Possible” because of YOU!

To date your Mission Team has been able to send: \$600.00 to the Warren Family Mission, \$936.00 to the Rescue Mission, and \$600.00 to Protestant Family Service.



Two thank
you letters
from the
Rescue
Mission



Due to Covid, places ask for monetary donations so they can purchase what is needed for their clients.

Our November Mission will be for the
Sojourner House in the Youngstown area.



- Susie J. , Mission Team Member



A very “special” thank you to Harriet Case
who sent a \$100.00 donation for our
November Drive-Thru Thanksgiving dinner.

Blessed is the giver and
very grateful are the receivers.

-Love from all of us at
Millcreek Community UMC



drive-thru dinner



Saturday
November 21st
4-5:30pm

(or until dinners run out)

**(Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy,
vegetables, cranberry sauce, dinner roll w/
butter & dessert)**

Donations thankfully accepted