#### **Millcreek Community UM Church**

4570 Lockwood Boulevard Youngstown, Ohio 44511-3799



February 2021

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### Millcreek Community UMC

OFFICE HOURS M-W-F 9am - 2pm (330) 782-0573

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"What has been, is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun". "The more things change, the more they remain the same". Those words are from King Solomon, known for his wise and pithy sayings including Ecclesiastes 1:9, and Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Kerr, a French writer and fisherman. Both express similar sentiments that can bring great joy and peace as well as deep trouble to our soul. Joy and peace come by knowing that God is never caught by surprise by our words or actions. God's providence and grace is always consistent and intentional, rather than occasional and accidental. And on the other hand, we are greatly troubled because those words also imply that we have failed to learn from our past.

One thing that does change are the months of the year, and February is the month for love. We will soon celebrate Saint Valentine's Day and begin the Lenten season, a time for prayer, repentance, and reconciliation. February is also Black History Month. Republican President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

There once was something new under the sun, and it came in the form of a great commandment Jesus gave to His disciples. It is recorded for posterity in John's Gospel 13:34: I give you a **new** commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other. How unfortunate that so few believe that Jesus loves them, and so few love others like Jesus loves them. How unfortunate that so few know us as His disciples.

We live in a day and age where church membership and profession of faith is on a steady decline, so we will need to be more intentional than ever in letting others know we love them and are concerned for their soul. That is the mission of Millcreek Community UMC! What barriers are preventing us from carrying it out? I pray that we will reflect on that question and decide what we need to do individually and as the body of Christ to overcome them.

Jesus commands us to love each other. That means *always*, not just in February! I pray that soon there will be something new under the sun, and it will be that *everyone* sees that true followers of Jesus love one another like Jesus loves us. In some ways it is still a new commandment to many, for they have not yet heard, believed, or understood love in the Good News of the Gospel. Let us do our best to make it an old commandment soon! Stay in love with Jesus and your brothers and sisters in Christ.... Pastor Greg

## Announcements

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

NO Leadership Team meeting this month.

### **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.

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office with be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day

### 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 <a href="mailto:info@millcreek.church">info@millcreek.church</a> to add your name to the list

## Unable to join us on Sundays?



Join us for live worship at 10am on our website www.millcreek.church





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<u>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u> - 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 January 12, 2021 6:30pm-7:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Diane Redfern, Barbara Hubler, Hope Sabanick, Elaine Williams, Susan Justice, L.K. Williams, and Barb Childs.

Minutes from November/December 2020 accepted.

Proposal: UMC money to be used to make website more mission focused.

Treasurers Report/Finance:

December – cut and dry, bills all paid (some late)

Year-end statement

80,000 – 40,000 to endowment & 40,000 to us (investment use as needed)

No tax exemption now for RB Event Center – will know end of January how much tax.

Finance team will meet next month to see how to pay expenses.

Administrative - No report.

Buildings & Grounds:

We have new roof & boiler. Will have to do parking lot at some point.

1st – window in fellowship hall, foyer, etc. next week?

2nd – in February/March – replace windows in education wing.

Shades were suggested for Sanctuary windows.

Maintenance

Pipes leaking at Yo. Campus/Selling property may be an option in future.

Sound room

Where Barb C. runs computer – make more secure. Contributions are sought "A.V. Outreach"

Missions:

January Free Community Meal – 12oz. each – 100 meals-chili, brownies, cornbread February Mission Project – A Place to Call Home – for youth ages 18-24

Book Study - The Dream King

Worship:

Ash Wednesday – approved/drive-thru ashes

Lenten Devotions – may be virtual, like book study

Meeting was closed with prayer.





**Barry Ervin** Carol Rinehart Donna Howell (Sean Roberts Aunt) Elaine Williams Georgia Witt Gordon & Rose Milliken Harriet Case Louise Easter Marge Whitacre Marilyn Makar (HOSPICE) Mark Boston P. Mae White Pat Charity & Clara Charity Penny Hiller & family Rachel Haynie (Susie's niece) Ray Mercado & Family



### Gloria Finkley

#### **Harriet Case**

1040 South Perry Street, Unit 12 Napoleon, OH 43545

### **Juanita Pasley**

### **Margaret Whitacre**

Briarfield Manor 461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 301 Austintown, OH 44515 (330) 270-3468

Ron Miller Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law) Verna Wylie Vicky LaCivita (Pam Boston's Sister) Woody Anderson

Rev. Mike & Sue McHale

Rita Wolfe

Our condolences go out to Mary Lois Floyd for the loss of her brother,

Willie Floyd

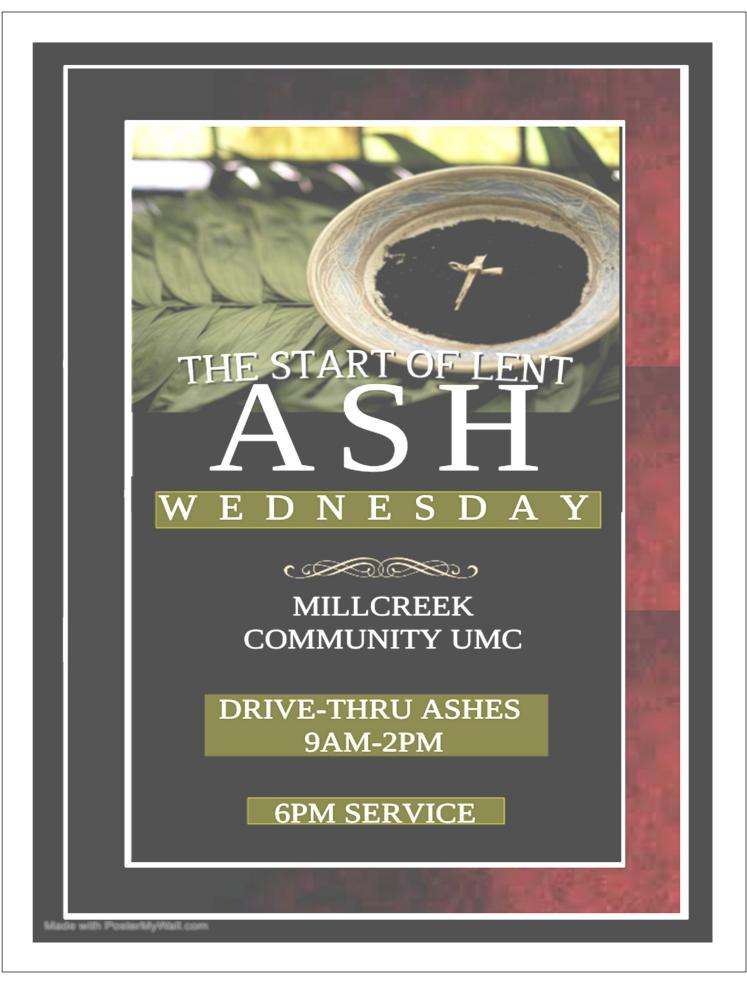
Our thoughts and prayers are with her and the family at this time.







2nd - Marcia Haire-Ellis 9th - Lillie Washington 13th - Heather Williams 19th - LK Williams 21st - George Makar 25th - Macilla Grace 27th - Robert Pegues III 29th - Sean Roberts & Jacqueline Robinson



# MISSION MOMENTS

The January Missions were the "Salvation Army" and "A Place to Call Home". Each of these missions will receive a check in the amount of \$300.00 each. Many thanks and much appreciation for the support the "Mission Team" receives from our church family. May God continue to bless each of you.



Our mission for the month of February will continue with "A Place to Call Home" and a donation to the expansion of our cable connection for our home viewers.

Love to all of you, Susie J. - Mission Team Member



We are very thankful for the pretty pew separators that Diane Redfern carefully placed in our sanctuary.

Our heart overflow with love and thanks!



### MULTI-MEDIA AND AUDIO-VISUAL \$\$\$ CAMPAIGN

One positive outcome of Covid-19 is that we began new ways to reach those who are unable to be in our sanctuary for worship on Sunday mornings. We are now live streaming our worship service and publishing it on our website for viewing 24/7. It was necessary to purchase a video camera and upgrade the church internet service for that to happen. An audio/visual room is also needed at the rear of the sanctuary so that all of the necessary electronics and related equipment for local and streamed worship can be centrally located and secured when not in use. Thankfully, we received a \$500.00 Covid-19 grant from the Mahoning Valley United Methodist District Union to help with some of those expenses. However, it is not nearly enough. The additional cost for internet alone is over \$700.00 per year! Please consider making a special donation so that we can effectively reach new people for Jesus Christ. Please mark your offering "AV Outreach". Thank you for your faithfulness!

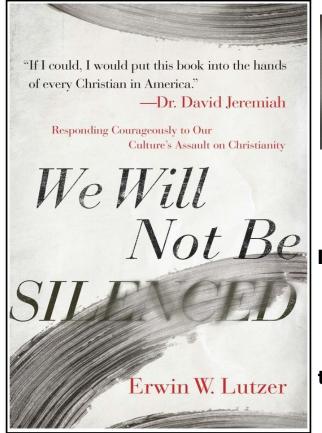


## The Chili Bowl Free Community Drive-thru Dinner

It was January 16, 2021, the time was llam, we were all assembled but the boxes we were putting the food in were not! OK group, this is how the boxes fit together. At 11:10am class started in box assembly. Janice, Barb, Barb, Sean, Diane, Susie (I was the tracker) were all in line. We worked on an assembly line stacking the boxes up so high I couldn't see Sean on the other side. The carrots and celery sticks were out - washing, peeling and slicing, oh what a mess! Barb Hubler (our counter) and Sean put them in a cello bags. The chocolate cookies with chocolate chunks were also put in cello bags. The cornbread delights were baked in cupcake paper to hold them together - 2 to a package, that was the deal! Fritos in a bag already were the simplest item we had to pack. Sean was in charge of filling the boxes with carrots and celery sticks, cornbread, cookies and Fritos. The chili was the last thing to go in the box and it's a good thing it was made the day before! Oh and then Henry and Ethan showed up to take orders and keep the traffic at bay. Us chili bowl workers, from start to finish seemed like we didn't have a clue of how to get this meal out the door! But in the end, we were so happy we served 85 dinners. Many thanks to our wonderful kitchen crew that continued to talk and laugh all the way through.

Susie J.

Mission Team and Free Community Dinner volunteer





In We Will Not Be Silenced, Pastor and Bible teacher Erwin Lutzer provides truthful information, helpful tools, and wise strategies to help us reach the lost without fear or intimidation. A link to the study materials is available on our website, along with a moderated forum for community comment. You can pick up a book at the church or have it mailed to you. Remember that this is also open to those outside of our immediate church family.