

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

# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

**March  
2021**



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**Millcreek Community UMC**

OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

(330) 782-0573

[info@millcreek.church](mailto:info@millcreek.church) (e-mail)

[www.millcreek.church](http://www.millcreek.church) (website)



One of the ways that God reveals His glory to us is through the changing of the seasons. March is here, and that means spring and Easter Sunday are only a few weeks away! The extra minutes of daylight that come with precision each day bring hope that the frigid temperatures of January and February will be nothing more than historical data that others will someday look back upon. God in His grace is the God of change and the God that never changes. That is eternally true, and we can trust Father, Son and Holy Spirit today just as our ancestors did thousands of years ago. In some ways we can trust God even more, for we too have historical data to refer to and look back upon. It may be found in the Scriptures, a trustworthy and true record of an unchanging God with an unchanging desire to change His people and make us holy.

The reality is that God's people need to change just as the seasons do. Just as we would not choose to wear a bathing suit and shovel the driveway or a heavy jacket and go swimming on the beach, we need to be keenly aware of the conditions of the world around us and react appropriately. The problem is that our world has changed and is changing so quickly that we often are unsure how to respond as loving Christians. When those emotions and feelings arise, it is good to remember that God wants us to change for the better, to become the people we were created and designed to be. Simply put, God desires us to become holy people. The process of holy change is a journey, and God has designed and decreed the church to be a necessary and integral part of it.

On that blessed walk to our Saviors side, there will be times when we will need to change with the seasons and other times when we dare not. Recognizing signs and seasons are critical in our journey to Christian perfection, and the Scriptures guide us and help us in doing so. Yet the reality is that there is a fifth season, the one we are living in at present. It is a season called heresy, an abandonment of established Scriptural principles. It is nothing new, and Acts 20:30 describes this unholy season this way: "some of your own people will distort the word in order to lure followers after them." Though the four seasons of the year are not mentioned in the Scriptures, heresy is. We are warned there in many places to recognize and beware of false prophets and false teachers. One way to recognize them is that they are preaching a different Gospel than the one God's people have known and loved for thousands of years.

Those who claim that the church must embrace and change with our culture rather than redeem it are preaching a different gospel. Though at times their message has great appeal, it is a gospel of false affection that does not lead to the path of holiness and righteousness. If something seems contrary to the Scriptures, it is worth examining further lest we lose our way. Let us remain steadfast and firm in our commitment to walking in truth and love!

Anticipating resurrection.....Pastor Greg



## Church Announcements

**Check out all the great things happening at Millcreek Community on our BLESSING BOARD located in the Narthex.**



**March 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**LEADERSHIP MEETING**  
6:30pm - Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**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](mailto:info@millcreek.church)

**MUSIC TEAM PRACTICE**  
Wednesday evenings 6:30pm

**NEWSLETTER**  
All information for next months Newsletter is to be submitted no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month by emailing to [info@millcreek.church](mailto:info@millcreek.church). Please state "NEWSLETTER" in the Subject line.

**Unable to join us on Sundays?**



**You Tube**

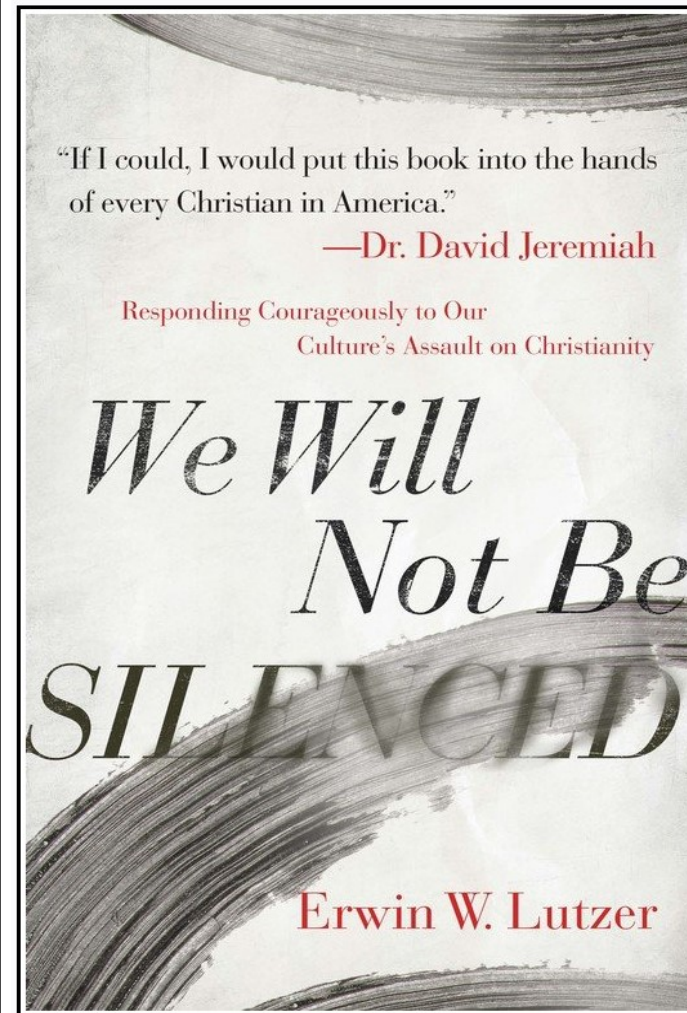


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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Boardman Campus**  
**10:00am (Praise, Pray & Proclaim)**

*Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at [pastorgreg@millcreek.church](mailto:pastorgreg@millcreek.church) or by phone at 330-782-0573.*



**Join us!** Go to our website [www.millcreek.church](http://www.millcreek.church) for more details.  
**VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY**

**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.**

**All are welcome!**

### 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!



*We are very thankful for the beautiful pew separators that Diane Redfern put in the Sanctuary. We appreciate you!*



Barry Ervin  
 Carol Rinehart  
 Donna Howell (Sean Roberts Aunt)  
 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  
 Rev. Mike & Sue McHale  
 Rita Wolfe  
 Ron Miller  
 Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law)  
 Verna Wylie  
 Vicky LaCivita (Pam Boston's Sister)  
 Woody Anderson



**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

**Millcreek Community United Methodist Church**  
 invites you our **FREE** drive-thru dinner.



**SATURDAY**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**4-5:30pm**

*(or until dinners run out)*



***Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of***

***Mary Lou Stahl***

***as she passed away on Monday,  
 February 15th. She was a member of  
 our church and will be greatly missed.***



**MARCH**  
 BIRTHDAYS



**3rd - Leslie Fitzgerald**

**4th - Cliff Hiller**

**& Rachel Serra**

**9th - Maria Serra**

**10th - Evelyn Fischer**

**12th - Steve Easter & Henry Fetty**

**15th - Bud Ross**

**23rd - Kara Ehret**

**& Norman Toot**

**28th - Cathlene Harvey**

**30th - Roosevelt Glover**



**We will be serving our famous**  
***Irish Beef Stew,***  
**a dinner roll w/ butter,**  
**applesauce, dessert (cake)**

***Donations thankfully accepted***



# The "Souper Bowl" Soupers

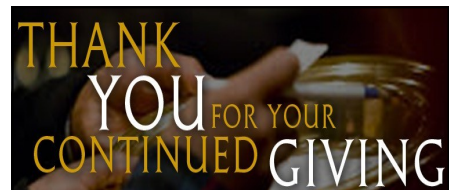
## The Mission Team of Millcreek Community UM Church

The Souper Bowl Soupers is our team name! Our story begins...we gathered on January 6th at 9:00 AM. What! 9:00 AM? Whoa what about our beauty rest? Okay, who needs to be beautiful when you're cooking soup? Yes, soup was on the menu, chicken noodle, cheddar potato and chili. Gathered around the kitchen table were Barb C., Barb H., Sean R., Janice R., Henry F., Diane R., and me, Susie J. We were washing, peeling, slicing and dicing potatoes, carrots, celery and onions. In the door comes Bud & Sandy asking what they could do. We put gloves on them and asked if they would pick the chicken off the bones for the chicken soup. At that point, we all forgot about our beauty rest! Chef Pastor Greg was forever at the stove stirring all the big pots, when suddenly he hollered we need the noodles! Oh, yes, the noodles, after all it is chicken noodle! Passing the noodles was just like, well almost like, Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes. It was like a real souper-super bowl! Yes, we the "souters" were getting it done. Wow! We are a blessed group, laughing and talking our way through it all. Then, someone yelled Susie where are the containers, we are ready to pour? The containers were lined up and the soup was carefully poured into each one. Barb, Barb and Diane worked out a way to staple the orders to the correct bags which held the soup. We are extremely grateful for your support for Millcreek mission projects and thank God for all we do for others in our community.

We made 45 quarts of soup & received \$600.00! *Thank you!!!!*

Jesus gives us the tools like love, kindness, compassion to help others. We simply need to use them. We pray our Mission Team will continue to follow in Jesus footsteps. Please join us!

-Susie J.  
Mission Team Member



*Due to the donations in February for our Mission Team, we were able to give "A Place to Call Home" a check for \$300.00. We are so grateful for the support from our church family. God bless you all!*

### The Mission Team Mission for March: Pregnancy Help Center of Youngstown, Ohio.



The center is a medical facility offering services at no cost to woman in the Mahoning Valley. Services include pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, a variety of educational programs to meet specific needs, life skills, bible study, and support groups. As clients go through the program they earn points to shop in the *Baby Boutique* for supplies such as baby clothing, diapers, and formula. Men can also receive services to be baby ready including discussion groups and men's mentoring.

For additional information visit their website at

[www.pregnancyhelpcenter.com](http://www.pregnancyhelpcenter.com)



Pregnancy Help Center **Address:** 4845 Market Street, Ste. 13, Youngstown, OH 44512  
**Phone:** 330-788-4000 **Email:** [info@pregnancyhelpcenter.com](mailto:info@pregnancyhelpcenter.com)



### Palm Sunday Service

March 28th  
10AM  
**Millcreek  
Community  
UM Church**



### Good Friday Service

April 2nd  
7PM  
**Green Haven  
Memorial Gardens**  
3495 S. Canfield-Niles Road  
Canfield, OH 44406



### Easter Sunday Service

April 4th  
7AM  
**Green Haven  
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