

Millcreek Community UM Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

**April
2021**



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Millcreek Community UMC

OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else. Those words were written by the apostle Paul to the early church at Corinth more than 2000 years ago. The problem was they claimed to believe in Christ's resurrection, but had trouble believing they could or would follow in His footsteps. Some were influenced by the false teaching of the Sadducees, a powerful political party of the day who did not believe in a bodily resurrection. Others were influenced by the teaching of the Pharisees, the religious leaders and lawgivers of the day. They had created rules and laws for and against everything. God's people tried to follow all their human rules and regulations without much success and it left them with little hope that a holy God could love them and would want to spend eternity with them. Though they believed there was an afterlife in heaven, they didn't believe they could ever be good enough to make it there.

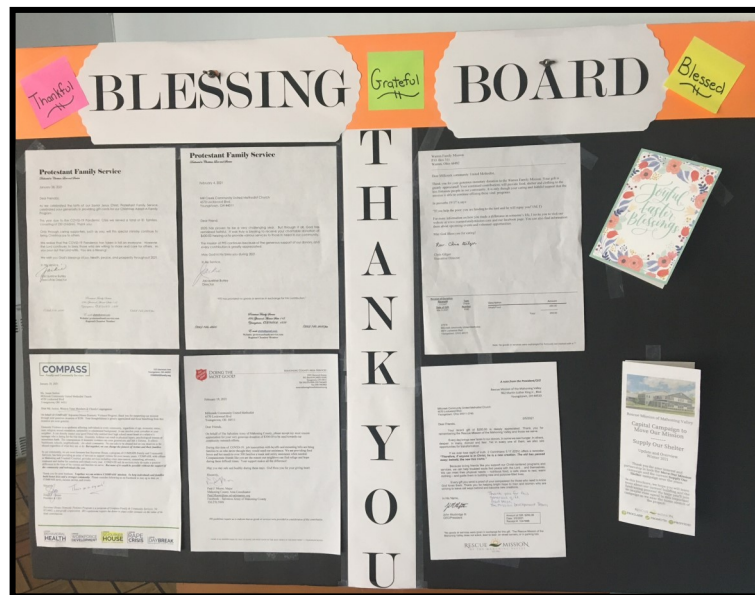
No wonder Paul said they needed to be pitied. With no hope of life after death, evil was unrestrained. With no hope of resurrection, life became little more than a struggle to obey all of God's laws. They were living for the present, rather than for the future. They didn't understand the why's of Easter. They didn't understand why Jesus came to earth, why He chose to die on the cross, why He rose from the dead, and why He chose us to rise with Him. That was then, and even though the church of the 21st century looks much different than the church of the 1st century, it seems that little has changed. False teaching still abounds.

Why did Jesus come to earth? To bring eternal life. Why did Jesus have to die? To show us the effects of sin. Why did Jesus rise from the dead? To prove He is God, the only One with the authority to forgive sin. Which leaves us with one more why. Why did He choose you and I to rise with Him? Such a question deserves a more detailed answer than a few sentences in a newsletter. We will consider that question and some others when we gather on Sunday mornings for worship. In the meantime, be part of the wise of Easter. Don't be an April Fool and believe that life ends after death. We know too much, and Jesus loves us too much! Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays...
Pastor Greg



Announcements

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



LEADERSHIP MEETING
6:30pm - Tuesday, April 6th

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

MUSIC TEAM PRACTICE
Wednesday evenings 6:30pm

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.

Unable to join us on Sundays?



You Tube

Millcreek Community UMC



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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 or by phone at 330-782-0573.



SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE

***SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE WILL BE
HELD AT WESTERN RESERVE UMC ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 AT 3PM.***

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!



Sincere thanks for the many beautiful cards that many of you have given me, to send out to our church family. It is a labor of love with all of your help. 1Thess 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is GOD'S WILL for you in Jesus Christ.

In GOD'S service Barbara Beach

Prayer Requests

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)
 Family of Ray Mercado
 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 UMC Drive-Thru Dinner

The Irish Beef Stew A Millcreek Community Folklore



As we take this journey to a small church in Innisfree, Ireland, remember to read this rolling your L's and G's and keep that Irish brogue!

Upon entering our beloved Methodist Church (Irish that is) the wee little ones, Leprechaun's that is were all over the place, dancing, laughing and pulling their shenanigans like you'd never believe! Calling out our names Barb, Barb, Barb (remember them don't you?) Henry, Janice, Sean, Al, Kathleen and our dear Pastor Gregory Calko. (Don't forget your Irish brogue) Al kept us curious as every time he came into the kitchen he would be singing "I'll take you home again Kathleen". No time for such blarney, we needed to get the food ready and the boxes as well as containers. The malarkey that the 'wee little ones' were creating kept us on our toes. We cleaned, cut and diced potatoes, carrots and onions as our beloved Pastor Gregory Calko got the stew ready. All he could say was "May the Saints preserve us". He certainly kept our spirits up! Well, let's see where was I... Oh yes, we were starting to fill the food boxes when the wind blew the kitchen door open and in walked St. Patrick himself! I tell ye St. Patrick burst into our Methodist Irish hums "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (pg. 451 in the hymn book if you care to sing along) Our beloved kitchen help joined in the song. Al wanted all to help him sing "I'll take you home again Kathleen" but we thought it was best to leave that between him and Kathleen.

Forming the line to get the meals packed our beloved Pastor Gregory was blessing the dinners when St. Patrick thought it was time to leave as he could be the Emerald Island calling him. But, before he left he talked about singing a song about rainbows and every good thing. If I remember correctly our church congregation sang this song many years ago, so look to the rainbows and follow along... On the day I was born, said my father, said he, I'm an elegant legacy waitin for ye. "Tis a rhyme for your lips and a song for your heart, to sing it whenever the world falls apart. Look, look, look to the rainbow. Follow it over the hill and stream. Look, look, look to the rainbow, follow the fellow who follows a dream.

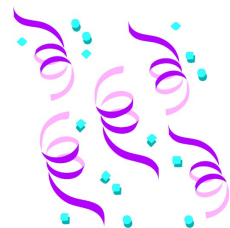
We hope you enjoyed the "Irish Beef Stew". Perhaps it really didn't happen this way, but the tomfoolery of the wee little ones (Leprechauns that is) and St. Patrick, himself and our beloved Pastor Gregory forever saying "May the Saints preserve us" Well remember to look to the rainbow!

P.S. We all hope Al got to take Kathleen home!

Thank you to all who donated their time and a cake or two as we couldn't do this without you!
 Love to each and everyone,

Susie J. - Mission Team Member

April Birthdays



1st - Sue Springer
14th - Barbara Zautner
16th - Kurt Resch
19th - Quincy Penn
20th - Muggs Ashbaugh
& Becky Willis
23rd - Cindy Renner
24th - Terry Crosby
25th - Marilyn Makar



Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meeting
March 2, 2021 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

Pastor opened with words about God's glory and prayer

Minutes read from last meeting (January 2021).

Treasurers Report/Finance:

\$950 collected for sound room & materials can be bought. Work to be done in house when Bill and Steve return

Tithes and offerings are down.

Snow removal cost up because of salt.

May have to take money out of investment fund to put in operating fund to pay bills. We applied for 2nd PPE loan for \$20,600. It was approved and will go towards payroll and utilities.

\$1500 received from District Union for Covid 19 related expenses-will go toward updating video feed.

Richard Brown (Youngstown Campus) expenses

\$7,000 + in RE taxes, \$4,000 in steam pipe repair, plus insurance & 2 reductions in rent + window repairs = \$20,000 net projected expenses this year. It was unanimously agreed to begin process of selling the building. PG to contact Jeff Byce Realty. We will continue food give-away elsewhere.

Conferences:

General Conference

Was cancelled last year. Postponed until Sept. 2022 – Will meet in May for budgetary concerns.

(Talk about split in UMC) In 2022, Global Methodist Church will be successor to conservative side.

Spring District

In April 2021 at Western Reserve UMC in parking lot

Administrative:

Will need to choose new co-lay leader at next leadership team meeting (Lucille Moreland Smith has been absent since March 2020)

Buildings & Grounds:

Windows ½ way done in fellowship hall. Will be replacing windows in education wing soon and revising front foyer.

Two lights to be replaced in office.

Missions:

Carried over money for "A Place Called Home" for Feb. In March, Pregnancy Help Center. Warren Family Mission & Warren Rescue Centers need donations for Easter dinners. The New Rescue Mission needs donations of furniture and kitchen items. Apr./May mission will be Protestant Family.

We need accurate accounting for mission account. Cindy, Hope & Brooke need to get together to make sure things are recorded properly.

Worship:

New book study in progress by Dr. Erwin Lutzer "We Will Not Be Silenced"

Holy Week Schedule (see newsletter) Attending will be Western Reserve, Smith Corners and West Austintown.

Sound quality is much improved in live stream video feed.

Meeting was closed with prayer.



***For our March Mission,
we gratefully were able to send
The Pregnancy Help Center
\$275.00.***



**APRIL MISSION:
PROTESTANT FAMILY
SERVICE**

MISSION STATEMENT

- By offering the services of the caseworker to enable individuals and/or families in need to develop the ability to deal with their problems.
- By providing leadership in community planning for the establishment and improvement of:
 - ⇒ social conditions essential to wholesome family life
 - ⇒ services that families require for adequate social functioning.
- By networking with agencies to provide needed services.

VISION STATEMENT

**The Vision of Protestant Family Service is to provide,
in a Christian manner, the necessary care and needs to
the individual that will give hope for a better life.**



***Bless our church Family for supporting
our Missions as they are an important
part of our church.***

Many thanks to all of you!