

Millcreek Community UM Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

May
2021

HAPPY

Mother's
DAY

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Millcreek Community UMC

OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Love works here..... Those are three simple words, but when linked together, they become a powerful statement of faith and belief. It is a fitting description for the ministries of the Millcreek Community UM church, and there is no doubt that we believe it to be true. But If someone were to say to you "that is great, but what does it mean?", how would you respond? The problem is that each of those three words can mean many different things. Love is the most complex, and unfortunately the English language severely limits our understanding and use of the word. The ancient Greeks recognized six different kinds of love and then created words to go along with them. Three of them may sound familiar to us-Agape', which describes the love we have for God and the love God has for us; Eros, which implies intimacy or passion; and Philia, which describes the love we have for our fellow humans. The other three are not so well known. Storge describes the love for our family members (or even our favorite sports team!); Philautia means self -love, and Xenia, which refers to hospitality and love of strangers. Thank you, Wikipedia for that Greek language refresher course!

With that in mind, just what kind of "love" are we talking about when we say love works here? And when we say "works", does it mean labor and toil, or would it mean we are accomplishing a goal? When we say "here" does it mean 4570 Lockwood Blvd or some other place? It is quite likely that love works here will be interpreted and even understood differently, depending upon who is doing the asking and who is doing the answering! So, rather than offer a deep theological explanation, I have a suggestion. Let us simply say that love works here means that we are willing to set aside ourselves and our personal wants for the glory of the kingdom. Most of those six Greek words for love could be referred to in some way, as they will help us accomplish our goal and Biblical command to expand God's kingdom on earth. There are also a few that that can interfere with it. I trust we will recognize which ones they are.

Let *love* work here, love for God and love for neighbor. Let it *work*, both in our labors and our successes. Let it work *here*, at Millcreek and the world beyond our doors! *May* it continue to be true..... every month of the year! Pastor Greg



LEADERSHIP MEETING
6:30pm - Tuesday, May 4th

**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 nights 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.



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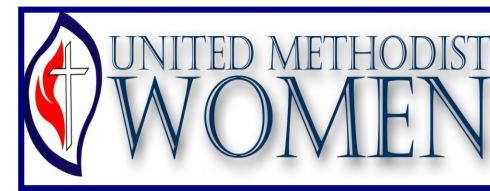


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Join us for live worship
at 10am on our website
www.millcreek.church

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.*



The District Officers of the United Methodist Women are grateful to announce that Sandra Laurason, Millcreek Community UMC, Secretary, Carolyn Ellison, Boardman UMC, Spiritual Growth, Diane Price, Western Reserve UMC, Treasurer, have accepted these positions. They are a blessing and they will be sharing their God given gifts to the Mahoning Valley District of the United Methodist Women.

-Barbara Beach, UMW District Officer



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MISSION STATEMENT

To reduce and prevent domestic violence and improve the quality of life for victims of domestic violence. We provide advocacy, education, supportive services, emergency 24-hour crisis intervention, and shelter in order to aid families. We seek to achieve public awareness and a unified community response.



We extend our deepest sympathies to the Makar family. George R. Makar passed away at home on April 21, 2021. He was a long time member at our church and will be greatly missed. Please keep Marilyn and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Requests

Barb Childs
 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
 Rita Wolfe
 Ron Miller
 Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law)
 Sim Shaw
 Terri Jarocki
 Verna Wylie
 Vicky LaCivita (Pam Boston's Sister)



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

May 15th

4-5:30pm

(or until dinners run out)

April Showers Bring May Flowers
May flowers bring you

Cream Chicken Over Biscuit
 Homemade Coleslaw
 Fruit Cup
 Cookies

(Donations thankfully accepted)



MAY BIRTHDAYS

4th - Elijah Ehret

8th - Bill Hawkins

11th - Benny Ferone

13th - Gert Marinelli

21st - Krishawn Shaw

22nd - Debbie Myers

25th - Barbara Yonnotti

31st - Cindy Kramer & Ronald Stauffer Jr.



Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meeting

**April 6, 2021
6:30pm-7:30pm**

Present: Pastor Greg, Diane Redfern, Barbara Hubler, Susan Justice

Pastor opened with words about God's glory and prayer

Minutes read from last meeting (March 2021).

Treasurers Report/Finance:

Hope will e-mail treasurer report.
\$3,000 received on Easter
Holding our own financially
Paperwork for sale of RB Center

Administrative

New Lay Leader to replace (Lucille Moreland Smith) – discuss further
at next meeting

Buildings & Grounds:

Windows replaced/paint outside windows in bronze?
Over \$1,000 collected for sound room – Bill will do in future

Missions:

Mission for April is Protestant Family Service/Mission for May is
Someplace Safe

Food give-away can be moved to Unitarian Church if/when Richard
Brown is sold – by online auction. Excluding pipe organ in sale if
possible.

May Community Dinner will be creamed chicken over biscuit, cookies,
coleslaw, fruit cup. (120 dinners goal)

Worship:

More variation with music brought up

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Mission Moments

A MISSION OF BLESSINGS

Donations that poured in for the month of April enabled our church's mission team to send Protestant Family Service a check in the amount of \$600.00. We are very blest to have a close relationship with this Christian organization.

The "Mission Team" is so very grateful for the support our church family gives to our different missions. If we can remember that all of us represent Jesus in all that we do. With all our hearts, we give thanks for all of you. May you receive abundant blessings for your faithfulness.



Mission Team sends a BIG THANK YOU to:

- ♦ *Diane Redfern - for supplying the decorated pew separators.*
- ♦ *Barb Hubler - Quite a floral arranger! She has a talent for creating our old floral decorations into new beautiful arrangements.*
- ♦ *Kari Hubler & Sean Roberts - always willing to help with candle lighting, community dinners, decorating for church holidays and handing out specialties to our church family.*
- ♦ *A special thank you to "Sugar Shack Too!" in Mineral Ridge and Cheri Blackann for all their help with special containers for our Community Dinners, cakes and special holiday treats.*

There are so many wonderful gifts given by our Mission Members that we are truly able to represent Christ in all we do.

We Love You - our church makes a difference!

Susie J. - Mission Team Member