

Millcreek Community UM Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

June
2021



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Millcreek Community UMC

OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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A famous politician was once asked what her favorite word was. Her response was somewhat surprising, considering some of her political views. "My favorite word? That is really easy. My favorite word is the Word. And that is everything. It says it all for us. And you know the biblical reference, you know the Gospel reference of the Word. And that Word, is, we have to give voice to what that means in terms of public policy that would be in keeping with the values of the Word...fill it in with anything you want. But, of course, we know it means: 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.' And that's the great mystery of our faith. He will come again. He will come again. So, we have to make sure we're prepared to answer in this life, or otherwise, as to how we have measured up".

Some of those observations of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi are true. The Word is a beautiful word! Though she did not mention the name of Jesus, His name – the name above all names, is the most beautiful name of all. And yes, she is right in saying that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and He will come again. It is the last part of her remarks - "we have to make sure we're prepared to answer in this life, or otherwise, as to how we have measured up", that are troubling.

At first glance, they seem innocent enough. Someday, every one of us we will meet Jesus face to face and answer this question or something similar that He will ask us: What did you do with the gifts and graces I gave you? The problem is that Ms. Pelosi seems to be saying that when we do meet Jesus, we will also need to be prepared to explain just how well we measured up to His standard. That is not Good News. Our human efforts, no matter how noble or good, cannot make us right with God. Only our faith in Christ justifies us and makes us holy and acceptable to God.

There will be no "splainin" to do when Jesus returns. Self- righteousness will not be an option, as there will be no acceptable excuses for not measuring up to the things God expects of us. When we do meet our Lord, we will have two options. We can plead with Him to use a measuring stick other than His Word, (living and written) or plead for mercy in His name for not measuring up. Try as I might, I admit I will have no choice but to choose the latter. Which one will you choose?



Announcements

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.

LEADERSHIP MEETING
6:30pm - Tuesday, June 8th

MUSIC TEAM PRACTICE
Wednesday nights 6:30pm

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

SUNDAY
Worship

Join us in our air and prayer conditioned Sanctuary at 10am



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



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



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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.

Annual Conference 2021

Wednesday, June 16 - Saturday, June 19



The worship services and business sessions of this year's conference will be livestreamed from the John S. Knight Center in Akron with clergy and lay members of Annual Conference participating remotely via Zoom video conferencing.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
- Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

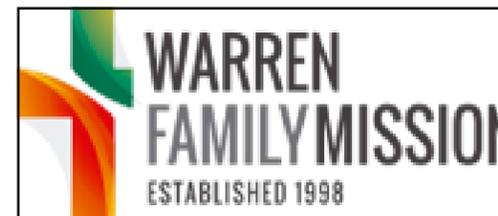


JUNE MISSION

We will be collecting for Rescue Mission, Warren Family Mission, and Sojourner House.



Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we promote accountability and provide food and emergency shelter to men, women and children experiencing hunger and homelessness. 330-744-5486



We have a vision to be able to help people; recover from addictions, get back on their feet, rebuild broken relationships, restore families and become a vital part of a growing community with a positive influence. 330-394-5437



Providing intervention, counseling, and shelter for victims of domestic violence. 330-747-4040

Prayer Requests

Barry Ervin
 Carol Rinehart
 Donna Howell (Sean Roberts Aunt)
 Georgia Witt
 Gordon & Rose Milliken
 Harriet Case
 Jean Smith (Jim Lottier's cousin)
 Marge Whitacre
 Marilyn Makar (HOSPICE)
 Mark Boston
 P. Mae White
 Pat Charity & Clara Charity
 Penny Hiller & family
 Rev. Russ Adams
 Rita Wolfe
 Ron Miller
 Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law)
 Sim Shaw
 Verna Wylie



Gloria Finkley

Harriet Case

1040 South Perry Street, Unit 12
 Napoleon, OH 43545

Juanita Pasley

Margaret Whitacre
Briarfield Manor

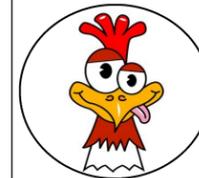
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The Millcreek Community Drive-thru Special

On Saturday, May 15th around 10:30 AM we stumbled into the "famous kitchen" at Millcreek. It was an exciting day, and our Florida church friends arrived in time to help with our community dinner. Florida church family members... you know them, Cheryl & Dom Viola and Louise & Steve Easter! Knowing them is like knowing Barb, Barb, & Barb, and I know you remember them.

We began the morning by explaining our assembly line and how it worked. Chef Pastor Greg was already at the stove preparing the pots as needed. The first step was folding boxes that would hold the food into shape (correctly of course). The second step was prepping containers for the different food items. Third step- cooked chicken had to be separated from the bones and yukky stuff. There is a story involved with that!

We asked for two volunteers and almost immediately Cheryl Viola and Barb Beach raised their hands for the task. Our "Chicken Strippers" came to life. They stripped the chicken off those bones faster than you can imagine. BTW, we are willing to "rent out" our "chicken strippers". They have expertise in cleaning chicken bones and they are a riot to watch! They do two things very well- naturally clean the chicken bones and put on a show for all to see!



When the subject of coleslaw arose kitchen Chef Pastor Greg looked at me with a huge grin on his face and said "Susie, I forgot to buy coleslaw!" My face did not have a huge grin, but my eyes got big and I said "You forgot?" Now what do we do? Being a Master Chef Pastor Greg wrote down what was needed for the coleslaw and sent Steve to Sparkle Market! Three cheers for Steve - hurray, hurray, hurray!



Oh, what fun to fix a dinner at our kitchen with people who laugh, talk, and often forget what they are doing! Fruit cups were filled, and cookies were bagged by Janice, Barb and Cheryl. Our dear Sean kept washing dishes and utensils used by the Chef and others in the kitchen. Don't move Sean! More dishes coming your way! Believe it or not, during all of this, our Florida people kept telling us about days of swimming, boating, fishing and golfing! Perhaps they were dreaming of being back in Florida. No more dreaming.... wake-up people, dinner is being served! I only know this because in comes Al & Kathy to keep the traffic moving and the current number of dinner boxes to each car.

A very special thank you goes to those who gave of their time and talent to make our drive-thru dinners become a reality, nearly a year ago. The list includes Diane Redfern, Al & Kathy Miller, Barb Childs, Barb Hubler, Barb Beach, Janice Rose, Henry Fetty, Sean Roberts, Bud & Sandy White, our Chef Pastor Greg & his wife Tami Calko and all of you who have supported it. We must never forget how important teamwork and the love of Christ is to our success. We can't do anything without them!



2nd - Janice Evick

3rd - Josh Ehret

5th - Ruth Abbott &

Al Miller

9th - Dorene Oakley

10th - Jennifer Stauffer &

Juanita Pooley

12th - Kevin Hubler

14th - Nora Hiller

16th - Verna Wylie

23rd - Elizabeth Penn



Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meeting

**May 4, 2021
6:30pm-7:30pm**

Present: Pastor Greg, LK, Barb H., Elaine, Hope, Doc. H., Don, Diane Redfern, Susan Justice

Pastor opened with verses from 1 Peter 3: 8-12

Treasurers Report/Finance:

- Income YTD from identified givers @ \$31,000, majority not physically in church.
- Insurance paid for Richard Brown campus \$ 3000+
- Hope asked for meetings to be moved to the 2nd Tuesday of month for more complete financial statement. This was agreed upon. All bills are paid and accounted for.
- \$256,928.34 in investment fund (as of April 30) and \$293,332.84 in endowment fund
- Approx. \$63,000 expected soon from proceeds of sale of Home Savings shares. Funds will be used to pay for new windows previously approved. \$31,500 will be transferred from investment account to endowment account in accordance with investment policy.

Administrative:

- New Lay Leader? How to select? Does Leadership pick? Do we send out e-mail?
- A discussion on what constitutes a quorum took place., i.e. how many people need to be physically present for an important decision to be made. Pastor Greg explained that due to Covid, the understanding of the word has changed. At Millcreek, leadership team meetings have continued to be held in person following established health protocols. Agendas are sent ahead of time to all team members electronically via email. Those that choose not to attend are kept abreast of church business through meeting minutes, church newsletter and pulpit on Sunday. Regardless of venue or attendance numbers, final administrative decisions that have potential to affect the mission of the church are not made until an opportunity for all team members to offer their input and guidance, either in person, electronic or phone call is offered.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Sale of Youngstown Campus – 80 + people looked at it at first showing. Auction date: Monday, May 24, 2021 @ 4pm (min. bid of \$60,000) Prayers for tenant.
- Millcreek Building – Parking lot needs to be repaired -holes filled, sealed, and striped. Pastor to ask Steve to get bids.
- Sound room to be constructed soon by Steve, Bill? & Pastor - \$1200 collected

Missions:

- \$8,000+in donations received YTD.
- May project: Someplace Safe
- Received \$615 in April & gave \$600 to PFS.
- \$80 collected so far in May.
- May 15 Drive-thru Community Dinner – creamed chicken, etc.
- Food bank distribution at RB may have to relocate to Unitarian Church once building sells.

Worship:

- Still working to fix technical problems with streamed Sunday Worship.

Meeting ended with prayer.

Mission Moments



**Our May Mission
"Someplace Safe" will
receive a check for \$300.00.**

We were also able to send \$50.00 to the Rescue Mission and \$50.00 to the Warren Family Mission as they both needed help to feed families in the community.



Our Mission Team is very thankful for the monetary donations that have been provided for this mission. Everyone is to be thankful and grateful for a job well done. It is a blessing we belong to a mission minded church. My prayer is that we continue down this road, our church has been blessed by following Jesus and His teachings.

**Thank you, dear congregation
from the bottom of our hearts.**

