

Millcreek Community UM Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

September 2021



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Millcreek Community UMC

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At times, we live as fearful people. We fear cancer and heart disease, getting old and traffic accidents. We fear terrorist attacks, financial setbacks, violence, and natural disasters. We fear speaking in public, praying in public and offending others by revealing our thoughts and opinions on controversial topics. We fear being disliked and unaccepted by others and tend to live by the unwritten rule that says polite people don't talk about politics and religion among those we don't know. Often, fear is behind our silence. Certainly no one wants a swastika painted on their door, a cross burned in their yard, or a bounty offered for their head for voicing an opinion. It is safer and easier to remain silent than risk becoming the victim of ostracism, violence, or ridicule. Fear is quite effective and yet at times it can be part of God's will. The great reformer Martin Luther once wrote this about it: "God and the devil take opposite tactics in regard to fear. The Lord first allows us to become afraid, that he might relieve our fears and comfort us. The devil, on the other hand, first makes us feel secure in our pride and sins, that we might later be overwhelmed with fear and despair".

Overcoming fear is part of the Christian life and it seems we have a choice. Will it be fear and comfort or fear and despair? Fear and assurance now or fear and doubt later? Even great prophets like Jeremiah had to choose. A quick look at the opening verses of the book that bears his name reveals he had a case of the doubts. It appears he was praying to the Lord, maybe even desperately reaching out for a sign that He was still on the throne. Perhaps he was praying for guidance, wondering what he could do or say to make God known to the people of Judah. Whatever it was he was praying for, God answered him in no uncertain terms. "Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you...."

Yes Jeremiah, I AM here. Why do you have fears and doubts? Need I remind you that I am responsible for your being here? Would it help you to know that I had plans for your birth and your life before your parents even thought about you? Have you forgotten that everything I create is special? I wouldn't create you and then abandon you. I have chosen you and set you apart to do something special for my sake.

Those paraphrased words of God to an Old Testament prophet named Jeremiah are also for you and me and other followers of Jesus Christ. Like Jeremiah, we too are chosen, created, and called to do something special for God- to set ourselves aside and glorify Him, to put our will aside and do His will. No excuses and no doubts allowed! We will not be afraid of their faces when we speak truth in love. We will not fear the strange looks, rolled eyes, and veiled insults that may come when we share our faith and love for Jesus and speak against deceit and division.

We may not have all of the power that God granted to Jeremiah, but every Spirit-filled believer has what is sufficient. When those times of fear and despair begin to fill our minds with doubt, we must remember what God told Jeremiah. I knew you when you hadn't even taken a breath or spoke a single word. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I love you.

If you need more encouragement, consider this promise Jesus made to His followers: "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age". He is the everlasting God. He is our light and salvation. Whom shall we fear? Whom shall we be afraid? We will wait on You! We will trust in You!

Be courageous.... Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP MEETING
6:30pm - September 14th

MUSIC TEAM PRACTICE
Thursday 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.

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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SUNDAY WORSHIP
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.

SEPTEMBER MISSION:

Protestant Family Service has asked for our help to fill their pantry. A list of items needed is below and will also be added to our bulletin every Sunday in September. Boxes will be provided in the narthex for items brought in.

Are we ready to share what we have with those who have less???

I believe Millcreek Community UMC will stand united in helping to fill the Protestant Family Service Pantry. Let us pray Jesus will bless this mission of love.



Bless your hearts Church Family,

- Susie J.
Mission Team Member



PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICE PANTRY LIST
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE (items in **BOLD** are most urgent)

- ALL CANNED MEAT: TUNA, SPAM, VIENNA SAUSAGE, HAM, CHICKEN, TURKEY, SALMON
- VEGETABLES: CORN, GREEN BEANS, PEAS, PORK & BEANS, YAMS, SPINACH, POTATOES, KIDNEY BEANS, CARROTS, BEETS, GREENS
- ALL CANNED FRUIT: PEACHES, FRUIT COCKTAIL, PEARS, APPLE SAUCE, PINEAPPLE
- ALL SOUPS: **ALL KINDS** (with crackers if possible)
- CONDIMENTS: PEANUT BUTTER, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PANCAKE, SYRUP, JELLY, APPLE BUTTER, PRESERVES
- LUNCH/DINNER: CANNED POTATOES, SPAGHETTI, NOODLES, MACARONI & CHEESE DINNER, DRY BEANS, BEEF STEW, CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS
- BREAKFAST: DRY CEREAL (HOT & COLD), PANCAKE MIX, POWDERED MILK AND CANNED MILK, GRITS
- OTHER: CAKE MIX, SUGAR, SHORTENING, OIL, JELLO, PUDDING, FLOUR, SALT, PEPPER, SPICES, CORN MEAL
- ALL PERSONAL: FACE SOAP, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, LOTION AND SANITARY NAPKINS, DISH DETERGENT, SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER
- ALL PAPER ITEMS: TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, KLEENEX
- BEVERAGES: CANNED/BOTTLED JUICES (*MAKE SURE REFRIGERATION IS NOT NEEDED*), CONCENTRATED JUICE MIXES, PRE-SWEETENED BEVERAGE MIXES (KOOL-AID, ICED TEA, ETC.), COFFEE, TEA BAGS

Arnold Howell
 Bill Stilson
 Barb Heffner
 Barb Zautner
 Georgia Witt
 Gordon & Rose Milliken
 Harriet Case
 Jeri Witt
 Lenora Jefferson
 Marge Whitacre
 Marilyn Makar (HOSPICE)
 Mark Boston
 P. Mae White
 Pam Crowe
 Pastor Timothy's Mother Snooky
 Pat, Kenneth & Clara Charity
 Penny Hiller & family
 Pete Fernandez
 Rita Wolfe
 Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law)
 Sim Shaw
 Steve & Louise Easter's daughter Sarah
 Verna Wylie



Barb Heffner
Woodlands at AustinWoods
 4780 Kirk Rd, Rm 802
 Austintown, OH 44515

Barb Zautner

Gloria Finkley

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

September Birthdays

8th - Sidney Wylie

**18th - Pam Boston,
 Rev. Mike McHale & P. Mae White**

25th - Donna Stevenson

29th - Nathan Stevenson



**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

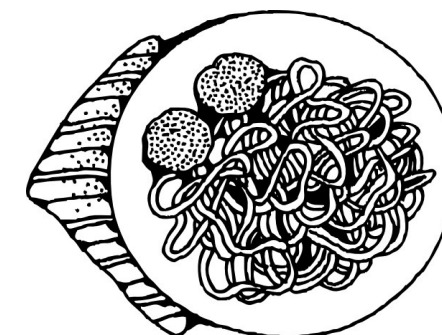


Millcreek Community United Methodist Church
 invites you our **FREE** drive-thru dinner.



SATURDAY
September 18th
4-5:30pm

(or until dinners run out)



Dinner Menu

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Homemade Pasta Sauce
 - Parmesan Cheese
 - Tossed Salad
- Dinner Roll w/ Butter Chips
 - Cookies

Donations thankfully accepted

Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meetings

July 13, 2021 6:30pm-7:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Lenora Jefferson, Steve Easter, Diane Redfern, Susie Justice, LK Williams, Don Mathews, James Hovell, Hope Sabanick, Barb Hubler

Pastor opened with verses from Ephesians 4:1 and prayer.

Treasurers Report/Finance:

RB sold with money put into endowment & investment funds 50% in each

Loss of \$6, 057.49 for June.

All expenses paid for & current giving (offerings) from members is very much appreciated-very generous.

We may have to take interest from investment account in the future to pay for expenses.

We leased another classroom to ALTA for an extra \$ 600/month.

Administrative:

Continued discussion regarding selection of new lay leader to replace Lucille Smith

Buildings & Grounds:

Parking lot has been patched. Will soon be resealed & lines painted.

Color for outside trim has been picked out.

Missions:

Food distribution continues at Richard Brown, a per new owner.

Barb H. to give Pastor list of "monthly lunch people" from Centenary Mission.

Balance in mission account is \$9090.60.

We got a thank you from Rescue Mission.

July Mission is Special Olympics of Ohio – Sean & Kari are involved.

Free carry-out dinner is this Sat. July 17th

Worship:

Dallas has scheduling conflict on Wed. night – may try to work around this.

July 25th – Diane will be guest preacher.

Bible Study/Sunday School/Holy Grounds – start up in Sept?

Prayers for Sarah, Steve Easter's daughter in the service

Thanks to Lenora for selling cemetery plots.

Meeting ended with prayer.

August 10, 2021 6:30pm-7:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler, Doc. Hovell, Elaine Williams, Barb Childs, Steve Easter, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern, Lenora Jefferson.

Pastor opened with verses from Ephesians 4:1 and prayer.

Prayers for treasurer Hope as she cares for a treasured sick pet.

Treasurers Report/Finance:

Investment & Endowment accounts have increased because of money from sale of Richard Brown.

We are raising rent to Alta for additional classroom - \$600/month.

Raise in pay for custodian for maintaining new classroom to \$725-750 range.

Church is operating in the negative by \$4,000 (not out of ordinary, typical for this time of year)

Replacement member needed for Finance Committee (Penny)

Administrative:

Replacement for Lay Leader: Diane Redfern nominated by Doc Hovell & approved by all.

We will recommission the Leadership Team this fall.

Is membership role accurate? Has not been updated for 3 years since church consolidated. Elaine, Barb C., Lenora & Pastor to update.

SPR meeting with DS October 10th at Western Reserve UMC

Charge Conference TBA, perhaps November

Buildings & Grounds:

New Vinyl siding has gone up, hope to be finished by end of month – Pastor, Bill & Steve doing it.

Lights will be converted to LED in Fellowship Hall this fall

Doc suggested a fence be put up to hide dumpster

Missions:

Mission for September - Protestant Family Services. Susie has a list of needs, to insert in bulletin.

Spaghetti dinner for September.

\$400 went to Special Olympics (July Mission)

\$8,436.60 balance in Missions account.

Worship:

Start Sunday School September 12th. Start at 9am or 11:15am?

Holy Grounds Café? Perhaps combine Sunday School with Holy Grounds?

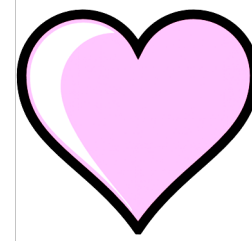
First Sunday of September, Pastors Lester and Wanda Wilson to lead worship while Pastor Greg is on vacation.

Next Leadership Team Meeting is September 14th. Meeting ended with prayer.

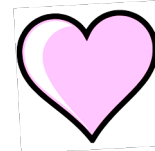
MISSION MOMENTS



**We can help provide
for others as God
has provided for us!**



**Loving our
Neighbors**



**Caring for those
who have needs**



**Our Mission Team would like to
thank all those who gave to our
monthly missions this summer!**



July Mission

**We were able to donate a
\$400.00 check to the
Special Olympics of Ohio.**



August Mission

**We were able to donate a \$400.00
check to A Place To Call Home.**

*We love and appreciate all those who helped
make our July Community Dinner another
success! Over \$250.00 was donated!*

*We look forward to seeing you all again
September 18th.*

*You
Are
appreciated*