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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

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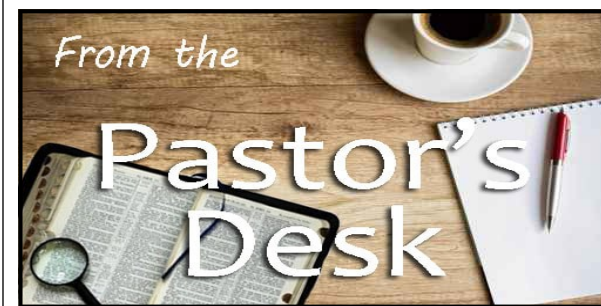
OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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Prayer is one of the foundations of Christian living, a way we put our beliefs into action. Prayer is an act of worship, a means of drawing near to God, and a powerful agent of change. We pray for many reasons and for many things, and one of the most common is for peace. We seek peace in our own lives and in the lives of others, peace in the church and peace in the world. We pray because we believe the promises of Scripture that say Jesus will bring us peace. Jesus reminded His early disciples, and He reminds us that the true peace He brings is not the same as peace in the world. Peace of a social or worldly nature is the absence of conflict and war, a tranquil and serene state of being where violence and bloodshed are replaced with love, compassion, and kindness. His peace, true peace, is overcoming fear, specifically the fear of evil, death, and divine judgment. True peace is everlasting. By its very nature, worldly peace will always be temporary.

The lack of peace is not a social problem, but a spiritual one. It is a visible sign of something we can't easily see, a symptom of a damaged heart. It is true that worldly peace begins with establishing Biblical moral values through legislation and law and order, but those things alone cannot bring about the lasting peace we desire. Peace among people cannot come until people seek peace with God. More two thousand years ago, Jesus came to earth in love to show us how and where to find it. After His crucifixion and resurrection, He left His Holy Spirit behind to equip and prepare one unique group of people to pick up where He left off. That group includes you and I, His church. Our role in helping the world find peace is twofold. We help people understand that personal sin prevents us from living in peace, and we show the world that sin is only overcome by love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. His love for us, fallen people that we are, and our love for Him will one day overcome fear and violence. Jesus brings true peace.

Those in the world will continue to seek peace without Christ, even going so far to blame Christianity, the Scriptures or God for the failure to find it. But what good is that peace if we will not have peace in the world to come? We know better. We know the truth will set us free from sin and fear. We have the choice, the means, and the power to live peacefully. Indeed, it is more than a choice, for the Scriptures reveal it is a command to God's people: Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14) The relationship between peace and holiness is unmistakable and undeniable. A world without holiness is a world without peace. Let us earnestly help the world find both while there is still time.

Shalom.....Pastor Greg

Announcements

Leadership Team

Meeting

6:30pm - October 12th



Meeting

Thursday nights 6:00pm

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Practice

Thursday nights 6:30pm

OCTOBER 11
**OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED**
IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY

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



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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00am

(Praise, Pray & Proclaim)



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Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at pastorgreg@millcreek.church or by phone at 330-782-0573.

Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meeting

September 14, 2021

6:30pm-7:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler, Doc. Hovell, Elaine Williams, Steve Easter, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern, Lenora Jefferson, LK Williams, Hope Sabanick, Don Matthews

Pastor Greg opened with prayer and devotional "Revisiting the Character of a Methodist"

Correction to minutes – The church directory was recently updated, not the membership role.

Old Business:

Custodian's compensation – voted to give 18% increase for additional duties and appreciation for their services

Treasurers Report/Finance:

August PL statement shows \$68000 loss because of window replacement
Parking lot was sealed and painted- we will not pay until a hole is properly repaired
Treasurer Hope to arrange with finance team to draw from investment fund to return operating fund to \$60,000. (This would not be touching the principal).

Administrative:

3 people from SPRC will meet with Rev. Auman (Diane, Susie & Barb H.) for evaluation of ministry Sunday, October 10th at Western Reserve UMC.
SPRC to meet at 6:30pm next week to complete necessary paperwork for that meeting
Pastor asked for approval to explore an Advertising/PR campaign, primary focus on social media. All present were in agreement.

Buildings & Grounds:

Contracted with AAA Excavating for snowplowing at same price as last year.
Steve asked for 6 estimates for a fence around our trash bin and got one back.
Austintown Fence @ \$3,000. We will not act on this now. Steve will check further.

Missions:

October - donations requested for Salvation Army, Someplace Safe, Warren Family Mission, Sojourner House.
\$150.00 planned for Thanksgiving carry-out dinner.
No Rally Day at this time.

Worship:

We are invited to October 24th worship service at 7pm at Western Reserve UMC - dedication of their new organ.
Dallas's compensation will be adjusted to ½ pay if he cannot come on Sundays or Thursday rehearsal.

Next Leadership Team Meeting is October 12th, 2021, at 6:30 PM

Meeting ended with prayer.



Bill Stilson
Barb Zautner
Carla Nickle
Cheri Blackann (Susie J.'s sister)
Georgia Witt
Gordon & Rose Milliken
Harriet Case
Jeri Witt
Lenora Jefferson
Marge Whitacre
Marilyn Makar (HOSPICE)

Mark Boston
Meredith Family
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



Gloria Finkley

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

Barb Zautner has moved to Maryland to be by her daughter.
Morningside House of Ellicott City
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Room 312
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
(330) 207-3750 cell



1st - Rev. Wanda Wilson
4th - Don Rotar
6th - Mark Boston
7th - Ora (Bud) White
8th - Cameron Fitzgerald
9th - Brooke Stull-Scott
12th - Jennifer Carman
13th - Mike Serra
14th - Damien Carman



15th - Bennie Sullivan
16th - Tami Calko &
Nevett Granberry
17th - Lenora Jefferson &
Keith Makar
21st - Louise Easter
27th - Syesha Shaw
30th - Elaine Williams
31st - Janet Hawkins

“On Top of Spaghetti”



The “kitchen crew” slowly stumbled into the kitchen as though they had never been there before. Barb Hubler and Sean Roberts came in and we looked at each other as if to say where do we begin. Let's get the sauce on the stove. Sean carefully removed it from the refrigerator saying to us “this isn't heavy!” Oh, to be young and strong again! We were so grateful Cheryl and Dom Viola and Barb Hubler got the sauce started on Friday, bless those who know their way around a kitchen. Anyway, we quickly set up a salad Station. We must wash and dry the lettuce before putting it in it's rightful container. Tami Calko came in with the tomatoes, bless her soul, and I said those must go to the salad station. Tami said “where is that?” ---- “over by the sink, where you see Barb & Sean”



It was such a delight to see those three getting the salad ready. Janice Rose came thru the door and as we greeted her, I ask if she could get the cheese into the containers, bless her heart she went to work right away! Cheryl came in and was happy to see everyone busy. I was in and out of the kitchen getting the containers that were all needed for the meal. As we are laughing and talking, of course working too --- we said “Where is Dom Viola, our homemade pasta sauce “King””. Cheryl shouted out “He's GOLFING! In order for the sauces perfection, Dom must golf first!” Of course we answered, “Oh that is fine!”



Cookies need to be packed, dinner rolls and butter chips had to be packaged, and boxes had to be put together and decorated. Believe me, we are never still and we never quit laughing and talking. Our dear Pastor Greg was there forever helping and laughing along with us. Oh and don't forget the dinner napkins and our prayer cards that Pastor Greg gets ready for us to add in our food box. It was a joy to see Diane Redfern come to our rescue and help with the clean-up, that was so thoughtful of her and we appreciated the help.



Busy hands and busy hearts prepare these dinners every other month of year. We were missing Steve and Louise Easter and Al and Kathy Miller. We know in our hearts they will be back to help with our next dinner as they also are an important part of our team.

On top of Spaghetti, that was us alright, all covered with sauce, we lost our poor meatballs, when one of us sneezed. They rolled off the table, on to the floor, and then our poor meatballs rolled out of the door....

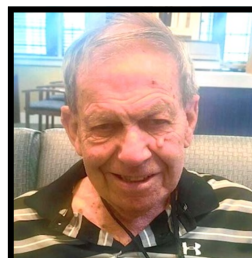


Bon Appetite,
The Kitchen Team





Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Barbara Heffner, 90, who passed away September 8, 2021, at AustinWoods, after a short illness. She was a member of our church and will be greatly missed by so many.



Longtime church member, William "Bill" Hawkins, passed away September 6, 2021, at the Inn at Poland Way. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 10 AM WORSHIP

Irene L. Wagner

Arlene M. Griffis

Esther M. McClain

Willie G. Floyd

Mary Lou Stahl

George R. Makar

Michael P. Wagner

Juanita Pasley

Jean A. Smith

William "Bill" R. Hawkins

Barbara A. Heffner



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MISSION MOMENTS

With grateful hearts our Mission Team would like to thank all those who gave to our September Mission for the Protestant Family Pantry. May God's blessing fall upon each of you!

A very special thank you to Graci Scott, daughter of our church secretary, Brooke Scott, for creating the beautiful poster made for the Protestant Family Service Pantry. Thanks Graci for a job well done!

-Mission Team Member
Susie J.



A "Special" October Mission

Our Mission has taken on collecting monetary gifts for the following missions asking for our donations to supply a Thanksgiving Dinner for people in our area.

- ⇒ **Warren Family Mission**
- ⇒ **Someplace Safe**
- ⇒ **Sojourner House**
- ⇒ **Salvation Army**

We realize this is a big undertaking, but I think of Jesus feeding the multitudes when he preached his sermon on the Beatitudes on the hillside.