#### **Millcreek Community UM Church**

4570 Lockwood Boulevard Youngstown, Ohio 44511–3799

# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

### November 2021



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### Millcreek Community UMC

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Fall is here once again, and the wild mix of cool days, warm nights, and everything in between is a fitting reminder that change is a predictable part of life. We are powerless to prevent it, and unless we adapt to it things will quickly become difficult. Most of us know that tee shirts and shorts are no match for frigid Ohio winters, and a lawn

mower will be of no help in clearing snow drifts from the driveway. Seasons and temperatures will change, but thankfully we usually have a pretty good idea when it will happen. It is those changes that are unexpected that can be the most worrisome.

For example, there is a growing number of those within the church casting doubts upon the inspiration and authority of Scripture. They erroneously believe that the Scriptures were solely written to and intended for a different culture in a different age. They have convinced themselves and seek to convince others that much of the Bible is no longer relevant for those living in the post-modern culture, particularly those portions of Scripture that speak to marriage, human sexuality, and sin. Their motive is to make the church appear more attractive to non-believers living in the world. It is a post-modern plan of evangelism of addition by subtraction, a misguided notion that says the church will make more disciples once it rids itself of those archaic teachings that so many people find objectionable. They may have good intentions, but the truth is that good intentions do not make good disciples. When the church looks like the world, people see little reason to enter it.

Of course, it *is* necessary for ministry to change with the seasons. Jesus reminds us that new wine is put into fresh wineskins, so both will be preserved (Matthew 9:16). Even so, God's immutable laws will remain immutable, despite the efforts of those who would have us think otherwise. Though names, dates and places may change like the seasons, the sinful nature of humanity remains in need of redemption. But so does God's eternal Word. Jesus is still the same Redeemer He always was, is, and ever will be, the ultimate authority and Lord over all creation. We can be certain that seasons will change, ministries will change, and praise God we can be certain that people will change! The words of Jesus will not. A house divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:25). Truth never changes, and the simple truth remains that we cannot walk with one foot on earth and one foot in heaven. We cannot serve Him and the world. I trust we will continue to choose to serve Him.

Serve more, worry less! Pastor Greg

# **Announcements**



Meeting
November 9th 5:30pm



<u>Meeting</u>
Thursday nights 6:00pm

# CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Conference**November 9th 6:30pm

# MUSICTEAM

**Practice**Thursday nights 6:30pm

#### **NEWSLETTER**

All information for next months Newsletter is to be submitted no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> 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



### SUNDAY WORSHIP



**Millcreek Community** 

**UMC** 

Millcreek Community UMC 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.

## Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meeting October 12, 2021 6:30pm-7:30pm

Present: Lenora Jefferson, Hope Sabanick, Elaine Williams, Diane Redfern, Barb Hubler

Prayer by Diane

Correction in minutes – not \$150.00 for Thanksgiving, **150 people**.

#### **Treasurers Report/Finance:**

- Decline in giving over past 3 months.
- Finance Team to review scenarios for distribution from investment accounts to cover operating expenses.
- Do we need a stewardship campaign?

#### **New Business:**

• Ideas to bring in families/kids:

Game night, movies, trivia Put games such as bible trivia on website

Make cookies - December

#### **Administrative:**

SPRC Meeting with DS

#### **Missions:**

- October Missions: Warren Family Mission, Someplace Safe, Sojourner House, Salvation Army
- \$8,221.22 balance in Missions account.
- November Mission: Rescue Mission
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner

Plan for 150-160

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, riviera blend vegetables, dinner rolls/butter chips. Dessert – Pumpkin squares

Need accounting of monthly expenditure for Elm Street food distribution.
 Should also include grant income.

#### Worship:

- Reinstitute prayer concerns
- Reinstitute Heart to Heart moment
- More congregational interaction
- Get a professional in to fix audio & video for YouTube

Next Leadership Team Meeting November 9<sup>th</sup> - Start at 5:30pm

Lenora prayed us out.



Bill Stilson
Barb Zautner
Carla Nickle
Cheri Blackann (Susie J.'s sister)
Georgia Witt
Gordon & Rose Milliken
Harriet Case
Jeri Witt
Lenora Jefferson
Leslie Reedy (Susie Sister)
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
Rich
Rita Wolfe
Ruth Mattern (Penny's Sister-in-Law)
Sim Shaw
Steve & Louise Easter's daughter Sarah



#### **Gloria Finkley**

Verna Wylie

#### **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



2nd - Dr. James Hovel
4th - MaryAnn Dahman
8th - Judy Williams
10th - Karen Myers
21st - Susan Justice
22nd - Nicole Miller
23rd - Hope Sabanick
25th - Susan McHale
30th - Dom Viola



# Millcreek Community United Methodist Church invites you to our *FREE* drive-thru dinner:



## **SATURDAY**

November 20th 4-5:30pm

(or until dinners run out)



Donations thankfully accepted

## "November Mission"



### ALL ABOUT TRANSFORMING LIVES

The shelter exists in Youngstown, Ohio to help anyone who needs Food, Shelter, Safety and a Second Chance. We house, feed, counsel and educate hundreds each year through our residential programs, enabling them to get back on their feet and become productive again. We help people to improve their lives and ultimately, our community.

- Food Three full meals every day served to our clients and breakfast and dinner to the public
- Shelter Short-term emergency overnight shelter for singles, married couples, and full families
- Safety A secure alternative to life on the street
- Serving Our Valley In Jesus' Name Since 1893 Through education, counseling, compassion, prayer, access to local resources and the Love of Christ

How do we help a brother or sister on the journey of faith?

God's grace always makes us fit in with others. How will we answer God's call to provide for others?

## MISSION MOMENTS

### "Thankful Hearts"



Just as Jesus fed the Multitudes when he preached his "sermon on the mount" we at Millcreek Community UMC were able to fulfill our Thanksgiving gift to the following:



(each receiving a \$300.00 check)

Warren Family Mission

⇒ Someplace Safe

⇒ Sojourner House

⇒ Salvation Army





It was a "precious" out pouring of love from our church family, that helped in our October Mission. All of us at Millcreek Community UMC, no matter if you watched at home, or lived far away, or sat in your "favorite" pew you blessed this Mission with your gifts, and because of your love for all, you enabled many folks in our valley to enjoy a wonderful "Thanksgiving Dinner". Bless your hearts for rising to the call.

May we always share the light of Christ with others!



-Susie J.
Mission team Member