

Millcreek Community UM Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" February 2022

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Valentine's Day

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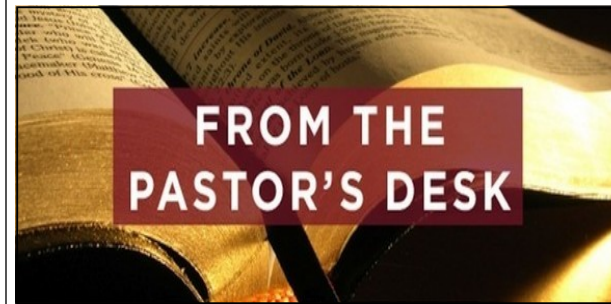
OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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Several years ago, a movie entitled “The Bucket List” hit the theaters. Starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, it was about two terminally ill patients that escaped from a cancer ward and took a road trip intending to accomplish a list of things before they died. Their list was called a bucket list, a list of things they wanted to do before they “kicked the bucket”. If you were to make such a list, what would be on it? Perhaps some of us would want to seek the thrill of skydiving or bungee jumping. For others it might be travelling to some exotic destination, like Pittsburgh or Rome or visiting the Holy Land or seeing the Statue of Liberty or the Grand Canyon. Some might want to attend an Ohio State football game or the Super Bowl or learn to play a musical instrument or sing a solo in church. The truly brave might want to try some escargot, oysters, eel, or squid or find the courage to forgive someone who has wronged them (or vice-versa!).

One thing that should be on every bucket list is learning how to fish. There is no thrill like casting a line into the water and then feeling a tug on the other end and wondering what kind of big fish is on the other end. Fishermen (and fisherwomen) are often a competitive bunch, boasting and bragging about catching the biggest or most fish, having the fastest boat and the best fishing tackle. They do tell fish stories from time to time and have been known to stretch the truth on occasion. Even so, Jesus chose fishermen to be four of his original disciples. In fact, the very first disciple He chose was a fisherman named Simon Peter, perhaps because he owned a boat!

We will be spending some time together in Luke’s gospel in the weeks ahead, and one of the common threads we will find there is the great love and compassion Jesus had for common people and the outcasts of society. Luke is careful to record how Jesus loved and ministered to the least and the lost, the misfits and the ones overlooked by the elites of the day. Beginning with the shepherds in the nativity and ending with the thief on the cross, Jesus surrounded Himself with common people. They included fishermen, a tax collector, a famous thief, a Roman centurion’s servant, and a woman with a less than stellar reputation. Today it is the same, as He still chooses to “fish” for ordinary people like you and me. Not only did He refuse to cater to the politicians, elites, and false religious teachers of the community, but Luke records over and over again how Jesus warned his followers to be wary of them. Much like the field preaching of John Wesley, Jesus’ ministry was not accomplished in the synagogues but on the streets. Jesus is the greatest fisherman ever and has turned the nets over to us. Thousands of years later, we would do well to heed those warnings and cast our nets for “fish” in the deep waters. Discover how to use them by joining us in worship every Sunday!

Let’s go fishing.... Pastor Greg

Announcements

Harriet Case has a new phone number (419) 717-9260



Overeaters Anonymous 6pm

Thursdays



Music Team Practice 6:30pm

LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Leadership Team Meeting -
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 @ 5:30pm
NEW TIME**



End of year giving statements are now available. If you need a copy, please call the office (330) 782-0573 or e-mail info@millcreek.church

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 **January 11, 2022 5:30pm**

Present: Pastor Greg, Diane Redfern, Barb Childs, Barb Hubler, Hope Sabanick, Elaine Williams, Lenora Jefferson, Susie Justice

Pastor opened with devotional about "How The Church Can Thrive in Evil Days" & prayer.

No changes to last month's minutes.

Finance:

We recouped some of loss we had last month in our investment funds

Investment fund & Endowment funds are both up.

All bills paid or scheduled to be paid.

SPR to negotiate a compensation package with our new worship leader Dean Zawacki in March.

Buildings & Grounds:

Arnie will pay greater attention to restrooms (he has health concerns & we will put him on the prayer list)

Missions:

Carryout chili dinner for this Sat./workers to come in @ noon to prepare.

Received \$3500 for Northside food bank mission (Sidel foundation grant)

Balance of over \$10,000 in mission account – almost doubled from 2020

Mission project for Feb.: Souper Bowl – 2 kinds of soup. Feb 13th after worship

Protestant Family Service needs 16oz jars of peanut butter.

Worship:

Presentation by Richard Hahn on marketing MCCUMC. How do we get message of MCCUMC to the public?

Follow up with Mr. Hahn in a week or 2

Lenora reported that more cemetery plots have been sold.

Next Leadership Team Meeting: February 8, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Thank you to all those who gave to our January Mission.

**We were able to send \$300
Global Ministries**



**We were also in January,
able to help out our friends
at Protestant Family
Service. With your help,
we sent them 50lbs.
of peanut butter!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Arnie & Ginger Timlin
Cheri Blackann
Dom Viola
Gordon & Rose Milliken
Harriet Case

Jeri Witt
Jim Lottier
Marge Whitacre
Marilynn Makar (HOSPICE)
P. Mae White
Pam Crowe
Penny Hiller & family



Barb Zautner
Morningside House of Ellicott City
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Rm 312
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
(330) 207-3750 cell

Gloria Finkley

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

Marilynn Makar
Park Vista
1216 5th Avenue, Rm 260B
Youngstown, OH 44504



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



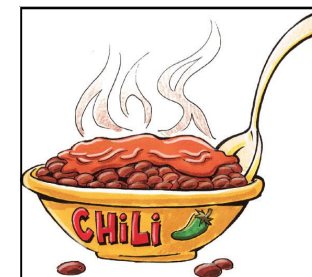
2nd - Marcia Haire-Ellis
9th - Lillie Washington
19th - LK Williams
25th - Macilla Grace
27th - Robert Pegues III
29th - Sean Roberts



How the “Chili Silly’s” Saved Dinner

It was mid-January, a very chilly day. The “Chili Silly’s” thought how perfect it would be to serve some chili on such a chilly Saturday. So, how did these “Chili Silly’s” put together a menu to warm the hearts of our souls?

Our first “Chili Silly” added cornbread muffins to our list while the next one said ‘We need carrots and celery sticks along with Frito corn chips just to add some crunch.’ As we sat around the table laughing and having fun another “Chili Silly” said shredded cheese is needed to sprinkle on top. Oh! No hot sauce is needed as one “Chili Silly” wanted to add, for we did not want our folks to “shed tears” when they ate our chili so carefully prepared. Dessert, dessert, our “Chili Silly’s” exclaimed - how about lemon cookies with white chocolate chunks and chocolate cookies with chocolate chunks, what could be more grand!



We had so much fun putting this “Chili Silly” dinner together, forming our own assembly line, all the “Silly’s” were busy. Through-out the kitchen you could hear the “Chili Silly’s” hollering out for chili, cornbread, and did you put the cheese in - why yes of course! Don’t forget to pass the carrots and celery sticks and Fritos corn chips too!

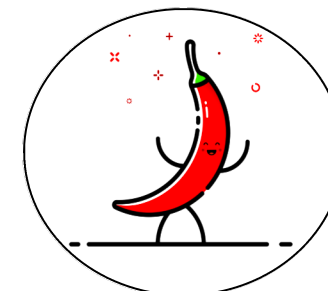
Our two “Chili Silly’s” that kept the traffic flowing, would open the door and say we need three or two or four more dinners and out the door they would go! Laughing and joking we sacked our dinners perfect and when we had a chance to breathe, we all pitched in and cleanup was a breeze.

Many thanks for those that planned and worked this dinner. We are grateful for those that baked the cornbread muffins - for you, we are ever so thankful!



I am most grateful to God for my Church Family - I love you!
-Susie J.

Now I would like to introduce the
“Chili Silly’s” :



Pastor Greg
Tami Calko
Diane Redfern
Barb Childs
Barb Beach

Mission Team Member

Barb Hubler
Kari Hubler
Janice Rose
Al & Kathy Miller

"February Mission"



Because All Children Deserve to Feel Special

Project MKC was started in 2010 and has a variety of programs to offer all children and their families who may need a helping hand.

Some of the programs include:

- **Diaper Bank** (distributes over 55,000 diapers a month)
- **Comfort Kits** (new care bags for infants, children & teens entering the foster care system)
- **Hope Totes** (personalized bag of items for a child who is currently undergoing chemotherapy at Akron Children's Hospital - Mahoning Valley)
 - **After School Tutoring**
 - **Summer Food Program**

These are just a few, check out their website www.projectmkc.org for a full list of programs.

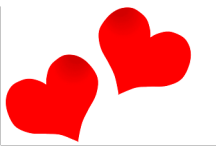
Over the years and with the help of many volunteers, Project MKC has continued to expand their efforts across the Mahoning Valley and beyond to serve our community's most vulnerable children and families.

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"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

SOUP SALE



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

(pickup right after worship)



⇒ **HOMEMADE "CLEVELAND" CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**

⇒ **HOMEMADE "PITTSBURGH" POTATO CHEDDAR SOUP**



(proceeds support Millcreek Mission Projects)



Order forms are available in the church bulletin or call the office (330) 782-0573 to place an order.

Your Help Is Needed!

Saturday, February 12
at 10:00am to
make the soup.

