

Millcreek Community UM Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" **March 2022**

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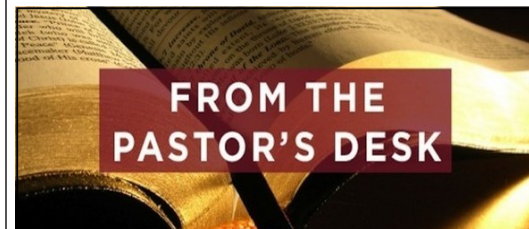
OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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Someone once said that the task of the church is not to get sinners into heaven, but to get the saints out of bed. I'm not sure who first said that, but there is an element of truth in it. Even the great hymn-writer Charles Wesley once preached a sermon from Ephesians 4 entitled Awake, Thou That Sleepest! Although God is the One who gets sinners into heaven, He has decreed that the church will have an active and necessary role in the process. The church's primary purpose is to nurture that soul that God has saved by His grace and help him or her become a mature (perfect!) disciple for Jesus Christ. Everything the church does and everything we do as believers must be focused to that end.

Someday when we meet the Master, the Scriptures reveal that He will ask each of us a question that will be something along these lines: What did you do with your time, your talent, and your treasure during the time I graced you with on the Earth? Jesus used a number of parables to illustrate this truth. The parable of the faithful steward in Luke 12 and the parable of the talents in Matthew 25 are two of the most explicit. Of course, Jesus will already know our answer before we can begin to reply. The important thing for us is that we will not be ashamed to look Him in the eye and simply say "I did my best to become more like You".

That is really what God demands from us- our best. We should give Him the first fruits of our labor and use what is left over rather than the other way around. That is not an easy thing to learn, but it is never too late to start. I once saw a sign that said the best way to become an old dog is to stop learning new tricks. Perhaps we should add "and forget the old tricks we have already learned!" Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent- a time to pray, fast, meditate, repent, and prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Those things are not tricks but spiritual disciplines, divine gifts of grace that will serve to perfect us in our faith and teach us how to give God our best. He deserves it, for God gave us His best, His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, in order that we may spend eternity with Him.

During this most holy of seasons my hope is that each of us will search our hearts and our minds and ask ourselves daily a version of that weighty question that Jesus will ask us each of someday soon. What are you doing with the things I have given you? I suggest that the most wonderful of those things is the grace and love of Jesus Christ. I pray we will commit ourselves anew to give Him our best in return - now and forever more. See you in worship! Pastor Greg

Announcements



Spring is just around the corner and with it the celebration of Easter! Order your Easter Flowers by **March 20th**. For more information please see your church bulletin or call the church office.

Tuesday, March 8th - Leadership Team Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thursday Evenings - Overeaters Anonymous @ 6pm
Thursday Evenings - Music Team Practice @ 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



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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

February 8, 2022

5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Don Mathews, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern, Barb Hubler, Doc. Hovell, Bill Stilson

Pastor opened with Luke (Beatitudes)

Administrative/Finance:

Hope will e-mail finance report, all bills are paid

Administrative papers/End of Year reports have been sent in, but audit still needs done

SPR team needs to work out financial arrangements with Dean in March

Buildings & Grounds:

Snowplow man suggested he could move our excess snow for \$300 but we don't think that's needed.

Boardman Twp. Zoning

Alta put up a shed and a fence without permission

Downed tree to be taken care of by Andre'

High grass

Change of sign from Lockwood to MCCUMC

Fence around dumpster?

Missions:

Free Community Dinner – March 19, Irish Stew

March Mission - Rescue Mission & Warren Family Mission - \$300 each

We donated 50 jars of peanut butter to PFS.

We currently have orders for 46qt of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday – Money going for Project Making Kids Count (Project MKC)

Worship:

Who are we as a church? We need to clearly define this, not only for ourselves, but for our website/marketing purposes

Herb will check our marketing ideas; we are still considering Rich's proposal

We need to let people know we are here, and we are doing God's work

Replacement needed for Barb Childs for Feb. 20th

Second I-pad is needed for extra accompaniment for music-Team agreed to purchase a new one from Amazon.

Next Leadership Team Meeting: March 8, 2022 @5:30pm

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
Pastor Greg
Penny Hiller & family
Verna Wylie



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3rd - Leslie Fitzgerald
4th - Cliff Hiller
6th - Henry Fetty
10th - Evelyn Fischer
12th - Steve Easter
17th - Thelma W. Smith
23rd - Kara Ehret & Norman Toot
28th - Cathlene Harvey
30th - Roosevelt Glover



MARCH Birthdays

SUPER BOWL SOUPERS ARE SUPER!

We had planned this Saturday, February 13th for weeks. Were we playing in the Super Bowl?! Absolutely not! We did want to join in on the festivities no matter what! Gathering our ingredients we were anxious to work on our 'super bowl soup.' Our Chef, Pastor Greg, had pots of broth ready to simmer on the stove. The chatter and the laughter began to fill the kitchen as we peeled potatoes and cut them along with cutting carrots, celery, onions, ham and even picking cooked chicken off the bone for our soups. The milk and cheddar cheese we set aside for the potato soup.

Our Chef was quieter than usual although he knows how hard it is to get a word in edgewise when we are all talking and laughing. He said he had to leave for a while but would be back soon. We were busy finishing up the ingredients and getting the containers ready and of course washing pots, lids, strainers and cooking utensils. Fun was our main objective until we realized what time it was and our Chef was not back! I called Pastor Greg and the phone went to voicemail. I said Pastor Greg, we hope you are coming back this year, we really need to get the cheddar potato soup going. He called back and said he was not well and could not return, gave us instructions and asked if someone could read his sermon on Sunday. We all volunteered Diane Redfern and I said we will make sure our church service would go on without a hitch. We all agreed to help our Pastor and we silently prayed he would soon be feeling well. We quickly realized we would be missing our Chef - how could this be, we are never without him! Our faces were not happy ones as we faced the inevitable the soups must be made!



Quickly we separated the ingredients as to which ones went in to the chicken noodle (noodles of course) and those that were set aside for cheddar potato (cheddar cheese and potatoes of course) You guessed it, we got the ingredients in the right soups! We were grateful. Janice and Barb kept checking and tasting the soups to make sure they were good enough to sell. For a while there we were sure Janice and Barb were eating our "profits" as they kept tasting and saying oh how good this is.

As we poured the soups in the containers we worried and prayed for our Chef Pastor Greg - we missed his presence as we worked. He always keeps us on the straight and narrow, which is a tough task with this "kitchen crew". We promised Pastor Greg that we could handle this project and take special care of Sunday Service.

Thanks be to God, all is well that ends well. Our Kitchen crew was glad we had each other and that the love we have for each other would carry us through this ordeal. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! After all in our church, doesn't **LOVE WORK HERE!**

Many thanks to our Super Bowl Soupers - they are SUPER!!!
- Susie J.

Mission Team Member



Chef Pastor Greg and our kitchen crew:
Diane Redfern - Janice Rose - Barb Beach - Barb Hubler
- Barb Childs - Al Miller - Elaine Williams - Susie J.

"March Mission"



Warren Family Mission and Rescue Mission are asking for help to feed the hungry. We cannot stand by and let this go on. Jesus would not ignore this cry for help and we can't either. Join in to help those in need and let's make a difference in their lives!

February Mission - SUCCESS!

Since 2010, Project Making Kids Count (MKC) has continued to expand their efforts across the Mahoning Valley & beyond to serve our community's most vulnerable children and families.



Millcreek Community UMC Mission Team was able to send a \$400.00 check to help with some of their programs. MANY THANKS to our Church Family whose hearts keep our mission basket filled to bless who need our love.

Bless your hearts,
Susie J.
Mission Team Member



R U M M A G E S A L E

... coming to Millcreek Community UMC
(date to come - end of April/beginning of May)

Gather your *treasures* and put them on the stage in Fellowship Hall.
Please see Barb Hubler and/or Diane Redfern for further information in the coming weeks.

Millcreek Community United Methodist Church
invites you our **FREE** drive-thru
St. Patrick's Day dinner

SATURDAY
March 19, 2022
4-5:30pm

(or until dinners run out)



M E N U

- **Our Famous Irish Stew**
- **Biscuits w/butter chip**
- **Fruit cup**
- **Cake**



**Line up for this wonderful dinner and you just may
get a "glimpse" of St. Patrick himself!**

