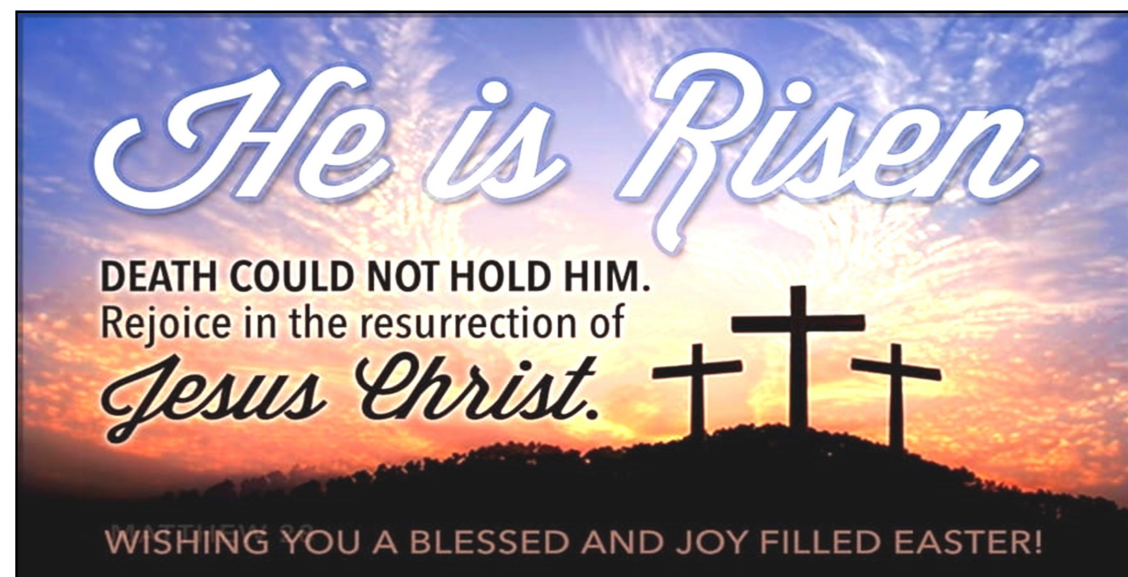


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The Beat Newsletter

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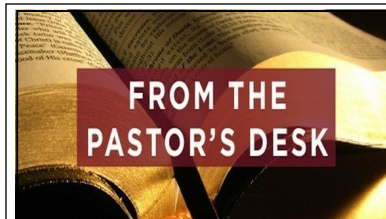
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Resurrection Sunday is only a few weeks away! Although every Sunday is the Lord's Day, one we set aside for worship of our Savior, Easter Sunday is an annual celebration that illumines the glory of Jesus and the cross. Jesus is the resurrected Christ, the One who conquered death by His death, the only One truly worthy of all our praise. Easter Sunday is also a very public celebration that helps the unbelieving world recognize who God's people are and why we choose to worship Him the way we do. God's people are Easter people, sinners of all shapes, sizes, and colors, saved by grace through faith in Jesus. Easter Sunday is a day for exalted worship of our Savior and a day to celebrate our own resurrection, which the Scriptures clearly reveal has already taken place for the faithful. (Romans 6:4 & Colossians 3).

As resurrected followers of Jesus, we are called, chosen, and commanded to worship God "in spirit and truth". (John 4:23-24) Since we have such a high calling to worship in that manner, it would be good for us to recognize the qualities that define it. Otherwise, we will be unable to discern if we are being more obedient to ourselves than to God and His Word. Although true worship is better experienced than defined, church history and tradition reveal several elements must be included. You will find some of them listed below, listed in no particular order of importance or significance. All are absolutely necessary!

Prayer, both corporate and personal, is an integral part of true worship. Prayer is the love language we use to communicate with God and a way we demonstrate our love for each other. (Romans 12:1-13) When immediate words escape us and we find it difficult to pray, there are other ways we can show God how much we love and adore Him. **Singing** is a powerful way of expressing our love for God and His truth. (Colossians 3:16) The Psalms are literally filled with songs of praise, thanksgiving, repentance, and anticipation. Coupled with more modern arrangements and praise choruses, we can rest assured that God hears our "joyful noise" in perfect tune and harmony, even when we don't!

That leads us to the **reading and hearing of Scripture and the proclamation of Biblical truth**. Never is a strong word, but true worship is never complete without both. A sermon is never a sermon unless the gospel is proclaimed (Lord forgive me for falling short!). Of course, there are other things we could add to this list, and **fellowship** is one of them we must not leave out. We are commanded not to neglect meeting together in worship, so that we might "stir up one another to love and good works". (Hebrews 10:24-25)

If you are still looking for a Lenten Bible study, look no further. There are enough passages summarized above to keep you busy for quite a while. And while you are there, you might as well take a fresh look at God's two greatest commandments. **Love the Lord and love your neighbor**. (Luke 10:25-28) In these troubling and unsettling times, times when we literally don't know what to do next, they bring us direction, comfort, peace, and assurance of eternal life. Unlike a list of qualities of true worship, those two commands must remain in the proper order. See you in worship! Christ is Risen! PG

Announcements

Millcreek
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RUMMAGE
SALE

April 29th & 30th

**Beginning April 1st, 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.**

Tuesday, April 12th - Leadership Team Meeting @ 5:30pm
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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at 10am on our website
www.millcreek.church**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00am

(Praise, Pray & Proclaim)

facebook.

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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

March 9, 2022

5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern, Barb Hubler, Doc. Hovell, Lenora Jefferson, Barb Childs, Hope Sabanick, Elaine Williams, and Barb Beach.

Pastor opened with "Power of Determination" Glenn Cunningham & words about Ukraine.

Administrative/Finance:

No expensive repairs this month.

Negative return on investment funds due to instability in financial market.
All bills paid.

Audit – Could Janice Rose do an informal audit with help or someone from Western Reserve?

Spring District Conference – April 3? Time and Location TBA

Annual Conference – June at Akron University

General Conference delayed for 2 yrs.

Director Chet Adkins from WCA/ Global Methodist Church to come to talk to us about options.

Buildings & Grounds:

Ladies' restroom floor needs to be stripped – companies will be suggested.

Missions:

February – we received \$891 for Missions and \$535 from the Souper Bowl
\$500 went to Making Kids Count

Irish Stew Dinner for March

We want to donate to Ukraine for March. Move Warren Family and Rescue Mission to April's Mission of the Month.

Worship:

Marketing – referred to Farris Marketing

We need a prayer chain – Barb C. volunteered to head it.

Give Barb B. "thinking of you" cards.

Invite people to worship during choir practice at 6:30pm

SPR needs to meet for Dean.

Easter Cantata will be Sunday morning at 10am, combined Good Friday evening service at the mausoleum, combined Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at the mausoleum.

Next Leadership Team Meeting: April 12, 2022 @5:30pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Arnie & Ginger Timlin
Cheri Blackann
Colin Smith
Gordon & Rose Milliken
Harriet Case

Jeri Witt
Jessica - age 4 (seizures)
Jim Lottier
Marge Whitacre
Marilynn Makar (HOSPICE)
Mark & Pam Boston
P. Mae White
Penny Hiller & family
Verna Wylie



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

April Birthdays



1st - Sue Springer
14th - Barbara Zautner
16th - Kurt Resch
19th - Quincy Penn
20th - Muggs Ashbaugh
24th - Terry Crosby
25th - Marilyn Makar



The Famous Irish Beef Stew... a Millcreek Community Folklore

We were packed and ready to go. Ready to go? Yes! To Innisfree, Ireland where our Irish stew began. Our journey to a small (Methodist) Church in Innisfree would be in horse drawn carts (just like the Irish) were rested by our Chef Pastor Greg. Now remember you are in Ireland so roll your R's & G's! Keep that Irish brogue!

Upon reaching our beloved little Methodist kitchen, we could hear the wee little folks laughing and dancing and pulling their shenanigans to the likes you'd never believe. Calling out our names Barb B., Barb C. and Barb H., Janice, Hope, Elaine, Tami and her beloved mate Pastor Greg. Amid the malarkey the wee little folks were creating, Leprechauns that is, we started in on our stew.



Pastor Greg was beside himself with all the carrying on of the wee little folks, he crossed himself and said "May the Saints preserve us". He certainly has a way of keeping our spirits up. Let's see where I was, oh yes, back to the dinner. We cleaned, cut and diced potatoes carrots and onions. As Pastor Greg cut the beef, he called for Barb B. to start sauteing the beef for the stew. The green beans were readied to be put in the pots with the other ingredients. Just as we were gathering the boxes and containers to be filled, Saint Patrick himself entered the kitchen and the Leprechauns silenced their malarkey to hear the Saint sing:



*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.*

*Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art*

That verse 2 you know in the Methodist hymnal pg. 451, sing along if you'd like, our beloved kitchen help joined in the song! As we formed our line to pack the Irish beef stew dinners, St. Patrick could hear the Emerald Island call to him. Pastor Greg saying, "May the Saints preserve us". St. Patrick, I tell you, yes he himself left us with an Irish blessing:

*May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!*

We hope you enjoyed your Irish beef stew, perhaps it didn't become famous this way but we would like to think it did! Our gift to each of you is the gift of one another! Many thanks to all who donated their time in a cake or two as we couldn't do this without you!

Love to each and everyone,
-Susie J.
Mission Team Member

Millcreek Community Mission Moments

Our Mission for the month of March "Samaritan Purse", was sent a check for \$500.00 for the Ukraine people. Samaritan Purse is a Franklin Graham organization. Franklin Graham is Billy Graham's son. Thank you to our church family for their support to the "Ukraine Response". Our church makes a difference - those of you who sit in the pews every Sunday and to all the church members who are watching from home.



Bless your hearts for helping keep the Millcreek Community UMC a place where "LOVE WORKS HERE".

"April Mission"

Warren Family Mission and Rescue Mission are asking for help to sponsor Easter dinners for folks in our community. Let us help provide these special dinners for our families in this valley!



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Warren, Ohio 44485
Telephone: 330.394.5437



1300 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44510
Telephone: 330-744-5486



It's the talk of the town!

Please bring some of your treasures in for these special days
Friday, April 29th & Saturday April 30th.



Be sure to volunteer your help and
join in on the fun - fun we guarantee!

I'll be there!

- Susie J.
Mission Team Member

Millcreek Community UMC Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
@ Millcreek Community UMC

GOOD FRIDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00PM
@ Green Haven Memorial Gardens

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE 7:00AM
@ Green Haven Memorial Gardens

EASTER CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
@ Millcreek Community UMC
(Come enjoy a special service from our Music Team)

