

Millcreek Community UMC Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" July/August 2022



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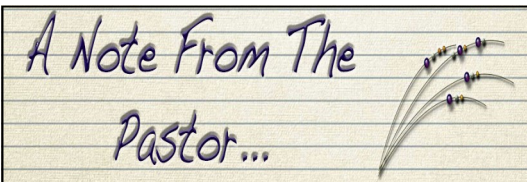
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Knowledge is power. The great Swiss psychologist Paiget taught that we gain knowledge in three basic ways: physically, logically, and socially. John Wesley might use the words experience, reason, and tradition. Knowledge helps keep us from causing

harm to ourselves and to others, and it can help us to discern right from wrong. Thomas Jefferson held knowledge near to his heart, especially when it came to education. Writing to his dear friend and slave owner John Taylor, he said “[*Northeastern*] seminaries are no longer proper for Southern or Western students. The signs of the times admonish us to call them home. If knowledge is power, we should look to its advancement at home, where no resource of power will be unwanting”. Jefferson was concerned that the anti-slavery teachings of the universities of the Northeast would spread to the Southern states. He recognized the battle for the mind often begins in the classroom. Then and now, educational institutions from nursery school to post graduate schools do much more than teach the three “r’s. They also have great influence in shaping the attitudes and opinions of society on deeply divisive social issues.

In Jefferson’s day it was slavery that divided the country and for that matter the church. Today it is abortion and human sexuality. Then and now, knowledge does little to solve moral problems. By empirical evidence, Jefferson and many others knew slavery to be morally and ethically wrong. Logically they also knew it wasn’t quite right for a fellow living breathing human being created in the image of God to be considered chattel, a piece of property to be bought, sold, and abused at will. But socially it was much different. Depending upon educational background, the area of the country, political views of the role of government in the affairs of individual states, and socio-economic status, slavery could be hated, promoted, accepted, or tolerated. In Jefferson’s case, it seemed to be the latter. Judging by his writings, he considered the rights of individual states to decide the issue for themselves was far more important than the moral issue of right and wrong. It seems little has changed in 2022. The social continues to overpower the physical and logical, and experience triumphs over reason and tradition. We need more than knowledge and love to arrive at the truth.

Thankfully, God has a much different way of educating us than society does. The Bible refers to it as giving us a “heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12). Wisdom is having a heart (and mind) like Jesus, it is having a Biblical worldview that brings light into a world of darkness. Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit, and not something that can be gained physically, logically, or socially. It is not something we can see with our eyes or touch with our fingers or obtain from a book or power point slide or protest demonstration. It is not a list of talking points subject to the opinions and biases of culture. Like all of God’s gifts to us, divine wisdom is not something we earn or deserve but something we receive by grace. The surprising thing is that we don’t have to know how to read or write in order to receive it. All we need is to ask God for it! (James 1:4) These troubled times are a sure sign that few have done so. I pray that you and I will continue to be among those few. Stay wise! Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Church Office closed
Monday, July 4th**

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

*July 12th @ 5:30pm
August 9th @ 5:30pm*

MUSIC TEAM PRACTICE

Thursday Evenings @ 6:30pm

SUNDAY Worship

Join us in our air and prayer
conditioned Sanctuary at 10am



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

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

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Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meeting **June 14, 2022 @ 5:30pm**

Present: Doc Hovell, Bill Stilson, Diane Redfern, Susie Justice, Barb Beach, Elaine Williams, Hope Sabanick, Barb Hubler, Lenora Jefferson, Steve Easter

Pastor opened with devotions from Ephesians 4-avoid worldly desires.

Change to May minutes- Lenora clarified her willingness to help with the senior dinner.

Old Business: Diane Redfern shared 2 spill kits she donated have been placed in classroom hall and fellowship hall. Thank you!!!!

Administrative/Finance:

Pension, healthcare & apportion for May was paid in June - \$2, 753.80
Need distribution of \$44,000 soon out of investment fund to cover budget shortfall
-Doc Hovell will write letter to Wespath

Annual Conference Report-not much of importance happened
ALTA's lease-considering not providing custodial services. We also need to consider increasing ALTA's rent for 2022/2023 Disaffiliation: Choices 1. Do nothing, stay as we are-UMC 2. Join another denomination, like Global Methodist Church 3. Go independent

We need more information-financial side, etc.

Interpretation of scripture & accountability are very important! This is what we need to pray about, to help us decide.

Burial Plots- Tod Cemetery: 4 left, 2 spoken for & 2 available

Buildings & Grounds:

Arnie can no longer provide custodial services. Seeking quotes and applicants to replace him

Computers need updating-one we use for streaming & in Brooke's office.

New sprayer for kitchen is in-needs installed

New thermostat for Fellowship Hall is in.

Missions:

Agreed to sponsoring church in Cuba at \$500.00/month + one- time lump sum to start (\$3,000) + all mission \$ received in July. Revisit at end of year.

Community dinner-July 16, 22. Menu-hamburgers, chip, tossed salad & cookies
80/90yr senior honor dinner-August 14 following worship.

Arnie-received one additional paycheck, \$1,000 from pastor's discretionary fund, and freewill offering will be taken on next two Sundays.

Worship:

Choir sounds GREAT! SPR to meet with Dean in July

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



Cheri Blackann
Colin Smith (military)
Ginger Timlin & Family
Gordon & Rose Milliken
Harriet Case

Hunter Schwab (military)
Jim Lottier
Marge Whitacre
Marilynn Makar (HOSPICE)
Mark Boston & Family
P. Mae White
Penny Hiller & family
Shirley Stauffer
Sidney Wylie



Barb Zautner
Morningside House of Ellicott City
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Rm 312
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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

Gloria Finkley



JULY

2nd - Michael Grace
5th - Sue Kirkland & William Stilson
8th - Harriet Case
9th - Rev. Lester Wilson
10th - Jennifer Ferone
13th - Linda Williams
18th - Dawn Crosby
19th - Shirley Stauffer & Cheryl Viola
28th - Penny Hiller
29th - Kari Hubler




AUGUST

2nd - Pastor Greg Calko
4th - Sandra White
8th - Kathy Soubeyrand
12th - Mary Lois Floyd
13th - Aaden Ballinger & Barb Childs
21st - Diane Redfern
23rd - Tracy Glover
26th - Margaret Whitacre
29th - Cicero Davis



The prayer chain has been reactivated. Call any prayer requests into Barb Childs (330-360-6796) or Mary Lois Floyd (330-782-7683). Please leave a voice mail if there is no answer.

You may:

-  leave your name, the name of the person who needs prayer, and a reason for prayer OR
-  your name, and the name of the person who needs prayer, and NO REASON OR
-  your name and a request for an unspoken prayer request

Please be sure to always leave your name in case we would need clarification any information. It is never too late to join the prayer team. Information will go out on two chains. One will be by phone and the second will be by text.



Super Senior Brunch
Sunday, August 28

Millcreek Community UMC will host a Special Brunch celebrating folks from our Church Family 80 and over. Worship begins at 10am with Brunch to follow. ALL are invited to help celebrate!

RSVP by August 15

Arnold Timlin Jr.

Our beloved Arnie, 73, entered into eternal rest at his residence Saturday, June 25, 2022, with is family at his side. Calling hours will be July 14th from 10am-11am with service at 11am and a luncheon to follow at St. Rose Catholic Church, 48 East Main Street, Girard, OH 44420. Please keep Ginger and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

"Missions - A Calling To Do Jesus's Work"

It's hard for me to believe we are halfway through the year and our Mission Team is on the move. We have much to be thankful for, as we have been able to help support thirteen (13) missions the first half of this year!

We have surely felt God's presence in our own lives as we have fulfilled promises to those in need. God has given us Hope (the Holy Spirit) to journey forward with Missions that will take us beyond our borders. So, I pray that you will follow where our Jesus leads us. Please take a few moments, on any Sunday, and look over the Mission Poster Board in the Narthex of our church. Read some of the "Thank You" notes our church has received as they will touch your heart. I continuously thank God for my church family near and far, who so generously provide for our monthly Missions.

We hope you'll stay in touch, get to know your Newsletter "The Heartbeat" and definitely look over Sunday's bulletin - it has a lot of news also. But, please don't be reading it when Pastor Greg is preaching or I'll be in serious trouble!! - Susie J. Mission Member

June Mission



**We were able to send
\$350.00 each!
THANK YOU!!!**



**Let's
Remember
To ...**



**Go the extra mile.
It's never
crowded.**

July/August Mission

Peanut butter and jelly
Spaghetti Sauce (Dollar General has 24oz cans of Hunts Pasta Sauce at \$1 each)
Spaghetti Pasta noodles
Deodorant, body soap, lotion - all hygiene products
Laundry & Cleaning Supplies/Paper towels/Toilet paper
Monetary Donations/Gasoline Cards/Bus Passes
Diapers - men/women (all sizes) and kids (size 4/5)
Reusable bags w handles for our clients who take the bus.
Food for our homeless population. Items that open easily and no cooking needed. (Examples: Vienna sausage, sardines, tuna, plain/peanut butter/cheese crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, soup and veggies come with pop open tops).

Through out July and August we will be keeping Protestant Family Service with items needed for their pantry.

Boxes will be in the Narthex where items can be placed.

Here is a list of needs and it will be in the bulletin as well.

July

For this month's mission we will be partnering with Cape Coral UMC in Florida to sponsor a church in Cuba. All funds received in the month of July will go to this wonderful mission. We will include more information next week in worship.

Let's show our support!



August

For our August mission we will be donating all monies received during the month to the Disaster Assistance Response Team of Samaritans Purse.

Our gift will help with clean-up as well as rebuilding/repairing houses for the Ukrainian people.



Join us for an American Celebration at our FREE Community Drive-thru Dinner!

SATURDAY

July 16th

4 - 5:30pm



MENU

- . Grilled Hamburger**
- . Tossed Salad**
- . Bag of Potato Chips**
- . Cookies for dessert**

Get in line for some 4th of July giveaways!

Donations thankfully accepted