

Millcreek Community UM Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" September 2022

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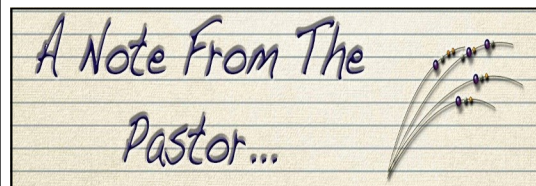
OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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Summer is nearly over, and new seasons will soon be upon us. Fall means changing temperatures, changing leaves, and changing routines. Mark your calendars now, because beginning in October, Sunday worship will move to 10:30 AM so that we can return to having Sunday School (Faith Café) at 9:00 AM. Our weekly

Bible study will also resume on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM. Those three things (a holy trinity!) have a critical and important role in our spiritual health. As followers of Jesus, we strive to live our lives in accordance with the Scriptures. We don't want to break the cords of love that bind us together as people of God. But what exactly does that mean? A book or dictionary may tell us what something means but not how to make it happen. We learn to love by being in fellowship with each other. With all of the turmoil and brokenness in the world, the time is now for small groups of faith to come together to share in God's love. They help us to remain obedient to His Word and become the disciples we are intended to be.

Hebrews 13:1 sums it up well. "Let mutual love continue". Mutual implies something shared or held in common. For instance, a mutual friend is a friend of a friend, someone two people know in common. Mutual respect is not harboring animosity to those who have differing opinions on a subject or issue. Continue means not to interrupt something. Let mutual love continue implies that we are to continue to do what Jesus does, which is love God, love others unconditionally and remain faithful to the Scriptures that reveal how to do both.

The most important thing we have to share is the love of Christ. Just as someone shared the Good News with you and I, we in turn must share it with someone else. Love demands that we don't break the chain. It doesn't matter if the date is 34AD, or 2022 or 3960, the message and the reason for the message is the same. For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16-17). The problem is that love may not always be mutual. Sometimes those whom we are called to love may not respond likewise. Even so we won't stop loving. We can't give up and allow the chain to break, for we are the weakest link. Much like offering forgiveness, a lack of response must not discourage us. Even so, much like Jesus' early disciples, there will be times when mutual love demands that we shake the proverbial dust from our sandals and move on to more fertile grounds.

The new Global Methodist Church is one such place. If we are to be fruitful in sharing the love of Christ, we will need the love and support of a denomination that shares our love for Jesus and the Scriptures. Though it is still in its infancy, in many ways it will be like the church of our spiritual ancestors, a church that is relational rather than institutional. You are invited to learn more at an open informational meeting that is scheduled to be held here at Millcreek on Sunday, September 18 at 6:00 PM. Laity and clergy from other UM churches in the Mahoning Valley will also be in attendance. If you would like more information before then, please talk with me or our Lay leaders Diane Redfern and Steve Easter or go our website. In the meantime, let mutual love continue!

Stay blessed....Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our deepest, most heartfelt condolences are with the Hiller family. Cliff Hiller passed away on Sunday, August 28th, 2022. Please keep Penny and family in your thoughts and prayers.



**Church
Office Closed
Monday,
Sept. 5th**

**Leadership Team
Meeting
Tuesday 9/13
@ 5:30 pm**

**Music Team
Practice
Thursday Evenings
@ 6:30 pm**

**Informational Meeting
Global UM Church
Sunday 9/18
@ 6:30 pm**

COMING IN OCTOBER:

STAY TUNED

- **New Sunday worship time**
- **Bible Study**
- **Sunday School**
- **Soup Sale**

DETAILS TO COME...



**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 — July 12, 2022 @ 5:30pm

Present: Lenora Jefferson, Bill Stilson, Barb Beach, Susie Justice, Hope Sabanick, Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler
Pastor read Luke 10 (@ Martha & Mary) No corrections to last month's minutes.

Administrative/Finance:

Received \$44,000 from investment fund for ongoing expenses.
Need to replace 2 signers for investment fund-Barb H. & Bill S. volunteered
Pastor Greg to renegotiate lease for ALTA to be renegotiated
Deed was not transferred at time of merger to new entity MCCUMC – this has now been done.

Buildings & Grounds:

Computers for office & streaming
Office @ \$1300.00
Streaming computer is biggest concern (cost can come out of memorial fund) Agreed to designate 1700.00

Missions:

We hope to show a video or pictures of Bances UMC (Cuba) this Sunday. This is the church we chose to sponsor.
August Mission – Ukraine
Senior Brunch – Lenora doing decorations/croissant w/ chicken salad. Desserts... work in progress
Mission Moments: speaker from PFS may come in to speak in September

Worship:

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SPR-should meet with Dean soon
Disaffiliation: Some questions were answered (and some not) when meeting with DS. We do not have financial figures we need

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

Pastor opened with Luke's gospel about seeing the signs of the times and prayer Minutes from last meeting approved.

Administrative/Finance:

Doc and Barb H. signed signature card for foundation. Bill Stilson needs to sign
Giving \$7324 / \$44,440 came out of investment operating fund for ongoing expenses. All bills are current.
Approx \$ 26,000 gain in investments in July
Alta lease – instead of raising rent they will now pay ½ water, sewer & custodial fees up to \$8,000 per year. They will be invoiced on a quarterly basis.
SPR met with Dean/gave him signing bonus, new compensation \$15,000/year
New custodian has been talked to about improvements-will see how this goes-some concerns
Copier lease agreement was up last month – we were paying \$64/month plus \$30/month service, maintenance and extra for copies = \$150/moth – For new machine \$125/month with same company
More disaffiliation info to come in September

Buildings & Grounds:

Replaced office and sanctuary PCs for \$ 2000.00. Money to come from memorial fund. Purchased for less than budgeted price

Missions:

Thank you from Cape Coral. Start with \$3000, another \$500 for August.
September Mission – Ukraine & Cuba Church
September Community dinner on a Friday – Dom's spaghetti sauce, etc.
Super Senior Brunch – chicken salad on croissant, pasta salad, pumpkin & zucchini bread. Reservations needed.
Mission Moment: Patriot Hospice and food collected for PFS.

Worship:

If we start small groups, worship should begin at 10:30am – Diane volunteered to oversee adult Sunday School.
Pastor to start Wednesday Bible Study 10am?
Second Sunday in September, worship to begin at 10:30am

Next Leadership Team Meeting: September 13, 2022 5:30 PM

Bella (Terry & Dawn
Crosby's Granddaughter)
Cheri Blackann
Cookie & Family
Ginger Timlin & Family
Harriet Case
Hunter Schwab (military)
Jim Lottier



Kenny Charity & Family
Marge Whitacre
Marilynn Makar (HOSPICE)
P. Mae White
Penny Hiller & Family
Richard Bland
Renita Baker & Family
Sidney Wylie

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

Marilynn Makar
Humility House Rm 20B
755 Ohltown Rd.
Austintown, OH 44515

Gloria Finkley
Margaret Whitacre
Briarfield Manor
461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 317
Austintown, OH 44515



Shirley Stauffer
Humility House Rm 37B
755 Ohltown Rd.
Austintown, OH 44515



Call any prayer requests to Barb Childs (330-360-6796) or Mary Lois Floyd (330-782-7683).
Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer. Information will go out on two chains. One will be by phone and the second will be by text.

- 🙏 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



SEPTEMBER
8th - Sidney Wylie
18th - Rev. Mike McHale &
P. Mae White
25th - Donna Stevenson
29th - Nathan Stevenson



"The Magnificent Seven"

A tale of our July Community Picnic Dinner



At a 'gallop' we rode our horses onto the campgrounds of Millcreek Community UMC. At the "campfire" we planned our meal— "angus beef" burgers, tossed salad with an Italian-western dressing, crispy fried potatoes (also known as potato chips) and two big delicious cookies.

I'll tell you partners, their weren't no "ants" at this picnic — HA HA HA! King of the Cowboys prepared the salad, the chips and dessert. Texas Ranger, Kevin Hubler joined us in assembling the boxes and helped us decorate each one.



Just about ready to ring the 'dinner bell' our neighbors started to line up.... King of the cowboys, Pastor Greg and Texas Ranger, Kevin Hubler rode out to bring the orders in — it seemed they were forever saying — 3 more, 4 more, 5 more up until 5:15pm. The cattle had to be rounded up as the sun was starting to set in the

Happy trails to you, Until we meet again.
Happy trails to you, Keep smiling until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?
Just sing a song, and bring the sunny weather.
Happy trails to you, Until we meet again.

west, oh that's right! We are in the west — the old west! Our give aways for this "round-up" went quick! It was a fun time for all. Our neighbors gathered around the campfire before hitting the dusty trail and began to sing...

Susie J.- Mission Team Member



The Magnificent Seven Characters:

Barb Childs - Barb Beach - Barb Hubler - Janice Rose
Kevin Hubler - Pastor Greg Calko - Susie Justice

SUPER SENIOR BRUNCH



We want to thank our church family for supporting us at the Super Senior Brunch.
Your help was so greatly appreciated.
- Lenora Jefferson, Louise Easter and Barbara Beach



"Mission Moments"

SEPTEMBER MISSION

We will continue supporting the Baner Methodist Church in Cuba, helping them put in a floor and a roof for their church.



The Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley has asked us to support their summer meal & shower tickets program. It allows folks to enjoy a hot shower followed by a hot meal!



Our God is so good, we thank Him for His grace and mercy all our days. I pray we continue to show His goodness and mercy to those around us. Thank you my church family for your continued support and love for our church missions!

Thank you!

You make a difference.

Love to each and everyone,
Susie J.

-Mission Team Member

Summer Missions

July's mission was for the Baner Methodist Church in Cuba through partnership with Cape Coral UMC

We were able to send
\$500.00!
THANK YOU!!!



August's mission was to help Ukraine through the Disaster Assistance Response Team of Samaritans Purse

We were able to send
\$300.00!
THANK YOU!!!



Protestant Family Service was so grateful for Millcreek Community UMC!

Our church was able to provide them with boxes of food & other items they so desperately needed. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and to Pastor Greg and Steve Easter for taking all 500lbs to PFS!



Millcreek Community United Methodist Church invites you to our FREE drive-thru dinner.

SATURDAY

September 17

4 - 5:30pm

(or until dinners run out)

Spaghetti Dinner



Donations thankfully accepted

Dinner Menu

- spaghetti
- homemade meatballs & sauce
(courtesy of Dom & Cheryl Viola)
- dinner roll w/butter
- tossed salad
- chocolate fudge

Reserve your place in line and attend our delicious dinner!