

Millcreek Community UM Church
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The Beat Newsletter

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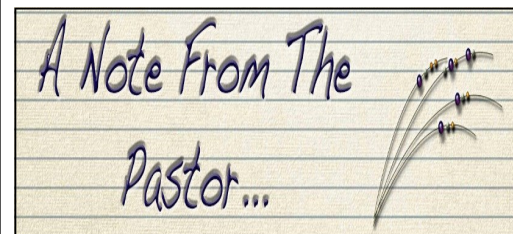
OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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How long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you Violence! and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and idly look at wrong? Those same questions the prophet Habakkuk boldly asked of God more than 2600 years ago are still being asked

today. Like Habakkuk, followers of Jesus are living squarely in the midst of a godless society. We cry out to God and government about the senseless violence in our communities and wait to hear a response. We wonder how a nation that claims to be living under God's divine providence would allow the lives of 40 million children to be destroyed in the name of free choice. We question why pedophiles with criminal records several pages long are freed from prison to harm again and why 175 people in the US die every day from Fentanyl. We grieve as divine gifts of family, marriage, and sexual intimacy are reimagined to be something God clearly says they are not. Some wonder if Satan is in control, others say God's divine judgment is being poured out per Romans 1:28. Perhaps both are correct. At times, we are like Habakkuk, Job, or Francis Scott Key, sitting on the ramparts in the twilights last gleaming, searching for a glimpse of hope- a sign that the God of the Scriptures is still on the throne and that good will triumph over evil when the battle is over.

Before you throw your hands in the air and give in, find your Bible, and read what God had to say to Habakkuk and what He has to say to us in the Old Testament book that bears the prophet's name. The gist of it is this: trust me that there is a plan in place that will satisfy My need and your yearning for justice. Wait for it, it will come. Be assured, I am still on the throne in my holy temple! To use a contemporary saying, God said I've got this!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the God that spoke the entire universe into existence, the God that knew our name before the beginning of creation and the God that knows the exact number of hairs on every head, is also the God that is keenly aware of each and every difficult or evil situation in the world. Our humble response must be like that of the prophets, a prayerful plea for mercy for all facing great imminent wrath. Our Lord desires all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9), which means we will have to persevere or even suffer in this world for a season until His plan is complete. Even so, the righteous shall live by faith. May that number increase! I pray our faith in Jesus and His word will see us through the storms that are upon us and for His Holy Spirit to keep us together.

Keep the faith! Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Informational Meetings - Disaffiliation Process

Sunday, October 16th

Immediately after worship @ Millcreek

Wednesday, October 19th

7pm with District Superintendent @ Millcreek

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

**Leadership Team
Meeting
Tuesday 10/11
@ 5:30pm**

**CHARGE CONFERENCE 10/22/2022
4PM @ Smiths Corners UMC**

WEDNESDAYS

**11am Pastor's Bible
Study**



SUNDAYS

**9am Holy Grounds Café
10:30am Worship**



**Join us for LIVE worship
at 10:30 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 September 13, 2022 @ 5:30pm

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

Pastor opened with Prov. 12: 15 (it's good to listen to advice) and prayer

Both July and August minutes approved

Administrative/Finance:

Investments funds lost money (unrealized) this month. All church bills paid. Giving has been consistent – thanks to faithful members! Now getting most custodial supplies from Amazon –approx. 30-40% cheaper than Modern Office.

Disaffiliation meeting for Mahoning Valley UM churches to be held at Millcreek 6pm, Sunday, Sept. 17 –Wesleyan Covenant Association leading with question & answer session to follow

Leadership Team voted for Millcreek to proceed with disaffiliation (9-for & 2-against)

Buildings & Grounds:

Custodian performance review –complaints were addressed with some improvement noted, pastor to continue to monitor progress

CCTV System needed for building security 5 cameras – pastor, Bill, and Steve to help install- approved \$1000.00

Fire alarm annual test was completed, and storm door was removed in Fellowship Hall and exit lights repaired per request of Boardman FD.

Fall workday scheduled on 10/15, with 10/22 alternate rain date- painting, cleaning, etc.

Missions:

September Community Dinner this Sat. 9/17

October 30th Sunday Soup Sale - make soup on 29th

Worship:

Worship starts at 10:30am beginning the first Sunday in October
Holy Grounds Café 9-10am
Practice 10-10:30am

Next Leadership Team Meeting: October 11, 2022 @ 5:30pm

Cheri Blackann
Harriet Case
Hunter Schwab (military)
Jim Lottier
Kenny Charity & Family



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

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

Gloria Finkley



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

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

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



1st - Rev. Wanda Wilson

4th - Don Rotar

6th - Mark Boston

7th - Ora (Bud) White

8th - Cameron Fitzgerald

9th - Brooke Stull-Scott

12th - Jennifer Carman

14th - Damien Carman



16th - Tami Calko &

Nevett Granberry

17th - Lenora Jefferson &

Keith Makar

21st - Louise Easter

27th - Syesha Shaw

30th - Elaine Williams



MILLCREEK COMMUNITY UMC MILLCREEK COMMUNITY UMC SUNDAY SOUP SALE

October 30th, 2022

PICK UP AFTER WORSHIP



HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
HOMEMADE POTATO CHEDDAR SOUP

\$8.00 per quart/\$4.00 per pint
(suggested donation)



**Buy 2 quarts of
soup & get a
snack size bag
of chips!**

**Fill out the order form in
the bulletin or call the
church office. Please
have your order in by
Oct. 16th.**

PROCEEDS SUPPORT MILLCREEK MISSION PROJECTS



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

"Millcreek Mission Moments"

September Missions:

With joy in our hearts we were able to send the Banes UMC in Cuba \$500.00 to help with the roof and flooring that is much needed.

The Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley received a check for \$350.00 to enable them to help with a hot shower and a hot meal, we felt very blest to proved this service for our neighbors.

October Missions:

We hope to continue our good works at Banes UMC in Cuba. Their need to complete this house of worship is of importance to us. Spreading the word of God is much needed in this world today!



⇒ **Warren Family Mission**
⇒ **Salvation Army**
⇒ **Rescue Mission**

They are asking for donations to help them serve Thanksgiving dinner to our sisters, brothers, and families in our valley. How important this meal is to everyone, thanking our Lord, Jesus Christ for the food that is prepared by loving, caring folks who spend their time to do so.



Jesus taught us how to serve when he preached on the hillside "Sermon on the Mount", just one of many times. As I know Jesus came to serve but not to be served. I understand that it means to serve as do my fellow mission team members. At anytime they are willing to help others and I so appreciate their willingness to serve.

For many years my church family, by doing so graciously, taught me how to follow in their footsteps and know the love and grace of God.

Susie J - Mission Team Member

Millcreek Community's Spaghetti, Sauce and Meatballs

It was the usual's, of course you remember the three (3) Barbs, then Janice, Cheryl, and Cyndi. Thankfully it was Cyndi and not another Barb! So, our dinner story begins.



We wanted that "special" spaghetti dinner, but how do we find that "secret" ingredient? We wanted our dinner to be *delizioso* (delicious)! The (3) Barbs in unison spoke up... let's go to Italy! Great idea girls *bene, bene* (good, good). Oh but wait! *Dov'è il Pastore* (Where is the Pastor?)? Unable to locate "Pastor Greg" we took matters in to our own hands - look out - here comes the kitchen crew.

We rented a gondola, after all we needed someone to steer the boat! We set sail to Italy. Our journey started in Naples, unlike the movie "It Started in Naples" with Clark Gable and Sophia Loren we could smell the wonderful aroma *salsa* (sauce) simmering - so we began to ask the Chef's in Naples, what ingredients made their *salsa* (sauce) so *bene* (good)? They would not share their secret. With purchases in hand we decided to journey on to Rome and then to Tuscany.

Rome was a beautiful city so Barb, Barb, and Barb decided to try the Italian language they thought they knew. We weren't accepted most places as their lips were trying to keep up with their hands. So much for speaking Italian when you didn't finish 4 yrs. of it in high school. We do love our Barbs!

Tuscany: Our last stop. As we walked through the village we came to a huge vegetable garden. The vegetables looked wonderful - was that the secret ingredient? We were sure we stumbled upon our answer - soon we would know the truth. We waved goodbye to Italy handling our spaghetti noodles and meatballs (frozen of course) with much care. Arriving at our kitchen door an aroma filled the air - *delizioso* (delicious) *salsa* (sauce) cooking in the big pots on the stove - *buon cibo* (good food) Oh how wonderful - *buon appetito*!

None other than our "Italian Stallion" AKA Dominic Viola cooking the *salsa* (sauce) with that special ingredient - the "love" of cooking so *bene* (good). Getting the meat of the dinner ready, we *lallorari insee me bene* (worked together well). It's hard to believe we traveled to Italy in search of the "special" ingredient only to come back to our own kitchen to find it was there all the time! Such a happy ending! *Ciao* (goodbye).



Many thanks and much appreciation to the following:

Barb Beach
Barb Childs
Barb Hubler
Janice Rose

Cyndi Grilli
Diane Redfern
Cheryl & Dom Viola
Susie Justice