

Millcreek Community UM Church  
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# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" November 2022

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**Millcreek Community UMC**

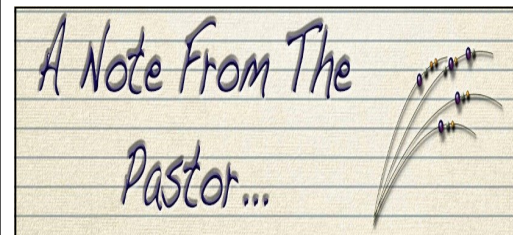
OFFICE HOURS

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Does might make right, or does right make might? Do those with the biggest armies, the best weapons, the loudest voices or the most votes get to decide what is good and right for all? How do we best determine what is right, and what is wrong? Is it possible to compel people, nations or even the church to do what is right? To

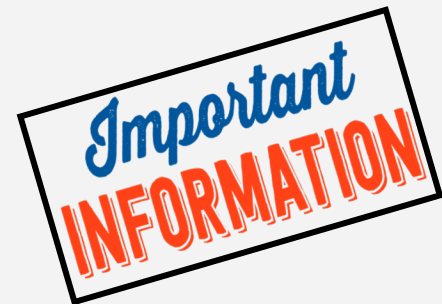
answer such questions, we will need to begin with the start of creation and a fundamental Biblical truth found in Deuteronomy 10:14. The universes and galaxies and everything in between belong to God, from the smallest atom to the largest mass. All life, human and otherwise originates with and belongs to God, and much like the proverbial owner of the ball on the playground the owner sets the rules of the game. Not only does God own the ball, God owns the playground! God is the ultimate authority over right and wrong.

God's desire is for us to make right choices that please Him and avoid making wrong choices that only please us. In simple terms, doing right means loving God and loving others as God loves us and doing wrong means loving the world more than we love God and His Word. The apostle John reminded the early church and is reminding us that if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15). The apostle Paul warned the early church and is warning us not to be conformed to the world (Romans 12:2) To put it bluntly, the church has always been at war with the world. Holy justice demands that battle be fought because souls are at risk. If we allow our understanding of right and wrong to be swayed by popular opinion rather than God's Word, we will not be overcomers and conquerors of the world but partners with those who love it.

By God's design it is followers of His Son Jesus, the true church, that will ultimately help society overcome wrong and do right. If we are to be successful, we will need to be a unified body of diverse believers (not diverse beliefs) with a single purpose: to make the love of Jesus our own, so that hearts might be changed, and His commandments might be kept. To that end, on Wednesday November 30 at 6:00 PM the Millcreek Community church will gather for a special church conference to vote on our future direction as Methodists. My prayer is that we will set aside the enticing ways of the world and choose that which God has consistently revealed to be right. When we love like Jesus and keep His commandments, we will overcome the world! The apostle John reminds us that is the ultimate expression of our love for God. (1 John 5)

Praying for wisdom and discernment....Pastor Greg

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Special Church Conference**  
**(Disaffiliation process)**  
**6:00pm @ Millcreek**

## **LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm**

## **THURSDAY EVENINGS**

**Music Team Practice - @ 6:30pm**  
**Cantata Practice @ 7:00pm**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**11am Pastor's Bible**  
**Study**



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



**Call any prayer requests to**  
**Barb Childs (330-360-6796) or**  
**Mary Lois Floyd (330-782-7683)**



**Join us for LIVE worship**  
**at 10:30 am on our website**  
**[www.millcreek.church](http://www.millcreek.church)**

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



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## **Millcreek Community UMC - Leadership Team Meeting**

**October 11, 2022 @ 5:30pm**

Present: Bill Stilson, Barb C., Susie J., Pastor Greg, Diane Redfern, Steve Easter, Hope Sabanick, Elaine Williams, Barb Hubler

Meeting opened with words from Apostle Paul about "being reasonable"

Minutes approved. No old business.

### **Administrative/Finance:**

Hope will email Treasurer Reports. Investments are down, but things should change

Open congregational meeting following worship on Sunday Oct 16 regarding disaffiliation followed by open congregational meeting Wednesday Oct 19 with Rev. Auman (DS). Leadership to meet on Sunday Oct 23 to vote. If disaffiliation is approved, we will request a special charge conference for congregational vote.

Annual Charge Conference on October 22 – 4pm @ Smith Corners UMC

### **Buildings & Grounds:**

New custodian! Tay Pavuk (SPR meeting in 60 days to assess)

CCTV System for church- Pastor will be ordering soon

Fall workday scheduled on 10/15 – See to-do list on Leadership agenda – start time 10am

Boardman Twp Zoning is still complaining about weeds & enclosure around dumpster –Steve Easter volunteered to handle this

### **Missions:**

Balance of over \$8,000 in Missions

Salvation Army, Rescue Mission & Warren Family requesting donations for Thanksgiving

Making soup on Saturday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and distributing on Sunday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> after worship. All proceeds go to missions

November mission: Protestant Family Services and church in Banes Cuba. Support for Banes Church to be re-evaluated in January 2023

We have asked for donations from local grocery stores for our drive-thru dinners and Thanksgiving meal

### **Worship:**

Poinsettias will be available for Christmas-Brooke creating order form and display  
Dean and the worship team are doing a fine job

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





We are deeply saddened by the loss of Gertrude Marinelli, 90, who passed away on Friday, October 14, 2022. Gert was a long time member of our church and was loved by all who knew her. May our Lord bless and comfort all her family and friends during this time of grief.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**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**  
**Ron (Elaine Williams Nephew)**  
**Sidney Wylie**

## Remember our Shut-ins

**Barb Zautner**  
Morningside House of Ellicott City  
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Room 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

## NOVEMBER



**4th - MaryAnn Dahman**  
**21st - Susan Justice**  
**22nd - Nicole Miller**  
**23rd - Hope Sabanick**  
**25th - Susan McHale**  
**30th - Dom Viola**



# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

- **Bennie H. Sullivan**
- **Mary Elizabeth Hornickle**
- **Sim Shaw Jr.**
- **Harry Ethelbert "Bud" Ross**
- **Verna J. Wylie**
- **Pamela Kim Boston**
- **Arnold Timlin Jr.**
- **Clifford Eugene Hiller**
- **Gertrude Marinelli**



## *"The Mission: Love"*

I certainly was blessed the day God led me to the Mission Team. God's direction regardless of the route, made me embrace His call to serve others and help our neighbors, whose needs were greater than mine. It gave me an opportunity to be a blessing to others. Simply adopting my loving church family, some of whom I listened and watched as I grew to understand the importance of "unity" ~ one God and Father of all. You see, my church family firmly believes "Love Works Here" and I am forever grateful for the generosity they have shown in the support of our many different missions. We have many blessings, our Pastor, our beautiful church, each other and if we continue to follow God's lead and listen to that "still small voice of God", together, we can continue to make the impossible - possible for others.

Bless your hearts with much love,

Susie J. - Mission Team Member

*Making Impossible*  
→ **POSSIBLE**

### OUR OCTOBER MISSIONS:

- ⇒ Warren Family Mission
- ⇒ Salvation Army
- ⇒ Rescue Mission

**EACH** received a check for \$270.00 to go towards their Thanksgiving Dinners!



The Banes United Methodist Church in Cuba received \$500.00 toward their church building. They are putting in flooring, walls, and a roof.

## N O V E M B E R      M I S S I O N



Protestant Family Service is in need of \$25.00 grocery store gift cards for their Adopt-a-Child Christmas program.

We will also continue to help the Banes UMC in Cuba as they work on their building.



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

## SATURDAY

### November 19th

#### 4-5:30pm

*(or until dinners run out)*

