

Millcreek Community UM Church  
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# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" December 2022



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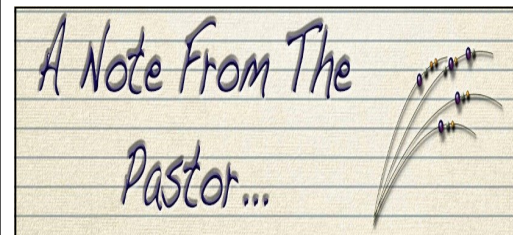
OFFICE HOURS

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On Wednesday November 30, 2022, history was made as members of the Millcreek Community Church voted in a special church conference to sever our relationship with the United Methodist Church. It was not without tears, for our love for those who disagree with that decision remains deep. Even so, as with

our decision a few years ago to merge, our love for Christ and His church require that we make choices that are meant to please God rather than ourselves. Though our act may not rise to the level of change brought about by Martin Luther at Wittenberg or John Wesley in colonial America, we nonetheless followed in their footsteps in holy protest against episcopal overreach and erosion of Scriptural authority and integrity within the church. Much of Ephesians 5 can be seen in our unanimous decision, especially verse 25 that reminds us that Jesus gave His life for the church, that He might sanctify her (make her holy) and present the church to Himself in splendor, without blemish. Though some flaws remain, we remain on His path to perfection. To those ends, we endeavor to walk as children of light always, trying to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

So, what is next? Our disaffiliation will not be "official" until the Annual Conference of the East Ohio UMC meets in Akron, Ohio in June of 2023 and formally approves it. It is our prayer that the conference trustees and delegates will respect the duly taken votes of Millcreek and many other churches who have opted to continue their ministry under a different name and affirm those decisions.

In the meantime, the leadership team at Millcreek will continue to explore whether we should join thousands of other former UM churches who have opted to become part of the new Global Methodist Church. Once we have finished celebrating the Advent and Christmas seasons, there will be ample opportunity to learn about that possibility (unless Jesus should return before then!) As always, your leadership team and I remain committed to bringing you everything needed to make wise and informed decisions that are pleasing to God. If you wish to become part of that team, please join us the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

Though we do not know all that lies ahead, God certainly does. One thing we can know for certain is that Jesus is pleased when we are obedient to His word and live in His love. As we continue our journey of holiness and sanctification, let us remain committed to pleasing God in all that we do, both individually and corporately as His church. Tami and I are praying for a blessed and holy Christmas for you and yours!

Pastor Greg

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Millcreek's Christmas Services

Sun. Dec. 18 @ 10:30am <i>Christmas Cantata Service</i> Special Christmas Music	Sat. Dec. 24 @ 6:00pm <i>Christmas Eve Service</i> Evening Candlelight Service	Sun. Dec. 25 @ 10:30am <i>Christmas Day Service</i> Hymns and Holy Communion
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**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**  
Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**  
Music Team Practice - @ 6:30pm

**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**

**November 8, 2022 @ 5:30pm**

Present: Bill Stilson, Barb C., Diane Redfern, Susie J., Hope S., Elaine W., Barb H., Pastor Greg

Minutes were approved from last meeting.

### **Administrative/Finance:**

All bills paid, loss \$1,852 for the month, giving up \$800-\$1000  
Disaffiliation Charge Conference here at 6pm 11/30 – must be present to vote – possible vote on GMC to follow.  
Agreed to pay apportionments monthly as in the past and not in a lump sum in May 2023

### **Buildings & Grounds:**

Hanging of the greens? Saturday 11-26 @ 10am  
Pastor to order CCTV system for church and parking lot - \$800-1000

### **Missions:**

PFS for November - \$25 gift cards (Adopt A Child) – Also Cuban Church Gifts for residents of a nursing home for Christmas. (Vestal? Humility?)  
Ask social worker for names and gift ideas. Barb C. in charge  
Thanksgiving dinner (carryout) on 11/19

### **Worship:**

Bulk mailing to advertise Christmas cantata. \$500 budget – mail in our vicinity – also put in our thanksgiving dinners  
Lunch after Cantata? Church to order chicken/we will bring salads, etc.  
Diane R. in charge.  
Christmas Eve Service at 6pm and Christmas Day Service at 10:30am

Next Leadership Team Meeting: December 13, 2022 @ 5:30pm



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Cheri Blackann**

**Elaine Williams**

**Harriet Case**

**Jim Lottier**

**Joe Hanna (Elaine's Brother)**

**Kenny Charity & Family**

**Marge Whitacre**

**Marilynn Makar (HOSPICE)**

**P. Mae White**

**Penny Hiller & Family**

**Quincy Penn**

**Richard Bland**

**Ron (Elaine's 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

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**3rd - Ruth Alli**

**11th - Randy Carman**

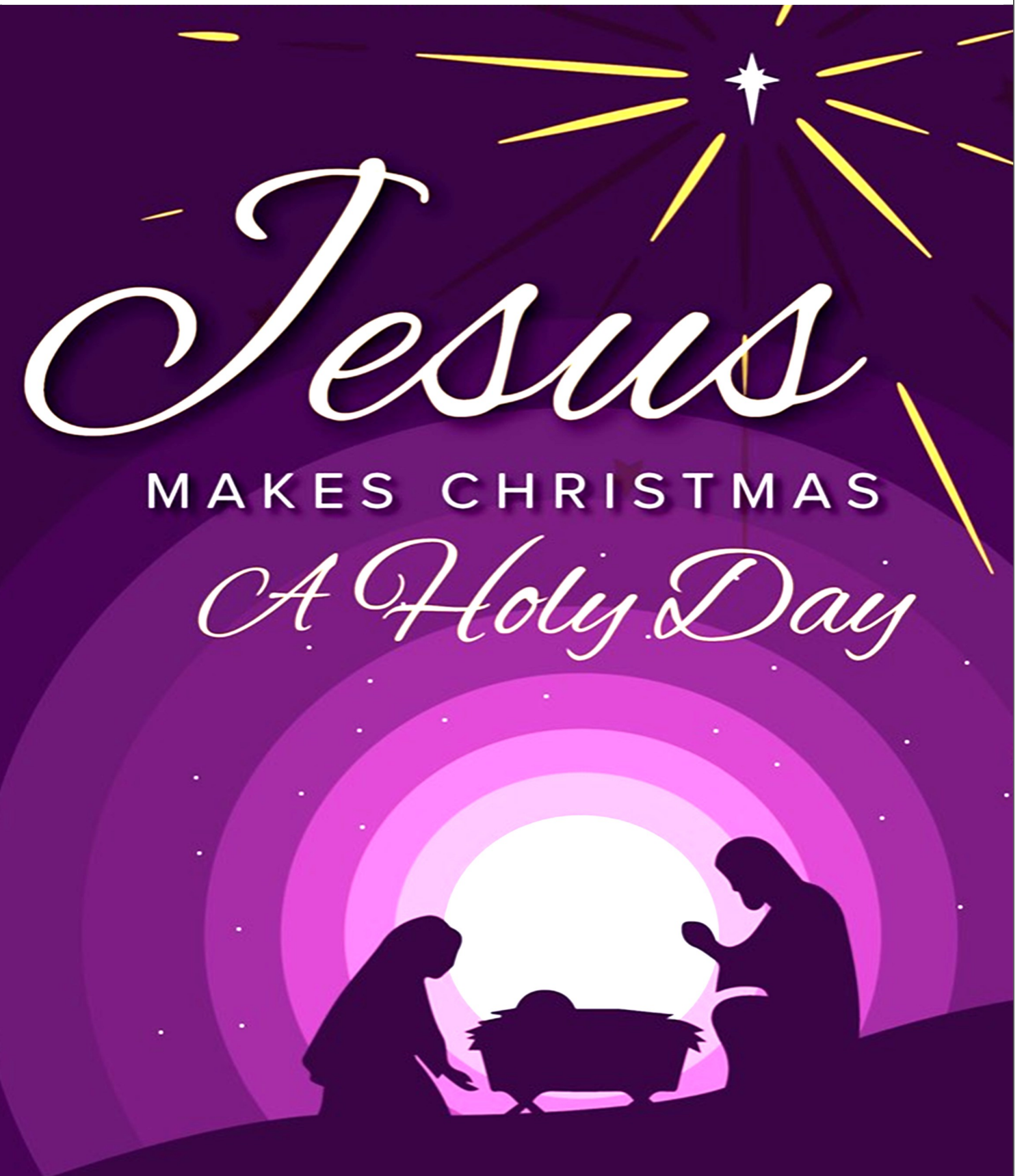
**17th - Gloria Finkley**

**18th - Barbara Hubler**

**20th - Janice Rose**



## Millcreek Community UMC Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 18th @ 10:30am



## *"Missions"*

### Be Bold    Be Believable    Be Brave

November Mission: Protestant Family Service was in need of \$25.00 grocery store gift cards for their Adopt-a-Child Christmas program. Our church was able to supply 34 (\$25.00) gift cards totaling \$850.00 to help make Christmas special for the families in our community.



We also continued to help the Banes UMC in Cuba with a \$500.00 donation. They remain faithful in their efforts to work on their house of worship.

Praise God for our church family who opens their hearts for these missions presented to them. Is it not the importance of unity we have in our church that enables us to give to those in need. We certainly follow God's lead. He gives us the opportunity to bless, and I hope that we can always have the opportunity to bless others and to let them know that Jesus is the way, the truth and the light.

### DECEMBER MISSION:

## **Banes UM Church**

Banes UMC as their commitment to finish their house of worship.



I pray that you will continue this journey with me in the coming new year. Let us make a commitment to work for our church, don't you think God is waiting to go with us on this journey? Sometimes it just takes a step of faith to meet Jesus.

Sincere thank you to my church family,  
May God smile upon you.

Susie J. - Mission Team Member

## **The Millcreek "Turkeys"**

Chef Pastor Greg trained them well! They trotted in behind him into the kitchen on their own, jumped onto the oven sheets and settled down to become a lovely golden brown color, all by themselves in the oven. Every now and again, Chef Pastor Greg checked their temperature to make sure they were done.

We did a lot of 'clucking' as we folded boxes and did some decorating and deciding where to put the chocolate turkey? Inside the box--- a napkin, Thanksgiving Day prayer card and a card that told of our Christmas Church Services.

We continued to do a lot of gobbling like those turkeys in the oven once did and laughed a lot too! The sound of laughter resonated in the kitchen long after each dinner is over. When I walk into the kitchen after a dinner a smile appears on my face, sometimes I just laugh to myself. With the boxes completed we moved on to the cranberry sauce. Wow! That became a real contest. How much cranberry sauce can you get into the container - remember we need 150 containers filled!

This group has talent, but it is limited. They thought they could do the "Turkey-Trot" around the table - like I said their talent is very limited! The Chef suggested they practice for next years Thanksgiving Dinner. It would be nice to see them do the Turkey-Trot out to the cars to deliver the meals... I like that idea, sounds like something we must try! You think we might make the news?

Filling the boxes with dinners began and we didn't quit until all 150 boxes were filled. I believe we did those 150 dinners in 1 hour and 10 minutes. Under our chef's direction all kept focused, using this opportunity to bless and share with our community (following God's lead). So with very grateful hearts we served our Thanksgiving Dinner!

Chef: Pastor Greg

#### The Turkeys:

Diane Redfern  
Sandy White  
Barb & Kevin Hubler  
Cheryl & Dom Viola  
Steve & Louise Easter  
Tami Calko  
Elaine Williams  
Susie Justice

