

Millcreek Community UM Church
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The Beat Newsletter

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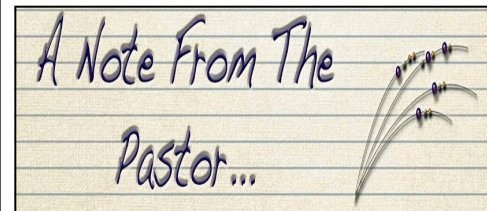
OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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Sir Isaac Newton was a brilliant scientist and mathematician, regarded by many as contributing more to our understanding of physics and natural laws than Albert Einstein. Best known for explaining gravity, he also was a theologian who

had an earnest desire to learn about God. Newton recognized that the universe was such an intricate and complex thing that it couldn't have been the result of some random series of events. Newton proved that without its perfect timing, our solar system would collapse.

While Sir Newton considered God's perfect timing as he sought to understand physics, another wise man considered God's perfect timing as he sought to understand the purpose of human life. His name was King Solomon, and the Bible tells us he had such wealth, knowledge, and power that he would want for nothing. Even so, a glance through the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes reveals that possessing all of the wealth and power in the world does not and will not satisfy the human soul. King Solomon remained a deeply troubled man until he discovered that God offers something greater in life than striving for material possessions and pleasure.

Eventually he recognized what Newton did: God has made everything perfect in its time. Gravity and creation, birth and death, reaping and sowing, weeping and laughing, gain and loss, war and peace are all under His Divine influence and control. God is sovereign over all things, including our lives. That means no matter what we may experience in life, there is a divine cause and a divine purpose behind it. Ultimately, God's purpose for creating us is to bring glory and honor to Him.

As we begin this New Year together, now is a wonderful time to look back and contemplate on where we have been and look ahead in anticipation of where God will lead us in the days to come. His timing is perfect! By nature, we yearn for spiritual things, and Jesus Christ will satisfy that need like none other, if only we allow Him the chance. In difficult and uncertain times, there may be a tendency to be like Solomon and throw our hands in the air and say "what's the use?" But when we recognize that Jesus has a greater purpose and a plan for our life and our church, our toil takes on new meaning. He makes everything beautiful in its time, even less than perfect people such as you and I. Let us continue to glorify Him, in gratitude for all that He has done and will do for us in the age to come.

Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean and Ingrid would like to thank the Millcreek Church family for the generous Christmas gift. Dean would also like to thank all of you for your support as he leads the church in the worship of our Lord, and looks forward to worshipping with you all in the coming year.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
Tuesday 1/10 @ 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

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

December 13, 2022 @ 5:30pm

Present: Bill S., Elaine W., Hope S., Diane R., Barb C., Barb H., Susie J., Steve E.
Diane opened with prayer. Minutes were approved from last meeting.

Administrative/Finance:

- Loss for November
- Apportionments up to date
- Total income \$10,167.59 (normal)
- October income up because of rent
- Investment & Endowment funds both appreciated in Oct. & Nov.

Missions:

- 34 (\$25) gift cards for PFS
- \$500 to Banes Cuba Church
- January – Special Olympics & Wreaths across America
- Steve & Diane will get info about Cuban church & their position (about disaffiliation)
- Barb C. will provide snacks, etc. to two nursing homes & be reimbursed by Missions. We may follow up with small gifts for Valentine's Day. Meridian Arms (Austintown Health) & Omni.

Next Leadership Team Meeting: January 10, 2023 @ 5:30pm

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Devotional reading from 2 Kings:10 & John Wesley sermon "The catholic Spirit"

December Minutes approved

Administrative/Finance:

- Bills are paid/Investments down @ \$12,000
- Global Methodist Church - 1 more information meeting on January 29th following worship
- SPR to evaluate custodian

Building/Grounds:

- Sign is broken-waiting on parts
- Driveway light is fixed/LED
- Furnace for kitchen is on last legs, needs to be replaced
- Pastor's office needs new chair and desk – approved up to \$ 500.00 from Memorial Fund

Missions:

- January dinner in 2 weeks - creamed chicken, etc. 3:30pm-5:30 (130 people)
- Susie passing out cake mix
- Souper Bowl Sunday (1st Sunday in February) Chicken Noodle & Cheddar Potato - made day before.
- Barb Childs - gifts for nursing home for Christmas & Valentine's Day - cookies for Humility
- Talk about Banes next Meeting

Next Leadership Team Meeting: February 14, 2023 @ 5:30pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bert Pharis
 Cheri Blackann
 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 Ohlton Rd.
 Austintown, OH 44515

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1st - Nancy Stark
 4th - Jean Armstrong
 17th - Michael Williams
 24th - MaryLue Shaw
 25th - Adella Fitz &
 Kathy Miller



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



SATURDAY
Jan. 21st
3:30-5:15pm

(or until dinners run out)

**(Cream Chicken Over Biscuit,
 Tossed Salad, Cake)**

**MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR!**

There is a surprise in every dinner box

IT'S A DINNER YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Donations thankfully accepted



**On Sunday, January 29th,
 following worship, we will
 have an informational
 luncheon regarding the
 Global Methodist Church.**

"Missions of Love"

December's Mission, Banos UMC in Cuba received our check in the amount of \$500.00. We pray this donation will help in the continuation of the work on their church building.

Our Mission Team received a letter from the Rescue Mission a little over a week ago sharing the news of an opportunity to "double a matching challenge". So we decided to send a check for \$325 which would be doubled and provide \$650 - twice as much food and shelter for homeless adults and children.

The "Be United In Christ Outreach Ministry" has offered funding for a "Matching Challenge" They've contributed a total of \$25,000 and challenged other donors like you to collectively contribute an additional \$25,000 by December 31st.

We at Millcreek Community couldn't resist! Our check was mailed December 26th.

A Wonderful New Year

Each of us has a part to play in serving God. I believe mine is working with Missions. I am sure all of you play a special part in serving God while we are here on earth. Jesus came to show us the way, the truth and the light. Let us make a commitment to work from our church. God is willing to go with us on our journey. We can find joy in Jesus all year long. After all, God has unlimited vision for us!

Surely we can have a wonderful New Year in our walk with God.

Many thanks to my church family far and near who are so dedicated in supporting our Missions. We have been blessed in giving to 28 Missions in 2022! I humbly pray we can continue to be the light in the lives of those in need and to let them know the love of God.

Many thanks to Pastor Greg & Dean Zawacki, Music Director/
Worship Leader for keeping us focused on Jesus.



In Christian Love,
Susie J. - Mission Team Member

Hear the Good News? Missions Continue in 2023

The Mission Team is blessed to start the New Year with a new mission.



Our story unfolds with our own Kevin Hubler. For several years Kevin has taken on an active part in honoring the Veterans from several different wars. Just this last December 2022, he has helped place Christmas wreaths (1500) in the Girard City Cemetery. The cost of each wreath is \$15. Kevin approached the Mission Team asking if we could consider helping with this mission. He agreed to spearhead this mission keeping us informed on the delivery of the wreaths and the date when they will be placed. Thank you Kevin for bringing this honored service to our Mission Team in honor of those who served our country.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



We are honored to participate in this mission. Just ask Kari Hubler about some of the activities she takes part in. I know bowling is one of her favorite sports. I am sure she will be glad to take on anyone of you folk who think they can bowl 😊

Let's support those young people who take part in these games. Keep in mind you see Kari almost every Sunday as she's very faithful in lighting the church candles.

