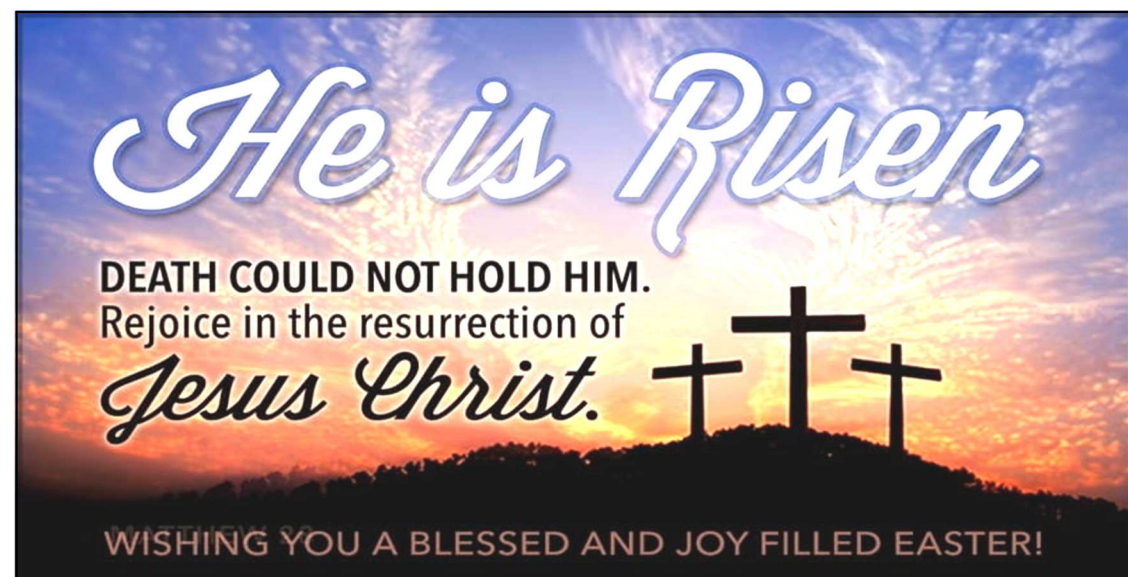


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# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

April 2023



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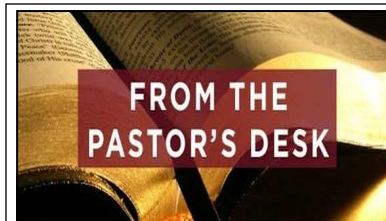
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No matter where Jesus traveled during the short time He spent on this earth, a crowd or in Biblical terms a "multitude" would soon gather around Him. The crowds that greeted Jesus on the first Palm Sunday were made up of two groups of people - a multitude of disciples, who were shouting Hosanna, which means savior, and a multitude of others who were doing everything in their power to get them to stop. Some two thousand years later, the battle rages on. Even so, multitudes are still attracted to Him today, even though His body rose from the dead and departed from this earth more than 2000 years ago.

Some would say the primary reason so many people were and are attracted to Jesus is because of illness and a need to be healed. That may be true, for the Scriptures record numerous examples of that very thing. But not every person who follows Jesus is sick or in need of healing. Some followed Him out of hunger. One of the largest crowds that Jesus encountered was the estimated 20,000 people He fed with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Still others in the crowds are there out of curiosity, wondering if the unbelievable things they had heard about this man named Jesus could be true. Could a tax collector, a harlot, a thief, a pimp, a drug dealer, or a murderer really be forgiven and given a chance to start over with a clean slate? What about those who didn't have the right last name or lived on the wrong side of town and would be afraid to enter the church for fear of being tossed out? Could people like that really have the chance to know God as well as those who came to church since they were 8 days old? Could this Jesus really be different than all of the other gods and religions they had heard about?

The question for each of us to ponder is not why the multitudes were drawn to Jesus, but why we are being drawn to Him. Certainly, there is no need too great for Him to meet. Healing? Hunger? Curiosity? A chance to start over? Jesus helps us with all of those things and offers us something much greater. Jesus is offering to meet the greatest basic need each of us have- to know that God loves us and will provide a safe and secure place for us to dwell on the other side of death, a place where there will be no hunger or pain or unanswered questions.

As you read this, be assured that a huge crowd will always be gathered at the feet of Jesus. The good news is that there is plenty of room for anyone else who wants to join Him. Jesus invites everyone to repent of their sin and join that crowd. Not just any crowd, but the great army of those singing Hosanna, Jesus Saves, Glory to God in the highest. On Easter Sunday, we will see exactly how our personal invitation to join them was made possible. In the meantime, ignore those who seek to ruin our parade and challenge our faith. Pray for our church and our country. Shout Hosanna, for if we don't even the stones will cry out (Luke 19:40). If you listen closely, you might even hear their voices in the distance.... Pastor Greg

# Announcements

## WEDNESDAYS

11am Pastor's Bible  
Study



## SUNDAYS

9am Holy Grounds Café  
10:30am Worship

## THURSDAY EVENINGS

Music Team Practice - @ 6:30pm

## LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday April 18th @ 5:30pm



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



Join us for *live* worship  
at 10:30am 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

March 14, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Beach, Bill Stilson, Hope Sabanick, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern and Barb Hubler

Pastor opened with Romans 12:2 devotional. Minutes were approved from last meeting. No old business.

### **Administrative/Finance:**

Treasurer Report: \$5,000+ giving; \$10,000+ income; \$1,000 missions  
We need a distribution for operating expenses (we do this every 6 months)  
Loss of \$10,000 investments  
\$56,000 – We must transfer money out of endowment fund to pay for our withdrawal from UMC by May 15. We may ask for donations also to help this cost. Congregation vote on this after Easter.  
Evaluation on Tay & Sally - salary, work, etc. first week of April – Wednesday, April 5

### **Building & Grounds:**

Big hole in parking lot – Pastor has cold patch

### **Missions:**

Community dinner March 18  
April Missions:  
Making Kids Count  
Warren Mission – 100 meals  
Banes, Cuba Church \$500  
Rescue Mission

### **Worship:**

Palm Sunday  
Cantata (strip the altar)  
No Maundy Thursday service here  
Good Friday – 7:00 pm at Green Haven  
Easter Sunday 7:00am at Green Haven and 10:30am traditional here

### **Special:**

Global Methodist Church has approved Pastor Greg as Elder  
Meeting closed. Next Leadership Meeting April 18, 2023 at 5:30pm



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Bert Pharis  
Cheri Blackann  
Harriet Case  
Jim Lottier

Marge Whitacre  
Kenny Charity & Family  
Marilynn Makar (Hospice)  
P. Mae White  
Quincy Penn  
Richard Bland  
Sidney Wylie

## Remember Our Shut-ins

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

**Shirley Stauffer**  
Humility House  
755 Ohltown Rd, Rm 20B  
Austintown, OH 44515

**Gloria Finkley**  
  
**Margaret Whitacre**  
Briarfield Manor  
461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 301  
Austintown, OH 44515  
(330) 270-3468

**Marilynn Makar**  
Park Vista  
1216 5th Avenue, Rm 260B  
Youngstown, OH 44504

## April Birthdays



**1st - Sue Springer**  
**14th - Barbara Zautner**  
**16th - Kurt Resch**  
**19th - Quincy Penn**  
**20th - Muggs Ashbaugh**  
**24th - Terry Crosby**  
**25th - Marilyn Makar**

**Happy Birthday**

## The "Irish Beef Stew" Story A Millcreek Community Church Folklore

Our journey to Ireland this year had to be put off, but with the help of some Leprechauns and the "Little People", they brought Ireland to us! As we entered the kitchen door we were greeted with sounds of giggles and happy laughter. Leprechauns were jumping about and flying thru the air. Amid the dancing and squealing of the "Little People" we went to work on the stew.



There were potatoes to peel and cut, carrots to clean and slice, onions to peel and cut and green beans to add. Now remember, this dinner brings out the Irish in us so don't forget to roll your R's and G's and keep that Irish Brogue! Pastor Chef Gregory was beside himself with all the malarkey of the wee little folks, he crossed himself (the good man that he is) and said, "May the Saints preserve us". He asked Barb B to start sauteing the beef; we had the vegetables just about ready.

As we were setting up the food boxes and containers to be filled, "Saint Patrick" himself entered the kitchen. The Leprechauns and Little People hushed their blarney and stopped their tomfoolery to join in the singing with Saint Patrick:

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art.*

*Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*



(Methodist Hymnal pg 451) Sing along as did our beloved kitchen group join in. We formed our line to fill the dinner boxes and we heard St Patrick say he could hear the Emerald Island call to him. Chef Pastor Gregory was saying to us all, "May the Saints Preserve us". The dear man himself, Saint Patrick, yes, he himself left us with an Irish Blessing:

*May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!*

With an Irish Brogue, we hope you enjoyed your Irish Beef Stew Dinner. Maybe, perhaps, it really didn't go this way, but we'd like to think it did!

Many thanks to our Leprechauns who helped prepare this dinner:

Chef Pastor Gregory Calko, Barb H.,  
Barb B., Barb C., Sandy W., Janice R., Hope S.,  
Elaine W., Tom R.

Susie J.  
Mission Team Member



# Millcreek Community Mission Moments

## "March Mission"

The Pregnancy Help Center at the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley exists to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as well as to help clients grow by developing programs to teach personal accountability. A large room has been turned into a "Baby Boutique". Items are needed to supply this room.

The Pregnancy Help Center at 4845 Market St, S-13, Youngstown. These folks have helped minister to women who often choose abortion when in positions such as homelessness, financial insecurity and factors that create vulnerability. In partnering with Rescue Mission, they have helped to introduce them to their Savior Jesus Christ.  
\*Each received a \$300 check.\*

Our Church continues to help in the construction of the Banes United Methodist Church in Cuba. Bless the souls of those continuing to work on this House of the Lord. We were able to send a \$500 check.

## "April Mission"

**MKC - Making Kids Count** partners with over 60 social service agencies and schools in ten counties to provide positive emotional experiences to children and their families by boosting confidence and lifting spirits. They have a variety of programs: Comfort Kits for children entering the foster care system and Best Foot Forward distributing hundreds of boots each winter. Their largest program is the Diaper Bank. We are just in time for their annual diaper drive.

**Warren Family Mission** would like to help feed and care for people this Easter. May we be the light that shines for them. Can you ask yourself if you can enjoy Easter dinner knowing that someone may not eat anything at all that day! I know I cannot without taking part in helping others to enjoy a warm, wonderful meal.

**Rescue Mission** is serving Easter Dinner April 9th from 12:00-7:00pm. Let's help those in need of a warm meal and the friendship of sharing a meal with others.

**Banes United Methodist Church in Cuba:** Our Church has become a light that shines for those continuing the building of the Banes Church.

What a blessing my church family has been to our many missions. All of you here in the pews and those who watch from afar, we are so grateful for your support, prayer and monetary gifts. The continuance of our Mission Program at Millcreek Community Methodist Church depends on each of us. We can all be the light that shines for Christ

Jesus if we stand together and show the love we have for each other to our world. My joy in all of this are the smiles on each face I see on Sunday Mornings. How wonderful our Lord is.

Bless your hearts.

Love, Susie J., Mission Team Member

