

Millcreek Community UM Church  
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# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" June 2023



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**Millcreek Community UMC**

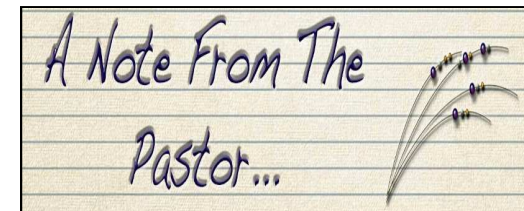
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Mission and Methodism have been inseparable since the founding of the Methodist church. John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist movement, had much to say about mission and our responsibility as members of Christ's church.

Here are just a few of his quotes related to mission gleaned from his sermons:

- *"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."*
- *"You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore, spend and be spent in this work. And go not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most. It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society; but to save as many souls as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance."* (Note: this is not just for pastors!!!)
- *"God grant that I may never live to be useless!"*

How relevant and applicable these words are for us today! Church revitalization comes when we are involved in mission, a word that means to **be sent**. As we say good-bye to the United Methodist Church and hello to the Global Methodist Church, let us make these words of John Wesley our own: *"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions."* Let us be reminded that his dream did not become a reality until he moved far beyond his beloved Church of England. Disagreement and division are good things when God and holiness is in the midst of them.

Your prayers, presence, and support are all needed if we are to make that dream a reality once again. More than one revival happened in Wesley's day and by many indications it seems the time is right for righteousness and restoration to sweep over the land again. The writer of Hebrews reminds us "without holiness, no one will see the Lord", and it is God's plan for the world to see Him through the mission of faithful people like you and me through churches like Millcreek. Truth matters and holiness matters, and we will not deviate from either. Let us learn from the past, prepare for the future, and give God glory and praise while doing it! Pastor Greg



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY

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



## WEDNESDAY

**11am Pastor's  
Bible Study**

## THURSDAY EVENINGS

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

## LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

**Tuesday June 13th @ 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**

**May 9, 2023 @ 5:30pm**

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Beach, Bill Stilson, Barb Childs, Hope Sabanick, Diane Redfern, Barb Hubler, Don Mathews

Pastor opened with Ananias and his wife – “Keep your vows to God” and do not grieve the Spirit. Minutes were approved from last meeting. No old business.

\*\*\*Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tami & Greg!

### **Treasurer/Finance:**

Giving over \$6,000/ \$24,000 for year; Missions \$490  
\$11,000 for income  
Had to pay insurance  
Small increase in Wespath accounts  
May should be last month for apportionments for UMC  
Disaffiliation money has been taken care of

### **Missions/Outreach & Vision:**

May Missions:

Protestant Family Services  
Mother's Day cupcakes  
Banes, Cuba Church  
Rescue Mission  
May 20 carry-out dinner

June Missions:

Someplace Safe  
Sojourner House  
A Place to Call Home  
Banes, Cuba Church

Millcreek has contributed to 16 missions so far this year.

### **Disaffiliation Process:**

Financial part ok  
Legal – need to dissolve old corporation and form new corporation  
National Center for Life & Liberty – we may use them

### **SPR:**

Met with Sally. Increase in pay - approved  
Compensation for Elaine? Meet Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Building & Grounds/Maintenance:**

Good job on clean-up last Saturday  
Parking lot sealed? Steve to get estimates  
New battery in sump pump

Meeting closed. Next Leadership Meeting June 13, 2023 at 5:30pm.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Bert Pharis  
Cheri Blackann  
Harriet Case  
Jim Lottier  
Kenny Charity & Family

Marge Whitacre  
Marilynn Makar  
P. Mae White  
Quincy Penn  
Richard Bland  
Sidney Wylie  
Mark Boston  
Eleanor Harris  
Gerald Johnson



## Gloria Finkley

### Margaret Whitacre

Briarfield Manor

461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 301  
Austintown, OH 44515  
(330) 270-3468

### Marilynn Makar

Humility House

755 Ohltown Rd., Rm 20B  
Austintown, OH 44515

### 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 37B  
Austintown, OH 44515



2nd - Janice Evick

3rd - Josh Ehret

5th - Ruth Abbott & Al Miller

9th - Dorene Oakley

12th - Kevin Hubler

14th - Nora Hiller

23rd - Elizabeth Penn



## Once Upon a Time...Hamloaf

Long ago and far away (actually, not that long ago and not that far away) the "Happy Kitchen" at Millcreek Community Methodist Church was busy preparing our Free Community Drive-Thru Dinner. A dinner of hamloaf, scalloped potatoes, mixed green beans, butter-flake dinner roll and a very Cherry Cheese Danish. Just ask Cyndi and Janice about those hamloafs that Chef Pastor Greg was mixing in a huge bowl. It was Cyndi and Janice molding all those hamloafs into a small loaf pan - loaf pans that Barb B had extra to bring.



May I add Barb C and Barb H were there getting the dinner boxes together, including the decorating and making sure each box had a napkin and a prayer card. Barb H made sure each box had something special to say! A dinner is never well made without our three (3) Barbs, and you are all familiar with them!



Anyway, getting back to the "Hamloafs", well, maybe we better not. If you talk to Cyndi and Janice you'll get the full story! We were hoping this dinner would be well received. The laughter rang through the kitchen hoping we would have folks drive through for those "hamloafs". Chef Pastor Greg was hoping for the same thing - after all it was his menu choice! More laughs were heard...Hamloaf...we all shook our heads and laughed.

But wait! There is more to this dinner than you can imagine - Cherry Cheese Danish! Oh my goodness where do we find Cherry Cheese Danish? Our prayers answered, Mrs. Renita Baker, alias "Cookie" ends this search. Cookie, the dear person that she is, walks into our Holy Grounds Café Sunday School with Cherry Cheese Danish! I couldn't control the expression in my voice - Cookie, where did you find those? Being so gracious as Cookie is, she explained about finding them at Hostess and Dollar General. I began the ride through Mahoning County, in and out of Dollar Generals and the Hostess outlet, buying boxes of Cherry Danish. One day I entered Austintown's Dollar General and I bought the entire shelf of Cherry Cheese Danish. I ended up with 140 of those delightful danish, and I was so thankful to those at the store and to our dear Cookie. Just to let you know, Cookie sits in the back of the church and she also attends Bible Study on Wednesdays. I have much joy in those of our church who often help with our dinners and offer suggestions. Well, such as Hamloaf!

Our Free Community Drive Thru Dinners are a big part of our church missions. We are blest to have Barb B, C & H, Janice Rose, Tami Calko, Diane Redfern, Steve Easter, Cyndi Grilli, and of course our House Chef Pastor Greg. Here's to the Hamloaf and the Cherry Cheese Danish. All are welcome to join this Mission Team. All you need is a sense of humor! See you at our next dinner!

Mission Team Member, *Susie J*

# Mission Moments

## May Missions: May Was a Very Merry Month!

Our main mission for May was supplying Protestant Family Services with personal items and only two food items, that being cereal and jelly. Our church was able to deliver many boxes of personal items along with three big boxes filled with different kinds of cereal and five cases of jelly (about 40 jars).

Many thanks to Bill Stilson and Pastor Greg for loading Bill's truck with all the treasures. At PFS, Bill and I had a wonderful visit with Cathy and her crew as we unloaded the goods. As the boxes were unloaded you could hear the ladies exclaim: "Oh, how great all the personal items! Look at the boxes and boxes of cereal, Wow! We got jelly!"



To my beloved church family, bless your hearts for the many monetary and items given for this mission. Thank you so very much! Praise God from who all blessings flow.

Our Mission Team also sent \$300 to the "Rescue Mission Matching Challenge". The \$300 was doubled to \$600. Amen.

We were able to end this Merry Month of May by sending a \$500 check to sponsor the Banes Methodist Church in Cuba.

## June Missions



### Someplace Safe:

Their mission is to strengthen, empower and enrich the lives of individuals and families



### A Place to Call Home:

Helping young men and women (18-24 years old) get settled in life once foster care has ended



Samaritan's Purse®  
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### Samaritan's Purse:

Ukraine or where most needed

Millcreek continues to support Banes Methodist Church in Cuba



Mission Control,  
Susie J



Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and those who stand in where needed. We appreciate everything you do!