

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" August 2023

**Millcreek Community
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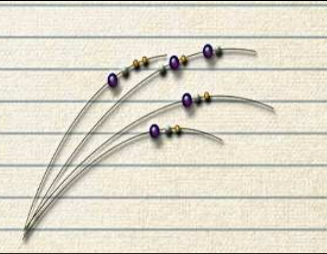
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*



Many of us have experienced the results of violating a basic rule of economics-if we spend more than we have, invariably we will soon become indebted to someone or something. A second rule is that those who keep spending more than they have will likely go bankrupt. When it comes right down to it, economics is a matter of distribution. For thousands of years, people have been trying to figure out how limited resources can be used in such a way that our own needs and the needs of others are met. It is a well-known fact that there is enough food in the world to feed everyone who is hungry. Hunger and poverty are not matters of supply or consumption, but a matter of distribution. Whether one thinks capitalism or socialism is the best answer to the problem, greed and laziness will always prevent a positive outcome.

The disciples of Jesus faced a similar problem with distribution on the side of a mountainside in Galilee one day. There were thousands of hungry people in their midst and a small amount of food in which to feed them. It was nothing they hadn't seen before. Great crowds had followed Jesus from place to place because they had heard that He was a great doctor, someone who could heal them of their infirmities and cure them of their diseases. You might imagine there was pushing and shoving to get the opportunity to be near Jesus, and by the end of the day the disciples had had their fill of it. They were thinking they should send the people on their way since there did not seem to be enough food to feed everyone. After all, didn't Jesus say the poor will always be with us? Tomorrow is another day. It seems they forgot that Jesus was the master of multiplication.

Leaving people hungry wasn't an option for Jesus. He didn't send part of the crowd home so that there would be enough food to feed the few that were left. He didn't take the 5 loaves and two fish and give each person in the crowd a tiny crumb in order to say that He fed them. Jesus did what was right- He taught the disciples to trust in God rather than themselves and believe that what they already had would be sufficient to meet the needs of those who were among them. They soon found that what they had was not only sufficient, but it was also more than sufficient. Five loaves and two fish fed about 8000 people and yet there were 12 baskets left over, exactly enough for each of the twelve disciples to have a late evening snack.

It is true that God can multiply what we already have if we are faithful and willing to share it. (See Proverbs 11:24 and 28:20) That Biblical principle is so important that the account of the loaves and the fish was recorded for us by all 4 gospel writers. Unlike so many things of today, the feeding of the multitudes was no fabricated or staged event. The disciples learned a lesson in distribution and meeting the needs of the crowds more than 2000 years ago, and it is one that the 21st century disciples continue to learn today. God has a way of taking what we think is impossible and making it possible! Let us be reminded that Jesus is still in the miracle business, adjust our way of thinking and go in faith to feed the minds and bellies of the multitudes. There are hungry people among them that are yearning to find the truth. Pastor Greg

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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 August 8th @ 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

**.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 Methodist Church Leadership Team Meeting **July 11, 2023 @ 5:30pm**

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Beach, Steve Easter, Barb Hubler, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern, Hope Sabanick, Elaine Williams

Pastor opened with a devotion from the book "Dead Sea Scriptures" about holiness and living lives pleasing to God. Minutes were approved from last meeting. No old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- June contributions of \$5,000+ from givers
- Methodist Foundation investments- net gains of \$9,000 and \$6,000 for June
- Will pay apportionments to Global Methodist Church in October-new apportionments are about 70 % less than what we were paying to UMC.

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- August Missions:
 - Sojourner House
 - Warren Family Mission
 - Pregnancy Help Center
 - Banes, Cuba Church
- Celebrate Millcreek: August 19?
 - Block party: Food truck, games, cake, t-shirts, etc.
- Millcreek to discontinue sponsorship of the Northside food giveaway due to changes in membership and pastoral concerns. Balance of unspent funds from grant for 2023 to be returned.

Disaffiliation Update:

- Pastor is awaiting confirmation from attorneys that Millcreek Community UMC Ohio corporation is legally dissolved. We still need disaffiliation documents from East Ohio UM conference before quit-claim deeds can be filed.
- Pastor to go on Tami's health care plan- net savings to church \$13,296.00
- Pension plan payment details to be worked out – SPR meeting on July 23 after worship with net savings to church \$2900.00

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Parking lot needs resealed. Steve or Bill to get quotes.
- New Millcreek Global Methodist sign face has been installed on LED sign in front yard.

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting August 8, 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
Barb Childs



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

Gloria Finkley

Margaret Whitacre
Briarfield Manor
461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 317
Austintown, OH 44515

Marilynn Makar
Humility House
755 Ohltown Rd., Rm 20B
Austintown, OH 44515

Quincy Penn
Canfield Place
2300 Canfield Rd., Rm 118
Youngstown, OH 44511



2nd - Pastor Greg Calko
4th - Sandra White
12th - Mary Lois Floyd
13th - Aaden Ballinger & Barb Childs
21st - Diane Redfern
23rd - Lloyd Sloger
26th - Margaret Whitacre



CELEBRATING MILLCREEK COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

BLOCK PARTY

AUGUST 19TH 1:00P - 4:00P

4570 LOCKWOOD BLVD, YOUNGSTOWN



FOOD AND DRINKS
PETTING ZOO, FACE PAINTING
GAMES, MUSIC & MORE!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO
JOIN IN THE EXCITEMENT!

FIND US ONLINE AT WWW.MILLCREEK.CHURCH

Mission Moments

Brought to you by Mission Control

July Missions

We were glad to be able to send \$500 to the Banés Methodist Church in Cuba. Our contributions will help in supplying the needs for their church and help in feeding the neighbors who attend their dinners.



Our Free Community Drive-Thru Dinner, a mission supported by our mission basket and donations from the mail.

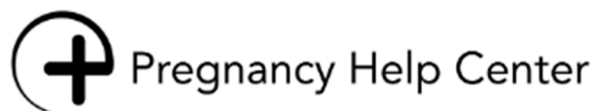
To my church family near and far - Many "thanks" for all you do for our missions. We are very grateful that you continue to support the many missions we are involved in. Because of your dedication, the first six months of this year we have been able to support 24 missions.

Many blessings to all.

With love,

Susie J, Mission Control

Our Missions For August



We will continue to support the Banés Methodist Church in Cuba

May we always be called to follow Jesus.

Where's the Cookout? Follow Me....



Everything we needed was set before us. Wow! That's hard to believe but we are "Believers", Methodist that is!

Our Chef...yes we have a chef...good news for our church. Anyways, Chef Pastor Greg grilled the angus beef burgers and then carefully set them in a roaster to keep warm. We do thank God for the dinner we serve. We have the best Pastor/Chef in town!

So many helpers everywhere, some in the Fellowship Hall working on cakes and putting the stickers on the popcorn bags. Barb, Barb and Kari in the kitchen setting up our dinner boxes and decorating them. Kari was making sure the napkins and prayer cards were placed inside.

Janice and I were packaging the ketchup, mustard and relish.

Oh! Where are the baked beans? We couldn't possibly lose the beans. Are you sure this is a cookout? How could we have lost the beans. Low and behold Barb B had moved all those large cans by herself and begun to get those beans ready. Hurray! We are having a cookout!

Cyndi and Hope were ready with the cakes and the popcorn. Janice and I finished up in the packaging department and Chef Pastor Greg was sure the burgers were ready.

Just as we were lining up: "We're all in our places with bright shiny faces"
You all remember that song?
Yes or maybe No?



Tami came in the door to help us out and to certainly keep us on the right track. Right behind Tami, well shortly after Tami's arrival, in comes Diane. Bless Diane for joining us right after work. Just think, she leaves one zoo just to open the door for another.

Kari did her part in keeping up with the popcorn and the corn-on-the-cob for each dinner box. This could have been a real Hoe-Down!

Many thanks to all who helped make this a most unusual July cookout!

Cast of Characters: Barb Beach, Cindy Grilli, Barb & Kari Hubler, Janice Rose, Diane Redfern, Hope Sabanick, Pastor Greg & Tami

To those who provided the cakes for our dessert - Bless your hearts.

Follow the Lord- our next dinner will be September 16th. Hope to serve you well.

Susie J

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