

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" September 2023

**Millcreek Community
is now part of the
new Global
Methodist Church!**



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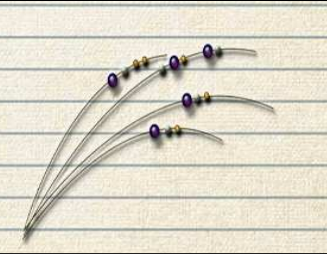
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*



And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. Even though the Scriptures record that God spoke those words to a man named Ezekiel more than 2600 years ago, His purpose for saying them has not changed, and it is that God wants all people to know that He is Lord over all. Ezekiel was a priest and a prophet, a great messenger and deliverer of the word of God to the people of God. The OT book bearing his name is much like the book of Revelation, filled with symbolism, prophecies, signs of coming judgment and visions of God's holiness. In that book Ezekiel is referred to a "watchman" (3:17). Today, we might think of a watchman as an armed guard protecting a Brinks truck or a night guard making his rounds checking for possible intrusions. But Ezekiel's job was not to guard a pile of money or a fancy building, but to watch over and keep God's holy reputation intact. Much like a sentinel that warns residents of a castle of impending danger, Ezekiel was given a direct command from God to relay a message to His people. It was actually more of a warning than a message. People must repent, seek forgiveness, and turn from their sins or perish.

That message may be found in several other places in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. Chronicles 7:14 is one of many examples. At first glance it does sound harsh, yet upon further examination we must admit that it is filled with grace. Unless they are warned of impending doom, people will die in their sin, and it is God's will that people be warned. It is also God's will that His people find the truth and be saved. God appointed Ezekiel to be the watchman to deliver His warning then, and today that warning is still echoing in the hills, amplified by the lips of John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Christ. When God has a message to deliver, He will see that it gets delivered.

The good news is that God desires that all should come to saving faith in His Son Christ. (see Ezekiel 18:23 and 1 Timothy 2:4) He is not sleeping on the job while evil marauders invade the castle but is carefully and patiently calling and redeeming His people who are called by His name. As with Ezekiel, God has entrusted people like you and I in the new Global Methodist Church to help sound the alarm and point the way to safety. Let us be diligent in our calling, as there is also a warning within the warning God sent through Ezekiel that remains in effect today. Those who have the key to the kingdom, those who know the truth, will be held accountable by God if they fail to watch over it. Let us stand guard with all of our might. 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 September 12th @ 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

August 8, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Beach, Barb Hubler, Susie Justice, Hope Sabanick, Bill Stilson, and Elaine Williams

Pastor opened with prayer. Minutes were approved from last meeting and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Increase in investment funds for July
- Net savings of \$35,000 in church expenses per year due to lower apportionments and health care costs
- Closed out Millcreek UMC mission account and returned unspent 2023 grant money for food pantry of \$ 2236.47 to Siedel Trust

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- August Missions:
 - Sojourner House
 - Warren Family Mission
 - Pregnancy Help Center
- September Missions:
 - Special Olympics
 - Wreaths Across America
 - Salvation Army
- Banes church mission completed. We plan to sponsor another overseas church with a Wesleyan connection in the near future
- Block Party: Invitation postcards were sent to over 200 addresses and invited nursing homes
- Possible outdoor worship in September

Disaffiliation Update:

- Disaffiliation process is complete!

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- The parking lot has been sealed and striped
- New switches and check valves have been installed in sump pumps in basement
- Light bulbs in sanctuary replaced
- Fellowship hall door was repaired, and new hardware installed to meet fire code
- Branches around the driveway have been trimmed

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting September 12, 2023 at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Lottier
Kenny Charity & Family
Marge Whitacre
Marilynn Makar

P. Mae White
Quincy Penn
Richard Bland
Sidney Wylie
Barb Childs
Steve Easter
Lloyd Sloger



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



8th - Sidney Wylie
18th - Rev. Mike McHale &
P. Mae White
20th - LaKeshia Boykin
25th - Donna Stevenson
29th - Nathan Stevenson



*Millcreek Community Methodist Church
invites you to our FREE drive-thru dinner!*

SATURDAY

September 16

4-5:30pm



(or until dinners run out)

MENU

- Cream Chicken Over Biscuit
- Fruit Cup
- Dessert

Donations thankfully accepted

Listen to the Mission Bells Ring

Our Missions For August

As we step out in faith, God calls us to serve those in our community and around the world. Each month we are able to help those in need as He calls us to serve. The "Mission Basket" never seems to be empty. It reminds me of the baskets of bread and fish Jesus' disciples fed the very large crowds as he preached the sermon on the mount. We certainly put our trust in God and we follow where He leads us.

Our August Missions were the Pregnancy Help Center - receiving a check for \$250. The Warren Family Mission received a check for \$300 and the Sojourner House received a check for \$275.

Do you hear Millcreek Community's Mission Bells ring?



Our Missions For September

Our September Missions will include Wreaths Across America in which our own Kevin Hubler takes an active part in placing wreaths on our veterans' resting places.

Another one of our missions is Salvation Army - Youngstown. They help families with getting school supplies and snacks for children after school hours.

We will honor our young people who take part in the Ohio Special Olympics. Our Kari Hubler is one special bowler - challenge her to a game!

I know my church family hears the Millcreek Community Mission Bells. Their faithfulness to God sustains our church with love and friendship. Let us always follow the sound of God's bells.

Susie J
Mission Team Member

God, Paul Wetzl and Me

It started out to be a wonderful day - but then I think every day starts out that way. As the day progressed, there was talk of an upcoming storm. Gee, things have a way of going "south". Since some of the storms often stray from Austintown, I really didn't pay much attention and went about my day. Always work to be done.



WEATHER ALERT

Suddenly my cell phone made an alarming sound! The message was clear: Take shelter! Go to the basement or find a room in your home "like a closet". Ha! My closets are always too full to live in!

Soooo, as I have done in the past, I put my TV channel on WKBN27 and, as always, there was Paul Wetzl with a huge colorful weather map! Glory be! As I listened to Paul, I saw places I call home - Mineral Ridge, Berlin, Trumbull County, Warren, Boardman, Youngstown and even Austintown, Canfield and Columbiana. I prayed that family and friends would be safe, asking God to watch over my church family and keep them in His care. God knows how much I care for my church family.

Then as if the sun was coming out (which it wasn't), I thought how many times God and Paul Wetzl got me through storms. ***I was never alone.***

Great day in the morning! We were able to have Music Team practice on Thursday and church on Sunday.



I thank God for watching over us and for the knowledge He gives to Paul Wetzl, Meteorologist WKBN27.

You can be sure the next storm that comes our way it will be God, Paul Wetzl and me.

Glory Be!
Susie J