

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

October 2023

**Millcreek Community
is now part of the
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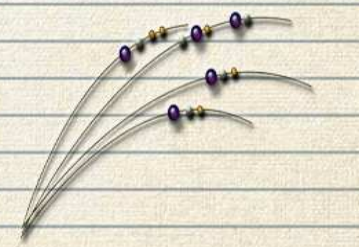
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*



If we are honest with ourselves, we will likely admit that some of life's most challenging lessons come when we are faced with the reality that we aren't in charge. For some of us, that realization came at a young age when a parent, grandparent or older sibling limited our freedom to do something we wanted to do. Others experience it in the workplace or when a life-threatening disease is discovered. No matter what our position in life is, the reality is that every person is ultimately in submission to an authority somewhere. We are in authority and under authority because God has designed creation with that principle in mind. We are descendants of Adam and Eve, and by virtue of that relationship we share the authority God gave them to "subdue" the earth. However, we are also in submission to His authority, His rules, and laws. Not just the Ten Commandments and the entire Word of God, but His laws of nature. The effects of gravity, motion and other laws of physics dictate how we live our lives. Those laws may not be altered, no matter how hard we try.

It is human nature to resist authority and think we are our own boss. Its roots can be traced back to the garden with Adam and Eve. Today we often hear things like who died and made you king? Who are you to tell me what I can or can't do with my own body? Those that think that they are in charge often have a fool for a boss. They might be able to get away with that kind of self-righteous thinking for a time on earth, but they will find out how wrong they were when Jesus returns to judge the earth. On that day every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Good News is that Jesus is the best boss you and I can ever have. Because He is fully human, He understands our faults, our shortcomings, and our temptations. Because He is fully divine, He alone offers forgiveness and redemption to all who make Him Lord of their life. Making Jesus our Lord is knowing that we are not the boss, and He is. Making Jesus our Lord is believing our place in His kingdom is secured by His sacrifice, not ours. Making Jesus our Lord is having trust and faith that everything He asks us to do or even commands us to do in His earthly kingdom prepares us to become the best we can be in His heavenly kingdom. He is Lord! We are not.....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 October 10th @ 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 **September 12, 2023 @ 5:30pm**

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

Pastor opened with devotions from Acts 5: "Go and be my witness." Minutes from last meeting corrected – Diane's name added as attending. There was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Block Party – Cost after donations was approximately \$3000. Well worth the expense
- August contributions decreased but we received anonymous \$1000 gift for missions
- Operating loss due to parking lot repair and block party
- Methodist Foundation decrease of \$6,000 in investments and \$8,000 in endowment

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- September Missions:
 - Special Olympics
 - Wreaths Across America
 - Salvation Army
- October Missions:
 - Samaritan Purse
 - Protestant Family
 - Warren Family Mission
- Agreed to sponsor a new church in Cuba. Monthly support for \$100/month? Pastor to share more information on this at our next monthly meeting. ChristforCuba website
- Soup Sale on October 22nd - chicken noodle and potato cheddar
- Returned \$2,236.47 to Seidel Foundation
- Advent Retreat on Saturday, Dec 2nd. Food, fun and fellowship. Pastor booked Birch Hill cabin in Millcreek Park. More info to come.
- Worship in the Woods Sept 24th - rain date Oct 1st.
- Hanging of the Greens Nov 26th? Dean and pastor working on Christmas Cantata-maybe a skit?

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Pastor replaced burnt out fluorescent light tubes in kitchen.
- Agreed to update kitchen lights to LED – approx. \$450.00 Andre Scott will install at no charge along with remaining old ones in fellowship hall.
- Carpet in the sanctuary needs to be cleaned – Bill to get quotes
- Exit doors in foyer and sanctuary doors need weatherstripping-pastor to order/install.

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting October 10, 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
Terry Crosby
Terry Jarocki



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

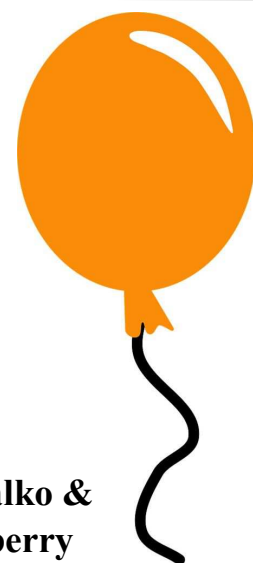
Shirley Stauffer
Humility House
755 Ohltown Rd, Rm 37B
Austintown, OH 44515

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 - Rev. Wanda Wilson
4th - Don Rotar
6th - Mark Boston
7th - Ora (Bud) White
9th - Brooke Stull-Scott
12th - Dolly Bennett



16th - Tami Calko & Nevett Granberry
17th - Lenora Jefferson & Keith Makar
21st - Louise Easter
27th - Syesha Shaw
30th - Elaine Williams



Pastor Greg will be attending the convening conference of the Allegheny West Annual Conference October 12th -14th. He will be officially ordained into the Global Methodist Church Saturday, October 14th at 1:00 pm. The conference and ordination will be livestreamed and the link can be found at <https://alleghenywestgmc.org>



MILLCREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH SUNDAY SOUP SALE OCTOBER 22, 2023



Buy 2 quarts of soup & get a snack size bag of chips!

- ♦ HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
 - ♦ HOMEMADE POTATO CHEDDAR SOUP
- \$8.00 per quart/\$4.00 per pint
(suggested donation)

ORDERS DUE
BY OCT 15TH

Invite a friend to church!



The Mission Bells of Millcreek Community



As the Mission Bells ring at our church we listen for the sounds that lead us to remember our neighbors who are in need of our help. I believe we are led by our Lord Jesus Christ to help feed the hungry and care for the lonely and lost. Jesus showed us how to be caring for those who need direction and a place of warmth at night. My Church Family hears those bells and answers their call. I pray God blesses each one of you that help our missions grow even stronger to reach all we can. Bless your hearts,

Susie J

Mission Team Member



In September we have been able to give to the following:

Salvation Army - Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, Ohio

A check for \$350

Special Olympics of Ohio - Columbus, Ohio

A check for \$400

Wreaths Across America - Christmas wreaths for our veterans from all our wars and confrontations. Our own Kevin Hubler takes part in this at Christmas time.

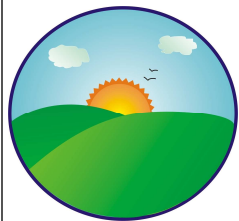
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OCTOBER MISSIONS

During the month of October we would like to help the agencies in our surrounding neighborhood with the preparation of their up and coming Thanksgiving dinners.

Our church will sponsor a free community dinner Saturday, November 18th 3:30 pm -5:00pm or until dinners run out. *Dinner Yum!*

The Mission Team will have information about the Methodist Church in Cuba later this month. Looking forward to helping another church get started.



We know our way around our church kitchen and we are anxious to keep that kitchen humming. Great day in the morning! We are making our famous chicken noodle and potato soup! A quart of soup will be \$8 and a pint will be \$4. Of course, if you buy 2 quarts you will receive a snack-size bag of chips! Orders are due by October 15th and your soup can be picked up after church on October 22nd.



Thank you for the privilege of serving you. It makes my heart always sing of the Goodness of God. *Susie J, Mission Control*



Food for thought: Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart.



Eat More Beef! Mooooo - Mooooo



Quick! Grab those chickens, off with their heads! Immediately the feathers went flying...they look to be really nice chickens even when they lost their heads. They sort of kept on squawking, by the way do chickens squawk? Well, I don't know because I am not from a farm, I'm more or less riding the range (in my dreams). Back to our menu: cream chicken over biscuits, yum! Our Chef Pastor Greg had everyone working on this dinner.

Cheryl and Cyndi were in charge of picking the meat off the chicken bones. With tender loving care they picked those bones clean. With a happy look on their faces, well you just knew things were going good.

Remember Barb, Barb and Barb. All three showed up and Barb H got very busy decorating the dinner boxes. Barb B was helping with cooking the chicken alongside with our Chef Pastor Greg. Barb C was busy with the computer and helping with Sunday's service - oh no the computer screen just went blank - I am sure it wasn't Barb's fault! We'll give her something to do in the kitchen, just keep the "fire extinguisher" close by!

Hurray! Kari came to help with bagging the cookies and making sure the prayer card and napkins were in the dinner box. She is my one sure worker and knows what she is there for. You go girl!!

We were honored to have Diane come to help us out - she didn't have to work at the "Pools by Diane" place and that made us happy. She volunteered to clean and slice the carrots along with the celery that needed cleaned and cut. What a great dinner this is going to be.

Barb, Elaine, Cyndi and a few others got busy with the fruit cups - Wow you never saw so many work on this project. It was funny to watch! Janice continued to bake the biscuits, and what a wonderful smell in the kitchen. The aroma of those biscuits made me think about how wonderful the dinner was going to be. I was ready to eat the biscuits. Finally, Tami entered the kitchen and I quickly asked her to please serve the cream chicken over the biscuits. She definitely knows how to serve up a dish.

When you think about how this dinner started out with those chickens running wild, they knew that they would be creamed and end up on delicious biscuits.

Someday when we get real good at preparing these dinners I think we'll have tours going thru each step of our preparation. We wouldn't charge much admission, even though our helpers who faithfully come to get these meals together are "First Class Dinner Servers".

Cast of characters: Pastor Chef Greg Calko & Tami, Barb B, Barb C, Barb H, Kari H, Cheryl V, Cyndi G, Diane R, Janice R, Elaine W

