

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" November 2023

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



YOU CAN FIND US ON *Millcreek Community Methodist Church*



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The writer of the 12th chapter of Hebrews uses the imagery of a race or sporting event to describe our faith journey. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us". For most of us, that race will be more of a marathon than a sprint. Running with perseverance means we won't give up before we reach the finish line. We stay in our lanes and anticipate the joy that comes when we finish the race. We also follow the rules. Can you imagine a ballgame without rules, markers, referees, or penalties? Might be fun to watch, but few of us would enjoy playing such an unfair game.

Race or ballgame, preparation is an important part of training for any athletic event. Good football teams become great football teams when they devote much time to practice and conditioning and study their opponents' strengths and weaknesses. It's much the same with our spiritual life. In verse 12:12-13, we are told to "strengthen our feeble arms and weak knees and make a level path for our feet". Simple things done consistently- prayer, fasting, Bible study, regular Sunday worship, reading Christian books and enjoying Christian music are an important part of the faith strengthening process. It is likely we won't reach the finish line without practicing those spiritual disciplines. This is not only for our benefit, but for those who may be watching us from a distance or following close behind. Never underestimate the influence you have on those God has placed in our path.

Perhaps the most important verse in the entire book of Hebrews is 12:14. "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord". Can you imagine living in peace with all people? Holiness is not so much the lack of penalties or fouls, but how many points were scored and how many defensive plays were made. In other words, its not so much what we *don't* do, but what we *do* with our God given talents and abilities that leads us to the path of holiness. We do want to stay between the lines, play a mistake free game, and avoid fouling another player. We can't do that alone. Take a moment right now, acknowledge God's love and providence, and ask Him to fill you anew with His Spirit. If we are truly giving every last bit of ourselves, we will need that second wind. Take time to be holy! 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, November 14th @ 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 October 10, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern, Bill Stilson, and Elaine Williams

Pastor opened with devotions from Ephesians 4:11-16- building up the body of Christ.
Minutes from last meeting approved. There was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Finance report approved. Net operating loss for September \$ 1984.00
- Methodist Foundation decrease of approx. \$10,000 in investments and \$7,000 in endowment.

Administrative:

- Charge conference Sunday Oct 22nd @ 1:30 PM with light meal before
- Leadership team roster to remain the same as 2022-new members always welcome

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- T-Shirt Sunday October 22nd
- Sponsoring Monte Feria Church in Cuba for \$150/month minimum with initial gift of \$500.00
- Hanging of the Greens after worship on Sunday Nov 26th (Light meal before)
- Christmas Cantata "Once Upon a Holy Night" Christmas Eve morning during 10:30 AM worship
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 PM
- Sip n Paint in February? More info to follow at November meeting

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Carpeting in sanctuary and offices have been cleaned
- Pastor getting bids on new furnace for narthex/kitchen area
- Sanctuary doors weatherstripping has been installed

Meeting closed with prayer by Susie.

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
Joann Vitto



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



4th - MaryAnn Dahman

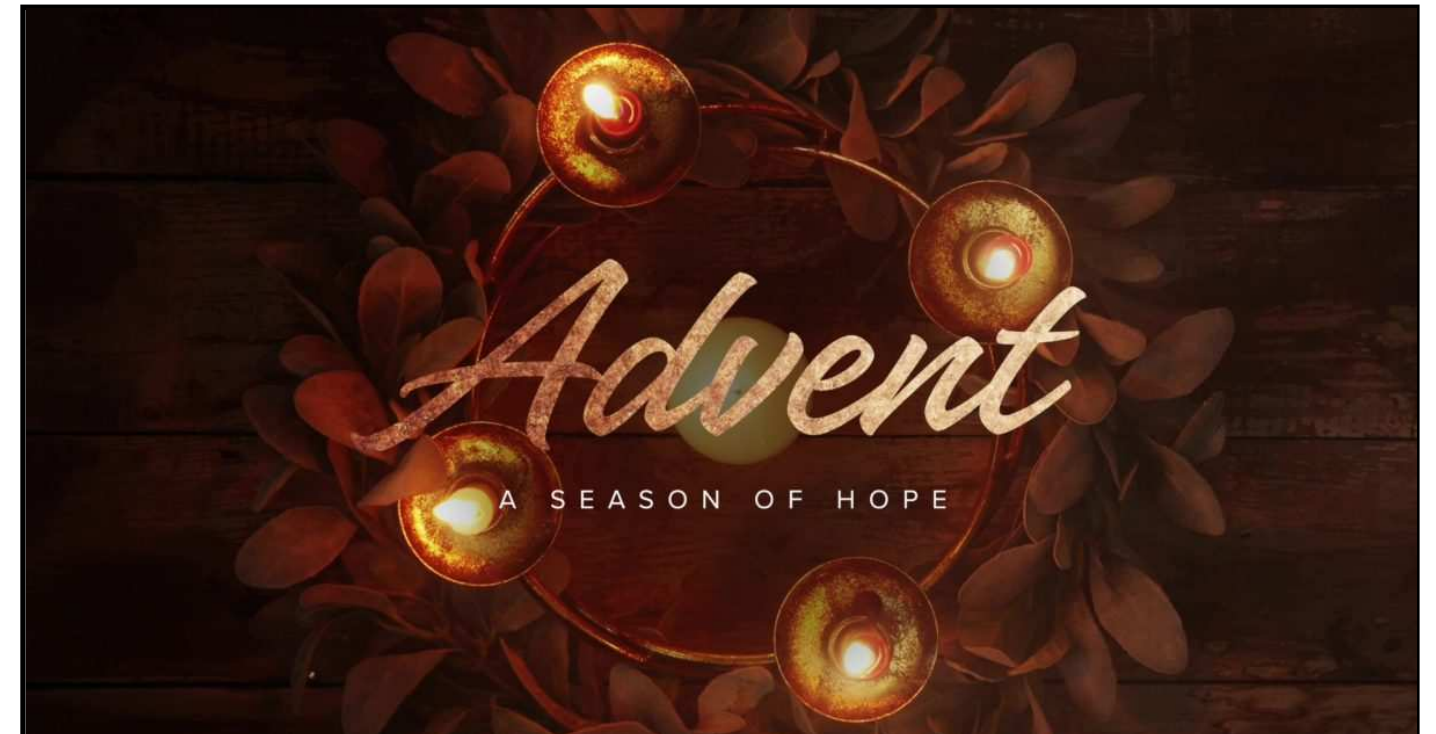
21st - Susan Justice

22nd - Nicole Miller

23rd - Hope Sabanick

25th - Susan McHale

30th - Dom Viola



Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 2nd

9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Birch Hill Cabin in Millcreek Park

Join us for Music, Food, Fellowship
and Spiritual Growth

Space is limited to 40 people ~ sign up now!
(Sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office)
Bring a snack or brunch casserole to share.



Missions: Onward We Go!

As the Mission Bells ring, we answer the call.
Listen for those Bells to Ring!



October's Missions began with Warren Family Mission in which we sent a \$300 check for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Samaritan's Purse: Israel - to help care for those families who have lost so much and need a place to stay and food to help nourish them. They received a \$300 check.

The Church of Monte Feria in Holguin, Cuba received \$500 start up for the church they are building. We will continue to help with their church, sending \$150 a month.

Protestant Family: We will continue to collect cereal (Aldi), Jelly (Aldi) and Rice (one pound bags). These are the items that are needed for families.

Saving the Soul?

Soup for the Soul: On October 21 we gathered in the church kitchen to make chicken noodle soup and potato soup. Oh what fun! Sure it was fun - all you could hear was "We need more noodles. Keep peeling those potatoes! These pots need washed! Are the carrots cleaned and sliced? Is someone cutting the onions? We have some greenery over there-who needs that? Cut the potatoes somewhat larger the small ones got too mushy! There's more pots and lids to wash!" Oh What Fun just keep the noodles coming! The soul really needed the soup!

Many thanks to: Barb Hubler, Janice Rose, Diane Redfern, Ken & Dolly Bennett, Susie Justice, Cheryl Viola, Elaine Williams, and Pastor Greg. Bless your hearts for helping Missions make \$500 from the sale.

We hope you enjoyed your soup! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Amen!

Susie J, Mission Control

November Missions

- Protestant Family Service: In need of cereal (Aldi), jelly (Aldi) and one pound bags of rice. Helping a family for Christmas - \$25 giftcard for food, \$25-50 giftcard for food and/or Walmart gifts for children.
- Church of Monte Feria in Holguin, Cuba
- Samaritan's Purse - Ukraine, Israel



Susie's Fun Corner

Anyone who isn't confused doesn't really understand the situation.
-E Murrow

Due to current financial restraints the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off until further NOTICE.

God's Goodness

As I sit at my kitchen table I can look out my sliding doors and watch beautiful colored leaves fall gently on the ground. The goodness of God allows us these moments to remind us of the beauty He creates for us.

This October God has blessed our church in many beautiful ways. We praise Him for our Sunday School hour before our worship service starts on Sunday. Our Bible Study group which meets on Wednesdays usually has 12-14 who attend. Thankfully our Praise Team is led by our director, Dean Zawacki, who never gives up keeping us in tune and trying to keep us in time!

But the Highlight of this October was not only becoming a Global Methodist Church which filled us with a renewed spirit and gave us happy hearts, but on October 15th all could witness our Pastor Greg being ordained as Reverend Greg Calko. Surely it was the Goodness of God that blessed our Pastor Greg and our church. Let us give thanks to God and praise Him for so many wonderful gifts.

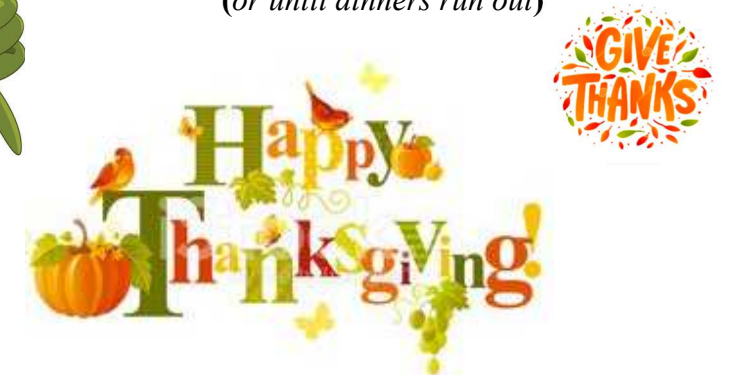
Susie J, Mission Team Member

FREE Drive-thru Dinner

Saturday, November 18th

3:30pm - 5:00 pm

(or until dinners run out)



Dolly & Ken Bennett will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on November 28th! May they be blessed with many more years!