

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

April 2024

He is risen

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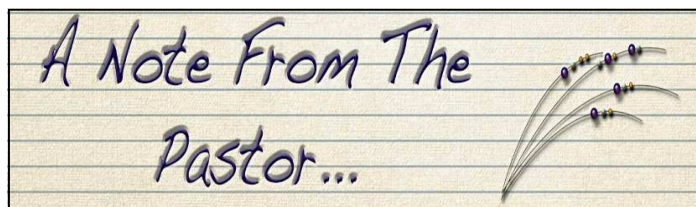
OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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Hymnwriter Elisha Hoffman, (who once served a church in Napoleon, Ohio) asks a series of pointed questions in one of his best-known hymns. Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Have you been to Jesus

for the cleansing power? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Do you rest each moment in the Crucified? Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright? John Wesley was known for asking something similar. Are you living in inward and outward holiness? Is your faith in Jesus refining and perfecting your love? Those who answer yes to those questions need not fear the horrific judgment of God described in Revelation 6-20. The wrath of the lamb is a terrible thing, but the blood of the lamb washes away sin and the sting of death from those who repent and believe in the Gospel. The blood of the lamb makes us holy and makes us fit for heaven. That is the good news of the gospel. If we are to believe it, we must also believe the bad news of Good Friday.

On that day, Jesus' death shook the world apart, but His resurrection brought a promise that He would put it back together again. Revelation 21 gives us a glimpse of what it will be like. Humanity, illness, and disease can steal our life away now, but the good news is that we know that there is One, only one, who has demonstrated the power to give it back. His name is Jesus. That is good news, and it gets even better! Not only did Jesus rise from the dead but He chose you and I to rise with him. The question is why? Why would he choose sinful people like you and I and offer us not just life but a perfect life after death, one free of pain, heartache, and sin? The answer is simple: because He loves us. Certainly nothing we have done or will do merits that kind of love. It is only by His grace that we are saved and because of the resurrection what was once a mystery is a mystery no more. We no longer need fear the grave.

Even so, the spiritual battle with Satan that began in the Garden of Eden continues to be fought. However, we know how that holy war ends. The Scriptures tell us that we will join Jesus and celebrate His victory at the end of the age. Considering that, let us live as people that are being raised from the dead instead of dying as people overcome by fear and unbelief. Let us continue to share His story- and our story- of how the Risen Christ has changed our lives forever. Let's share it with those that we love and with those that we are learning to love- in order that we might be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed and made alive by His blood. Christ is risen! He is alive, and so are we! 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, April 16th @ 5:30pm

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

9:00am 2nd Saturday of each month at Petro in Hubbard



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 March 12, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern and Elaine Williams

Pastor opened with 1st Peter – words of encouragement through suffering. Minutes of last meeting were approved and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Received Wespath distribution of \$45,000
- The investment and endowment funds are up \$10,000
- Apportionment for Global Methodist is \$3,000 for year

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- Free Community Dinner on March 16th - Irish Stew
- March 24 is the last Sunday to collect medications for Cuba
- Start doing one mission a month
- Men's Breakfast to begin 9am on 2nd Saturday at Flying J in Hubbard
- Block party is set for August 10. Rain date will be August 17
- Millcreek Metropark Christmas Tree \$75.00. Betsy will organize theme and decorating

Worship:

- Good Friday 7pm and Easter Sunrise 7am at Greenhaven
- Regular 10:30am service on Easter at Millcreek
- Easter 9am – small continental breakfast?
- Diane will lead service April 7
- April 14 will be Communion Sunday

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Red Robes on EBay
- New lights are in mission closet
- Get a defibrillator for church?

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting April 9, 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Lottier
Marge Whitacre
Marilynn Makar
P. Mae White

Sidney Wylie
Barb Childs
Lloyd Sloger
Joann Vitto
Lou Stark
Dawn Crosby
Shirley Stauffer



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

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

Gloria Finkley
Caprice Health Center
9184 Market St, Rm 604
North Lima, OH 44452

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

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

Barb Childs
Shepherd of the Valley
7148 West Blvd, Rm 306
Youngstown, OH 44512

April Birthdays



1st - Sue Springer
14th - Barbara Zautner
20th - Muggs (Mary)
Ashbaugh
24th - Terry Crosby
25th - Marilyn Makar



The Ringing of Our Mission Bells in Cuba



The month of March was dedicated to gathering Over-The-Counter medications for the Church of Monte Feria in Halquin, Cuba.

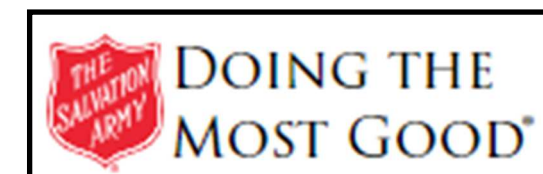
Our church family has provided \$450 to \$500 worth of medications to these people who cannot get medication at the military stores.

Pastor Greg will have them sent to Dan Christopherson at the Southwest District Mission Program, Inc. in North Venice, Florida. Dan will in turn make sure our supplies will reach the Church of Monte Feria in Cuba.

I hope you will join me and pray that these souls in Cuba receive the medications that are so needed. We have been very blessed - our God is an Awesome God and I am thankful for a church family like you folks from Millcreek Community Methodist. May we always try to have a heart like Jesus.

Love to each of you,
Susie J., Mission Team Member

April Missions:



FLOWER GIRLS

Unbeknownst to our church family, Millcreek Community Methodist has "Flower Girls". Twice a year, Easter and Christmas especially, and of course Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, they come tiptoeing to help decorate our church for the different holidays and season.

We are certainly blessed to have the help of these flower girls. When you see them, be sure to say "Thank you" for making our church look beautiful!

The Flower Girls:



Barb Hubler, Susie Justice, Sally Kurjan,
Diane Redfern & Sandy White

The Ode to St Patrick - A Millcreek Community Folklore

As we prepared the "Irish Beef Stew" our thoughts were on the time we traveled to Ireland. (Remember to roll your R's & G's to maintain the Irish Brogue.)

Our dear Reverend Gregory Calko journeyed to Ireland in search of St. Patrick himself. Our thoughts were surely on our dear Reverend as he sought the secret recipe of this wonderful stew!

Potatoes had to be cleaned and peeled as well as diced along with carrots and onions. The little people had peelings flying through the air. The malarkey that the "wee little ones" were creating kept us on our toes. The Leprechauns took time out to sing a few verses of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and yes indeed they are sure to steal your heart, but such blarney wasn't needed. Dinner boxes, containers and the stew had to be ready for the secret ingredient our Irish Stew needed.

Such tomfoolery those "wee little folks" kept up - flying through the air, singing Irish tunes, hanging upside down - what were we all to do?

"May the Saints preserve us" the doors flew open and in walks our dear Reverend Greg Calko with St. Patrick himself! I believe they were attempting to sing our Methodist Irish Hymn "Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my Heart" (pg 451 in the humn book if you care to sing along). Our beloved kitchen help joined in the song.

With the secret ingredient added to our stew, instantly it turned it into "Irish Stew"! May the Saints preserve us.

Forming the line to get the meals packed our beloved Reverend Gregory and St. Patrick blessed the dinner and St. Patrick thought it time to journey back to the Emerald Island; he longed for home. But, before he left, he spoke of a song about rainbows and every good thing. It did catch the attention of the Leprechauns and those "little people".

Our church sang this song years ago as I remember. Let us look to the rainbow and follow along....

On the day I was born, said my father, said he,

I've an elegant legacy waitin for ye.

Tis a rhyme for your lips and a song for your heart, to sing it whenever your world falls apart.

Look, look, look to the rainbow. Follow it over the hill and stream.

Look, look, look to the rainbow, follow the fellow who follows a dream.

"May the Saints preserve us" especially those who answered the call to help with our Irish Stew Dinner!

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING LEBRECHAUNS:

Keith Makar
Kevin Huber
Janice Rose

Barbara Beach
Lisa Schwab
Tami Calko

Our dear Reverend Gregory Calko

To my dearly loved church family, many thanks for your support for our missions. I am ever grateful to those who send donations through the mail and to those who attend on Sunday and donate to our Mission Basket.

An Irish Blessing to All:

*May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours
wherever you may roam.*

*May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all the passing seasons bring
the best to your and yours!*



****Susie's Fun Corner****

Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart.



Think big. It's hard to surf on a toothpick.

From my heart to yours,

Susie J., Mission Control