

Millcreek Community Methodist Church  
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# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

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By the time this article reaches most of you the first three weeks of the 2024 Lenten season will have passed. As we look ahead to Holy Week and the joyful promises of Resurrection Sunday, it is a good time to reflect

upon the writings of the prophet Isaiah. One of the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, his credentials as a spokesman for God were firmly established by several prophecies he recorded that were fulfilled in his lifetime. He accurately told of the defeat of some of Israel's greatest enemies, and even told how one of those kings would die. He accurately told of the Lord's healing of King Hezekiah's illness months before it took place. Long before Cyrus became King of Persia, Isaiah revealed that he would be the one to deliver Judah from Babylonian captivity. Isaiah 53 contains perhaps the clearest OT revelation of the coming crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Certainly, such a prophet merits our eye and our ear, as we can learn much from his ancient writings.

Isaiah 42:6 is no exception. It is a most important passage for us modern Christians, as it establishes the reason that God sent our Lord and our guide Jesus Christ to dwell on this earth for a brief period some 2000 years ago. In this most sacred verse, Isaiah records a promise that God made with him (and to Jesus). "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles". That promise of God was kept, as the writings of Isaiah remain part of the modern Hebrew Bible, and they illuminate the coming of Jesus Christ like no other OT prophet.

God called Isaiah in righteousness and God called His Son Jesus in righteousness. God called Isaiah to be a promised light to the Gentiles, and God sent His Son to be that promised light. God's promise is that Jesus Christ will be given to His people, and that promise is irrevocable. It can't be taken back. Jesus Christ will remain with us forever to be our light and guide, in other words to open our eyes to God's way, to free us from the prison of our sin. Throughout the ages of time, Gentile and Jew alike can know God through His Son Jesus Christ and understand what He desires and demands from us.

It is not wrong to believe that God's promises of Isaiah 42:6-7 also extend to us. As part of Christ's church, God calls us to righteousness (holiness!) and to be light in a world of great darkness. We are found righteous through the work of Jesus on the cross. Great light comes when that truth is boldly proclaimed. The assurance that God keeps His promises is found in the empty cross of Jesus Christ and the glory of Resurrection Sunday. His cross is empty, but His promise is not. Jesus died to make us holy and to free us from the prison of death. Let us recommit ourselves to sharing that truth bountifully and gracefully. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday 7:00 PM & Easter Sunrise 7:00 AM at Greenhaven Mausoleum in Canfield with Smith Corners and West Austintown GMC.  
Regular 10:30AM service at Millcreek.

## 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, March 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](http://www.millcreek.church)

.Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at  
[pastorgreg@millcreek.church](mailto:pastorgreg@millcreek.church) or by phone at 330-782-0573.

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## Millcreek Community Methodist Church Leadership Team Meeting February 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm

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

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

### Treasurer/Finance:

- Several repairs last month – fellowship hall furnace, backup sump pump
- Operating shortfall for February of approx. \$5,000. The investment fund and endowment fund are each down approx. \$1000.
- Approved transfer of \$45,000 distribution from Wespeth investment fund into operating fund to cover church expenses for 2024.

### Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- March Missions:
  - ◊ Warren Family Mission
  - ◊ Rescue Mission
  - ◊ Church Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba
  - ◊ Protestant Family Services
  - ◊ Drive-Thru Dinner March 16 – Irish Stew
- Soup sales should reach \$400-will be used for mission projects in 2024.
- Collecting medicinal items for Cuba church until end of March
- Put summer block party on agenda for next month.

### Worship:

- Discussed new hymnals (Seedbed Hymnal). Minimum order of 40 @ \$29.95 each. Will consider funding drive this fall.
- Dean will be on vacation March 3 & 10. Sherry and H Blackann filling in March 10
- Ash Wednesday 6:00pm
- Good Friday 7:00 PM & Easter Sunrise 7:00 AM at Greenhaven Mausoleum in Canfield with Smith Corners and West Austintown GMC. Regular 10:30AM service at Millcreek
- Pastor on vacation the week after Easter

### Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Balcony storage closets cleaned out. Old choir robes to be put on E-bay and old electronics to be recycled.
- Tree trimming needed – Bill to get quotes.
- Need brighter light in fellowship hall closet.

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting March 12, 2024 at 5:30pm.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Lottier  
Kenny Charity & Family  
Marge Whitacre  
Marilynn Makar

P. Mae White  
Quincy Penn  
Sidney Wylie  
Barb Childs  
Lloyd Sloger  
Joann Vitto  
Lou Stark  
Mary Ann Dahman



**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**  
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 Ohltown Rd, Rm 20B  
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**Quincy Penn**  
The Addison of Cornersburg  
2300 Canfield Rd, Rm 118  
Youngstown, OH 44511

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



6th - Henry Fetty  
10th - Evelyn Fischer  
17th - Thelma W. Smith  
23rd - Norman Toot  
28th - Cathlene Harvey



Millcreek Community Methodist Church  
invites you our **FREE** drive-thru  
St. Patrick's Day dinner

**SATURDAY**  
**March 16, 2024**  
**3:30 - 5:00pm**



Line up for this wonderful dinner and you just may  
get a "glimpse" of St. Patrick himself!



## The Mission Bells of Millcreek Community



Our February Missions were as follows:

- **Someplace Safe - Domestic Violence Shelter** received a check for \$200
  - **Samaritan's Purse - Israel** received a check for \$200
- **Rescue Mission - We sent a donation of \$200** toward their Easter Dinner
- **The Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba** received a check for \$200

### The Ringing of Our Mission Bells

March will be a busy month for our Mission Team:

- **The Warren Family Mission** is asking for our help with their Easter Dinner.
  - **The Church of Monte Feria in Cuba** will receive our help in building their church.
- **We are also collecting over the counter medication for Cuba. They are asking for the following items:** Multivitamins, Ibuprofen, Tylenol (acetaminophen), Antacids, Folic Acid, Vicks Vapor Rub, Aspirin, Imodium, Omega 3, Neosporin, Ben Gay, Acetaminophen Children, Vitamin C & D, Vicks DayQuil/NyQuil, Diaper Rash Cream  
\*Exp date needs to be at least 1/2025
- **A Free Community Drive Thru Dinner** featuring a St Patrick's Day Treat! Our famous Irish Stew includes beef, carrots, potatoes, green beans, onions and all the luck of the Irish; A wonderful dinner roll; A fruity dessert that will look like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Come out and get a few dinners to enjoy this Irish Holiday.

*Many blessings to my church family who support the missions we bring forth. May God make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*Love to all of you!*

*Susie J*

*Mission Team Member*

### **\*Susie's Fun Corner\***

**"Silent" and "Listen" are spelled with the same letters.**



**Go over, go under, go around or go through. But never give up.**

## February Mission Follies

Besides Valentine's Day, and of course my "Funny Valentine", February also brought us the Super Bowl which bowled most of us over!

In preparation for both events, we Super Silly Soupy Few gathered to make soup to aid our mission fund.

The hard work had begun and Oh! What fun those Super Silly Soupy Few had!

Potatoes by the bags-full were opened and the peeling began. I might add, expert peeling was done. Guess what? Some of the peelings were saved for COMPOST - What on God's green earth is compost! Well, after some of the Super Silly Soupy's gave a description of compost, no one ever asked again... thank goodness!

Continuing with the cleaning and cutting of carrots, onions and little green leaves which were used to sprinkle on top the chicken soup.

Speaking of chicken, at least four of the Super Silly Soupy's picked cooked chicken off the bones for the soup. The giggling and talking went on even when the Silly's were getting the containers ready to be filled.

All in all the Super Silly Soupy's pulled it all together, filling the containers of Chicken Noodle and Potato Soup, and attaching the order forms of those who placed orders.

Many thanks to the Super Silly Soupy's for all their help, which comes from the heart.

### Super Silly Soupy's:

Janice Rose

Keith Makar

Barb Beach

Elaine Williams

The Best Chef Ever:

Pastor Greg

The Hubler Family:

Kevin, Barb & Kari

Susie J - Mission Control

