

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

May 2024



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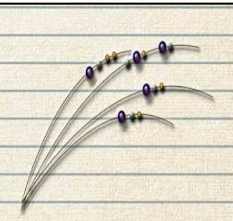
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*



Of all the sermons John Wesley wrote and preached in his lifetime, perhaps none was as controversial as the one he entitled "Christian Perfection". He based it upon the Apostle Paul's words to the Philippians in 3:12 "Not

that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me". Wesley believed the Scriptures taught that it was possible and indeed should be the goal of every Christian to achieve perfection in his or her lifetime. He certainly recognized how that teaching could cause considerable controversy. Hence his opening paragraph: "There is scarce any expression in Holy Writ which has given more offence than this. The word *perfect* is what many cannot bear. The very sound of it is an abomination to them. And whosoever *preaches perfection* (as the phrase is,) that is, asserts that it is attainable in this life, runs great hazard of being accounted by them worse than a heathen man or a publican".

Christian perfection can be a great stumbling block for those who always believed and understood that nobody is perfect. Of course, we know that God alone is perfect, and we certainly can't make ourselves equal to God. The fact is that Wesley was not suggesting that at all. Later in his sermon he said this: "Christian perfection, therefore, does not imply (as some men seem to have imagined) an exemption either from ignorance or mistake, or infirmities or temptations. Indeed, it is only another term for *holiness*. They are two names for the same thing. Thus every one that is perfect is holy, and every one that is holy is, in the Scripture sense, perfect. Yet we may, lastly observe that neither in this respect is there any absolute perfection on earth".

There is a glimmer of hope in those words, because before Wesley defined what a perfect Christian was, he first defined what a perfect Christian wasn't. Perfect Christians are not free from ignorance. Even a perfect Christian will find it impossible to know all there is to know about God. Even a perfect Christian may be mistaken when they interpret and apply Scripture to their lives. And because of the fall, even a perfect Christian may have physical infirmities and a less than perfect ability to reason and make decisions. We will make mistakes because of those flaws. And yes, even perfect Christians will still face temptation from time to time as they live their lives. Christian perfection is a process, **the process of becoming everything God created us to be through love**. God loves us, we respond to His love through the love of Jesus Christ, He empowers us by the Holy Spirit, we love Him more and more and as a result we sin less and less. Because of His love we then love others and become more and more like Him until some day we find our ourselves....perfect! Until then, let us continue to pray for His help! PG

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



Prayer Chain

Call any prayer requests to
Barb Childs (330-360-6796) or
Mary Lois Floyd (330-782-7683)



HOMEBOUND
MINISTRY

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 April 16, 2024 @ 5:30pm

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

Minutes of last meeting were approved and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- The investment and endowment funds are both up for the month.
- Discussed making Sally assistant to treasurer. PG to talk with her.

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- Millcreek has supported ten missions and three community dinners since January 1
- 35 lbs. of medical supplies collected for our sister church in Cuba were shipped and a thank you received.
- \$330 was received for missions from selling the red choir robes from Lockwood UMC
- In April we are collecting canned fruit, jelly, spaghetti sauce, syrup, and instant oatmeal for the Salvation Army. Items will be listed in the bulletin.
- 2nd Annual Block Party will be August 10th – Petting zoo, face painting, food, table and chair rental, fire department

Worship:

- PG is training additional people on Media Shout used for Sunday worship.

Annual Conference:

- PG attending annual conference for the Allegheny Conference of the GMC May 22-25 at Mt. Vernon University. PG also expressed the need for a lay person to attend.

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Memorial contributions from the Steve Easter family were used to purchase 120 new banquet chairs and 6 round tables for the fellowship hall.

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting May 14th 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 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
Austintown, OH 44515

In the Very Merry Month of May

Our **FREE** Community
Drive-thru Dinner

May 18th
3:30 - 5:00 pm



“Featuring”

**Glazed Hamloaf
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Pineapple Upside Down
OR Right Side Up Cake**

COME ONE COME ALL
and join us for this “Old Favorite” dinner.
The finest Chef in town with the most
wonderful dinner crew will serve up
this specialty meal!



4th - Elijah Ehret
11th - Benny Ferone
31st - Cindy Kramer

The Mission Team's Journey

May Missions



The Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba

Samaritan's Purse: Israel/Ukraine

Salvation Army: In our own home town
We will continue collecting the food items needed for their food pantry -

- Jelly
- Syrup
- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Instant Oatmeal

(They requested regular size cans or jars)



My church family proves that God is always faithful. Jesus calls us to bring love and light to those in need. You folks are the Christians that bring love, kindness and grace to those around us in partnership with God who reflects His love and light in this world.

Are we not blessed when blessing others? Thank you for your generous support to our missions.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

Susie J.

Mission Team Member

Several years ago my "Bible Study" Reverend gave us this message to put in a place where we would see it each day. Mine is on the front of my refrigerator with a large magnetic coffee cup holding it in place.

I would like to share it with you:

I must arrange my day so that I am experiencing deep contentment, joy and confidence in my everyday life with God. - W.W.

Maybe you can cut it out and put it in a special place!

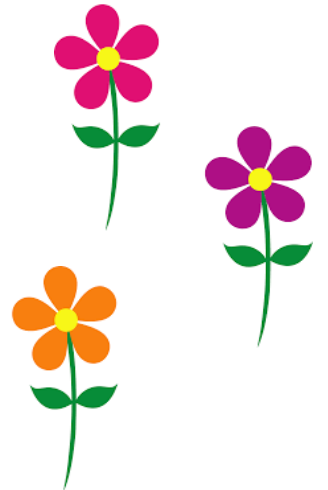
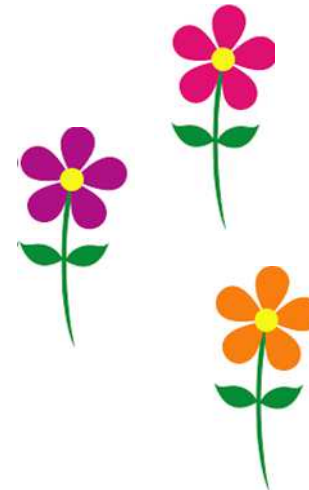
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Mother's Day

May 12th

This Sunday let us praise God for
Moms, Grandmas, Sisters, and Aunts
who always have love
in their hearts for us.

Let us Celebrate!



Susie's Fun Corner

Happiness depends more on the inward disposition of the mind than on outward circumstances.



The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

With Sincere Thanks

We are grateful and blessed for
Al, Kathy and Nicole Miller
for the setting of a beautiful
communion table.

Your work is appreciated!