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The Beat Newsletter

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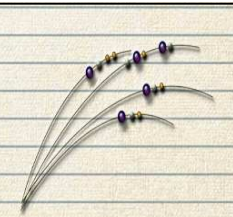
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*



Writing to the early church at Corinth, the apostle Paul said "I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in

the same mind and the same judgment. (1 Corinthians 1:10). The fact is that division and multiplication have been part of the church universal since Jesus left the earth on Ascension Sunday more than two thousand years ago. Though today the people called Methodists will hear and respond to Paul's plea much differently than those who lived in ancient Corinth, division is something the church will likely continue to struggle with until such time as our Lord returns and makes things right. Then and now, people are divided, albeit over different things. What has not changed is that people are concerned more with the things of this world than they are with the things of the world to come.

The good news is that there was no such division at the Allegheny West Provisional Annual Conference held May 22-25. Just under one thousand people, clergy and laity alike, gathered for worship, prayer, learning and celebrating the new things that God is doing in His church. The theme was "Building Together", and our focus was on letting go of the past and beginning the process of rebuilding that which had fallen into great disrepair. We found great encouragement and inspiration from the prophet Nehemiah as we heard once again how he overcome great opposition and led a powerful team that rebuilt the city of Jerusalem and the holy temple of God. Yes, with God, all things are possible, even unity in sound mind and judgment.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds them and us that the problem of division is related to the truth of the Gospel. But as believers, "we do not lose heart! We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways and refuse to tamper with the truth". (2 Corinthians 4:2) It is not that the Gospel is powerless to help people overcome sin, but that sin prevents people from hearing and being transformed by the Gospel. Unbelieving minds are blinded by the god of this world-in other words Satan. The problem is not with the message, but with those delivering or receiving it. The mission of the church, our mission, is to make the light of the Good News known to a world that loves darkness. The God that created everything, including the light that dispels the darkness, has called us to open our hearts to those who have not heard the Gospel- the Good News. He has also given us the ability to open our minds and come up with effective ways to share that Good News of God's glory-Jesus Christ- with the lost, those whose hearts and minds are still closed by Satan. May we never forget that it is not advertising slogans or church structure that will change hearts and minds, but the message of the Gospel delivered through the Holy Spirit. Let the rebuilding begin! Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY

9am Holy Grounds Café
10:30am Worship



WEDNESDAY

11am Pastor's
Bible Study

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Music Team Practice @ 6:30pm

This summer there will only be practice on
Thursdays prior to Communion Sunday.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, June 18th @ 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

May 14, 2024 @ 5:30pm

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

Pastor Greg opened with reading from Galatians 2:20 - the Christian passport with Christ, Pentacost and our unity with Christ. Minutes of last meeting were approved and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Apportionments paid in full
- Tables and chairs ordered and paid out of memorial fund. We need two new high chairs

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- Community dinner Saturday, May 18th
- \$1,600+ in mission fund
- We will sponsor a hole for \$200 at the Protestant Family Service 4th annual Jackie Burley Memorial golf tournament
- Neighborhood Block Party will be August 10th - Barnyard Petting Zoo, Sandy to do face painting

Worship:

- Worship Team to take hiatus (June, July to mid-August) but will continue singing on Communion Sunday
- Norman, Elaine and Dean to play each Sunday.
- Special music needed
- Pastor will not be here June 9th

Administrative:

- The annual conference is May 22-25 at Mt. Vernon University. Pastor Greg will attend

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- New camera for streaming at a cost of \$800-1200?
- New larger whiteboard for conference room
- Patch or pebbles/epoxy concrete in entryway?
- Seal the blacktop again? Last done a year or two ago. Check on costs
- ALTA to clean up nursery

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting June 18th at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cheryl Viola
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



5th - Al Miller
12th - Kevin Hubler
14th - Nora Hiller
23rd - Elizabeth Penn
28th - Ken Bennett



Father's Day
June 16th
This Sunday let us give thanks to God for Dads, Grandpas, Brothers and Uncles who always have love in their hearts for us.
Let us Celebrate!



Susie's Fun Corner

He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.
-Clarence Budington Kelland



One man with courage makes a majority.

Upcoming Millcreek Events

- July 20th - Free Community Drive-Thru Dinner
- August 10th - Neighborhood Block Party

*Please contact church office with any announcements for the newsletter.

The Mission Team's Journey

June Missions



The Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba



An important Fundraiser for Protestant Family Service: We will sponsor one "hole" at the 4th Annual Jackie Burley Memorial Golf Tournament

May Missions

The Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba

The Youngstown Salvation Army

Our drive for food items to help the Youngstown Salvation Army fill their Food Pantry went extremely well. On a very rainy Wednesday afternoon, Pastor Greg and Bill Stilson loaded Bill's truck with many boxes of items the Salvation Army needed. I couldn't believe how much our church had gathered! Bill's truck was loaded with many wonderful items for the Food Pantry. Thank you to our church family who brought food items in and thank you to those who kept our mission basket full so we could purchase some special items.

Our missions are blessed by our church family. I am so thankful that we can help serve our community near and far because we are people who continue to support those in need.

Many thanks to Pastor Greg and Bill Stilson for loading Bill's truck to deliver the food to the Salvation Army.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

God is always faithful. He has certainly been faithful to Millcreek Community Church.

Bless your hearts,
Susie J, Mission Control

The Hamloafs of Millcreek Community

The Month of May and most of us, well a couple of us, turned our thoughts to our Community Drive-Thru Dinner. The thought of "Hamloaf" entered our minds. It seems as though our minds are always on food, after all we are Methodists! Our "Renowned Chef" Paster Greg jumped out of his chair when he heard the word "Hamloaf"! Ha Ha Ha

The wonderful kitchen crew (a large part of our Mission Team) got busy with the planning of this wonderful dinner. Our "Renowned Chef" asked for green beans that were really green, green. No problem, I'll get right on it. I bought our boxes of scalloped potatoes and ordered the Butter Flake Dinner Rolls. As we laughed our way through working on this dinner, and I do mean working!, our Chef Pastor Greg made sure enough ham and pork, plus cracker crumbs and other ingredients were added to our loaves. We had asked the best bakers in our church to supply us with pineapple upside-down or right-side-up cakes. Those kind of cakes usually go good with hamloaf - Methodist Hamloaf.

The dinner boxes were assembled and decorated, containers were set out for the food items and we were ready for our drive-thru's. The line-up outside started at 3:00 so we started to pack the boxes. I must say we were blessed to be able to borrow a meat grinder. It was something to watch the ham and pork come out of the grinder. A monkey grinder I could say yes, I am familiar with those, but a meat grinder - we sure have come a long way in the kitchen! All hands were on deck as the line-up kept all of us busy. Whatever would be leftover could be set up for our church family on Sunday. All in all, the "Glazed Hamloafs" would be a very popular dinner!

I'd like to introduce you to the Hamloafs of Millcreek Community:

Barb Hubler

Ken Bennett

Hope Sabanick

Cyndi Grilli

Susie Justice

Tami Calko

Barb Beach

Janice Rose

Our Renowned Chef Pastor Greg Calko

Many thank you's to those who helped in the kitchen, served the dinners and helped with clean-up. Bless your hearts for your time and energy.

Blessings upon those who baked our cakes - they were certainly wonderful upside-down or right-side up!

Susie J,

Mission Control