

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" November 2024



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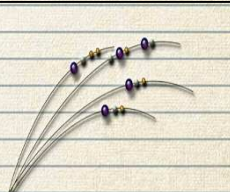
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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A Note From The Pastor...



What is a perfect prayer? The simple answer is that a perfect prayer is one that God hears and answers. A more difficult question might be whose prayers does God hear and answer? The simple answer

is that God hears and answers the prayers of the righteous, which brings us to the next question. Who is righteous? The simple answer is that the righteous are those who pray in such a way that God hears and answers them. Of course that is circular reasoning, and proof that simple answers are best left to politicians trying to avoid difficult questions. The truth is that righteous prayers from righteous people will speak of what God has done for us in the past, what He is doing for us right now, and what He has promised to do for us in the future.

Sometimes when we pray, it is easier to address God and recite our typical “grocery list” of needs and concerns than it is remember how He has already provided for us and will provide for us. We can be so focused on the here and now that we fail to stop and consider the past and the future. Of course, some things are best left in the past and are not to be dredged up from the bottom. Wounds that are healing are best left to heal undisturbed. However, many times the answers to our prayers will come when we ponder what God has done for us and on our behalf, rather than on the immediate concern of the hour.

One way to hear the answer to our prayers of today is to remember that God has answered our prayers of yesterday. That demonstration of faith says that we are anxious to hear what God has to say to us now. The Psalms are filled with such examples. Psalm 85 is one of the most powerful prayers in the Scriptures, and it is also a lesson in how the people of God should pray (intercessory). One of the questions the psalmist asks is “will you not revive us again?” Not me, but us. The psalmist recognized that God had spoken to His people in ages past and will speak again to those who turn to Him in their hearts. Once God has our attention and we are ready to listen, good and powerful things can be accomplished. At the top of the list is our salvation. Salvation is what the future holds for those who fear God and trust in Christ. His glory *will* dwell in our land-past, present and future. It was partially fulfilled in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ and someday it will be completely fulfilled in the new heaven and the new earth. Are you praying for a revival and a fresh glimpse of God’s glory? Revival begins with us and our prayers. Let our prayer be this: Lord, show us your love, grant us your salvation, and let us hear your words of peace!

Be prayerful and hopeful! Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY

9am Holy Grounds Café
10:30am Worship



WEDNESDAY

11am Pastor's
Bible Study

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Music Team Practice @ 6:30pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

Nov 9th @ 9:00am - Truck World in Hubbard

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, November 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

.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 8, 2024 @ 5:30pm

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

Pastor Greg opened with a devotion about spiritual worship from A Portrait of God.

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

Treasurer/Finance:

- Offering increased in September
- Investments and endowments went up
- Explore other options for investments instead of Wespath

Administrative:

- SPR meeting October 30th for Dean, Sally and Tay
- Charge Conference November 16th at 9:30 am

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Non-working outside lights to be replaced when warranty replacements arrive
- Concrete installation not scheduled as of now
- Handle for toilet in unisex bathroom needs to be fixed

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- Soup and sandwich preparation will be October 26th, selling on Sunday the 27th
- November Drive Thru Thanksgiving Dinner will be turkey, stuffing, potatoes, etc
- Special November collection for hurricane victims (Samaritan's Purse)
- We received \$2,000 donation from Sheely's Foundation-earmarked for pastors discretionary fund for emerging needs
- Rescue Mission and Warren family was October mission – donate in November too?

Worship:

- Start cantata practice next week
- Cantata will be December 22nd, the Sunday before Christmas
- Will have sandwiches and/or cookies after cantata

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting November 12th at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lou Stark
Janice Rose
Shirley Stauffer
Cheryl Viola
Marilynn Makar

P. Mae White
Barb Childs
Lloyd Sloger
Joann Vitto
Dawn Crosby



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

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

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

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



4th - MaryAnn Dahman

21st - Susan Justice

22nd - Nicole Miller

23rd - Hope Sabanick

25th - Susan McHale

30th - Dom Viola



Christmas Is Coming!

Order your poinsettias in honor of your loved ones. We have pictures of the different colors in the Narthex to help make your selection. Please fill out the order form and put your payment inside the designated envelope. Call the church office with any questions or to place order over the phone. All orders are due by Sunday, November 10th.

FREE Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 16th 3:30 - 5:00 pm

(or until dinners run out)



- ♦ Turkey with Stuffing
- ♦ Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- ♦ Cranberry Sauce
- ♦ Corn
- ♦ Dinner Roll
- ♦ Dessert - Solid Chocolate
- Turkey on a Stick - Yum!

Donations Thankfully Accepted



The October of Many Missions

Ephesians 2:10 reminded me that "We are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

October Missions

- Our Sister Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba (\$150)
- Rescue Mission - Thanksgiving Meal that helps feed more than a table full (\$207)
- Warren Family Mission - Thanksgiving Dinner for twenty plus, those in need of this meal (\$100)
- Boardman Fire Department - Sponsoring fire safety education program for 35 children (\$105)

I am so thankful I listened when God called me to help our mission projects. Such a wonderful opportunity to serve and be a blessing to others. Simply adopting my loving church family, some of whom I listened and watched as I grew to understand the importance of "Unity" - one God and Father of all. You see, my church family believes "Love certainly works here" and I will always be forever grateful for the generosity they have shown in support of our many different missions.

Let us always continue to "Count Our Blessings" thanking our dear Lord for a wonderful Pastor, a beautiful church, and each other. Oh yes, each other, all of you who keeps my heart happy! May we all continue to follow God's lead, and I know together we will hear that "still, small voice of God" continuing to make the impossible possible for others.

Blessings to all, with much love,

Susie J, Mission Team Member

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

If you are too busy to laugh,
you are too busy.



Memory is what makes you
wonder what you forgot to do.

October Soup & Sandwich Sale

Our October Soup & Sandwich Sale raised \$430. Many thanks to those who helped with the duties of the cutting, dicing, slicing, cleaning, stirring the pots of the soups, and those who graciously fixed and wrapped the meatball subs! Bless your hearts for staying the course!!



November Missions

The Special Basket on the altar will be for our Hurricane Helene victims in North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

Through Samaritan's Purse we will send monetary donations to help those that are the most in need.

Our Mission Basket will be for our sister church of Monte Feria in Cuba.



Thank you for your generous spirit as we continue to serve those who are in need of help.

We can sing the song of old from our hymn book, page 95:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Susie J, Missions