

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" May 2025



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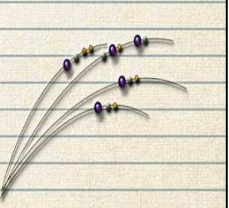
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*



Have you ever traveled on an unfamiliar road and lost your way? Maybe you took the wrong turn, got off on the wrong freeway exit, or were so engrossed in conversation with someone you lost track of where you were going. It is easy to go just 2 or 3 blocks out of the way and find yourself lost in strange surroundings. When that happens, we can either stop and ask for directions or continue wandering aimlessly in the hope of getting unlost. The truth is that it can be a bit embarrassing to admit that we don't know where we are going. It is not until common sense overcomes pride that we will stop and get directions or ask Siri for help.

People also are prone to wander when it comes to spiritual matters. We can be so proud of our accomplishments and successes that we refuse to admit that we are lost, trusting ourselves to find the way instead of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even those of us who have accepted Christ can get caught up in doing good deeds for the wrong reasons. The reasoning goes something like this: I am not a sinner. Sin is something that bad people do. I am a good person. I look out for those in need, I volunteer at my kid's school, I haven't murdered anyone, and I even go to church when I have the time. What more could a loving God ask from me? It can be difficult to dispel that kind of human thinking. The problem is that it might sound logical, but it isn't Biblical. When it comes to perceiving goodness, we aren't to compare ourselves to the worst of sinners but to our creator, the most holy God of the Bible. When we do that, we will find that we always fall short of the goodness of a sinless, perfect, holy God. Yes, the Bible says that God loves us, but no matter how good we think we are, the Bible also says none of us can live up to the holy standards He desires us to live our lives by. Sin is sin, no matter how unintentional or grievous. The truth is that sin separates us from God and from where we intend to go. Whether we choose to admit or not, we are lost until we acknowledge our sins, ask Him for help and forgiveness and place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Once we do that, the broken relationship is restored. We become a new creation in Jesus.

During this blessed and refreshing season of the year remember your baptism and your new birth. Allow the sights and smells of spring to remind you of new life and take a moment or two and remember the excitement of getting unlost, finding your way and trusting in Jesus for forgiveness for the first time. Then while it is still fresh in your mind tell someone else about how Jesus made you a new person-not some recycled version of the old but a brand-new creation. Promise yourself and Jesus you will do that in the month of May.

Don't get lost!!! 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

May 10th @ 9:00am - Truck World in Hubbard

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday May 13th @ 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

April 8, 2025 @ 5:30pm

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

Pastor Greg opened with prayer and a reading about submission – especially to Christ, and how obedience needs sanctification.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Check out trees for altar decoration at Home Goods or other stores

Treasurer/Finance:

- \$32,000 in operation fund – no distribution from investments needed at this time
- Offering down a little from February
- Investments down a little

Administration:

- Need a delegate for Annual Conference June 18-21. Hope volunteered

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Bill got one quote for sealing blacktopping \$4,000- will be done after Easter
- Pastor sent email to custodial company to ask them not to clean on Sunday mornings
- Pastor and Bill to fix siding
- Water bill cut in half after leak was fixed and low flush toilet valves installed

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- Mission fund has \$3000+
- Salvation Army collection up until end of April
- Monte Feria kids were sent \$500
- May Missions – Wounded Warrior Project, Tunnel to Towers, Samaritan's Purse and Monte Feria church
- Hamloaf dinner for May with scalloped potatoes and fruit fluff. Diane providing grinder
- Bounce House for Block Party? Kevin H to bring music?

Worship:

- Easter Sunrise service discussed with Dean.
- Sign up sheet for breakfast after.
- April 27 – Pastor Greg and Tami will be on vacation; Diane will be leading worship that day.

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting May 13th at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joann Vitto
Lou Stark
Mike Calko
Shirley Stauffer

P. Mae White
Lloyd Sloger
Marilynn Makar
Dominic Viola



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

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In the Very Merry Month of May

Mother's Day

May 11th

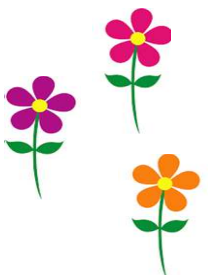
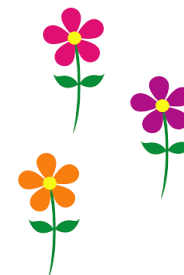
Let us praise God for Moms, Grandmas,

Sisters and Aunts

who always have love

in their hearts for us.

Celebrate always with them and for them.



Our **FREE** Community
Drive-thru Dinner

May 17th
3:30 - 5:00 pm

MENU

Glazed Hamloaf
Scalloped Potatoes
Dinner Roll
Fruit Fluff

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!

Donations thankfully accepted.



4th - Elijah Ehret

11th - Benny Ferone



April Missions Soared It was a Happy Easter for all!



APRIL MISSIONS

- Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba received \$150
- The Children of the Monte Feria Church had an "Eggstra Special" Easter from our Easter Basket donations which totaled \$500
- The Warren Family Missions was gifted \$200 toward the Easter Dinner they provided for many to enjoy
 - The Rescue Mission was gifted \$200 toward Easter Dinners for many



Small Steps of Faith

Thank you Jesus

I truly believe our church family walks in the footsteps of Jesus; we certainly try to. The wonderful donations that came in for special Easter gifts to those who needed care and good food to enjoy as they sit together at a table were above and beyond anything we could have dreamed of. From my heart to yours, thank you my beloved church family - those near and far.

Susie J, Mission Team Member

The Flower Girl Brigade

With sincere thanks to Sandy, Barb H, Laura & Sally. You gals were a wonderful help in setting up the Easter flowers. Such a wonderful flower girl brigade! -*Susie J*

Susie's Fun Corner

Peace is our gift to each other.



There is never a wrong time to do the right thing.

Pastor Greg's Recommended Reading

*Practicing the Way: Be with
Jesus, Become like him,
Do as he did*

By: John Mark Comer

The Eclipse of God
By: Erwin W. Lutzer



The Salvation Army Food Drive

Many "Thank You's" for the donations of food that were brought in for the Salvation Army Food Drive. Even the Salvation Army driver was amazed at the quantity of food as he exclaimed "Wow! I wasn't expecting this much!"

Thru the month of April never did so many in our church bring so much to the table for those in need!



Our May Missions: Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum

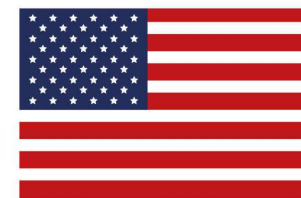


As Americans we have the privilege of celebrating the month of May.

May 8, 1945 - Americans celebrate victory in Europe over Nazi Germany - VE Day

May 17th - We welcome the opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women who are in service of their country all over the world

May 26th - On May 30, 1868 Memorial Day was widely observed for the first time



The May Missions will be as follows:

**Tunnel to Towers
Wounded Warriors
Samaritan's Purse
Church of Monte Feria in Cuba**



Let us keep in mind that where an American flag stands, there stands Freedom. To all who have served and are still serving today may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

God is always faithful, so proves my church family.
Jesus calls us to bring love, hope and light to those in need.

Thank you for the love, kindness and grace to those around us, in partnership with God, who reflect His love and light in the world.

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

Susie J, Mission Team Member