

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
4570 Lockwood Boulevard
Youngstown, Ohio 44511-3799

The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" September 2025



YOU CAN FIND US ON



Millcreek Community Methodist Church

OFFICE HOURS

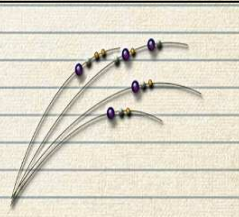
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

(330) 782-0573

info@millcreek.church (e-mail)

www.millcreek.church (website)

*A Note From The
Pastor...*



Just a few weeks ago our prayers were answered as our Lord gave us a beautiful day filled with sunshine and goodness for our third annual neighborhood block party. In fact, our prayers have been answered several years in a row, for we first asked for God's blessing and help in planning the inaugural event three years ago. By His grace the seeds of faith, hope and love that have been planted will bear kingdom fruit as we continue to seek effective ways to share the love of Christ with our neighbors and friends. Although much planning and preparation are always involved, it is the power of prayer that transforms an idea into an event. By the grace of God, what starts out as an idea often becomes an event on the church calendar. Our annual block party is one of them, and some others include our free community dinners, monthly men's prayer breakfasts, Wednesday Bible study, and Holy Grounds Café. Those were once ideas that became a reality because of people praying and thanking God for all His great blessings.

Sometimes when we pray, it is easier to address God and recite our typical "grocery list" of needs and concerns than to remember how He has already provided 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 already done for us and on our behalf and then shift the focus to someone or something other than ourselves. One way we demonstrate to God that we love our neighbors (and love Him!) is by praying for them.

A new feature on our church calendar will help us to do that very thing. Betsy Stark had an idea to add a daily prayer focus to it, and by the grace of God it has now become an event! You will now find a specific thing we as the church will pray for together, Monday through Saturday. On Sunday our prayer focus is Jesus as we begin a new week together in worship. The church calendar is so much more than a list of events. It is a list of opportunities to connect our families, neighbors and friends to Jesus. Let us make it a regular part of our prayer time. Who knows, it might spark ideas which lead to events, life-changing events! May it be so.... Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY

**9am Holy Grounds Café
10:30am Worship**



WEDNESDAY

**11am Pastor's
Bible Study**

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

September 9th 5:30pm

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Music Team Practice @ 6:30pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

September 13th @ 9:00am - Truck World in Hubbard



**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.**

You Tube

Millcreek Community
Methodist Church



facebook.

Millcreek Community
Methodist Church

Millcreek Community Methodist Church Leadership Team Meeting

August 12, 2025 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler, Diane Redfern, Hope Sabanick and Elaine Williams

Pastor Greg opened with a devotion from Bishop Greenway about prayer and its power. Bring your cares to God.

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

Treasurer/Finance:

- Investment and endowment fund both had an appreciation
- Offerings down from last month, but June was exceptionally high
- Electric bill was very high. Pastor Greg will check into this and see if we can get a better rate

Administration:

- Flying Trees Academy K- 8 charter school to enter into a lease agreement with us for a year (10 months) beginning August 15th. They will split utilities with us

Building and Grounds:

- Need to upgrade air conditioners in classroom and put new circuit breakers and wiring in rooms
- Refinish cabinets in classrooms, replace boiler gas valves, reseal sidewalk
- Will get a quote from a different janitorial service

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- Date for next year's Block Party August 1st or 15th? Information card? Need large sign and yard signs to advertise. Ideas for next year's activities?
- September missions – Church of Monte Ferial, Free Community Spaghetti Dinner, Pregnancy Help Center, Making Kids Count
- Volunteers to make all brownies (no nuts) for the free community dinner
- October 19th fund raiser for Cuba for medical supplies, etc

Worship:

- Hymn Sing on August 17th
- Outdoor worship Sunday September 14th with potluck lunch

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting September 9th at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joann Vitto
Lou Stark
Mike Calko
Shirley Stauffer

P. Mae White
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

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



18th - Rev. Mike McHale &
P. Mae White

25th - Donna Stevenson

See You At The Pole (SYATP) 2025

This program is a student rally (adult supervised) where students meet at their schools and gather in prayer. They pray for each other, their friends, families, teachers and their schools.

This now world-wide program started in 1990 as a small group of ten students at their own school. Today the program continues with millions of students praying on their campuses, churches and even participating online. The program is initiated, organized and led by the students.

The Global Week of Student Prayer is September 20th - 26th with SYATP taking place on Wednesday, September 24th. SYATP is held annually on the last Wednesday in September.

We can help and support the students through our prayers during student prayer week. We can also provide free "Life Books", which is the Gospel of John written for teens. The Life Book is a ministry of the Gideons and wholly funded by Gideons International. Life Books put the gospel in the hands of teenagers.

Meet with us, here at Millcreek Community Church, on Monday, September 22nd at 10:00am as we pray for our youth. Refreshments will be served at 10:30am. Is there a teen in your life to pass a Life Book on to? Books are available for their friends also.

We are evangelizing to our world around us: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel..."

Prayerfully,
Bets

Pastor Greg's Recommended Reading

Heaven

By: Randy Alcorn

New calendar feature - Prayer Focus.

Please call Pastor Greg or the church office if there is something special you would like added to the Prayer Focus.

A note from Barb Beach

A very special thank you to my church family for the many cards that I have received from each of you. This helps me to keep in touch for birthdays and special occasions.

I also would like to show my appreciation for all those that helped me with Nancy's luncheon. It all came together so beautifully, and because of our team effort, you all made me look good. We also enjoyed a very special treat, homemade ice cream. Thank you, Janice Rose.



The Sound of the Mission Bells



August Missions:

Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba received \$150
Rescue Mission & Warren Family Mission Summer Meal Programs \$100 each
Samaritan's Purse \$200
Allegheny West Conference Disaster Relief for Texas Flood Victims \$300

September Missions:

Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba
Pregnancy Help Center
MKC - Making Kids Count

Free Community Drive-Thru Dinner
September 20th 3:30-5:00pm

MENU

Rigatoni & Meatballs
Tossed Salad
Italian Bread
Chocolate Brownies

And above all
these put on love,
which binds
everything together
in perfect
harmony.

Colossians 3:14

Susie's Fun Corner

Life is a canvas, and you
should throw all the paint on it
you can.



Change your thoughts and you
change your world.

Many thanks to my Church Family
for your generous donations to
our Mission Projects,
including those who send
through the mail.
From the bottom of my heart,
Many blessings to all.

Love,
Susie J, Missions

SEPTEMBER MOMENTS

A moment in time, we celebrate Labor Day by "not working". But it replicates our week, we labor and then we rest. Mostly, on Labor Day, we honor the value of labor by putting it out of our thoughts for that extra long weekend. Peter S. McGuire is somewhat credited with coming up with the idea, however, recent research suggests the originator may in fact be Matthew Maguire, a labor union leader in 1882. Maguire suggested that this date would fall midway between July 4th and Thanksgiving. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September a legal National Holiday every year.

Moving along...September 6, 1995, Cal Ripkin Jr, of the Baltimore Orioles played in his 2,131st consecutive game to set a new record for Major League Baseball.

Marian McQuade hoped to establish a national day that would honor grandparents, and throughout the 1970's she brought awareness to the importance of senior citizens. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter declared the first Sunday after Labor Day to be National Grandparents Day. The National Grandparents Day Council chose the official flower as the "Forget-Me-Not Flowers" and Johnny Prill's "A Song for Grandma and Grandpa" the official song. No matter what, the best Grandparents Day is spending time together and celebrating your special relationship!

So bringing us back to our Moments at Millcreek Community Methodist Church, we chose the first Sunday of every month to celebrate Communion Sunday. It is a solemn moment for each of us to renew a closer union with Jesus Our Lord.

Every-other-month throughout the year we gather to prepare a Free Community Drive-Thru Dinner. This dinner requires many of us getting this meal together and making sure everything is added to the Dinner Box that we serve to the folks who come through the line.

Come September 14th, we will have an Outdoor Service, providing the September weather cooperates. And, of course we are Methodist - which are known to enjoy a meal together - so there will be a potluck lunch to follow the Outdoor Service. But more than the food we enjoy together, we have a Minister (Pastor) who provides a special food for our souls. His sermons remain in our minds and hearts through the week, so we are happy to have a few more Sundays in September!

On Wednesdays we have a wonderful Bible Study from 11:00am to 12:30pm or so. Thank you Pastor Greg, who leads our study. We thank you for taking the time with us. We are definitely learning a lot.

On Sunday mornings our Sunday School Class has been learning or perhaps, understanding Heaven. We are open for any, or should I say all, to come and help us understand. We are gifted with wonderful teachers.

So, I will share a song with you - if you know it, sing along with me...



When we all get to Heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory!



Thank you, Dear Lord for so many wonderful September moments. Amen!

Susie J, Mission Moments