

Millcreek Community Methodist Church  
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# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" October 2025



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*A Note From The  
Pastor...*



We are fallen people living in a fallen world, and as a result there will be times when many of us will ponder the questions the prophet Habakkuk boldly asked of God more than 2600 years ago. Why do evil people win in their fight against good people? Why do you make me look at these terrible things? Habakkuk was living smack dab in the middle of a godless society, wondering if God was paying attention to the rampant immorality and evil that was raging. He was also wondering why God would allow it to happen and wondering what could be done about it. The prophet Habakkuk asked God the question many of us ask. How long O God? How much longer will you allow this to go on? The answer he received was not one he had expected or wanted to hear. God would use the Chaldeans, a nation even more violent and wicked than his own to carry out divine judgment. In the mind of Habakkuk that seemed out of character for a loving and just God. Why must all of God's people suffer because of the actions of some? Why would God judge evil people with even greater evil people?

Can you relate to this man with the funny sounding name who lived more than 2600 years ago? Are we like Habakkuk or even Francis Scott Key sitting on the ramparts in the twilights last gleaming searching for a glimpse of hope- a sign that God is still on the throne and that good will triumph over evil when the battle is over? Have we ever asked God similar questions or cried out for help and concluded that God wasn't listening? God, do you hear me? Do you hear us? How long do we have to wait for an answer? Certainly, those are worthy questions deserving of a worthy response. They are difficult questions, and it matters not whether Habakkuk or those of us living thousands of years later are the ones asking they will never be too difficult for God to answer. In fact, those questions and others like them have been answered time and time again in Scriptures. The problem is that people continue to seek different answers.

If you are tempted to throw your hands in the air and give up the fight against evil, consider what God said to Habakkuk and is saying to us in Habakkuk chapter 2. Allow me to paraphrase: Don't think for minute that I have abandoned you. You and everyone else seeking justice must wait until all things are ready and in place. Trust me when I say it will be worth the wait. Don't be discouraged by those who babble on and refuse to hear what I am saying. You must ignore them with the knowledge that I will deal with them at exactly the right time. I am still on the throne, and I always will be. My love for you will become even more evident as the days go on. Stay faithful and leave the rest up to me.

Let us hear and heed those words.... Pastor Greg

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY

9am Holy Grounds Café  
10:30am Worship



## WEDNESDAY

11am Pastor's  
Bible Study

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Prayer Team @ 10:15am

## THURSDAY EVENINGS

Music Team Practice @ 6:30pm

## LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

October 7th 5:30pm

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

October 11th@ 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](http://www.millcreek.church)

**.Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at**  
**[pastorgreg@millcreek.church](mailto:pastorgreg@millcreek.church) or by phone at 330-782-0573.**

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## Millcreek Community Methodist Church Leadership Team Meeting

**September 9, 2025 @ 5:30pm**

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

Pastor Greg opened with a reminder to keep workers in the faith in our prayers.

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

### **Treasurer/Finance:**

- We had a very good month-investments positive.
- Offerings around the same as previous month
- We received utilities reimbursements and final rent payment from Alta which offset minor repairs needed for classrooms

### **Administration:**

- Charge conference will be here October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm
- PG and Tami on vacation Oct 10-17. Diane will help plan worship and fill the pulpit on October 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Building and Grounds:**

- Entry and sidewalk concrete has been sealed
- Need to replace gas valves on furnace
- Siding on side of building and soffit needs to be fixed
- Boiler has been turned on for the upcoming heating season

### **Missions/Outreach & Vision:**

- October missions – Church of Monte Feria, Rescue Mission, Warren Family Mission
- We will be getting a list of medications and supplies for Pastor Greg to take to Cuba in November. Fund raising luncheon after worship on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Community dinner September 20<sup>th</sup>. Brownies to be made. Spaghetti and meatballs

### **Worship:**

- This Sunday outdoor worship (September 14<sup>th</sup>) with picnic afterward

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Joann Vitto  
Lou Stark  
Mike Calko  
Shirley Stauffer  
H. Blackann

P. Mae White  
Marilynn Makar  
Dominic Viola  
Mary Ann Dahman

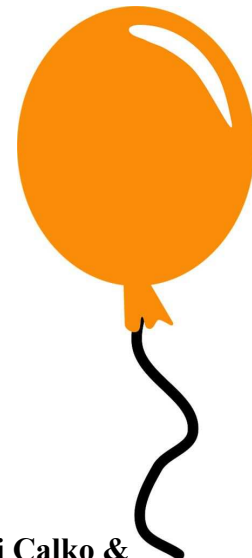


**Barb Zautner**  
Morningside House of Ellicott City  
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Rm 312  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

**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



2nd - Rev. Wanda Wilson

6th - Mark Boston

7th - Bud White

9th - Brooke Stull-Scott

12th - Dolly Bennett



16th - Tami Calko &  
Nevett Granberry

17th - Lenora Jefferson &  
Keith Makar

21st - Louise Easter

30th - Elaine Williams



## The Global Methodist Church Logo

In our busy society today, branding is crucial to establish a public image and engage community. Logos help to identify and unify using a visual effect. The logo used for the Global Methodist Church helps connect our congregants and the broader mission of the church. It helps us become a recognizable symbol of faith and community.

Our beautiful Global Methodist Church logo has three circles that bring together God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, these alone who we worship. The circles intersect at the center of the cross of Jesus Christ, the symbol of our deliverance from sin and the fear of death. The outer circumference of the rings represents the globe. This communicates God's sending of the church into the world to spread the message of the salvation of Jesus Christ. Our logo is sky blue to remind us that even though Global Methodists live all around the world, we are all united together in God's great creation.

So, go forward confidently making disciples of Jesus Christ, worship passionately, live extravagantly and witness boldly in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Contributed by: Betsy Stark

## Introducing: Flying Trees Academy

At Flying Trees Academy, our goal is to transform education for the 21st century. Using "The Farris Method", an evidence-based approach grounded in psychology, neuroscience and education research, we create a respectful, engaging environment where students build strong academic skills, critical thinking and a lifelong love for learning. Our primary emphasis is on helping our students develop into healthy and well-adjusted human beings, and we build upon that foundation to offer a rigorous academic approach that prepares students for success in high school, college and their future careers. Our multi-age classrooms foster community, curiosity and growth for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. We value having a diverse student body, but we know that paying for private school can be daunting for many parents, so we accept EdChoice and Jon Peterson scholarships in an effort to minimize costs and maximize the supports that we can provide to students and families in our community.

When I founded Flying Trees Academy, I wanted a name that would capture both stability and growth, and I kept coming back to the concept of giving young people roots and wings. "Trees" represent roots: a strong foundation, stability and a secure base. "Flying" represents wings: the preparedness to soar into the world with confidence, curiosity and purpose. Together, *Flying Trees* reflects our mission to help students develop both their roots and their wings.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to be part of this church community and for your prayers as we continue guiding students to grow strong roots and soar to great heights. We always welcome visitors! Please text or call us at 330-412-1912, or email us at [FlyingTreesAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:FlyingTreesAcademy@gmail.com) with any questions or to schedule a visit. -Jaelyn R. Farris, Ph.D., Founder & Director, Flying Trees Academy

## Millcreek Prayer Team

The prayer ministry of Millcreek is expanding. You will now find a daily prayer focus on the church calendar that will help us pray together for a variety of needs as a church every day. In addition, you are invited to to pray before worship on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the parlor (class meeting room). Those who are not quite comfortable praying out loud are especially encouraged to take part. Your presence and support would be greatly appreciated. Prayer changes hearts and minds.

## Pastor Greg's Recommended Reading

*Confronting Evil: Assessing the Worst of the Worst*

By: Bill O'Reilly & Josh Hammer



## Mission Bells Ring Loud



### September Missions:

Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba received \$150

Pregnancy Help Center \$100

MKC - Making Kids Count \$100

Free Community Drive-Thru Dinner (Received \$225 donations)

### October Missions:

Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba

Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Dinner

Warren Family Mission Thanksgiving Dinner

OTC Meds for Cuba (see insert)

The Month of October

Pastor Appreciation Month

Dear Lord,

We pray that you continue to keep Pastor Greg's servant heart blessed with your Holy Spirit. Give him guidance to help us live and worship together in harmony. Thank you for enabling him to give our church a new vision, a new love and a new wisdom. We so appreciate that he has time to spend with us no matter his schedule. We know we can call on him and he will listen and advise. We so appreciate the time he gives to all of us. We are the sheep of his pasture. Amen.

### ***\*Susie's Fun Corner\****

It is easier to go down a hill  
than up, but the view is from  
the top.



The world is round so that  
friendships may encircle it.

Pastor Greg, you are appreciated!

With grateful hearts,  
Your Congregation



## Yes We Did "The Rigatoni Shuffle"



We were ready as we actually danced our way into the kitchen. No! we could not shuffle yet!

The containers were set out as the food boxes were in the process of being put together. Many thanks to Barb and Kari! They added the blessing card, napkin and decorated the boxes. Many wonderful sayings were put upon the box lids. The folks coming thru the line remarked how lovely our dinner boxes were.

Cyndi and Janice worked on a beautiful tossed salad. They were able to create such a "pretty" salad!

Laura and I had to fill the cheese containers without wasting a drop! Laura was a wonderful partner for me, simply because I hardly ever am in the kitchen to cook - just simply to eat! (Ha Ha)

Our renowned Chef Pastor Greg and Ken were very busy at the oven and stove. It was the perfect place for both since Pastor Greg knows how to cook the meatballs and add who-knows-what to the sauce. Ken is our recycle man, gathering the cans and jars he opened for Pastor Greg. I recycle at home, so I get it, Ken - it is one way of helping our world! The rigatoni had to be started and Pastor Greg and Ken stayed close to the stove and oven. But - we still couldn't dance! We could shuffle out to the fellowship hall and Ken decided he would count the brownies that had come in early. (I think just for the fun of it.) Just shuffle over to the table Ken and help fill our brownie containers while you count.

You could not "believe" the brownies that kept coming in the door. All I heard was "Susie, we need more containers!" Oh my goodness, Ken counted 165 and after he had left, more brownies came in and we boxed 180!

Cyndi had set the salads in the refrigerator as if they were made at Tiffany's. Yes, they were beautiful!

Wasn't it great Louise came in time to fill the dinner boxes. Tami was making sure everything was ready. Tami can handle those boxes and get the lid shut tight on all of them. After all, nothing can be left out. She is a wonderful help in making sure it is ready to go out the door. Thank you, Tami for your watchful eye on all that goes out the door.

As the cars lined up outside, I got to go out and greet our guests. It was such a wonderful experience for me, speaking to these folks as I greeted them with a hello and a smile upon my face. They told me how much they looked forward to our dinners and thankful for our secretary, Sally, for sending our cards out to them. They liked to reminisce about our dinners that were once held inside the fellowship hall. Thank you so much, Kari for helping me carry the food out.

So, finally, we could do our "Rigatoni Shuffle". Many thank you's to such wonderful helpers. Love to all!  
Cyndi Grilli, Janice Rose, Ken Bennett, Barb & Kari Hubler, Laura Johnson, Louise Easter, Pastor Greg & Tami



Dance, then, wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.



*Sincerely, Susie J, Mission Control*