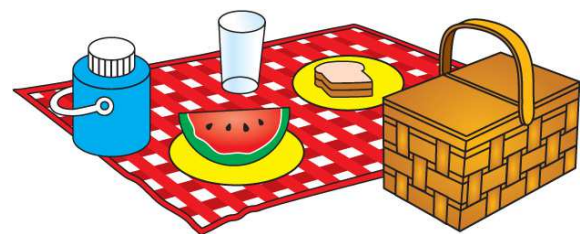


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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" August 2024



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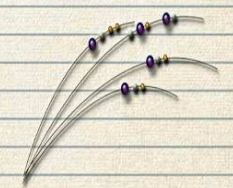
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*



Jesus was, is and always will be the greatest miracle worker of all times, and He came to earth a few thousand years ago to reveal that to be true. He cured the sick, cast out the demonic and raised the dead to life. One day He even fed thousands of people with just 2 sardines and 5 loaves of barley bread. It's often said, "don't bite the hands that feed you", and apparently that saying may have Biblical roots. Some of the multitudes did just that, one day after they had eaten all the free fish sandwiches they wanted. They were not physically biting the hands of Jesus but ignoring a spiritual truth that He was teaching and revealing to them- that He had come from heaven to show them the way back. We know from John 6:41 that their bellies were full, but their hearts and minds remained empty. They expected a Messiah of their own making, rather than the One God sent. Jesus offered them the greatest gift they could ever receive, and because it was not wrapped up the way they wanted it they mocked it. They rejected the gift and the giver.

Signs and wonders alone will never be enough for people to come to faith in Christ, but God can and does use them to call us to that faith. As Methodists we believe in the doctrine of prevenient grace, which John Wesley described as "the divine love that surrounds all humanity, which precedes any and all of our conscious impulses". Prevenient grace is the love of God working within us to reconcile us to Him, even though we may not even be aware of it. The potential is there for all people to come to a saving relationship with Christ, even those that have rejected Him. God is not satisfied with merely giving each of us the potential to find Him- He takes the next step and draws us to Him. Sometimes a miracle is part of that plan.

We are also drawn to Jesus by hearing and learning from God- and we hear and learn from God by way of His Word, the Scriptures. Romans 10:17 reminds us that "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ". We believe because we have heard His word and accepted the gift of faith, not because of some miracle, sign or wonder that we may have seen or heard about. Though our human minds can barely comprehend it, God draws us to Him in a way that does not interfere with our own decision to accept or reject His offer. God will take no one kicking and screaming into heaven. Even today, Jesus is calling sinners everywhere (even pagans in France!) to repentance and forgiveness. He offers that gift of faith and promise of eternal life to all who desire it. May we remain ever faithful and never bite or mock the holy hand of Jesus that feeds us so faithfully...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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

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

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, August 13th @ 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

July 9, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern and Hope Sabanick

Pastor Greg opened with devotional from GMC President Jeff Greenway's "Need for a New Heart". Minutes of last meeting were approved and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Liability and property insurance is paid
- Investments had a loss for the month of June approximately \$7,000
- Received \$400 from sale of old chairs. Deposited in General Fund

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- In August we will donate to Special Olympics, Someplace Safe, Warren Family Missions and the church of Monte Feria in Cuba
- Community dinner on July 20th

Worship:

- September 15th outdoor worship service – pot luck picnic after.

Block Party:

- August 10th
- Games and tables need to be set up early
- Prizes to be given away and will gather addresses
- Dean to sing, petting zoo, etc
- Special meeting will have to be held before block party

Administrative:

- Cancel kitchen phone line-net savings \$ 50.00 per month
- Awaken certified lay servant training is September 6 & 7

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Fire inspection requires putting extra outlets in sanctuary-Bill and Pastor doing this
- Obtaining quotes for concrete repair in entry and blacktop sealing
- Old records, etc. in boxes upstairs need to be sorted and unneeded items discarded

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lou Stark
 Shirley Stauffer
 Cheryl Viola
 Marilyn Makar
 P. Mae White

Sidney Wylie
 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



2nd - Pastor Greg Calko
 4th - Sandy White
 7th - Terry Jarocki
 12th - Mary Lois Floyd
 13th - Barb Childs
 16th - Kim Jarocki
 21st - Diane Redfern
 23rd - Lloyd Sloger



MILLCREEK COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

AUGUST 10TH 1:00P - 4:00P
 4570 LOCKWOOD BLVD, YOUNGSTOWN

FREE FOOD AND DRINKS
MUSIC, GIVEAWAYS, PRIZES
PETTING ZOO, FACE PAINTING
GAMES & MORE!

PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN!

FIND US ONLINE AT WWW.MILLCREEK.CHURCH

The Mission Bells of Millcreek Community Ring Out



August Missions

- The Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba
- Warren Family Mission - We were able to donate to their "Summer Feed Those Who Need a Meal" in June, July & August
- Special Olympics - Columbus, Ohio
- Someplace Safe - We help continue to strengthen and enrich the lives of individuals and families of all ages.

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.

My Thank You to All of You

We know that Jesus came to serve, but not to be served. My Mission Team members certainly understand, as I do, just what that means. At any time we are willing to help others and I so appreciate their willingness to serve.

All my life, my church family, by doing so graciously, taught me to follow in their footsteps and know the love and grace of God.

Susie's Fun Corner

My train of thought left the
station without me!



What we need are more people
who specialize in the
impossible.

May joy and peace surround you,
Contentment latch your door,
And happiness be with you now
And bless you evermore!

- an old Irish blessing

In Christian love,

Susie J

Mission Team Member



The "Golden Arches" of Millcreek Community

We filed into the kitchen one by one and it was TWO of us. It came to my thoughts that I was down FOUR helpers, and ONE of my helpers was leaving at 2:00pm for a family birthday. Well, no sense thinking about that now, because now was NOW!

Eventually a few more helpers arrived and we quickly began to build our dinner boxes; Oh what fun!

Ken decided to open the cans of the baked beans while us gals built the dinner boxes. Just so you are aware, Ken is the best can opener in the church - every can is opened with much precision. Keep up the good work, Ken, the job is definitely yours!

Oh! Praise God, in comes our renowned Pastor/Chef Greg Calko with Angus-Beef burgers that looked so delicious and juicy. (Bless his heart) As our renowned Chef, he immediately got them into a warmer on low. Being Chef, Head Chef that is, he comes with the best ingredients for this picnic dinner.

It was closing in on 3:00pm and we had to start packing some of the dinner boxes. All of our boxes needed filled with a prayer card, napkin, bag of chips, cheese slice, and the hamburger buns, container for the baked beans, chocolate chunk cookies (3) and Mott's fruit jellies.

With everything out and ready, more help came through the door. Two of the girls from Oak Street Health came to help us deliver the food boxes to our wonderful folks that wanted some dinner. The young ladies from Oak Street Health always had smiles on their faces and really seemed to enjoy delivering the boxes to our guests.

I was stunned for a moment, perhaps even longer, when I realized I had TWELVE of the best "Hamburger Helpers" ever. No Burger King, Wendy's, McDonalds, Five Guys Burgers could match the help we had in the kitchen.

The "Golden Arches" that hung above our church that Saturday was a blessing from God. May all the Hamburger Helpers that worked that day be blessed.

Now may the TWELVE that participated be likened to the twelve that helped Jesus feed those that listened to His sermon on the mount.

Many blessing to the following: Ken B, Cyndi G, Diane R, Kari & Barb H, Hope S, Louise E, Janice R, Tami C, the two ladies from Oak St Health & Pastor Greg. We missed our helpers: Barb B, Cheryl V, Elaine W, Keith M, and Diane R.

Thank you, God, for the "Golden Arches" over our church. *Susie J*

Mission Team Member