

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" September 2024



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Millcreek Community Methodist Church

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Most of us are creatures of habit. Whether we realize it or not, our brains take mental shortcuts, making habits and routines a part of our daily lives. They may vary depending upon the day of the week or the things we have planned for the day, but we typically rise from our sleep, thank God for the blessing of a new day and begin our normal daily routines. If it is Sunday, we will likely travel the same route to church, park our car in our usual parking spot and park our body in the same pew we sat in last Sunday. Before leaving the house, we will have to answer one of the most difficult routine questions in life. What should I wear today? How we answer that question depends upon many factors. What is the weather like? Am I going to be staying home and mowing the weeds in the yard or will I be having friends over for dinner? If I plan to leave the house today, who might I see on my travels? Will I be shopping at Wal Mart or worshiping the Lord in church? That often leads to another question, which is "what did I wear to church last Sunday?" Perhaps the least broken of the commandments is the one that says thou shalt not weareth the same outfit two Sundays in a row! All joking aside, "what should I wear today?" is an important question, not because of who we might see, but because of who and what we can't see.

Pursuing holiness and avoiding evil is a vital part of our daily routine, and what we choose to wear is of great importance. It is true that some kinds of clothing people choose to put on will invite trouble. Indeed, it does seem that inappropriate or sloppy no longer describes the modern dress code. Even so, the battle with sin is not just with things that are seen, but with things that are unseen. The most difficult fight is against unseen spiritual forces in unseen places, which is why the apostle Paul tells us to "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11) and to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires". (Romans 13:14) How ironic that those are unseen things that protect us from an unseen enemy! They are unseen, yet more real than the things we can see and touch. Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ and putting on the whole armor of God both imply the same thing. It is saying, doing and believing things that Jesus says, does and believes. It is proclaiming Biblical truth and calling out the lies of Satan, it is choosing righteousness and holiness over sin and selfishness and having faith in the promises of Scripture. It is doing good, avoiding evil and staying in love with God and other believers. Let us put those things on and be thankful when we hear "you wore that last Sunday!"

Stay strong in the Lord....Pastor Greg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY

9am Holy Grounds Café
10:30am Worship



WEDNESDAY

11am Pastor's
Bible Study

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Music Team Practice @ 6:30pm

Music Team Practice returns to every Thursday beginning Sept 1st

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

Sept 14th @ 9:00am - Truck World in Hubbard

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, September 10th @ 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

August 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler, Susie Justice, Hope Sabanick and Elaine Williams

Pastor Greg opened with readings from Ezekiel 24 – the Shepherd seeking out his sheep. Minutes of last meeting were approved and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Operating deficit for July of approximately \$3000
- Received quarterly Methodist Foundation distribution of \$800
- Methodist Foundation investment funds are up this month
- Considering alternatives to Methodist Foundation in the future.

Administrative:

- Fall Charge Conference will be here in October – (date?) TBA
- Alta is leasing an additional classroom for 2024/2025 school year

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- PG obtaining quotes to repair/replace concrete in entry
- Discussed replacing toilet in fellowship hall
- PG and Bill Stilson installed new LED lights and outlets in classroom

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- The Block Party was a success – scheduled for next year Aug. 9 or 16. Suggestions for changes were made. Small yard signs for next year?
- Free community drive-thru spaghetti dinner on September 21st
- September missions: Samaritan's Purse (Ukraine/Israel), Church of Monte Feria, Pregnancy Help Center

Worship:

- Outdoor worship service September 15th. Luncheon after service-main dish provided with potluck salad, sides and dessert
- Music team restarting first Sunday in September
- Christmas cantata planning and practice to begin soon

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting September 10th at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lou Stark
Janice Rose
Shirley Stauffer
Cheryl Viola
Marilynn 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

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

September 1 - Living Joyfully	James 1: 12-27
September 8 - Living Faithfully	James 2: 1-17
September 15 - Living Gracefully	James 3: 1-12
September 22 - Living Peacefully	James 3: 13 - 4: 10
September 29 - Living Prayerfully	James 5: 13-20

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

September 15th at 10:30 am

Potluck Lunch to Follow

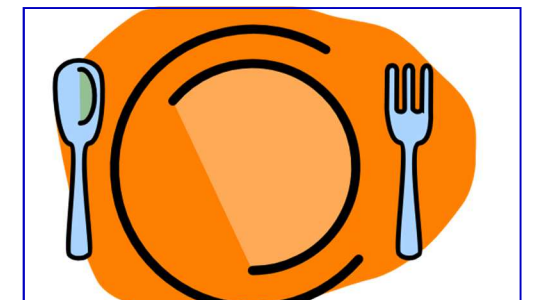
(please bring salad, vegetable or dessert)

Millcreek Community Church invites you to our
FREE Community Drive-Thru Dinner
Saturday September 21st 3:30 - 5:00 pm

*or until dinners run out

MENU

- Rigatoni & Meatballs
- Italian Bread
- Tossed Salad
- Chocolate Brownies



Donations Thankfully Accepted



8th - Sidney Wylie

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

25th - Donna Stevenson



The Lovely Sounds Our Mission Bells Make



SEPTEMBER MISSIONS



Our Sister Church of
Monte Feria in
Holquin, Cuba



Samaritan's Purse: Israel & Ukraine

Praise God we are able to send relief to war-torn
victims to the people in these countries

A Place to Call Home
Niles, Ohio



Special help for those who
are over the age of
adoption. They are
provided a place to stay,
schooling and work
opportunities and religious
influence in their lives.



I thank God for His guidance with our Mission Program, praising Him for my church family and for their "Mission Hearts".

I give thanks for a church family that has helped us bless those less fortunate. Because of our church family in the pews on Sunday morning, those folks who can watch from home or travel, your monetary gifts help to bless many.

Dear Lord,

Help us to see how great your love is for us. Teach us to depend on you, to trust in you and to treasure and proclaim your faithfulness.

May your faithfulness to us be ever sure in our hearts.

Amen.

Psalm 107: 9

The Lord satisfies the thirsty and fills the
hungry with good things.

Susie's Fun Corner

Good humor makes all
things tolerable.



If I cannot do great things,
I can do small things in
a great way.

*Thankfulness, Blessings
and Love church family -*

Susie J

Mission Team Member