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The Beat Newsletter

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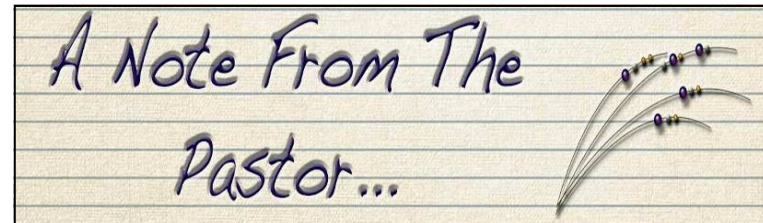
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Romans 13:1 *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.* If a politician wanted to ruin their chances of getting elected by citing Scripture, this might be the passage they would choose. It is easy to see how this verse could be misinterpreted to mislead people into believing that God somehow chooses our leaders. God is in control of this (His!) world, but does that also mean God appoints politicians who openly and proudly support legislation that is clearly against the teaching of Jesus and the Scriptures? The answer is no. The American people elect our leaders, not God. It is both unreasonable and unbiblical to assume a God who is perfectly holy and just is directly responsible for putting unjust and unrighteous leaders into office.

Rather than understand the authorities in that verse as individuals, we should see them as entities that God has designed to keep order in His creation. We might even group them into four broad categories- churches that oversee the faithful, parents and others who oversee the family, employers who oversee employees and governments that oversee communities. To these four - church, parents, employers and government- God has delegated authority to maintain order in His creation. Where there is a lack of governing authority, or a governing authority that lacks Biblically based ethics and morals, anarchy or tyranny will rule. Everyone is then free in their own minds to do as they see fit, with no regard for the ways of God.

As American citizens, we have the choice to be involved in the process of selecting our leaders, as well as a great responsibility to make educated and informed decisions when we do. As Christians, we have an even greater responsibility. Why? Our relationship with Christ and our dedication to God's Word guides us in our thoughts, our words, and our actions to glorify and honor Him in all that we do, which would include voting. We are certainly able to mark our ballots as we choose for any candidate or issue, but as future citizens of heaven, something else comes into play- our conscience. When the choices we make in the voting booth are based solely upon a candidate's position on moral and social issues rather than impolite political rhetoric, we can have a clear conscience when we meet our Lord face to face. Rhetoric influences the electorate for a season, but immorality has a negative influence on a culture forever. To modify an old saying, morality can't be legislated but immorality can. Abortion on demand, gender confusion, fentanyl and human trafficking do not work together for good or bring glory to God. Those that think they do must be held in check in the voting booth. Those choices will also have an impact on the kind of judges appointed to the high courts, which will have an influence on the morality of the next generation of citizens. Let us vote wisely, if for no other reason than it may delay the coming judgment of God upon this land and beyond. 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

Oct 12th @ 9:00am - Truck World in Hubbard

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, October 8th @ 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 September 10, 2024 @ 5:30pm

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

Pastor Greg opened with readings from James – don't fret about the future, rely upon the Lord. Minutes of last meeting were approved and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Additional expenses in August-block party and insurance
- Deposit for new concrete in entryway was paid
- Receiving additional classroom rental income from Alta for former nursery
- Investments funds were up for August
- Investment funds – explore other options to invest with instead of Wespath

Administrative:

- Fall Charge Conference will be Saturday, November 16 at 9:30 AM at Millcreek
- Update will be given about General Conference
- SPR meeting should be scheduled to meet with Dean, Sally and Tay

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Concrete repairs in entry to be done in October
- No proposal yet from snowplow company for 2025

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- Free community drive-thru spaghetti dinner on September 21st
- October soup sale will be October 19th with Vegetable Beef and Broccoli Cheddar soups
- October missions – Rescue Mission, Church of Monte Ferial, Warren Family Mission, Boardman Fire Department
- We will have a neighborhood chili cook-off in January, date TBA

Worship:

- Outdoor worship service September 15th, lunch afterward inside
- Christmas cantata planning and practice to begin soon

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting October 8th 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

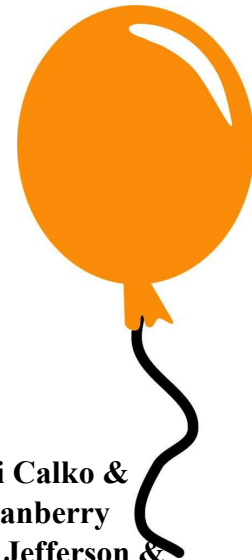


Barb Zautner
Morningside House of Ellicott City
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Rm 312
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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



2nd - Rev. Wanda Wilson
6th - Mark Boston
7th - Ora (Bud) White
9th - Brooke Stull-Scott
12th - Dolly Bennett



16th - Tami Calko & Nevelt Granberry
17th - Lenora Jefferson & Keith Makar
21st - Louise Easter
30th - Elaine Williams



Millcreek Community Church Sunday Soup & Sandwich Sale October 27th

Order forms are in the bulletin or call church office to place your order by October 20th



- ♦ **HOMEMADE VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP**
- ♦ **HOMEMADE BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP**
- ♦ **MEATBALL SPLASH SANDWICH**

\$8.00 per quart/\$4.00 per pint/ \$7.00 per sandwich
(suggested donation)

Proceeds support Millcreek Mission Projects

The Men of October: Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Our own Kevin Hubler has been playing softball all his life. He spent 15 years plus, playing and sometimes being traded to such teams as Akron, Solon, Barberton and Tallmadge. Kevin was also selected to join several traveling teams. He plays any position (except catcher) but excels at Shortstop and Second Base.



He won **MVP** at the Barberton Tournament this year and also won the "Spirit Award" for great teammanship!

Ask Kevin for an autograph - you never know when he will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York!



**Congratulations Kevin -
Your church is proud of you!**





Our Mission Bells

September Missions

- Our Sister Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba
 - A Place to Call Home
 - Samaritan's Purse: Ukraine/Israel

October Missions

- Our Sister Church of Monte Feria in Holquin, Cuba
 - Rescue Mission - Thanksgiving Meal
 - Warren Family Mission - Thanksgiving Meal
- Boardman Fire Department - sponsoring fire safety education program for 35 children



Susie's Fun Corner

Light tomorrow with today!



The most wasted of all days is that on which one has not laughed.

The Love of a Church Family

How can I ever express my love to my church family. Thank you most of all for the encouragement you give to me in support of the missions our church is involved in.

Without your love and support I didn't believe I could carry on a mission program. Thank you again for your support and love. Please keep our missions in your prayers. My heart is ever full of love for all of you.

Susie J, Mission Control



Let's All Do "The Rigatoni Shuffle"



It was Saturday in the Millcreek Community kitchen and our famous rigatoni meatball dinner was just about to begin. Music was playing in the background as I was carrying in the Italian bread and I couldn't believe my eyes! The kitchen help was swaying to and fro as all began to construct our dinner boxes. Those carrying the trays of meatballs to the oven did a "Footloose" sort of dance as they moved to the oven. Laughter rang through the kitchen. The Gals getting the salads together were trying to do the "Mashed Potato Dance" it just wasn't going right as they thought it would so they changed to do the "Hop". Our renowned Chef & Pastor Greg decided to stay in step with the "Two Step". His arms didn't match with the beat of the two step and so over to the stove he went doing the "Slide" only because we needed the sauce to be just right. "Shake, Shake Shake" not so much your body but putting the parmesan cheese into the container. The Gals were having fun with that dance.

As we opened the rigatoni and put them in the boiling water we started to do the "Twist". Just imagine all of us trying to do the twist as we gathered at the table to fill the dinner boxes. Our slow dancers came from the fellowship hall carefully wheeling in the bread slices and the chocolate brownies. It was as though they were doing the "Waltz".

We had time for one last dance - the "Locomotion" - we formed a line and held on to each other's waist and we did the Locomotion like a railroad train - driving around the kitchen, out into the fellowship hall, up the left side steps to the stage and down the right side of the steps making a wonderful line and singing "Come on, come on and do the Locomotion with me; you got to swing your hips now - a chugga chugga motion like a railroad train and do the Locomotion with me!"

Oh, my dinners, it's dinner time and we must get these dinners out! Dinner after dinner went out the door and sometimes we even tried to dance them out. We always thanked those who attended our drive-thru and blessed them. Although at times I wished they could have seen us dance! A favorite Hymn came to my mind that I would like to share with you. (Page 261 in our Hymnal)

The Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars, and the sun, and I came down from Heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. 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.

Many Thank-You's to my wonderful Dancers: Barb Beach, Barb & Kari Hubler, Laura Johnson, Hope Sabanick, Cyndi Grilli, Ken Bennett, Louise Easter, Elaine Williams
Chef Pastor Greg & Tami Calko

Thank you so much for performing the "Rigatoni Shuffle",
Susie J, Mission Team Member