

Millcreek Community Methodist Church
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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" March 2025



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An anonymous theologian once said that the task of the church is not only to get sinners into heaven, but to get saints out of bed. Only our Lord knows which preacher first said that, but it may have been inspired by an early sermon of Charles Wesley. Unlike his brother John, he was known more for his hymn writing than his preaching. But the great hymn writer once preached a sermon entitled "Awake, Thou That Sleepest", considered to be one of his best works. There he describes a "sleeper" as "a sinner satisfied in his sins; contented to remain in his fallen state, to live and die without the image of God; one who is ignorant both of his disease, and of the only remedy for it..." one who never regarded the warning voice of God, "to flee from the wrath to come;" one that never yet saw he was in danger of hell-fire, or cried out in the earnestness of his soul, "What must I do to be saved?" Towards the end of his fiery message, he said this: "My brethren, it is high time for us to awake out of sleep before the "great trumpet of the Lord be blown," and our land become a field of blood. O may we speedily see the things that make for our peace before they are hid from our eyes!"

Someday when we meet the Master, the Scriptures teach that He will ask each of us a question something along these lines: What did you do with your time, your talent and your treasure during the time I allowed you to remain on the Earth? Of course, Jesus will already know our answer before we can begin to reply. Our goal is to not to be ashamed but to look Him in the eye and say, "I trusted in You and did my best". If we are to do those two things, we must wake up from our slumber. The countdown has begun for all of us. Another anonymous theologian once said that the best way to become an old sleeping dog is to stop learning new tricks. We may have to start with the old ones first. Lent is upon us, a season to pray, fast, to meditate, to repent and prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Those spiritual disciplines will awaken us to the Holy Spirit and teach us how to give Jesus our best.

God gave us His best, in His only begotten Son Jesus Christ in order that we may spend eternity with Him. During this most holy of seasons my hope is that each of us will search our hearts and our minds and ask ourselves daily that weighty question Jesus will ask us each of someday soon. What did you do with the things I have given you? I suggest that the most wonderful of those things is the grace to know and love Jesus Christ. I pray we will commit ourselves anew to give Him our best in return- now and forever more. Stay awake! 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

March 8th @ 9:00am - Truck World in Hubbard

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday March 11th @ 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 Meetings

February 11, 2025 @ 5:30pm

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

Pastor Greg opened with devotion entitled The Church of Christ in Every Age. Minutes of last meeting were approved and there was no old business.

Treasurer/Finance:

- Offerings were up for January
- No rental income in January because school paid forward in December
- Insurance premium paid
- Investment fund and endowment fund both increased in January
- Seedbed reimbursed us for double billed materials
- Donations of \$900 received for leaking pipe and kitchen floor repairs (\$ 1500.00)

Administration:

- Pastor Evaluation Form – fill out and bring back Sunday
- Our custodian Tay Pavuk will be moving out of the area, and we will use a cleaning service beginning March 1. We are evaluating quotes from three companies.

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Water leak fixed and new concrete poured in kitchen-thanks Bill S and Pastor G
- Al Miller replacing kitchen floor tiles that were removed during repairs
- Outside sign is not working-PG looking at problem

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- \$386 collected for Souper Bowl Sunday
- March Missions: Protestant Family Services, Samaritan's Purse, Special Olympics, Church of Monte Fera, Cuba
- Free Drive-Thru Community Dinner St Patrick's Day March 15th
- Kitchen crew making Irish stew on Saturday March 15 for drive thru dinner and for St Pats luncheon after worship on Sunday March 16th. Congregation to carry in salads, desserts, apps, etc.

Worship:

- Look for winter altar decorations
- Ash Wednesday service March 5th at 6:00pm
- Lenten study? Special study for Sunday School

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting March 11th at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joann Vitto
Lou Stark
Mike Calko
Shirley Stauffer
Elaine Williams

Donna Kiroff
P. Mae White
Lloyd Sloger
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 Ohlton Rd, Rm 37B
Austintown, OH 44515

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



6th - Henry Fetty
10th - Evelyn Fischer
23rd - Norman Toot



Millcreek Community Methodist Church

invites you our FREE drive-thru
St. Patrick's Day dinner
Saturday March 15th 3:30 - 5:00pm
(or until dinners run out)



Donations thankfully accepted



Join us for a
St Patrick's Day
luncheon following
worship service
on March 16th featuring
Our Famous Irish Stew.
Please bring a salad, dessert
or appetizer of your choice.





Let the Mission Bells of Millcreek Community Ring!



February Missions

The Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba
Warren Family Mission - Food, Shelter & Care
Project MKC - Making Kids Count - Caring for Children
Partnership Renewal - Rescue Mission - Food, Shelter & Care

MARCH MISSIONS

The Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba
Samaritan's Purse: Where Needed Most
Ohio Special Olympics

How I love to look out to the congregation every Sunday and smile a happy smile to my church family. All of you have become a wonderful part of my life. Thank you for being so faithful to the missions we bring each month to you. When we rely on one another, wonderful things can happen. Praise God!

Susie J, Mission Team Member



Lessons from the "Bee"-attitudes:

Bee wise - Proverbs 8:33 Bee glad - Psalm 32:11

Bee strong - Ephesians 6:10

Bee merciful - Luke 6:36

Bee courteous - 1 Peter 3:8

Bee faithful - Revelation 2:10

Bee kind - Ephesians 4:32

Bee thankful - Psalm 100:4

Bee content - Hebrews 13:5

****Susie's Fun Corner****

It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.



Don't use a big word when a diminutive one will suffice.

The Souper Eight



The day finally arrived - Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th, 2025! Anticipating this day, orders for soup poured in and we were going to be prepared. The "Silly" Soupers came through the church kitchen door and began to step into the washing of vegetables for the Beef Vegetable Soup and grating the cheese for the Cheddar Broccoli Soup.

A lot of chatter and laughter filled the air as we peeled potatoes, cut and diced celery, carrots, onions, cabbage and broccoli. We added some tomatoes, corn and green beans into the simmering pots of broth our "Renowned Chef" started the day before. Janice grated the cheese perfectly for the Cheddar Broccoli Soup. Oh how happy we were that Ken (who often brings a big knife) could get the beef cut just right for our Vegetable Beef Soup. Yes, indeed, we were grateful for Chef Pastor Greg and Ken (wearing his apron) and, of course, carrying his knife.

Hope, Barb, Diane, Laura and Janice laughed and talked as they did their jobs in this busy kitchen. It is no joke that there is much to do as quarts and pints are filled, pots, lids, and large spoons and all the bowls that are used are all cleaned up. Let's not forget our "Sally" who made those wonderful stickers for us to put on the bags with our names on our orders - thank you Sally!

Oh well, so much for the "Souper Eight" until next soup time in October. We can only hope they will return to do another superb job, these "Silly Souper Eight"! May I with much happiness present the Souper Eight:

Janice Rose
Barb Hubler

Ken Bennett
Hobe Sabanick

Diane Redfern
Laura Johnson

Our Renowned Chef/Pastor Greg

Wouldn't it be awesome to have a neon sign that lights up in the kitchen that says : LOVE WORKS HERE

Susie J

Mission Team Member