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The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" April 2025



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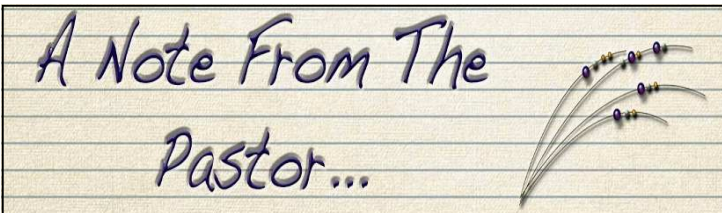
OFFICE HOURS

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Is prayer a verb or a noun? The answer is yes! A prayer is someone who prays or communicates with God and a prayer is also the words and thoughts we choose to use to communicate with Him. Does God hear our prayers? The answer is maybe. We know from Proverbs 15:29 that “the Lord hears the prayer of the righteous”. James 5:16 says “the effective prayer of a righteous person has great power”. Does that mean we have to say the right words or think the right thoughts for God to hear our prayers? The Bible does teach that what is in our heart matters more to God than the words or thoughts that come from our mind. However, those things are always connected. Sometimes when we pray, it is easier to recite our typical “grocery list” of needs and concerns than it is remember how He has already provided for us. We can be so focused on the here and now that we fail to stop and consider the past and the future. Yes, some things are best left in the past. Wounds that are healing are best left to heal undisturbed. However, many times the answers to our prayers will come when we ponder what God has already done and will do for us in the future, rather than on the immediate concern of the hour.

One of the common themes of the Psalms is that God speaks to those who turn to him in their hearts. If we desire to pray in such a way that God will hear us, and we will hear His response, we can learn much from Psalm 85. On behalf of the people of Israel he earnestly prayed to God for answers to 3 pointed questions. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Answers to such questions will come from a powerful prayer from a righteous prayer. The prayers of the righteous are all about God, remembering what He has done for us in the past, what He is doing for us right now, and what He has promised to do for us in the future.

God’s faithfulness in the past brings us hope for today. The hymnwriter said it this way: “morning by morning new mercies I see”. We also hear the answer to our prayer of today when we remember what God has promised to do for us tomorrow. In times of doubt, God’s people can stand on the Old Testament and New Testament promises that our future is secure. Psalm 85:9 tells us that “salvation is near to those who fear Him and His glory will dwell in our land”. That was fulfilled in the past in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ and someday will be completely fulfilled in heaven. As we move from Lent to Easter, be a prayer and say a prayer that God hears! 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

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

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday April 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

March 11, 2025 @ 5:30pm

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

Pastor Greg opened with devotion from C.S. Lewis about sharing our faith with others.

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

Treasurer/Finance:

- Hope is disputing snow plow charges
- Palms for Palm Sunday must be prepaid
- Water bill was less than half of previous month
- Kitchen floor bill is paid in full
- Giving of over \$6,000
- Received rental income from Alta
- Small investment loss of \$400

Administration:

- New cleaning company; cleaning cost should come down

Building & Grounds/Maintenance:

- Parking lot needs to be patched, sealed and painted. Bill to get quotes

Missions/Outreach & Vision:

- April Missions: Rescue Mission and Warren Family, Church of Monte Feria and will send extra money to the Church of Monte Feria for the children's Easter

Worship:

- We will lead Easter Sunrise Service, Smith Corners will lead Good Friday

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting April 8th at 5:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joann Vitto
Lou Stark
Mike Calko
Shirley Stauffer
Elaine Williams

P. Mae White
Lloyd Sloger
Marilynn Makar
Dominic Viola
Louise Easter & family



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

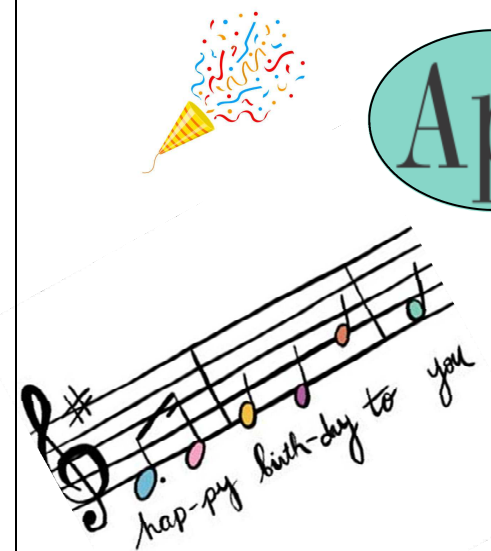
Gloria Finkley
Caprice Health Center
9184 Market St, Rm 604
North Lima, OH 44452

Shirley Stauffer
Humility House
755 Ohltown Rd, Rm 37B
Austintown, OH 44515

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

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday

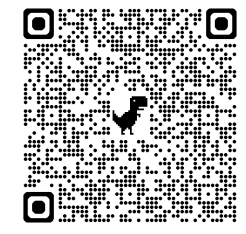


14th - Barbara Zautner
20th - Muggs (Mary) Ashbaugh
24th - Terry Crosby
25th - Marilyn Makar

We are collecting items for the **Salvation Army Food Drive** thru the end of April. These items are suggested, but additional donations are appreciated! Plastic containers - not glass, please.

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| Chili or Beef Stew | Jelly |
| Canned Meat (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken) | Cereal |
| Smooth Peanut Butter | Pancake Mix/Syrup |
| Instant Oatmeal | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Vegetables & fruit - 15 oz | Beef Ravioli |
| Rice-a-Roni | Skillet Dinners |
| Pasta (elbow macaroni, rotini, spaghetti) | Mac n Cheese |
| Applesauce | Soup |
| Juice | |

Can't drop anything off at the church? You can donate here! Scan here for missions donations:



Millcreek Community Church

Holy Week

GOOD FRIDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00PM
@ Green Haven Memorial Gardens
3495 S CANFIELD-NILES RD
CANFIELD, OH

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE 7:00AM
@ Green Haven Memorial Gardens
3495 S CANFIELD-NILES RD
CANFIELD, OH

HOLY GROUNDS CAFE 9:00AM
(Light Breakfast)

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM
@ Millcreek Community Church



The Sound of Our Mission Bells

MARCH MISSIONS

- Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba \$150
- Samaritan's Purse: Where Needed Most \$200
 - Ohio Special Olympics \$200

APRIL MISSIONS

- Methodist Church of Monte Feria, Cuba
- Special "Easter Basket" Donations for the children of Monte Feria to enjoy a beautiful Easter
 - Warren Family Easter Dinner
 - Rescue Mission Easter Dinner

With small steps of faith we can certainly make a difference!

What a blessing my church family has been to our many missions. All of you in the pews every Sunday and those who listen and watch from afar, we are so grateful for your support, prayers and monetary gifts. The continuance of our Mission Program at Millcreek Community Methodist Church depends on each one of us. We can all be the light that shines for Christ Jesus if we stand together and show the love we have for each other to the world. My joy in all of this is on each face I see on Sunday mornings. How wonderful our Lord is! Bless your hearts. Love,

Susie J, Mission Team Member

Faith Step

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good:
His love endures forever. - Psalm 118:29*

If you're in a circumstance that forces you to wait, find three things to thank Jesus for and be grateful.

From Mornings with Jesus 2025/Guideposts

Susie's Fun Corner

**Be the change you want to see
in the world.**



**Don't count the days -
make the days count.**



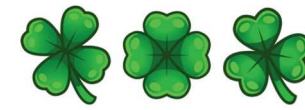
Pastor Greg's Recommended Reading

*Practicing the Way: Be with
Jesus, Become like him,
Do as he did*

By: John Mark Comer

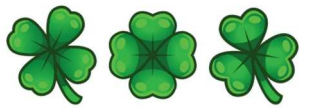
The Eclipse of God

By: Erwin W. Lutzer



Oh! The Blarney in the Irish Stew:

A Millcreek Community Church Folklore



Our dear Pastor, himself, journeyed to Ireland, the Emerald Island, to seek out St. Patrick and the secret ingredient for this wonderful Irish Stew. Our thoughts were surely on our dear Reverend Gregory Calko.

As we entered our church kitchen we heard the squealing of the "little people" who at the time were jumping and flying about the tables and hanging upside down. The Leprechauns took time out to sing a few lines of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and indeed they could have stolen your heart, but such blarney wasn't needed. We had to get dinner boxes setup and decorated, containers were needed and the stew had to be ready for the "secret ingredient". The good Reverend Calko came through the door and said, "May the Saints preserve us, what's going on in here?" We certainly looked at each other and laughed! Bless the good Reverend's heart, he went to work on the stew.

The potatoes were peeled and cut, carrots and celery cleaned and sliced, onions were chopped and the green beans were almost ready to add. We had to ask our good Reverend if he received the secret ingredient from St. Patrick? May the Saints preserve us - St Patrick came through the doors! In his loud Irish voice, he began to sing... "Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping Thy presence my light." (Methodist Hymnal pg 451) Singalong, as did our beloved kitchen group join in.

My the Saints preserve us...amid the rush of our kitchen group, all the malarkey of the "wee little ones" and the "blarney" and "tomfoolery" of the Leprechauns, all were grateful for pulling it altogether. Our good Reverend Greg Calko and St. Patrick himself, the Leprechauns and those mischievous "little people", all went well...May the Saints preserve us! *When it comes to reading this "Folklore" remember to roll your G's & R's to maintain an Irish sort of brogue!*

St. Patrick said to our good Reverend Calko, "The Emerald Island is calling to me, so may I leave this Irish Blessing to you and yours."

An Irish Blessing to All



May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures,

May all the passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.



To the wonderful "Saints" who answered the call to help with our Irish Beef Stew Dinner! Many thanks to the following Leprechauns: Janice Rose, Ken Bennett, Laura Johnson, Hope Sabanick, Keith Makar, Kevin & Barb Huber, Susie Justice and our Renowned Chef & Reverend Greg Calko.

From my heart to yours, *Susie J, Mission Team Member*