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TIMELY NOTES



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SUNDAY SCHOOL Will Return Sun., Sept. 8

WORSHIP starts at 9:30 am

UPCOMING OUTDOOR SERVICES

July 28 (at Hubbard Valley Park) at 10:30 a.m.

August 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Hubbard Valley Park Outdoor Service and Picnic July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Milton Presbyterian Church will join Seville Presbyterian Church and Creston Presbyterian Church for worship outside at Hubbard Valley Park on **Sunday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m.** Please bring a lawn chair with you. If you would like to sing in the choir, there will be a short practice before the service beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the pavilion. There will be a carry-in picnic following the service. Rev. Alex Barnes and Rev. Michael Van Arsdale will be sharing the message!



Family fun night!! Olympics theme!

Sponsored by the Rittman

Boys and Girls Club:

-Inflatables

-Yard games:

Jenga, Connect four, etc

-444 Hibachi food truck

-Metropolis popcorn

(vegan options!)

-Used book sale

-Obstacle course

-torch run

...and more fun!

July 26: 6-8:30

**Milton Presbyterian lawn
(Park at church or walk from school)**



Free Community Dinner



Thank you Bill Crawford for preparing another fine meal at our June 24th community meal. Our next Community Meal will be on Monday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m. Bill plans on making BBQ chicken and oven roasted potatoes. Yum. Don't miss it! Our guest speaker at 7:00 p.m. is Elfie Salisbury who will speak about her faith journey, her book, and the process of writing a book. Everyone is invited so bring your friends and family.

The community dinner in August will be on Monday, August 26th, with stir fry on the menu!

I was rattled when I saw the news that there had been an assassination attempt on the life of President Trump as he ran for office again. Tragically, Corey Comperatore—a man attending the rally - was fatally wounded as he shielded his wife and daughter from the bullets. Two others were also critically wounded. Often in conversation with others I have said that the recent political turmoil today in our country and around the world reminds me of the history I have learned of the 1960s. Usually this comes up in response to someone waxing about ‘how much better things used to be.’ Yet here we are, and it is hard to say whether we are better or worse off. The story of humanity is always full of ebbs and flows of historical violence, and today the political fire is once again looking for added fuel, prepared to consume us. A Republican Senator pointed to the extreme speech of leading Democrats as a major reason for why this assassination attempt occurred. After all, the party has been using language that the Republican party’s candidate is an existential threat to the nation as our founding fathers envisioned it. He has a point - and yet I’ve heard similar language coming from the mouths of Republicans—including president Trump—as well. Many are voicing that this country will be completely destroyed if _____ were to be elected. I’ll let you fill in the blank on that one. Sadly, it is nothing new, and neither is the violence that appears in the wake of such rhetoric. Throughout the history of Empires, people have used violence to solve problems or demonstrate their power. Yet today is fairly unique in this respect: everyone has a platform to share their opinions and their lives - and a good number of people often do. Many of the rest of us are dumbfounded by things that people are willing to share publicly, yet it does not take long for us to privately judge those who judge quite publicly, and we reveal that we do not have the discipline to turn away from the drama.

In our times, we have accepted the fact that disrespect is rampant, and we can be so quick to criticize and judge all that we see without looking at the cloudiness of our own eyes. This is why the Apostle James, in his epistle, confronts the young church with the truth that “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be” (James 3:9-10). In this letter, he compels the everyday believers to share the truth with our actions and through supplication to God, who is the author of all things. He urges the believers to disengage from the divisive speech so easily stoked by worldly understanding and desire, humbling ourselves to speak through a life of faith and good works.

To be fair, there were times when the two central figures of the gospels denounced their opponents quite publicly with a harsh word. John the Baptist called the Pharisees and scribes a *brood of vipers* (Luke 3:7). So does Jesus (Mt 12:34). Elsewhere, he calls the Pharisees *fools* (Mt. 23:17). It seems to contradict his own command that anyone who even calls his brother a fool is in danger of the fires of hell (Mt 5:22). This is the teaching that James reiterates in the passage above, with good reason. Our curses are dangerous - so why do Jesus and John criticize in this fashion? They did this because these same religious leaders were called upon to be Holy faithful shepherds of those who needed them the most. Instead, they hardened their hearts so they might remain outwardly holy, while inwardly wholly comfortable in their own view of God. John and Jesus also spoke out because they had deep knowledge of God’s Word, and they were specially empowered by God’s Holy Spirit to speak this Word, not to be taken lightly or trivially.

Yet there is a major difference in the way that they criticized and the way we often do. Never did Jesus or John say that the Pharisees were an existential threat to God’s kingdom. Never did they say that false teachers would keep God’s will from being carried out. Never did they doubt God’s power to come to pass.

We live in a world where we are free to speak our mind about a great many things, and we have a platform to say those things quite publicly. How often do we speak to turn people towards God? How often do we speak with eternal matters in mind? How often do we speak of God’s everlasting love, and God’s eternal glory? How often do we hold our tongue in humility? How often do we humble ourselves under God’s hand, and cast all of our anxieties on him (1 Peter 5:6-7)? How often do we really believe that God cares for us, and has the ultimate power to save us? Ask yourselves these questions, and when the words of others bring anxiety to your life—when the news of violence and tragedy threaten your faith in God’s power to save—seek out God in prayer, and God will lift you up when the time is right. - Rev. Alex Barnes

“HOST” A SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

GATHERING AFTER CHURCH



What does this mean?

We are looking for individuals who would like to help set up the snacks and coffee following our church service. Everyone [likes to have a snack and beverage, especially the kids!](#) If you would help us “Set the Table”, please sign up on the date of your choice. There will be someone available to show you where the table settings are located. You will not be alone! This is a worthy endeavor that allows us to catch up with others and enjoy a brief time of fellowship. Thank you in advance, for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated. To sign up on a date or if you have questions, contact Christine White at (330-703-2720)



Milton Presbyterian Women are having their annual school supply collection during August.

These supplies will be passed on to the school to help children have necessary items for the best education possible .

Thank you for your donations.

Vacation Bible School

We had a lot of fun at vacation Bible school this year. Jonah and the Big Fish is a great story to capture young minds and share God’s story with them. Thank you who attended or helped! Many thanks to Pastor Alex, Andrea Barnes, Lindsey Millan, Patty Cristino, Marilyn Dlesk, Eli Hodges, Landon Farron, Cindy Mann and Ken Mann.



Presbytery Meeting

Sat., Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-noon

Milton Church will be hosting the Presbytery meeting in September this year. It is a great opportunity to meet other church leaders in our Presbytery who share in ministry! You are invited to a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and lunch following the meeting. Watch your bulletins and email for more details.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



Food Pantry Needs

ITEMS are always needed for the pantry. Staples are needed.

Usage has been very high! Currently personal items are needed as are pasta or noodles, instant potatoes, cereal, pasta sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned meat, quick foods like canned stew, and personal hygiene items (especially shampoo and bar soap, and feminine hygiene products.)



Adult Sunday School will not meet until fall.

Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet and discuss the book of Isaiah. It meets at 12:30 p.m.

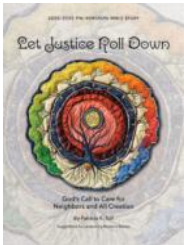
Jr. Church will continue on throughout the summer.

MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



MPW Circle is “on vacation” until Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in coming to the September meeting, please let Kim Hart know. Her telephone number is 330-612-3302.

The next Presbyterian Women Study Book is *Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull. For more information on the study go to:



<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/justice/>

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support!

Summary of June Revenue & Expenses

Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of June	\$ 9,092
HeadStart Fees	<u>+2,400</u>
	\$ 11,492
Expenses from June	<u>\$ 11,524</u>
June Net Income/Expense	\$ <u>32</u>
2024 Net Income/Expense	\$ 3,721
Transferred In from svgs.	2,700

June 2024 Boiler Donations: \$320
Total donations to date: \$ 49,910
Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 16,061
June 2024 Roof Donations: \$1,150
Total donations to date: \$ 3,050
Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 32,500

Thank you for all your donations!

Electronic giving services powered by Presbyterian Foundation.



The Server is in need of more pre-made frozen meals in gallon freezer bags. Please contact Pastor Alex if you can help.



Elena Swartzentruber has been teaching the kids of our church and the community Spanish, hosting classes on Thursday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thank you Elena!

Our last two classes for the summer are on August 1st and 8th.

The next Youth JAM will be on **Sunday, September 15th at Seville Presbyterian Church**. The group is made up of Jr. and Sr. high school students. They meet quarterly throughout the year. The youth are encouraged to bring their friends!



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Our Mission Statement:

Believing in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, the Milton Presbyterian Church, as the Body of Christ, will carry out the ministry of Jesus within the congregation, within our community, and to the world.

To accomplish this mission we will:

**Experience God's presence through worship, prayer, Bible study, the sacraments, fellowship, and service;*

**Demonstrate our Savior's compassion through our daily lives to those in need;*

**Give our time, our talents, and our material possessions to serve and glorify God .*

**Share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed to all the world.*

Moved by the Holy Spirit, our mission as a congregation of forgiven and loved disciples will be carried out in the Name of Christ.



OUR BEST WISHES TO COLLEEN HART AND JAMES UNDERWOOD WHO MARRIED ON APRIL 27, 2024 IN OKLAHOMA. THE

COUPLE WILL BE LIVING AT 521 E. PARK AVE., MCALESTER, OK, 74501.

BEST WISHES ALSO TO BRITTANY ABEREGG AND THOMAS PARSONS. THEY WED ON JUNE 22, 2024 IN SOUTH SHORE, KENTUCKY. THEIR ADDRESS IS 457 FOUR MILE RD., RUSH, KENTUCKY, 41168. BRITTANY IS GERALD AND KAREN ABEREGG'S GRANDDAUGHTER.

NEW ADDRESSES

Katherine Hart
1657 N. Maplewood Ave.
Apt. CH 1R
Chicago, IL 60647

Lockie Bodager
2222 Colts Neck Rd.
Apt. 2340
Reston, VA 20191-2847

****Please remember our church family members who are in our local area nursing homes:***

Apostolic Christian Homes, (10680 Steiner Rd., Rittman, OH) - Dorothy Johnson, Ron Steele

Heritage Crossing Assisted Living (251 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Montrose, OH 44333) - Judy Twinem


Village of St. Edwards, (880 Main St., Wadsworth, OH 44281) - Sally Barnes

Autumnwood Nursing & Rehab (275 E. Sunset Dr., Rittman, OH 44270) - Jim Davis



Larry Amstutz, Shawn Aronhalt, Linda Beddow, Leigh Ann Berkley, Jen Bishop, Jonathan Bonilla, Charlie Brandes, Levi Buxman, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Terri Click, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Sharon Combs, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Drew Crawford, Lesa Crawford, Megan Crawford, Jamie Culler, Jim Davis, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Amy Fletcher, Darla Fletcher, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Robert Gardner, Marcia Geyer, Todd Hardgrove, Reed Heggie, Dwayne Hopton, Lori Johnson, Debbie Keel, Erik Kinch, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Kurt Lampar, Abbey Lentine, ConiAnn Limpert, Lisa Lipscond, Bob Ludolph, Lauren Mackie, Laurel Mader, Helen Mann, Keith Marsden, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, Linda Melenbacker, Lois Middleton, PJ Miller, Kristen Morris, Frances & Joyce Nichols, Dale Owen, Lee Owen, Ethan Porter, Sally Porter, Ron and Sue Price, Linda and Geoff Pyle, John Ramsier, Sue Ramsey, Toby Rinaldo, Jim Roberts, Karl Rohrer, Pat Rossmiller, Haylee Rufener, Debbie and Jay Russell, Linda Rutter, Sheryl Saunders, Colleen Sheppard, Betty Shreve, Lavonne Silva, Rick Singleton, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Todd Stephan, Rev. Chris Stewart, Patti Stuart, John Swarzentrubler, Bill Timmons, Luke Truman, Judy Twinem, Anita Vohar, Don Vohar, Amy Wilson, Sue Wilson, Bobby Wolf, Ron Woodward, Jim Zimmerman





Just for KIDS

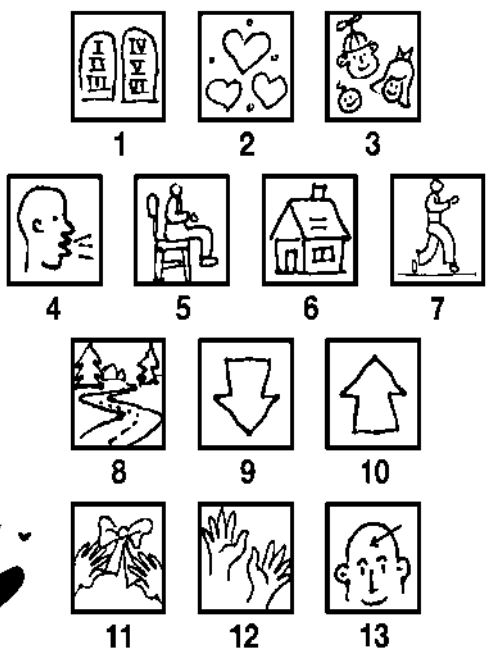
Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



1. Commandments (table with 10 tablets)
 2. Hearts (three hearts)
 3. Children (two children)
 4. Mouth/Talk (profile of a head with sound waves)
 5. Sit (person sitting on a chair)
 6. Home (house)
 7. Walk (person walking)
 8. Road (winding road through a landscape)
 9. Down (arrow pointing down)
 10. Up (arrow pointing up)
 11. Hands (two hands)
 12. Tie (hands tying a bow)
 13. Foreheads (front view of a head with dots on the forehead)

“These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____.”

Answers: 1) commandments; 2) hearts; 3) children; 4) Talk; 5) sit; 6) home; 7) walk; 8) road; 9) down; 10) up; 11) Tie; 12) hands; 13) foreheads



Memory Verse Games

Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God's Word into our hearts and minds.

Memory-Verse Memory Game

What you need:

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

The Vanishing Memory Verse

What you need:

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you'll be able to recite the whole verse!



August 2024



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rhett Hawks
- 5 Briella Hart
- 15 Ethan Aberegg
- 18 Bob Ludolph
- 19 Linda Crawford
- 19 Juliee Saunders
- 22 Patty Cristino
- 23 Chris Goodman
- 27 Sally Schar
- 29 Roger Ramsier

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Lynn & Bonnie Beaumont 56 yrs.
- 19 Mark & Sheri Wachtel 51 yrs.
- 22 Geoffrey & Linda Pyle 54 yrs.

JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

- 4 Tammy Wilson
- 11 Renee Busic
- 18 Andrea Barnes
- 25 Angel Mackey

MEETING DATES

- Building & Grounds - Wed., Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Hospitality Coordination Meeting - TBA
- Worship & Music - Mon., Aug. 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- MPW Circle - Thurs., Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Session Meeting - Wed., Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- Presbytery Meeting - Hosted by Milton Presbyterian Church, Sat., Sept. 21, 8:30 a.m.

FLOWER SCHEDULE

- 4 Donna & Bill Robertson
- 11 Andrea & Alex Barnes
- 18 Linda & Bill Crawford
- 25 Outdoor Service



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 pm Spanish Lessons (Library)	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship	5 10:00 am Worship & Music Comm. 6:30 pm Garden Club (Fel. Hall) 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den	6 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	7 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:30 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library) 7:00 pm Pack Leaders (Parlor)	8 6:00 pm Spanish Lessons (Library)	9	10
11 9:30 am Worship	12 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	13 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	14 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day	15	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship	19 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	20 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	21 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	22	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship Outdoor Service	26 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:30 pm Community Meal 7:00 pm Speaker for Meal	27 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	28	29	30	31

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