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JULY 2025

TIMELY NOTES

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Worship Time

SUMMER HOURS * WORSHIP 9:30 am

*OVER THE SUMMER, WHEN THE WEATHER IS NICE, WE WILL
WORSHIP OUTSIDE, SO HAVE YOUR LAWN CHAIR READY!
WE WILL BE INSIDE FOR COMMUNION JULY 13.*

The Story of Pentecost

Celebrating the Birth of the Church!



VBS!



Community Meals

Our May 26th Memorial Day Community Meal was prepared by Pastor Alex and Andrea his wife. Thank you so much for helping to feed everyone. There was no speaker but it was still a great time visiting with community members.

Our next meal is on Monday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m. Bill is fixing pulled pork and macaroni and cheese. At 7:00 p.m. there is a speaker from Homeward Bound. Homeward Bound helps the homeless with their needs. Everyone is welcome so come join us!

Pastor's Note for July 2025

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. - Ephesians 4:11-13

Last year's first Lions club community parade was certainly a memorable one. While the Milton Presbyterian Church did not have its own float in the parade, there was a lot of behind the scenes involvement from a number of our church members. I still hope that we can have a small float this year, but last year we couldn't do it because many of us were involved in the whole thing—and my own role in the parade was to hold the honor of being called to judge the people. While I was flattered to be seen as someone with good judgment, I also know that Jesus taught the people "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. So I decided to get ahead of the matter and welcome such judgment from others by dressing up in my preacher's robe and donning the only wig I could find in my house - an American flag bandana with long dark flowing locks cascading down the back. If you only looked above the shoulders, I looked a bit like Nicholas Cage from the classic action film Con-Air. No, it was not a movie about hairdryers, but as I alluded to, it does feature some great hair ...

As I watched a wonderful parade, my disguise must not have been good enough. As he was walking by, Wayne County Commissioner Ron Amstutz recognized me as the organizer of our Rittman Ministerial Association and approached. He wanted me to know about something that he was excited about—and it wasn't my new look. He had been working with a group called ReviveOHIO in setting up a county-wide revival among the churches in our area that make up the Church in Wayne County. Not long after, some of the organizers behind ReviveOHIO came to share their mission and vision with us at our Rittman Ministerial Association meeting in January.

Much to my surprise things started coming together quickly and, before I knew it, the revival was already planned and happening! Literally before I knew it. After our local meeting in January concluded, it sounded as if we were looking towards getting something together in the coming years. By April, I had heard that the revival was happening this July! Once again I could witness how swiftly God acts when it has been blessed by His grace. I also saw it as another answer to a long time prayer of mine for God's Church to come together in this place and work together for God's mission in the gospel—and the timing of it all was part of this witness too. ReviveOHIO in Wayne County will begin the day after the Rittman Community parade this year, just as the Sleepwalker festival commences. Almost exactly a year's time from when it was brought to my attention!

For a week, starting on Friday, July 25th, a group of local missionaries will equip people in local churches for the work of ministry - to share the good news of Jesus Christ and make disciples of Him. Over those seven days, a lunch will be hosted by a church in different areas of the county where members and leaders of local churches will be equipped for ministry during that time. One of the lunches to equip and teach will take place here at Milton on Thursday, July 31st! We will be joined by other local churches and missionaries coming in from different parts of the state who will be sharing their excitement for sharing the good news, and how we too can share that good news as our lives are continuously transformed and molded into Christ. In this, just as God reveals in our scriptures from Ephesians chapter 4, we may be unified as one church under Christ, who gave himself to the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers the gifts to equip the people for ministry.

You too can be a part of how God works in this! If you haven't given your life over to Christ, make that commitment first. If you have, pray that God gives you the courage to use your gifts through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask others if you can pray for them. Pray over how you can help either serve lunch or participate in this effort. Pray that the Milton Church grows with those who desperately need God's hope now more than ever, and pray that this is not a momentary event but one where new seeds can be planted, ready to grow deep roots reaching into the rich soil of our beloved community ripe for renewal through the power of Jesus Christ our Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- Rev. Alex Barnes

If you wish to contact Pastor Alex please give him a call, email or text. If unable to reach him at the office, please call him at cell phone number 404-447-0273.

reviveOhio * Session has voted to help reviveOhio this summer by being a host church. Hosts are responsible for preparing and serving lunch. Milton Church will be making lunch on July 31st at noontime. Please contact Pastor Alex or the office if you can help!

reviveOHIO
— WAYNE COUNTY —
OUTREACH WEEK
July 25th - 31st 2025

KICK-OFF SERVICE - 6:30 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 25TH, 2025

Fisher Auditorium at OARDC (OSU Wooster)

Join us for a week-long outreach where believers from across Wayne County unite to go into our community — to fulfill the Great Commission! To pray for people, share the Gospel (*Good News*), and make disciples of Jesus Christ!

We unite as ONE Church, with ONE message, to impact ONE life at a time!


MORNING & EVENING HOST CHURCH

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

480 Fry Road, Wooster, OH 44691

***Noontime (Lunch) Host Locations**

FRIDAY (6:30pm)	7/25	Kickoff Evening Service (No Meal)
SATURDAY	7/26	Fairlawn Mennonite Church 8520 Emerson Rd. - Apple Creek
SUNDAY	7/27	(No Lunch) Meet at C.O.S. @ 2pm
MONDAY	7/28	Shreve Community Church 430 N. Main Street - Shreve
TUESDAY	7/29	First Church of God 1953 Akron Road - Wooster
WEDNESDAY	7/30	Living Water Church 200 Kurzen Rd. N. - Dalton
THURSDAY	7/31	Milton Presbyterian Church 250 North Street - Rittman

 **LOST AND FOUND:** There are several items at the church for quite a while. There are 2 different light weight jackets. One is a men's and one is a women's. Also a digital camera has been found and turned into the office. Please see Cindy if they are yours.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

With various cuts in the federal budget, there has been a trickle down effect with support to the less fortunate. Please see if you can help donate a few items.

ITEMS are always needed for the pantry. Staples are needed. 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, toothpaste, bar soap, and feminine hygiene products.) Dish soap and laundry detergent are also hot items!





Adult Sunday School is going on “vacation” over the summer.

Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet at 12:30 pm in the library, learning the book of Isaiah. We’re already at chapter 58 out of 66. Almost there! It has been an amazing experience to see the messiah come out of this Word of power and hope.

During Junior Church, the children will be learning more about the church and the book of Acts!

MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



MPW Circle is on break over the summer. If you are interested in coming to meetings in the fall, please let Kim Hart know. Her telephone number is 330-612-3302.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Summary of May Revenue & Expenses

Income from month of May	\$ 6,203
HeadStart Fees	+2,400
	\$ 8,603
Expenses from May	\$ 10,684
May Net Income/Expense	\$ -2,081
2025 Net Income/Expense	\$ - 645

May 2025 Boiler Donations: \$775
Total donations to date: \$ 53,350
Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 10,836
May 2025 Roof Donations: \$50
Total donations to date: \$ 4,200
Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 31,145

Thank you for all your donations!

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Congratulations!



JESSE HUNT - Jesse has graduated from Norwayne High School and plans to get a full time job in industrial maintenance. His grandparents are Vikki and Fred Weller. They are all new additions to our church family.



ISABELLA NARDECCHIA - Isabella Nardecchia graduated from Norwayne High School. She is the granddaughter of Linda and Bill Crawford. Bella had been our guest speaker at the October 2024 Community Meal and spoke about her trip to Honduras in 2024. She will attend Ashland University this fall.

MAX PYLE - Max Pyle has graduated from Rittman High School. He graduated with training in HVAC repair and is currently working at Orrville Heating and Plumbing. Parents are Michael Pyle and Lorie Pyle.



ANDY MACKKEY - Andy Mackey graduated from Trine University in Angola, Indiana with a degree in engineering. Parents are Angel and Chris Mackey.

JULY 2025**TIMELY NOTES****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.

The children of Justine Brandes would like to thank everyone who came out to honor our mom as we celebrated her 90 years of being on this earth. We know she is loved as much as she loves you all. A special thank you to the ladies (and men) who worked so hard with setting up, serving and cleaning. We could not have done it without you. And thank you to Jeff McMillen for spending so much time with us taking pictures. Milton Presbyterian church family is the best.

Thank you!

A big thank you to all my friends for the wonderful cards and best wishes for my birthday. It was special to have so many of you at the celebration. A day to remember! - Justine



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

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

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

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

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

Rev. Jim and Joan Watt - The Echelon (629 N. Huntington St., Apt. 2742, Medina, OH 44256)

Pam Ahrens, Dawn Bauman, Bob Baus, Leigh Ann Berkley, Jen Bishop, Jonathan Bonilla, Josue Bonilla, Charlie Brandes, Boyd Breece, Levi Buxman, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Mike & Mandii, Lesa Crawford, Jamie Culler, Rose Darling, Brian Davis, Jim Davis, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Darla Fletcher, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Robert Gardner, Marcia Geyer, Chris Goodman, Reed Heggie, Dwayne Hopton, Veronica Hughes, Cathy Imhoff, Madi Jackson, Lori Johnson, Debbie Keel, Alexis Labo, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Abbey Lentine, Chad Lightner, Lisa Lipscond, Bill Loebick, Bob Ludolph, Lauren Mackie, Laurel Mader, Keith Marsden, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, PJ Miller, Kristen Morris, Corey Mullinax, Denise Neeley, Frances & Joyce Nichols, Charlie Owen, Dale Owen, Bob and Sue Plank, Ethan Porter, Sally Porter, Ron and Sue Price, Linda and Geoff Pyle, John Ramsier, Roger Ramsier, Sue Ramsey, Toby Rinaldo, Jim Roberts, Pat Rossmiller, Haylee Rufener, Jay Russell, Linda Rutter, Sheryl Saunders, Colleen Sheppard, Betty Shreve, Sarah Shreve, Lavonne Silva, Rick Singleton, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Todd Stephan, David Stewart, John Swarzentrubler, Ella Thomas, Kelly and Holly Thomas, Bill Timmons, Luke Truman, Jarra Underwood, Tim Van Arsdale, Alice Widmer, Sue Wilson



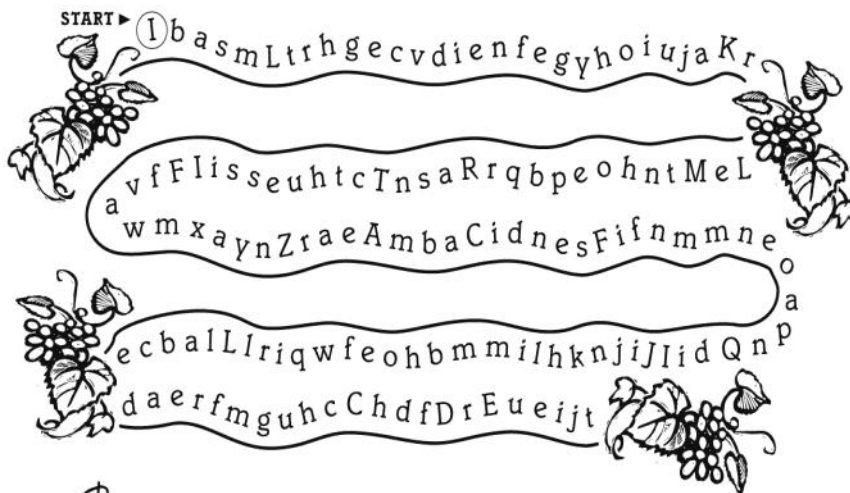
**Italicized are recent additions.*



The true vine

In a vineyard, the vine gives life to the branches, which, in turn, produce the grapes. Follow the puzzle directions below to learn about our special relationship with Jesus, our true vine.

Directions: Circle every other letter and then write them in order on the lines below.



"I _____ ; _____

apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5, NIV

FROSTY FRESH GRAPE POPS

Jesus is our vine, and we are to be his fruitful branches. Have "bunches" of fun making this refreshing grape snack.

What you need:

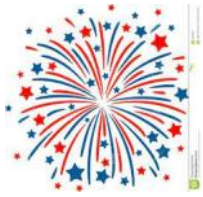
- An adult to help
- 4½ cups seedless grapes (red, green or black)
- Food processor
- Plastic spatula
- Strainer
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Food coloring (red, green or blue; optional)
- 5 oz. paper cups
- Aluminum foil
- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Another 2 cups grapes, halved (optional)

What you do:

1. Blend grapes in a food processor until smooth.
2. With a plastic spatula, press mixture through a strainer into a mixing bowl. Discard skins and skim foam off the top.
3. Whisk sugar into juice until dissolved. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired.
4. Fill cups with juice, spooning most of the foam off the top. (If using additional grapes, put ¼-cup halved grapes into each cup.)
5. Cover each cup with foil and insert a wooden stick into the center of the foil.
6. Place cups in freezer.
7. To remove pops, take off foil and tear away cup. Enjoy!

Variation: To make layered juice pops, make two batches of mix from different-colored grapes. Fill cups half full with one color, cover and then insert the stick and freeze. Then fill with the remaining color and freeze again.

Answer: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."



July 2025



BIRTHDAYS

2	Tammy Wilson
3	Erick Shreve
6	Max Pyle
7	Gerald Aberegg
8	Mike Cramer
13	Drew Fetter
13	Chris Mackey
13	Olivia Millan
15	Geoffrey Pyle
21	Kim Hart
25	Katherine Saunders
25	Andrea Barnes
28	Ellen Williams
29	Madison Aberegg
31	Bill Cristino

FLOWER SCHEDULE

6	Sheri Wachtel
13	Ellen Williams
20	Cindy & Ken Mann
27	Donna & Bill Robertson

MEETING DATES

Building & Grounds - Thurs., July 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Music - Mon., July 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Session Meeting - Weds., Aug. 20 at 6:30 pm

ANNIVERSARIES

10	Matt & Patty Cristino	43 yrs.
10	Michael & Lori Williams	32 yrs.
15	Jim & Beth Lance	42 yrs.
23	Randy & Mary Adams	51 yrs.



JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

6	Tammy Wilson
13	Renee Basic
20	Angel Mackey
27	Andrea Barnes

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

6	Kim Hart
13	Donna Robertson
20	Cindy Vaughn
27	Renee Basic

Church Directories

If you have a new telephone number or address, please let the office know so your information can be updated. Thank you.



July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	2	3 6:30 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library)	4 	5
6 9:30 am Worship	7 10:00 am Worship & Music Comm. (Library) 7:00 pm Rittman Garden Club (Library)	8 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Worship (Communion) 	14	15 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	16 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day at laundromat	17	18	19 Noon-6 Fellowship Hall Rental - Jesse Hunt Graduation Party
20 9:30 am Worship	21	22 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	23	24 Rittman Community Parade	Revive Ohio July 25-31	
27 9:30 am Worship	28 6:30 pm Community Meal 7:00 pm Speaker	29 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	30	31 6:00 pm Cub Scout Leaders Mtg. (Library) Noon Host revive Ohio		
Revive Ohio - July 25-31						

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