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JUNE 2024 TIMELY NOTES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Will Return in the Fall

WORSHIP starts at *9:30 am*

beginning June 2 !

Outdoor Services

**Worship and Music Committee has announced
3 outdoor services for the summer:**

June 23

July 28 (at Hubbard Valley Park)

August 25

ROOFING TIME! The new flat roof has been delayed due to the weather. (That probably doesn’t surprise you.) However, the church needs to repay money borrowed from the Lance Fund as it did for the boiler replacement.

Please consider a monthly donation for the roof and/or boiler funds along with your regular donation. Unfortunately, as the building ages, things fail. If you prefer automatic donations, you can arrange for payments for these funds through the Presbyterian Foundation.

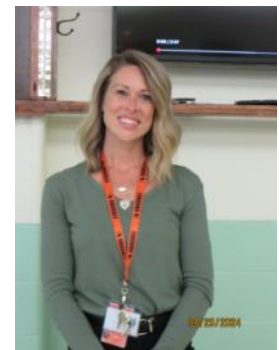


Plans are in the works for a Vacation Bible School on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 in the evenings. Please contact Rev. Alex or the church office if you can assist in VBS.



Community Meal

April’s Community Meal held on April 29th featured Tessa Dalessandro from O’Huddle. Thank you very much for coming and telling us the very worthy work that O’Huddle does reaching out to children who needs mentoring for all sorts of reasons. And another thank you to Bill Crawford and the meal team who bring us great meals.



Our next Community Meal will be on Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats. Please join in this opportunity to meet with other members of our community on a day that we honor those who have served in the military.

Spread out above the heads of the living creatures was what looked something like a vault, sparkling like crystal, and awesome. - Ezekiel 1:22



During pre-school, each week my son Gus and his class were asked a question by their teacher. Later, she would share the answers with the parents. It was always quite fun to see the answers that some of the kids come up with, and if I'm being honest, a part of me also hoped that Gus will answer some of these questions in a way that reflected well on his parents! Vanity is hard to escape! It didn't always happen, but when he was asked what his favorite planet was, I was indeed pleased with his answer. He chose Earth!

It doesn't have the violent storms of Jupiter, the brilliant molten hot gas atmosphere of Venus, or the incredible red hue of Mars. I'm also glad that he didn't pick Uranus because some people often mispronounce this Greek word for the Heavens (and their name for the God of the universe) and find it funny. He picked Earth, and I would like to think so because it is the only planet with life in all of its rich complexity.

Earth is what astronomers refer to as a goldilocks planet. It is not too hot and not too cold, and its temperature is regulated by an atmosphere that also protects the planet from those wandering space rocks that can come hurtling down when caught in the planet's gravitational field. When God created the Heavens and the Earth, it is written in our scriptures that He created a dome, or vault, above the Earth, to separate the waters above from the waters below (Gn 1:6-8). This dome stretched over the expanse of the world. In his book on the Seven Pillars of Creation, my former professor Bill Brown wrote about how the Bible's hardened firmament and the Earth's protective atmosphere, though conceived quite differently, share the same function for life on earth: life sustaining protection.

In what is probably the craziest and most detailed vision of God in scripture, the prophet Ezekiel writes that spread out above the heads of the living creatures was what looked something like a vault, sparkling like crystal, and awesome. It is a vision I always read as something fantastic that could only be revealed in scripture, but as I looked over lake Michigan last week while away on vacation, I too witnessed this vault we are under sparkling like crystal. I saw the northern lights for the first time in my life. To the naked eye, the sky glowed with a faint green on the bottom, and large splotches of reddish purple near the thumbnail moon. Lines stretched across the sky, gently arching towards the apex of the sky above my head, and it was one of the first times that it looked like we were encapsulated in a dome, and I could see the grid-lines splitting from the top. It was even more brilliant when my mom took a picture of it.

In scientific terms, it was a result of the action of the magnetosphere that protects our planet from these excited electrons from beating upon us with their radiation. To my own eyes, it was also the revelation of God's majestic beauty and protection that has been afforded to all life on Earth. Just as the rainbow is a symbol of God's grace and covenant with all life on Earth, so I saw this sky is a sign of care and protection. At the same time, I was keenly aware of God's presence and why God appeared to Ezekiel in the first place. God came to warn, to prepare, and to do so with both hope and reproach. The people had turned away from God to follow their own way, and there is plenty of evidence of turmoil in our own world. As we turn on the news, we see God's children continue to make war with greed, violence and ambition. We see people trusting in their own power and protection rather than God's, and when we read our scripture, we read the same warning that is as relevant today as it was from the beginning: turn from sin and repent, or suffer the consequence.

Yet the final power of Ezekiel's message isn't in the stark warning. It is in the hope of redemption and resurrection. In this Word, we see God comes down to shepherd His people Himself (Ez 34). We see a valley of dry bones come together with living flesh and infused with the breath of life (Ez 37). We see God's temple is rebuilt, and living waters flow from that place to restore the banks of the dead sea, lush with life (Ez 47).

As the dark news of the world comes before us, don't look away. Pray with faith, and respond with what God has put on your heart—but as you do so, look outside to see this strange and beautiful planet of Earth bloom with life again, and remember God's promise of a new creation.

-Alex

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Hunter Shreve

Hunter graduates from Rittman High School. He will be attending Cleveland State University in the fall for film and media studies with a goal of production.



Madalyn Jackson

Madalyn graduates from Rittman High School through the Wayne County Career Center. She is a CCMA and a phlebotomist. She is going to school to get her LPN and her bachelors degree in biology.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members of the church. If you have not already met them, say hello to John and Elena Swartzentruber.



Acolytes Are Back

After an absence from our services for a number of years, we now have enough children old enough to handle acolyte duty. Thank you Vickie Schumacher for revisiting this practice for our worship.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

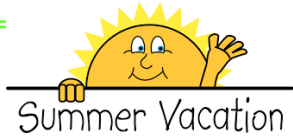
It amazes me how fast the food pantry items fly out of there. Please try to remember that this is a constant need and with summer, children are out of school and will need things to eat at home.



ITEMS are 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.)

MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MPW Circle is “on vacation” until the end of 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

Thank you for your continued support!

Summary of February Revenue & Expenses

Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of Apr.	\$ 6,591
HeadStart Fees	<u>+2,400</u>
	\$ 8,991
Expenses from April	<u>\$ 10,847</u>
Apr. Net Income/Expense	\$ <u>1,856</u>
<u>2024</u> Net Income/Expense	\$ <u>4,878</u>
Transferred In from svgs.	2,700

April 2024 Boiler Donations: \$220

Total donations to date: \$ 49,365

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 17,011

April 2024 Roof Donations: \$100

Total donations to date: \$ 650

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 32,500

Thank you for all your donations!

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Adult Sunday School will not meet until fall.

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

Jr. Church will continue on throughout the summer.



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

Muskingum Valley Presbytery has set the Per Capita for 2024 at \$38.41.

The next Youth JAM will be Sunday, June 3, 6:00 p.m. at Milton 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! Anyone wanting to help host this quarter’s meeting are encouraged to contact Pastor Barnes.





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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.

Samantha Williamson is moving back to Colorado. " Sam " joined the church in 2022 and has been active in many facets of church life from Jr. Church, Lasagna-to-Go



preparations, liturgist, and so much more. Thank you for all your help over the years.



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

Inn at Coalridge (1300 Coalridge Pkwy., Wadsworth, 44281) - Elsie Richards

**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

Rocky River Assisted Living, (22900 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River, OH 44116) - Anita Vohar

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, 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, Elsie Richards, Toby Rinaldo, 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, Gloria Stroll, Rev. Chris Stewart, Patti Stuart, John Swarzentruher, Bill Timmons, Luke Truman, Judy Twinem, Anita Vohar, Don Vohar, Amy Wilson, Sue Wilson, Bobby Wolf, Ron Woodward, Jim Zimmerman



**Italicized are recent additions.*



God has made everything
Beautiful

As God's special creations, people should take every opportunity to appreciate all that He has made.

Use the words in the box below to complete this puzzle. Then match the number for the word to the blank below to finish Psalm 104:24, NIV.

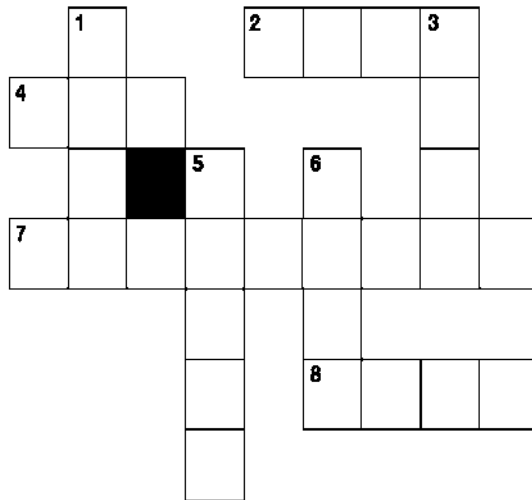
WORD BOX	
CREATURES	EARTH
THEM	MADE
LORD	YOUR
FULL	

ACROSS

- 2. Rhymes with gem.
- 4. Rhymes with cow.
- 7. Rhymes with features.
- 8. Rhymes with cord.

DOWN

- 1. Rhymes with pour.
- 3. Rhymes with fade.
- 5. Rhymes with worth.
- 6. Rhymes with pull.



“ 4 many are 1 works, O 8 !

In wisdom you 3 2 all;

the 5 is 6 of your 7 .”

Psalm 104:24, NIV

Answers: "How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Psalm 104:24, NIV

God's Creation SCAVENGER HUNT

You can easily spot God's beautiful creation not just in majestic mountains and vast oceans but also in the smallest bits of nature. Try this fun activity at a park, in your backyard or on a hike.

What you need:

- Paper
- Pencils, pens or crayons
- Plastic cups or bowls



What you do:

1. Write out the same list of items for each player. One person can do this ahead of time, or the group can determine what to hunt for. Items must be small enough to fit in the container provided. Suggestions include: flower, grain of sand or dirt, seed, blade of grass, feather, small stick, pebble, insect (preferably alive), leaf, thorn, berry and so on.
2. Give a list and a cup (or bowl) to each player.
3. Designate a place to search for items, as well as a time limit (for example, look in the backyard for 15 minutes).
4. During the scavenger hunt, enjoy seeing the beauty of God's creation in the tiniest things. Players should cross off items when found.
5. When time is up, compare items. Point out similarities and differences. Discuss why these items are so amazing. Share Bible verses or stories about some items (for example, Isaiah 40:8 talks about grass and flowers, 1 Corinthians 10:4 talks about Jesus' being our rock, etc.).



June 2024



ANNIVERSARIES

3	Bill & Linda Crawford	57 years
14	Ron & Kim Hart	38 years
22	Bill & Donna Robertson	50 years
27	Nate & Lindsey Millan	15 years
28	John & Juliee Saunders	38 years
28	Rich & Vickie Schumacher	21 years

BIRTHDAYS

2	Justine Brandes, Ron Hart II, Hal Leach
3	Duke Wilson
4	Virginia Barnes
6	Hunter Shreve
10	Faye Telford
11	Lois Middleton, Sarah Knight, Linda Lampar
12	Jim Davis
13	LaVonne Silva
16	Jordan Breece, Matt Cristino, Carter Cristino
20	Dennis Wilson
24	Scott Kammer
27	Maxwell Millan

JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

2	Angel Mackey
9	Vickie Schumacher
16	Renee Busic
23	Tammy Wilson
30	Andrea Barnes

MEETING DATES

- Building & Grounds - Wed., June 12 at 6:30 pm
- Hospitality Coordination Meeting - TBA
- Worship & Music - Mon., June 3 at 10:00 am
- MPW Circle - Back in the Fall!
- Session Meeting - TBA

FLOWER SCHEDULE



2	Ellen Williams
9	Christie & Jeff Yoho
16	Nancy & Hal Leach
23	Cindy & Ken Mann
30	

COMMUNION PREPARERS

June 30 Ken & Cindy Mann



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth JAM at Milton Pres. Church</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Worship & Music Comm. 6:30 pm Garden Club (Fel. Hall) 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>4 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 7:00 pm Pack Leaders (Parlor)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 PHOC Kindercamp (7th & 8th)</p>	<p>1 _____ 8 1-7 pm Goodman private party (Fel. Hall)</p>
<p>9 9:30 am Worship</p>	<p>10 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>11 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:30 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:30 am Worship</p> 	<p>17 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>18 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)</p>	<p>19 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:30 am Worship</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:30 pm Community Meal 7:00 pm Speaker for Meal (Fellowship hall)</p>	<p>25 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm DAA (FH)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:30 am Worship (Communion)</p> 						

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