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TIMELY NOTES

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Faith in Action Day

Ever wonder what you could do to help around the church but don't know what to do? Come Sunday, June 1st at 9:30 am and we'll have a list of jobs available to be done that morning. Many hands make light work and we'd like as many hands as possible for a variety of tasks. Jobs such as window cleaning or weed pulling will be done for about an hour then there will be a Continental breakfast served in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am. Dress appropriately!



Community Meals

Our April 28th Community Meal included a great meal from Bill Crawford. Thank you Bill for all the cooking and planning needed to serve this group. At 7 p.m. we heard from Karen Noe as she spoke about the services available at the Pregnancy Care Center. Information is still available in the church's narthex.

May 26th is not only Memorial Day but May's Community Meal in the evening at 6:30 p.m. On the grill will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats. Also available will be baked beans and chips. The next meal will be on June 30th. Everyone is welcome to the table.

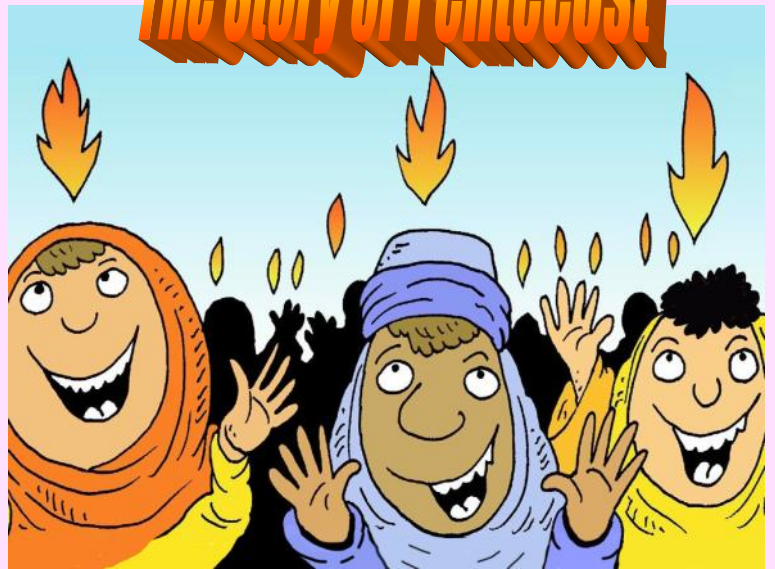
Worship Time

SUMMER HOURS, BEGIN JUNE 1 * 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 JUNE 8 AND JULY 13.

**You are invited to a
Birthday Party for the Church!**

The Story of Pentecost



VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUN - TUES, JUNE 8 - 10

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For all kids ages 2 to 11. Older kids are welcome to come and help out!



Pastor's Note - Timely Notes, June 2025

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:8

Our household loves celebrating birthdays. When someone in our family is about to celebrate a new birthday, we would break out the roll of paper that usually goes on the art table, tape one end to the hardwood floor using painter's tape, and unfurl as far as we can before we write the words Happy Birthday on it, along with names and pictures and cakes and candles and dancing figures that look a bit like happy potatoes. Balloons are blown up and we deck the house with whatever seems right to that life we love. Then we wait for the surprise. We do this because it's fun to celebrate - especially to celebrate life!

The more our social circle grows through kids and school, we are now experiencing more celebrations than ever before. I am looking forward to Ginny's birthday on June 4th - and just a few days later on June 8th, we will celebrate another special birthday in our church tradition. Of course, almost everyone in our country celebrates Christmas - the 'birthday' of Jesus Christ. That one is about as big a celebration as it gets! But the birthday that I am referring to is when we celebrate the formation of the church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Not the birthday of the Milton Presbyterian Church or an anniversary of its founding. Rather, we are celebrating the day of Pentecost: the moment fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and empowered them to teach about the good news of their new life in Christ together as one people gathered into His body as the Church.

Jesus foreshadowed this moment in his teaching many times. It is quite direct at the beginning of the book of Acts, where it is written that when the resurrected Jesus appeared to his disciples, "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about." The gift, as we would see, is the power of the Holy Spirit come upon them. Jesus tells his disciples that he is sending this Holy Spirit—whom he also refers to as 'the Advocate' and 'the Spirit of truth'—when he meets with his disciples at the last Supper before he was crucified (John 14). Going even further back in his story in John's gospel, when Jesus meets with the Pharisee Nicodemus, he tells him that 'one must be born from heaven, or born again (the Greek word 'again' and 'from heaven' are homonyms), if they are to see the Kingdom of God. They must be born of water and the Spirit.' He is, again, referring to this day when the disciples would receive the Holy Spirit.

Jesus then reveals to Nicodemus that the wind, or Spirit (also the same word in Greek), blows wherever it pleases. In fact, we see this in the way the Spirit moves throughout the book of Acts in our scriptures. It can seem chaotic, but in fact is God's *ordering* of the church. Ever since that time, individual churches have been cooking up mission statements and vision statements to reach the lost and get people to accept Christ ever since. Sometimes I question why, as it is clear from our scripture that the mission of the Church is to share the hope of the Gospel: the good news that the kingdom of God is near, and is promised and among us through the forgiveness and everlasting life given to us in Jesus Christ. This also means following his commands: to love God with all of their being, to love all of their Christian brothers and sisters, to love their neighbor, to love their enemies, to make disciples of all nations, and in doing so, to take up their own cross and follow Him. None of this has changed since the beginning of the church. Where these things will take us, and what that vision comes to, is not up to us at all. That is because it has to do with the life of the Holy Spirit, which blows wherever it pleases. So too does this happen with believers and even the church itself.

This does not mean that the church is 'blown about by every wind of teaching (Ephesians 4:14)'. Instead, it means that the church is planted by the scattering of seeds that take deep root in the soil upon which they land, carried by the wind of the Spirit. You hear its sound, but cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.

So it is not through our own effort that the Church will grow to celebrate more birthdays. It is only through the power of the Spirit, and those who know Christ Jesus. After all, when Jesus told his disciples that they 'knew the way to the place where he was going', it wasn't a direction. The way sat right in front of them, teaching them that his desire was for us to be one with him too, directed by where God pleases us to go. Now ... let's gather together and celebrate this. Be sure to invite the others!

- Reverend 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Come help us celebrate Justine Brandes' 90th birthday.

Drop in to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 31st between 2 pm and 5 pm.

If you cannot attend, you can send a card to the church addressed:

**Justine's Birthday
c/o Milton Presbyterian Church
250 North St.
Rittman, OH 44270**



The **Memorial Day Parade** on Monday, May 26th begins at 10:30am, followed by a service at the Rittman Cemetery (usually around 11:15am).



LIONS CLUB PARADE

THURS., JULY 25, 2025

Anyone interested in making a parade float for the Lions Club Parade, please contact Pastor Alex or the church office.

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!



Church Directories

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



Adult Sunday School is going on "vacation" over the summer.

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

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.

Thank you to all the women in the church who helped with May's Gifts of Women Sunday on May 18th. The special guest speaker was Rose Darling who spoke about a variety of instances where God provided an angel to serve us on this earth.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Summary of April Revenue & Expenses

Income from month of Apr.	\$ 10,231
HeadStart Fees	+2,400
	\$ 12,631
Expenses from Apr.	\$ 12,005
Apr. Net Income/Expense	\$ 625
<u>2025</u> Net Income/Expense	\$ 1,438

Apr. 2025 Boiler Donations: \$320

Total donations to date: \$ 52,575

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 11,311

Apr. 2025 Roof Donations: \$150

Total donations to date: \$ 4,150

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 31,416

Thank you for all your donations!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Our best wishes to Madi Jackson on the birth of new baby girl, Sophia.



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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.



Thank you Andrea and all your helpers for your invitation to tea on May 17th. We all had a wonderful time!



****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)

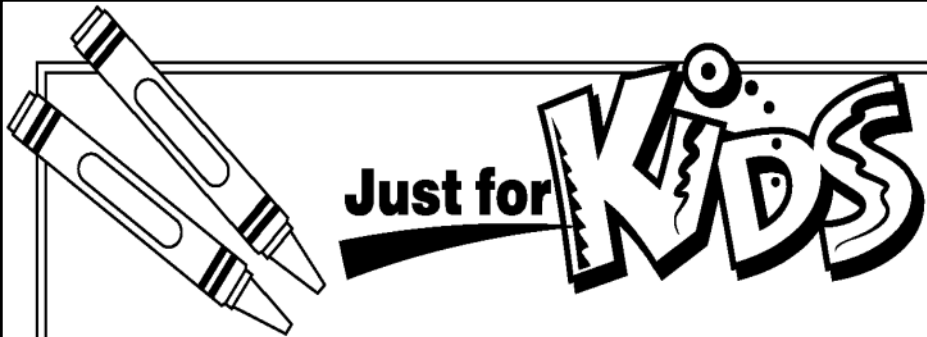
Jim Davis, Jim Roberts - Autumnwood Nursing & Rehab (275 E. Sunset Ave., Rittman, OH 44270)

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

Karen Aberegg, Pam Ahrens, Brenda Arnett, Shawn Aronhalt, 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 Cramer, Bill Crawford, Stanley Crawford, Michael Crawford, Lesa Crawford, Megan Crawford, Jamie Culler, Jim Davis, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Darla Fletcher, Maria Fortner, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Robert Gardner, Marcia Geyer, Chris Goodman, Reed Heggie, Dwayne Hopton, Veronica Hughes, 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, Helen Mann, Keith Marsden, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, PJ Miller, Kristen Morris, Corey Mullinax, Denise Neeley, Frances & Joyce Nichols, Charlie Owen, Dale Owen, Ethan Porter, Sally Porter, Ron and Sue Price, Linda and Geoff Pyle, John Ramsier, Roger Ramsier, Sue Ramsey, Toby Rinaldo, Jim Roberts, Karl Rohrer, Pat Rossmiller, Haylee Rufener, Jay Russell, Linda Rutter, Betty Santmyer, Sheryl Saunders, Colleen Sheppard, Betty Shreve, Sarah Shreve, Lavonne Silva, Rick Singleton, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Todd Stephan, David Stewart, John Swarzentrubler, *Carol Telford*, Ella Thomas, Kelly and Holly Thomas, Bill Timmons, Luke Truman, Alice Widmer, Sue Wilson

**Italicized are recent additions.*





Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

“HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US,
 THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!”

A Verse Frame

Make this special gift for your dad, uncle, grandfather or father-figure. It is nice to be reminded of our heavenly Father's love for us.

What you need:

- Piece of craft foam (8½" x 11", any color)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Piece of paper (8½" x 11", any color)
- Pencil, crayons or marker
- Foam shapes, stickers (optional)
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Use your ruler to measure a rectangle inside the piece of craft foam. Draw the rectangle, and then cut it out. Your foam should now look like a frame.
2. Place the piece of paper under the foam frame, and trace the shape of the frame's window onto the paper.
3. Choose a verse to write inside the rectangle on your paper. (Your frame can go horizontally or vertically.) Suggested verses include 1 Corinthians 8:6, Philippians 4:20 and 1 John 3:1.
4. Turn the frame over (face down), and put glue around the edge. Lay the verse face down on the back of the frame, and let it dry.
5. Decorate the outside of the frame with foam shapes, stickers or drawings.
6. Use your hole punch to punch two holes at the top of the frame. Tie a piece of ribbon or yarn through the holes to hang the frame.



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BIRTHDAYS

2	Justine Brandes, Ron Hart II, Hal Leach
3	Duke Wilson
4	Virginia Barnes
6	Hunter Shreve
10	Faye Telford
11	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

FLOWER SCHEDULE

1	Faith in Action Day
8	Justine Brandes
15	Marge & Larry Boggs
22	Alex & Andrea Barnes
29	Nancy & Hal Leach

MEETING DATES

Building & Grounds - Thurs., June 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Music - Mon., June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Session Meeting - TBA

ANNIVERSARIES

3	Bill & Linda Crawford	58 years
14	Ron & Kim Hart	39 years
22	Bill & Donna Robertson	51 years
22	Brittany (Aberegg) & Thomas Parsons	1 year
27	Nate & Lindsey Millan	16 years
28	John & Juliee Saunders	39 years
28	Rich & Vickie Schumacher	22 years

JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

1	Renee Busic
8	Tammy Wilson & Lindsey Millan
15	Andrea Barnes
22	Angel Mackey
29	Vickie Schumacher

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

1	Pastor Alex Barnes
8	Donna Robertson
15	Open
22	Cindy Mann
29	Donna Robertson

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

1	Continental Breakfast
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June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship Work Day-Faith in Action	2 10:00 am Worship & Music Comm. (Library)	3 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	4	5 Headstart last day 6:30 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library)	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship (Communion)   Vacation Bible School 6/8—6/10, 6-8 pm	9	10 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship 	16 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	17 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group 6:00 pm MVP Stated Meeting Pioneer Presbyterian in Belpre	18 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day at laundromat	19	20	21 Memorial Service for Lois Middleton
22 9:30 am Worship	23	24 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library) 1:30 pm - Prayer Group	25	26 6:00 pm Pack Leaders (Library)	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship	30 6:30 pm Community Meal 7:00 pm Speaker					

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