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TIMELY NOTES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM • WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Neighborhood Kids Club Bible Study!

Our next neighborhood kids bible club will be meeting on Sunday, April 26th at 4pm. As we journey with the Apostle Paul in his missionary journeys, we will be learning more about Paul's letter to the Corinthians. The club is geared towards kids ages 4-14. Dinner will be provided—let your friends and neighbors know! May's gathering will be on Sunday, May 17.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUN - TUES, JUNE 21 - 23



Save the dates!!

Rose Darling has been a part of Flat Rock Homes team since 2019. She finds great joy in presenting messages of transformed and faith on behalf of Flat Rock to churches throughout Ohio. Donations from this concert will go to support of Flat Rock Homes.



Community Meal

March’s community meal was held on Monday, March 30th at 6:30 pm. Bill baked potatoes and made salad. Even though Rudy Arnold couldn’t be our speaker, Ken Mann and David Williams updated everyone on the progress of moving the train station from South Main to Erie Street. Thank you Ken and David!

Our monthly Community Meal on April 27th, features speakers Dr. Raines and Dr. Meyer from Faithful Servants Care Center. They will begin at 7:00 pm. Chef Bill will feed us at 6:30 pm. He is planning on having BBQ beef, coleslaw, and potato chips. Everyone one is invited and remember; it’s FREE. May’s meal will be on Memorial Day with the annual cookout.



Ken always happy to talk about the station.

“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” - Mark 4:8

As the weather turns nicer, it always amazes me how the world almost immediately becomes filled with vibrant green dotted by flowers of all different colors. I love this time of the year for this, and also because these next few weeks are also one of the few times of the year my garden looks clean! It is a reminder how quickly the world can change as plants spring out of the ground in a matter of days—or even half days. Just a week ago, many of the lawns I saw were covered in beautiful yellow flowers!

...and now as I look out, many of those cute little adorable flowers have turned into thousands of sickly white poof-balls on top of floppy, gangly stems just begging to be cut down by the lawnmower. I am sure that there is a sermon here on how quickly we too can age, not taking our time for granted or anything ... but instead of this, I would rather draw our attention to a picture that Jesus does preach directly about using the image of God's seed — the seed of God's Word. In the parable of the Sower—the parable that Jesus explains in 3 out of the 4 gospels—Jesus explains that a farmer went to sow his seed. Some fell on rocky soil, some fell on the path, and some fell in soil crowded by weeds. Others fell on good soil. The farmer sows without care as to where the seed falls—and the seed that falls on good soil proliferates abundantly. As Jesus explains, the seed is God's word, and will re-seed with those in whom God's word takes deep root.

As I look out on the dandelions that produce abundantly, I realize that there are some important differences. Dandelions don't seem to need good soil to grow. They can grow in every nook and cranny that has soil underneath! They spring up in between my Unilock walkways, between the smallest cracks of the asphalt in my driveway, and hundreds of other seemingly impossible places to grow. And in these awkward, inhospitable placements, a root larger than the plant itself is finding a way, somehow, in the unseen Earth below.

They are, by far, the most effective propagators I have ever seen - and that is saying something from someone who rakes up billions of acorns bombarding my house from our majestic Red Oak in the fall. They even manage to tempt children into doing their work for them as the kids pick up their little poof-balls and blow their little powdery heads into a snow shower of seeds carried everywhere in the wind. They are also important flowers to support the crucial pollinators of our ecosystem. Don't get me wrong—I don't want to valorize the dandelion too much. They are only beautiful for a few days, they get scraggly quickly, they are impossible to control, and once they do take root, they are one of the most annoying plants to uproot in the whole garden. Most weeding tools are designed for them and are still too bulky to get the root on the path. At the same time, as we realize how Jesus wants us to look at our surroundings and world through the coming Kingdom of God, when it comes to the propagation of God's Word, the dandelion is the very thing that we should look at in wonder.

Because when it comes to Jesus presenting the parables, he is ultimately pointing to God's kingdom—no matter how unplanned, inefficient or unwanted the method may be. Two agricultural pictures that he uses are of a farmer who sows his seed without great care, and a mustard seed that grows on to transform into a pretty gnarly bush.

They are odd pictures, because they go against what our own conception of beauty may be like. Yet Jesus knew the Word that came to the prophet Samuel when looking for a king: “The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” Jesus knew this because this is how he taught.

So too we are called to look at the world around us in a way that we can see God's work among us. While we may see a field full of weeds as more annoying work that needs to be done or something that needs to be tidied up, God bids us to see a faith that persists, a faith that can grow anywhere, and propagates with the wind of the spirit and a child's breath. At least before we clean it up :) This is the picture of God's kingdom I will recall as I cut down these common beauties growing in the paths in front of my house, inspired to share God's word with all those who walk on that freshly cleaned path.

-Alex



Justine is always busy!!



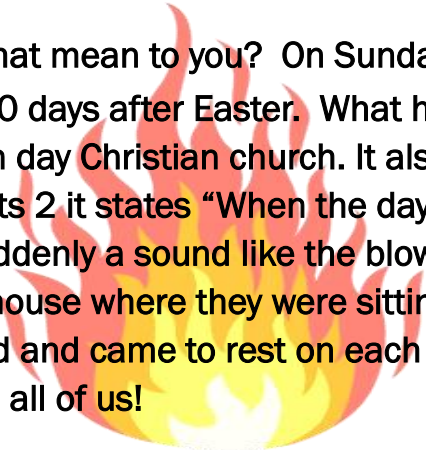
Cindy is checking the merchandise.

Thank you! This is to everyone who either donated or helped with the MPW Rummage Sale April 11th. It was a very successful sale with over \$1570 gained for mission work. Such a wonderful blessing of everyone's help.



Vickie helping make a sale.

PENTECOST-what does that mean to you? On Sunday, May 24th, the church as a whole celebrates this date, 50 days after Easter. What happened that day? It earmarks the beginnings of the modern day Christian church. It also describes the coming of the Holy Spirit to believers. In Acts 2 it states "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them." Remember, the Holy Spirit is here and available to all of us!



Have you ever thought, *I am going to read through the Bible*



this year ... but haven't had anyone to join you in this? Well now you can join us in reading at least the New Testament! As a church, we will be reading through the

New Testament together over the course of the year. The plan we have been using is the *BibleProject New Testament in a Year* plan in the *youversion* Bible App.

Go to: <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/13233>. Creating an account is free and easy.

Alex has been sending out weekly emails to help keep us on track. If you would like to begin in May, we are finishing up Luke's gospel and then starting John on May 6th.

ITEMS are always needed for the pantry. Certain items go very quickly! Currently personal items are needed as are after school snacks, 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.



MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

GIFT OF WOMEN'S SUNDAY MAY 17TH MPW

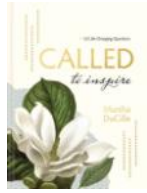
will celebrate Sunday, May 17th with Gifts of Women Sunday. This is a day where we encourage and rejoice women for their part of Christian ministry. We are blessed that retired PCUSA minister Rev. Barbara Bartholomew will be our speaker. Anyone interested in helping with the service, contact Kim Hart.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING MAY 17TH

On this day we will also collect the annual Birthday Offering. Watch your bulletin inserts for more information on where this money will be used.

CIRCLE MEETING

MPW will continue discussing the devotional book "Called to Inspire" by Marsha DuCille. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.



Please help us pay down the boiler and roof funds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Summary of March 2026 Revenue & Expenses

Income March	\$ 10,877
HeadStart Fees	<u>+2,400</u>
	\$ 13,277
Expenses from March	<u>\$ -14,065</u>
March Net Income/Expense	<u>\$ -788</u>
<u>2026</u> Net Income/Expense	\$ 2,556

Boiler Monthly Donations are \$390
Balance of Lance Fund Boiler loan: \$ 8581
Roof Monthly Donations are \$420
Balance of Lance Fund Roof loan: \$ 28,435

Thank you for all your donations!

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What do the Milton Presbyterian Women do?

Some of the things they do:

1. Study God's word
2. Pray together
3. Fund raisers like the rummage sale
4. Funeral lunches

The **Memorial Day Parade** on Monday, May 25th begins at 10:30am, followed by a service at the Rittman Cemetery (usually around 11:15am).



Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. and our Tuesday Bible Study meets at 12:30 p.m. in the library. Both bible studies will follow along our reading of the New Testament over the course of the year.

Junior Church will be going through the Book of Acts.

The next **Youth JAM**—our combined youth group for kids in MS/HS will be meeting at Milton Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3rd.

The Youth JAM (Jesus Alive Ministry) is our combined youth group with other Presbyterian Churches in our area. All middle school and high school age kids are invited to participate!

If you would like to help with setup or help prepare the meal for a group of hungry teenagers, please let Rev. Barnes know at (404) 447-0273.

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.

BTW, tickets are free! But call to reserve a seat.



**Gospel Hope:
An Evening
with Nick Vujicic**

FRIDAY, MAY 1 | 6PM
GREYSTONE EVENT CENTER

presented by:

LEONARDO BOUND BROTHERS NICK V MINISTRIES OHIO REVIVAL WAYNE COUNTY SHG

Join us for an inspiring community evening with evangelist and motivational speaker Nick Vujicic. Nick is the author of *Life Without Limbs* and founder of NickV Ministries. The evening will feature worship, encouragement, and a powerful gospel message! Register today.

Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be available at the event.

***Please remember our church family members in nursing or assisted living homes:**

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

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

Judy Twinem - Phoenix of Fairlawn (120 Brookmont Rd., Akron, OH 44333)

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

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



Karen Aberegg, Dale Alexander, *Linda Beckstein*, Jonathan Bonilla, Josue Bonilla, Charlie Brandes, Courtney Breece, Levi Buxman, Sandy Calvert, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Lesa Crawford, Jim Davis, Marilyn Dlesk, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Anne Fischer, Lonnie Fletcher, *Wilfred Ford*, Debbie Fortunot, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Veronica Hughes, Cathy Imhoff, Madi Jackson, Dorothy Johnson, Debbie Keel, *Donald "Skip" Kiene*, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Abbey Lentine, Chad Lightner, Sophia Lightner, Bill Loebick, Bob Ludolph, Don and Martha McDonald, Joshue Makaryk, Charles Mann, Keith Marsden, Gemma Matthews, Erin McGorry, Sherri Miglio, PJ Miller, Kristen Morris, Corey Mullinax, John Musgrave, Denise Neeley, Tom Niehaus, 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, *Matt Reid*, Jim Roberts, Dave Rogers, Chris Rufener, Linda Rutter, Emily Mann Schott, *Joanna Shankland*, Colleen Sheppard, Betty Shreve, Sarah Shreve, David Simpson, Rick Singleton, Jim Skolnik, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Debbie Steiner, Todd Stephan, Ginger Stucky, John Swarzentruuber, Doris Taylor, Phyllis Teter, Ella Thomas, Kelly and Holly Thomas, Bill Timmons, Judy Twinem, Tim Van Arsdale

(Howie Ryder and Barbara Bartholomew were taken off because they are better! Keep on praying.)

**Italicized are recent additions.*

Children's Activity



Worthy of honor

What does God mean when he commands us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?

Complete this word search to discover words that mean the same as *honor*.

admire • adore • appreciate • cherish • esteem
look up to • praise • respect • revere • value

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F	K	M	R	Q	E	X	H	P	C	C	I
N	O	L	D	U	Y	S	S	P	R	N	E
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Z	S	X	C	R	X	T	P	E	N	R	G
E	O	X	U	Y	E	U	A	Y	O	E	H
B	R	E	O	T	P	U	K	O	O	L	Q



Words of appreciation

Show your love for your mother, grandmother or aunt this Mother's Day by placing words of appreciation throughout the house for her to find.

What you need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Tape

THANKS!

What you do:

1. Fold construction paper into fourths.
2. Cut paper along the folds to get four pieces.
3. On each rectangle, write words of appreciation, drawings and so on.
4. Tape the papers throughout the house. For example, a note on the refrigerator or pantry might say, "Thank you for making yummy meals for me." A note on a mirror might say, "You are beautiful inside and out!"



May 2026

Birthdays

Eleanor Stufft 5/1
 Traci (Cristino) Coso 5/3
 Isabelle Shreve 5/3
 Samantha Williamson 5/6
 Cindy Mann 5/8
 Garrett Farlow 5/11
 Rocco Pink 5/13
 Alice Gilman 5/16
 Mark Wachtel 5/20
 Kaitlyn Thomas 5/27
 Barbara Dean 5/27
 Colleen Hart-Underwood 5/31

Anniversaries

5/4 Dennis & Tracy Wilson – 24 yrs.
 5/15 Traci & Steve Coso - 5 yrs.
 5/29 John & Sandi Trogdon – 44 yrs.

Jr. Church Schedule

3 Vickie Schumacher & Kelly Hartshorn
 10 Angel Mackey & Cindy Mann
 17 Renee Busic & Lindsey Millan
 24 Andrea Barnes & Elena Swartzentruber
 31 Elena Swartzentruber &

Flower Schedule

3 Christie & Jeff Yoho
 10 Marge & Larry Boggs
 17 Donna & Bill Robertson
 24 Cindy & Ken Mann
 31 Alex & Andrea Barnes

Liturgist Schedule

3 Ken Mann
 10 Lindsey Millan
 17 Donna Robertson
 24 Cindy Vaughn
 31 Donna Robertson

Meeting Dates

Worship & Music - Thurs., May 7 at 9:30 a.m.
 Building & Grounds - Thurs., May 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Session Meeting - Wed., May 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 MPW Circle - Thurs., May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour Schedule

3 Ron & Chris White
 10
 17
 24
 31

If you would like to help provide flowers, handle the liturgical reading or help with Jr. Church, church events, or coffee hour, please contact the office at 330-925-2651.



May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 pm Nick Vujicic in Wooster	2
3 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:00 Choral Practice 10:30 am Worship 3:00 Rose Darling Concert 6:00 pm Youth JAM at Milton	4	5 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	6	7 9:30 am Worship & Music (Library) 6:30 pm Building and Grounds (Library)	8	9 Fellowship Hall Rental
10 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:30 am Worship 	11	12 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	13	14 6:00 pm Cub Pack Meeting (FH) 7:00 pm MPW Circle (Parlor)	15	16
17 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:30 am Worship Gifts of Women 4-6 pm Neighborhood Kids Club Bible Study	18	19 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	20 6:00 - 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day at laundromat	21	22	23
24   9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:30 am Worship (Communion) 6-7 pm Rittman Ripple Effect Mtg. 31 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:30 am Worship	25 6:30 pm - Community Meal (F.H.) 7:00 pm - 	26 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	27 6:30 Session (Library)	28	29	30