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# SEPTEMBER 2024

## TIMELY NOTES



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Will Return Sun., Sept. 8 at 9:15 am

**WORSHIP** starts at 9:30 am—Sun., Sept. 1

10:30 am—Sun., Sept. 8

**UPCOMING OUTDOOR SERVICES**

**August 25th at 9:30 a.m.**

**September 29th at 10:30 a.m.**

**NOTE NEW TIME!**

### **Muskingum Valley Presbytery Meeting**

**Saturday, September 21st, 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 9:00 a.m. and lunch following the meeting. Watch your bulletins and email for more details. This meeting is open to everyone. If you would like to help serve or prepare, please contact Patty Cristino at (330) 347-0200.

**For more information about the meeting check out the Presbytery’s website at:**

### **Free Community Dinner**



Thank you Pastor Alex and Bill Crawford for preparing our June 24th community meal. Our guest speaker was Elfie Salisbury who spoke about the process of writing a book.

The community dinner for August is Monday, August 26th, where there will be ham sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, and salad. Our guest speaker is Bella Nardecchia who will speak about her recent mission trip to Honduras.

September’s community dinner will be held on Monday, September 30th. The speaker will be from the Wayne County Childrens’ Services.

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*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. - Acts 2:42-44*

So our witness from Acts recalls the newborn church being blessed with life, and life together. At this moment, the Holy Spirit had just come upon the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost, only 10 days removed from Jesus' ascension to Heaven and 50 days following the resurrection of His Body. We see the Spirit's presence in the gathering of believers, who spent their time together as one people who had everything in common after just having heard the gospel for the first time - the good news that they have been given new life and life eternal in the power of the Holy Spirit after repenting and turning to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

And here we are today, roughly two millennia later - and the message remains the same. The ideal remains the same. The gospel remains the same, and so does this example of what the Body of Christ looks like. The witness we have boils it all down to 4 simple things that constitute our entire lives as believers - simple things that anyone is able to do, no matter what our physical or mental God-given ability may be. Studying the apostle's teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer. Yet far from being idle, there was plenty of active work to be done in study, in preparation of the bread, in preparation for fellowship, and time devoted to being with God. Even as distractions have pulled us apart in many different directions and the signs performed by the believers begin to dim in the power of our own ability to harness the riches of God's provision in our physical realm, the simple life together enriched by the immensity of God's revealed truth remains the same.

On September 21st, we will be hosting a meeting of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery, a group of Presbyterian churches in our region of southeastern Ohio. Volunteers from Milton and Seville are preparing breakfasts and lunch to host, and we will set aside time for fellowship and study of the Apostles' teaching and for prayer as a reminder of who we are - one people in the power of God's Holy Spirit. We will gather in prayer so we might remember and recover this beautiful reality of God's people.

Yet still it all seems to pale in comparison to what life looked like when the first believers were gathered together in the power of the Holy Spirit. The beauty of our denominational connection is that we have an opportunity for fellowship with other churches who gather in towns hours away under the Gospel that we have in common. At the same time, the denominational nature of the gathering betrays how we have become divided and broken as a people. As believers, we have been distracted by teaching that diminishes the person of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We replace Jesus with more specific principles and values that are in fact a reflection of our own, shaped in our own time. As individuals, we have become divided by our inclination to control our surroundings, and we have been pulled from our life together by our own desire to be elsewhere.

As a result, we give up gathering together, and we give up the desire to invite other people into our life together. Our Hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ diminishes, because it is no longer the most powerful force in our lives - so we do not talk about it much. Yet *still* we are in a more blessed position than any other time in history, because every single day is a chance for renewal and repentance and new life in Christ. You are invited to be a part of our gathering on September 21st. You are invited to our gathering every Sunday at church. But you are invited to much more than that! An invitation to share in the body of Christ extends to all parts of our lives, so throughout the week, let's make it our very first priority to be devoted to these things in our life together: reading scripture as we study the teaching of the apostles. Getting together for times of fellowship. Getting together for meals where Christ Jesus is present, and turning to God in prayer. Everything else - from working our jobs to maintaining our health to learning at school and getting the kids ready for school to reading a good book to having a good time - all are parts of life that simply support our life together in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Rev. Alex Barnes

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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.



## “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)

**ANNOUNCEMENT!** *The new flat roof has been completed. LS Commercial Roofing came so we now should (hopefully) be leak free in the church office. The cost of the project was \$49,000 . A loan for \$ 32,500 to pay for it was made from the Lance Fund.*

## LASAGNA-TO-GO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, PICKUP DAY



Milton Presbyterian Women will begin selling Lasagna-To-Go Tickets on Sunday, September 15.

Tickets will be \$12 and will include lasagna, bread with butter, applesauce and cake. Help will be needed. For more information contact Cindy Mann at (330) 835-8913.



Milton Presbyterian Women thank you for your donations of school supplies. Rittman Schools appreciate our gifts to help a child in need.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Can you believe it’s fall already? When you’re out shopping, keep in mind Operation Christmas Child. The church will be filling boxes again. If you don’t care to fill a whole box, you can bring the items to church and they will be combined with other things. Any questions, contact Cindy Mann at the church (330) 925-2651 or her cell phone (330) 835-8913.



## **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. )

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






**Adult Sunday School** begins again on Sunday, September 8th at 9:15 a.m.

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

Jr. Church is looking for adult helpers. See Cindy Mann or Vickie Schumacher.

### MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

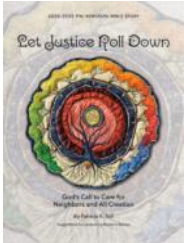
MPW Circle meets on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in coming to the September meeting, please let Kim Hart know. Her telephone number is 330-612-3302.



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/>

Books are available for \$15.



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support!

Summary of July Revenue & Expenses

Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of July	\$ 7,031
HeadStart Fees	<u>+2,400</u>
	\$ 9,431
Expenses from July	<u>\$ 8,991</u>
July Net Income/Expense	\$ 440
<b>2024 Net Income/Expense</b>	<b>\$ -3,281</b>
Transferred In from svgs.	2,700


**July 2024 Boiler Donations: \$320**  
**Total donations to date: \$ 50,230**  
**Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 15,586**  
**July 2024 Roof Donations: \$50**  
**Total donations to date: \$ 3,100**  
**Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 32,500**

*Thank you for all your donations!*

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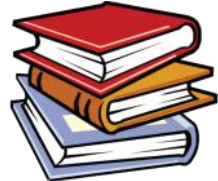
The next Youth JAM will be on Sunday, September 15th at Seville Presbyterian Church. The group is made up of Jr. and Sr. high school students. They meet quarterly throughout the year. The youth are encouraged to bring their friends!



### New Books

*Fall is a great time to cozy up with a good book. Check out our church library. There have been new books donated.*

Author: Dr. David Jeremiah	Hope, An Anchor for Life
	The God You May Not Know
	31 Days to Happiness
	Overcoming Loneliness
Author: Max Lucado	No Wonder They Call Him the Savior
	You'll Get Through This
Author: Kathy Dawson	Gracie's Journey





**SEPTEMBER 2024**

*We Believe*

**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**



To: All Members of Milton Presbyterian Church,

We are truly grateful for your continued concern for Anita. You have been true Christians reflecting Christ's love. This has kept us going and I'm sure has encouraged Anita.

She is getting stronger and we know God has plans for her. Bless you all and hold onto your faith. Our dear Lord keeps His promises to find peace in the worst of storms.

Alex and Diane Karther, Parents of Anita Vohar

**Dear Milton Presbyterian Church,**

**Thank you for your sponsorship of the Rittman Schools O'Huddle Hour! Being able to give back to the Rittman teachers and staff is one way we can support those who care for our students. We are grateful for your support as O'Huddle continues to grow. Thank you for being in our huddle and your support of mentorship.**

**Lindsay Blough and the O'Huddle Team**

**\*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, Erik Kinch**

**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**

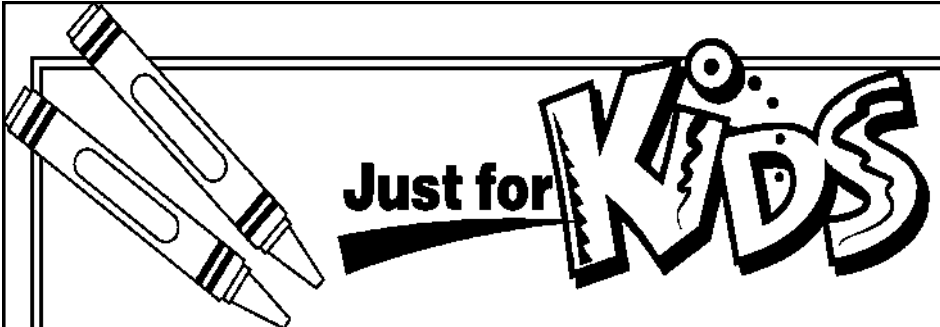
**Autumnwood Nursing & Rehab (275 E. Sunset Dr., Rittman, OH 44270) - Jim Davis**

**Wadsworth Pointe, (540 Great Oaks Trail, Wadsworth, OH 44281) - Debbie Russell**



Shawn Aronhalt, Dawn Bauman, Leigh Ann Berkley, Jen Bishop, Jonathan Bonilla, Charlie Brandes, Levi Buxman, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, 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, Vallorie Farlow, Amy Fletcher, Darla Fletcher, Marie Fortner, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Robert Gardner, Marcia Geyer, Chris Goodman, Todd Hardgrove, Reed Heggie, Dwayne Hopton, Lori Johnson, Debbie Keel, Erik Kinch, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Kurt Lampar, Abbey Lentine, 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, 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, Judy Straub, Patti Stuart, John Swarzentruher, Bill Timmons, Luke Truman, Judy Twinem, Anita Vohar, Don Vohar, Amy Wilson, Sue Wilson, Bobby Wolf, Ron Woodward, Jim Zimmerman

*God Answers Prayers*



# Just for KIDS

## GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

young      death      cold      come

1 2 3      2 6 7 8      4 1 5      9 1

sweet      can't      no      later

10 1 11 12      13 14 15      16 8 10      15 1 17

"H


4 1 2 3      1 15      5 1

6 15 10 5 12 11 13 5 6 1 15 ' 3 1

15 1 5      2 8 5      6 5      9 1 ;

9 11 14 12 3      6 5      17 8 2 2 ' 7 1 12

6 5      6 10      16 1 11 12      2 6 7 8 "







"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life." (Proverbs 4:13, NIV)

Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now

# Smart cookies

September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

### What you need:

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers (rectangular and clear) 
- 1 lid 
- 4 photos or drawings
- Scissors
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional) 
- Cookies 

### What you do:

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.



# SEPTEMBER 2024



## ***BIRTHDAYS***

- 1 Sheri Wachtel
- 3 Kris Fetter
- 5 Aaron Aberegg
- 5 Lisa Miller
- 6 August (Gus) Barnes
- 6 Christie Yoho
- 7 Amy Fletcher
- 15 Michael Williams
- 16 Kristen Shreve
- 19 Tammy Wilson
- 20 Bodie Freeman
- 22 Samantha Labo
- 24 Cora Wilson
- 25 Kelly Thomas
- 29 Tracy Wilson
- 29 John Hoover
- 30 Cassie Shreve

## ***ANNIVERSARIES***

- 2 Rev. Alex & Andrea Barnes - 8 yrs.
- 6 Jay & Debbie Russell - 54 yrs.
- 7 Doug & Sally Schar - 28 yrs.
- 11 Tim & Kris Fetter - 42 yrs.
- 21 Gretchen & Charles Dixon - 5 yrs.

## ***JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE***

- 1 Tammy Wilson
- 8 Vickie Schumacher
- 15 Andrea Barnes
- 22 Angel Mackey                      Cindy Mann
- 29 Renee Busic

## ***FLOWER SCHEDULE***

- 1
- 8 Justine Brandes
- 15 Linda & Geoff Pyle
- 22 Marge & Larry Boggs
- 29 Traci & Steve Coso

## ***LITURGIST SCHEDULE***

- 1 Patty Cristino
- 8 Donna Robertson
- 15 Renee Busic
- 22 Kim Hart
- 29 Cindy Vaughn

## ***COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE***

- 1
- 8 Justine Brandes
- 15
- 22
- 29 Cindy Mann

## ***MEETING DATES***

- Hospitality Team - Sun., Aug. 25 at 10:45 a.m.
- Building & Grounds - Wed., Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- Worship & Music - Mon., Sept. 9 at 10:00 a.m.
- Session Meeting - Wed., Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- MPW Circle - Thurs., Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Presbytery Meeting - Hosted by Milton Presbyterian Church, Sat., Sept. 21 at 9:00 a.m.



## ***COMMUNION PREPARERS***

- 8 - Vickie & Rich Schumacher



# September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship	2 Labor Day	3 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	4 6:30 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library) 7:00 pm Pack Leaders (Parlor)	5	6	7
8 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	9 10:00 am Worship & Music Comm. (Library) 6:30 pm Garden Club (Fel. Hall) 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	10 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	11 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:30 pm Session (Library)	12 7:00 pm MPW Circle (Parlor)	13	14
15 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Communion) Holy Communion	16 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	17 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	18 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day	19	20	21 <b>PRESBYTERY MEETING</b> 9 am Breakfast 10 am - noon Meeting Noon - lunch
22 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	23 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	24 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	25 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	26	27	28
29 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	30 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:30 pm Community Meal 7:00 pm Speaker Wayne Co. Childrens Services (Fellowship hall)					