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# SEPTEMBER 2023

## TIMELY NOTES



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**WORSHIP** time is changing back to **10:30 am** on September 10. **Sunday School** restarts that Sunday at **9:30 am** and Tuesday, September 12th **Noon Bible Study** will restart.

### ***Who Is Jesus?***



Beginning on September 10th, we are starting a program at church that asks the question: "Who Is Jesus?"

As we prepare, I would like you to start engaging people by asking them this very question: "Who Is Jesus to you?"

We will have flyers and postcards to start sending to invite others who you know to the sermon series and the program.



World  
Communion Sunday

### ***HERITAGE MEAL***

We will be celebrating World Communion on Sunday, October 1st, 2023 at HUBBARD VALLEY PARK. In honor of celebration of World Communion the Deacons are hosting a Heritage Take-in Luncheon. Please prepare a dish from your family's heritage. Deacons will provide beverages, meat and dinnerware. Hubbard Valley Park is on Hubbard Valley Road north of Greenwich Road near Seville.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Thank you Arnold Mokma who shared information on the food delivery ministry M25 with us at our July community meal. As always, we thank everyone involved who fix us these wonderful meals!

Our next two Community Dinners are on *Monday, August 28th* and *Monday, September 25th* at 6:30 pm. The

August menu is salad and baked potato bar. Our speaker in August at 7:00 pm will be Philip Lam and his wife Susan. They are Chinese missionaries who currently are supporting an orphan care ministry in China. In September, we will hear from Kristen Buchs, the new pastor for Rittman Methodist Church. Please come join us in fellowship.



Arnold Mokma

*The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:  
for gaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight;  
for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;  
for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young--  
let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance--  
for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.  
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and discipline. – Proverbs 1:1-7*



It was a great privilege to walk with the family as we took my son Gus to school for the first time. He was just starting pre-school at Rittman, and I finally felt like a real community parent. I am so grateful that we live in a place that values learning, education, and discipline. Wisdom, education and discipline embody this book of Proverbs in the middle of our scriptures.

Some are straightforward maxims that espouse righteousness, morality, discipline, hard work and productivity. Others are more mysterious – possibly a wordplay that glistened with luster when heard in their rightful time and place, or imbued with greater meaning sometime in the future. That is part of the beauty of God's Word in our scriptures – sometimes meaning is opened up in times to come, rather than simply lost to the past. As this collection of wisdom has been passed down through the ages, the wise King Solomon invites us to learn and listen.

*Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance ...*

When we come together to learn more about Jesus and who he was, it is important to note that while he was not recognized by all as the Messiah, he was recognized as a great teacher. Even atheists and agnostics come away with this impression, because he taught many important truths that stand out through the ages. Just as the proverbs teach with images and parables, so did Jesus. Some of these stories and sayings are simple and understood by all. Others are more mysterious to those who may not yet have an understanding of God's great and awesome love. All are meant to be heard, and the most important thing that we can do as disciples – those who would be disciplined and instructed by this teaching – is to listen.

Jesus often would begin teaching his parables with the phrase, those who have ears to hear, let them hear. As the fall brings forth the harvest, and the fields spring forth with their own fruitful ears, the school year begins and the seeds of knowledge and wisdom are sown. As the kids begin school, don't forget that we too are always learning. Reconnect with God's word in scripture and the natural world. Find renewed discipline in this learning. Listen with fresh ears to the teaching of the master who gave his life for ours. He is the same one who gave his life for every child in the generation who is walking to school today.

- Alex

***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.***



Thank you to anyone who donated school supplies to Rittman Schools. They are always appreciated!



Linda Crawford (Lt.) and Elena Swartentruber (Rt.)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Wonderful news from Elena Bonilla Swartentruber that she has passed her U.S. citizenship test.**

## Operation Christmas Child

Plans are in the making to collect items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. This is a good time of the year to buy school supplies, summer toys, and summer shoes on sale. Whether you want to buy miscellaneous items or fill a box, your help is appreciated.

Please see Cindy for more information. Bring your purchases anytime. Items and boxes will be collected until mid-November.



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

*There is an opportunities for church members to learn more and serve God. On September 9th from 9:00 am to noon at John Knox Presbyterian Church in N. Canton, will be a Prayer Lab run by Matt Skolnik. Do you have trouble forming prayers or praying with others? This workshop is a powerful way to learn how to do both these things. Last year Milton hosted one and those who attended were very impressed and glad they came.*

*You can register at: <https://mvpresby.org/prayer-lab/> or contact Donna Robertson at (330) 241-9932.*



## August 4th Kids Night

**On Friday, August 4, Milton Church hosted children at a Kids Night where they learned about the story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. Thank you for all the helpers in this event.**





## MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**MPW Circle is off for the summer but will return September 14th at 7:00 p.m. when we will start a new Horizons study "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" by Olive Mahabir. Books are in the church office. Cost is \$15. All are welcome!**

**MPW will announce the winner of this year's honorary member on Sunday, September 17 during worship.**

## Christian Education

### Tuesday Book Study, Sunday School, Junior Church

The Tuesday Bible Study group and Sunday School will start back up in September, on Sunday the 10th and Tuesday the 12th. Our focus for the fall will be more in depth about "Who Is Jesus?"

Also on the 10th, Jr. Church will start a new "Gospel Project" based on Jesus the Servant.

Please join us as we learn more about our Lord.

**HELP WANTED!**



### DEACONS CORNER

The Deacons are looking for help. At this time there are only 4 Deacons. They would like help with providing cookies or other snacks during Coffee Hour after worship. They will serve the snacks but it would mean a lot to them to not need to provide the snacks every time. For more information, call Patty Cristino at 330-347-0200.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support!

Summary of July Revenue & Expenses

Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of July	\$ 8,006
HeadStart Fees	+2,400
	\$ 10,406
Expenses from July	\$ -9,987
July Net Income/Expense	\$ 419
Annual Net Income/Expense	\$ -4,760
Without Transfer from Session	\$ -7,760

**July 2023 Boiler Donations: \$170**

**Total donations to date: \$47,439**

**Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$21,286**

*Thank you for all your donations!*



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**WANTED: Volunteers for The Server**  
**Bagged frozen meals that can be handed out**

If you can spare 4 hours a week and are willing to help, please let Rev. Barnes know that you would like to be a part of this ministry!



The next Youth JAM will be Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Seville Presbyterian Church. The group meets quarterly throughout the year. The youth are encouraged to bring friends of course!

**SEPTEMBER****2023****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.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

The month of August marked the birth of three new babies to various church families:

***Easton Dakota Hoffman, Born 08/01/2023***

**Parents Kristi and Dakota Hoffman**

**Grandparents Rich and Vickie Schumacher**

***Rhett Matthew Hawks, Born 08/01/2023***

**Parents Carly and Matthew Hawks**

**Grandparents Randy and Mary Adams**

***Briella Jean Hart, Born 08/05/2023***

**Parents Helena Shevel and Ron Hart III**

**Grandparents Kim and Ron Hart II**



Our sympathies go to Steve and Traci Coso and their family after the loss of Steve's mother, Rose Coso.

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Friends, I am doing fine and have a great team of caregivers. They and I  
THANK YOU for all your prayers and blessings. - Rick (Shreve)



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

**Inn at CoalRidge , (1300 CoalRidge Rd., Wadsworth, 44281) - Elsie Richards**

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

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

**Altercare of Wadsworth, (147 Garfield St., Wadsworth, OH 44281) - Judy Twinem**

Dale Alexander, Dick Baker, Linda Beddow, Megan Blosser, Charlie Brandes, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Conner Compton, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Megan Crawford, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Darla Fletcher, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Shawn Gammell, Marcia Geyer, Pam Graff, Reed Heggie, Renee Heslop, Dwayne Hopton, Lori Johnson, Alex Karther, Debbie Keel, Mike LaBo, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Abbey Lentine, Lisa Lipscond, Bob Ludolph, Lauren Mackie, Laurel Mader, Helen Mann, Keith Marsden, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, Finegan and Slone McGee, Erin McGorry, Linda Melenbacker, Lois Middleton, Kristen Morris, Taylor Netting, Frances Nichols, Lee Owen, Ethan Porter, Sally Porter, Ron and Sue Price, Geoff Pyle, John Ramsier, Sue Ramsey, David Robey, Pat Rossmiller, Haylee Rufener, Linda Rutter, Sheryl Saunders, Rose Serna-Wallander, Rick Shreve, Tina Simcox, Rick Singleton, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Robin Stefan, Susan Stefan, Todd Stephan, Dave Stewart, Patti Stuart, John Swarzentrubert, Bill Timmons, Laura Toledo, Luke Truman, Judy Twinem, Anita Vohar, Amy Wilson, Bobby Wolf, Jeff Yund.





# Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (\*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
x*	p	j*	e*	a	t	m*	t	o*	c*	p*	e	r	k*	n
w	d*	o	s*	r*	j*	r	g*	l	b*	l*	i*	n*	d	y*
t	r	i*	a	t*	n	s	r*	f	o	r	v*	m	e	d
r	d*	e	n	h*	s*	o*	e	r*	w	i	t*	n	m*	g
c*	a*	m	b*	u*	i	p*	z*	n	j*	r*	d	y*	o*	u*
a*	r*	s*	t	e	o*	w*	s	k*	v*	f*	l*	t	e*	a*
a	p	e*	r*	p	i*	r	g*	o	n*	v	h*	j*	p*	e
n*	o*	G	b*	i*	o	s*	d	a*	l*	l*	s	e*	t*	h*
s*	p	l	m*	e	y*	a	s	o*	r*	i	n	c*	g	n*
p	e	t*	i*	r	f	w*	t*	e	m*	l*	c	d*	a*	t

"Do not \_\_\_\_\_ any longer to the \_\_\_\_\_  
 of this \_\_\_\_\_, but be \_\_\_\_\_  
 by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_. Then you will be able  
 to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ will is — his good,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, test, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect

## GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

### What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

### What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



# September 2023



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sheri Wachtel
- 3 Kris Fetter
- 5 Aaron Aberegg
- 5 Lisa Miller
- 5 Parke Freeman
- 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

## FLOWER SCHEDULE

- 3 Christie & Jeff Yoho
- 10 Cindy & Ken Mann
- 17 Kim & Ron Hart
- 24 Linda & Geoff Pyle

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Aaron & Karie Ide - 17 yrs.
- 2 Rev. Alex & Andrea Barnes - 7 yrs.
- 5 Drew & Melanie Fetter - 8 yrs.
- 6 Jay & Debbie Russell - 53 yrs.
- 7 Doug & Sally Schar - 27 yrs.
- 11 Tim & Kris Fetter - 41 yrs.
- 12 Carly & Matt Hawks - 3 yrs.
- 21 Rick & Tammie Shreve - 49 yrs.
- 21 Gretchen & Charles Dixon - 4 yrs.



## JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

- 3 Tammy Wilson
- 10 Vickie Schumacher
- 17 Andrea Barnes
- 24 Angel Mackey

## MEETING DATES

Deacons Meeting - Sun., Sept. 10 - 11:45 am

Session Meeting - Wed., Sept. 20 Lunch - 12:40 pm  
Meeting - 1:00 pm

## DEACON COFFEE HOUR

Lindsey Millan Deacon





# SEPTEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am Worship 3:00 pm Tai Chi	4 	5	6 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 7:00 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library) 7:00 pm Pack Leaders Mtg.	7	8	9  9:00 am– Noon Prayer Lab at John Knox Church-N. Canton
10 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Deacons (Library) 3:00 pm Tai Chi	11 10:00 am Worship & Music (Library) 7:00 pm Rittman Garden Club (FH)	12 Noon - Bible Study (Library)	13 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:00 pm Tai Chi 6:00 Youth JAM-Seville Presbyterian Church	18	19 Noon - Bible Study (Library)	20 12:40 Session lunch 1:00 pm Session 6:00 pm DAA(FH) 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day At Laundromat	21	22	23 1:30-3:00 pm Presbytery Mtg. at Wayne Pres. In Wooster
24 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall- Rental Use 3:00 pm Tai Chi	25 Headstart Classes Resume 6:30 pm Community Meal (FH) 7:00 pm Speaker- Kristen Buchs	26 Noon - Bible Study (Library)	27 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	28	29 10:00 am -4:00 pm Healthy Congregation Training over Zoom	30

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# Who Is Jesus?

*Is he a man or a symbol?*

*God or prophet?*

*a teacher?                      a messiah?*

*a healer ...      or an impostor?*

*is he crazy, or is he the truth?*

*and why do so many call him Lord and Savior?*



Come explore the question, **Who Is Jesus?**  
with the **Milton Presbyterian Church** this fall,  
starting **Sunday, September 10th.**



## Participating Churches

Cambridge Presbyterian Church

*Cambridge, Ohio*

The Milton  
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