

# MILL-GREEN MESSENGER

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**Love Jesus**

**Keep His Commandments**

**Change the World**



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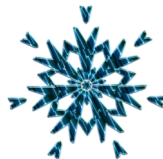
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You are warmly invited to join us at one of our services!

## Millville Building

## Greenwood Building

8:00 AM Contemporary Service

9:15AM Traditional Service

9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:30 AM Traditional Service

6:30-8PM Youth Group

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

*Hebrews 10:24-26*

# Pastor's Page

## Living the Great Commission

The call, "Therefore Go...", is a call to action! The words represent the mobilization of a person or a group of people to leave the place currently occupied in order to influence someone or something in another area. The church is called to "therefore go" yet the phrase is not exclusive to the work of the Gospel. It seems there are organizations, other than the church, that heed this command more frequently, and if the church is completely honest...more faithfully. However, there is no organization that has a more important message, nor plays a more significant role in the spiritual/eternal lives of people than the church!

As a member of the Millville Fire Company I volunteer alongside men and women who are in tune with the sentiments of this statement. The call to "therefore go" is evident every time the "tones drop" for Company 230, or for that matter any volunteer fire company. It can be in the middle of a family dinner, a family Christmas party, birthday party, sporting event, or even a church service. The call to "therefore go" can happen in the middle of the night, the early morning hours, or anytime in between. The call to "therefore go" can happen during a significant snow storm, a heat wave, or any other weather event.



When the pagers are tripped or an alert is received on a cell phone volunteer fire department personnel will drop whatever they are doing, if possible, and go to serve those who are in crisis at that present moment. A house fire, forest fire, car accident, illness, assistance to another fire company, ambulance call, rescue operation, traffic control, etc...When there is a need for someone to be rescued from a car accident the company is alerted, "*Rescue 230 you are due at the scene of a car accident with entrapment!*" These instructions provide enough information for responding personnel to mentally prepare for what they will be attending to when arriving on scene. The training we received allows for a mental process to begin, What tools may be needed? What hazards may be present? What other resources may be needed? What situations might we face

when we arrive? Will other personnel be need? No matter the situation there are dedicated volunteers who are willing to respond and provide aid to people who are in life threatening conditions, experiencing traumatic situations, or confronting the loss of personal property!

As a member of the UMC I serve with other men and women in an organization called to heed the command, "Therefore Go"! The call is not passive in any way, shape, or form. The call to go is active, exciting, and humbling when we are devoting ourselves to the work of God's Kingdom. In 2018 I would like to encourage the church to fully embrace this idea, as well as to call each one of us to actively serve Jesus Christ by reorganizing our priorities to incorporate the idea "Therefore Go"!

The image on this page shares the theme for 2018 (you will see these around the church mid January). "Therefore Go" and this command positions us to bring the life changing message of John 3:16 ("*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*") to the world in which we live. We are called to rescue the world by introducing them to the Savior! Jesus sounds the alarm in sharing John 4:35 when He says, "*... I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*" Jesus alerts us to the needed rescue operation. It is a rescue operation intended to introduce spiritually dying people to Jesus so that He might transform their lives and provide them with eternal life!

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Rescue 316 is the call to “therefore go” and take the message of Jesus Christ to the world we live in day after day. Implementing this may require some training so that we have the skills needed to effectively introduce others to Jesus. We may need to assess whether we have the proper tools on board to help others grow in their relationship with Jesus. It may mean looking at the resources we provide to help people learn about sin, Jesus, salvation and Christian living. We may need to look closely at our present ministries and determine if we are meeting the needs of our community. We may need to learn how to interpret the command “therefore go” so we effectively build God’s Kingdom here on earth.

Whatever the case may be we should all be prayerfully seeking God’s guidance for our individual lives as well as for the entire church. Are you willing to respond to the call to “Therefore go” at any moment? Are you willing to rearrange plans in order to be used by God? Are you willing to schedule time for this rescue operation to the world around us? Think about the words of Jesus in the Great Commission, <sup>18</sup> *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18-20.

May God bless us all in the New Year and may we be compelled to respond to His calling upon us as we live the gospel message for all to experience!



### CONGRATULATIONS

Zach and Wei Laubach  
on the baptism of  
Sefton Jui-fu-li Laubach  
Sunday, December 24, 2017

### “Sunday Stupor”

Miss Gladys was a regular fixture in morning worship at First Church. On this one particular morning the pastor’s message went on forever. Some in the congregation dozed off.

Following the service, she walked up to a very sleeping visitor to welcome him. “Hello, I’m Gladys Dunn.”

To which the visitor replied, “You’re not the only one.”

Our family has been the recipient of many gifts from the Mill-Green family over the years. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have shown us those kindnesses! The gifts have often come at times when finances were tight. They were not all monetary or food gifts, though. The prayers lifted and concern shown for Jon and I has touched me beyond what I could possibly verbalize!

Since I am working, our situation has improved! So thank you again for showing your love to our family! We see you as family and are glad we landed at Mill-Green 5 years ago. May you continue on now to show kindness to others who may need it. I will always be grateful!

With Christian love,

Cindy Lyons, for Terry and all the kids  
(Greg, Jon, Jeff, Chris and Liz)



### His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter  
Its history unknown;  
Oh, how my feet would tremble  
To tread its paths alone!  
But I have heard a whisper,  
I know I shall be blest;  
"My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest."

What will the New Year bring me?

I may not, must not know;  
Will it be love and rapture,  
Or loneliness and woe?  
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;  
I surely shall be blest;  
"My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018



### MIRACLE SUNDAY

\$21,233.00 Total received

Thank you for your giving!



Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14TH



The Preschool hopes everyone had a happy and blessed Christmas.

In the coming months we will share stories of Jesus as a boy and the many miracles

he performed when he grew up. We will also be talking about Zaccheus. The children will learn about senses, rhymes, and opposites. Pastor Bob will be coming down Wednesdays to do show and tell.

Our bible verses will be "Sing to the Lord a new song" (Psalm 96:1) and "Love one another" (John 13:34). We will be singing Zaccheus, Looby Loo, and Skidarmarink.

There will be a Valentine's party in February with the students passing out cards to all their friends. We will be taking our class picture that day.

### The Toy Project

Christmas was made much merrier for 94 children (34 families) this year thanks to your donations of toys to the Toy Project!





## KIDS FOR CHRIST



**WHAT:** An after school program filled with Bible info, food, games, crafts, Bible verse competitions, and special events!

**WHEN:** Every Thursday after school from 3:15-5:00pm, September 14, 2017 through April 22, 2018.

**WHERE:** Mill-Green United Methodist Church at 75 S. State Street, Millville, Pa.

**WHO:** Kids K –6th grade.



It seems so long ago, however our Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success. Thank you to everyone who cooked a turkey and baked pies! There were many comments on how delicious the food was. The KFC kids made the table centerpieces and decorated the tables with personal artwork and could not wait until their parents or families arrived! We served about 100 people!

The Christmas party was a Saturday filled with gift making, cookie baking, games, a movie and a taco lunch with fruit and veggie platters galore! The children's arms were laden with Christmas goodies as they went home!

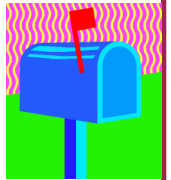


### Superbook



We are continuing the "Superbook" series as our DVD lessons. These wonderfully done animated movies are a must for every child and even adults to watch!

We continue to send shut-in cards made by the KFC kids. Every month we send out approximately 35-45 cards. If you wish to help KFC in any way stamps are always welcome!



**KFC CHRISTMAS PARTY**





# Mill-Green Youth



## 2018 "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4, 2018

11:30-2ish

Please join us for a plethora of different soups and sandwiches. Soups are donated by members of the church and offer an amazing, delicious variety to choose from.

No need to worry about making lunch on the day of the super bowl.

No set price, donations only.

Eat in or take out.

Proceeds will benefit the youth going on the mission trip to Leech Lake, MN.



## MISSIONS

The mission committee wants to thank everyone that contributed to the shoebox collection. Don delivered 24 boxes to the Muncy transfer station. He was surprised to see a truck load of shoeboxes being prepared for the next leg of the journey. Please continue to pray for this ministry and how it reaches God's children and their families.

Thanks for your support of the Gideon Bible tree. A great way to spread the Good news Jesus Christ was born!

**January** we will be supporting Your Loving Choices, a ministry for the wellbeing of God's unborn children. In the month of January please watch for the bulletin inserts.

**February** will be blanket month to spread the physical warmth and covering of Christ's love. Inserts and donation envelopes will be in the bulletin.



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*







## BIRTHDAYS AND \*ANNIVERSARIES



### JANUARY

- 1 Jason Shultz
- 2 Joe Bangs, Lindsay (Bower) Weaver, Kristen Hayduk, Laura (Leighow) Masters, Dale Morris
- 3 Loretta Horner
- 6 Elizabeth Johnson
- 7 Jason Bangs, Kerri Peterman, Brandon Fought, Brad Spangenberg
- 8 Nathan Johnson
- 9 KayLou Case, John Leisho, Haylee Parker
- 10 Virginia Utt
- 11 Patty Solomon, Carolyn Wright
- 12 Mark Ludwig, Gray Whittington
- 13 Diane Bangs, Jan Anderson
- 15 Connor DeWald
- 16 Tony Blaggrave, Jayce Thayer
- 17 Greg Laubach
- 18 Jacob Kehoe, \*Chauncey & RuthAnn Henrie
- 19 Arla Jean Morris
- 20 Elise Watts, \*Troy & Jeanne Crawford
- 21 Melanie Girton
- 22 Rhett Watts
- 23 Beth Smith, Paula Jacobs
- 24 Diane Albertson, Caitlin Gordner, Kelly Holdren, Joe Johnson, Jamie Zeisloft
- 25 Katelyn Rider
- 27 Nevin Stone Berger
- 28 Jeff Craig, Danielle (Rider) Roeder
- 29 Hope Morris, Cheryl Verstraeten
- 30 Dennis Hayes, Jeff Hess
- 31 Jim Eves, Breanne Laubach

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Peggy Bieber
- 2 Cindy Mordan, Jim Peterman
- 3 Nathan Musselman
- 4 Mackenzie Farr (Berger), Bill Van Horn
- 6 Roger Fought, Joe Laubach
- 7 Ben Clark, Kimberly Morris, Clay & Kelley Dewald
- 8 Khalil Rodriguez
- 10 Scott Kline, Olivia Maklary
- 11 Amy Whittington
- 12 Jim Moser, Makela Sones
- 13 Ginger Garner, Mike Leighow
- 15 Ira Hutchins, Hannah Temple
- 16 Arlene Reed, Lily Donald
- 17 Brooke Diehl
- 18 Kayla Burns, Sabrina Johnson,
- 19 Shirley Leonard, Kasey Mastellar (Wilcox)
- 20 Loren Johnson, Lori Earnest, Paul VanDine, Tim Wolff, Alexa Rine, Cindy Rider
- 21 Brice Showalter
- 23 Audrey Utt
- 24 Michelle Dubbs, Mitch Harding, Maria Hayes
- 25 Jessica (Kindt) McDermott, Robert Titman, Annabelle Brown
- 26 Gradon Temple, \*Sam & Bev Harding
- 28 Gradon Bitler
- 29 Marcia Temple