

# MILL-GREEN MESSENGER

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MARCH/APRIL 2018

**Love Jesus**

**Keep His Commandments**

**Change the World**



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Mon. Wed. and Fri. 9-11:30am.

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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

*“<sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. <sup>4</sup> Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.” Isaiah 26:3-4*

There is a great deal of anxiety and uncertainty plaguing cities and towns all over the United States stemming from the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. As I write this newsletter article the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are returning to the school for the first time since the tragic shooting. I can only imagine the nervous and tense moments many parents and youth experienced as they said goodbye for the day and embarked upon a day that will bring back fearful memories.

On Monday evening I had the privilege of sharing devotions for the school board meeting prior to the beginning of its scheduled meeting. The room was filled with parents and teachers who were visibly concerned over tense moments that took place in the school that morning. After investigating a possible threat to the schools, it was deemed as a “no threat” situation, and everyone was safe in the school; yet, this didn’t alleviate the anxieties and concerns of students and parent alike.

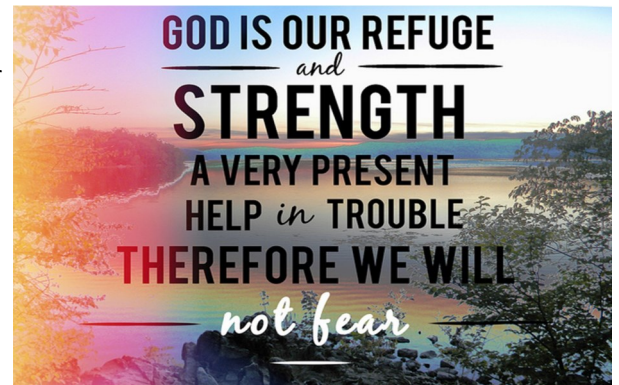
I thought I would share my devotion for the school board and others in attendance as it may address some of your feelings as you look on and live through difficult days. I am simply sharing the notes I took to address the anxiety and worry that I knew would be evident in that evening. I hope this provides a bit of comfort to you as you read it and apply it to the events of the day no matter what they might be!

*As I stand here tonight I realize many are focused on issues surrounding the safety of our students and staff in the school district and districts all over the state and country. Many of us live in fear of what is going to happen next or we might wonder where the next act of violence will take place, and this creates great anxiety and fear.*

*We realize that the moral climate of our society has deteriorated in the past years and acts of violence and lack of respect for life has become extremely troubling. Evil has manifested itself in many ways and the only antidote I see for the fear and anxiety is the presence of God who stands in direct opposition to the presence of evil we experience.*

*What I am going to share might sound silly to some who only approach the issue by wanting to act and assure that all of our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and friends and teachers and other school workers are safe. And don’t get me wrong for I am a supporter for taking the necessary steps to assure the safest environment we can provide, but I can also guarantee that it will not fully eliminate the fear and anxiety we face unless we can trust in God as we take the appropriate steps to provide protection.*

*If we have no faith in God or no ability to trust in God for our loved ones once they are out of our sight then we will always live with a certain level of fear and anxiety. Even if we deal with every security problem in the school system what happens when our loved ones are at the mall, a concert, or walking down the street, not to mention people dying from influenzas, cancer, and other health issues? I guess what I am saying is we will never be safe from fear and anxiety in this life unless we have someone greater than we are to run to. In Isaiah 41:13 we read, “<sup>13</sup> For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”*



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Dave and Amber Kolk  
 Patsy Newman  
 Lynn and Lorna Robbins  
 Justin and Sarah Strozyk  
 Shawn and Colleen Temple  
 Mark and Heather Thomas



## CAMP VICTORY PORK BBQ -PICNIC STYLE

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

11:30am-2:30pm

Camp Victory Dining Hall  
 Millville, Pa

\$9 per person  
 Children 3-12 \$5  
 Under 3 Free

### MENU

Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich  
 Cheesy Potatoes Or Cheesy Macaroni  
 Coleslaw  
 Baked Beans  
 Salad Bar  
 Cornbread  
 Dessert  
 Beverages

**Advance ticket sales only: 570-458-6530**

All proceeds benefit Camp Victory



**PRESCHOOL NEWS:** Spring is right around the corner (or so we hope) and we are looking forward to spending time outside enjoying God's wonderful world.

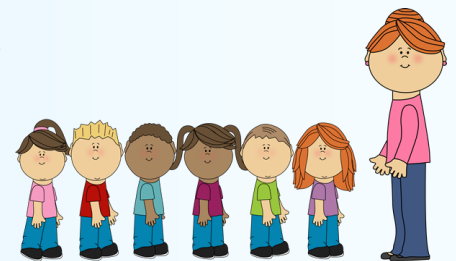
We will be learning about the true meaning of Easter and also be learning about birds. We will be discussing feelings and talking about different animals that live in the sea.

There will be a field trip to the First Columbia Bank.

Our bible verses will be "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5) and "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day we will be doing the Irish jig and in April we will be singing "The Old Brass Wagon" and "Shake Your Bean Bag".

Blessings from Preschool.



*"Pastor's Page" continued*

*God has been eliminated from so many aspects of life in the name of religious freedom that we now live with a polytheistic world view that provides for religious freedom, but has ushered in an environment of social fear and anxiety. When I read passages like Psalm 34:4 "I sought the LORD, and he answered me and ; he delivered me from all my fears.", I feel that I can move through the day with the assurance that God will give me peace. Or when I read 1 Peter 5:7 that shares, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.", it provides the understanding that God is for me. I hope you can find some comfort in these words and that you can cast your cares upon God for He cares for you.*

As God is systematically removed from the fabric of America we will continue to see unsettling things take place for there is no fear of God or desire to live by His Word. Nevertheless, as individuals we can place our trust in God for all things. We will all experience difficult and heart wrenching times in our lives, but when we place our trust in God and cast our cares upon Him we will receive His promise in those difficult moments.

May God who raised Jesus Christ from the tomb provide you with comfort and peace as you trust in Him! Cast your anxieties upon Him. Run to Him when you are feeling scared. He will never disappoint you!

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Hershey, Pa  
31 May—2 June 2018


**MONDAY EVENING  
BIBLE STUDY**

at 18 Evers Grove Road

Beginning after Easter! For more info contact Julia Shoup at [jshoup4@verizon.net](mailto:jshoup4@verizon.net) or 570-458-0418



**"I thought your Easter message was great, except when you went off on a bunny trail."**



# Mill-Green Youth



## IMPACT 2018

This year we are leaving on Friday, March 2 and returning home Sunday, March 4. We have 12 youth, ranging from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and 3 adults (Tara, Ryan, and Colleen) This year we are renting 2 vans for the trip as opposed to the school bus we have typically taken in the past. This will save us upward of \$500. Hopefully this teen conference proves to be IMPACTful to our youth and arms them in their journey in this crazy world.

## UPDATES on the Leech Lake Mission trip:

The following is a list of youth and adults going on the mission trip on July 29-August 3. Please pray for this group as we prepare for this trip.

Olivia Thayer, Jen Myers, Kayla and Alissa Ringer, Cole Dewald, Jeff Lyons, Will Holdren, Ian Ludwig, Jackson and Tonny Temple, Matt Delong, Shawn and Colleen Temple.

We will be flying and driving to Leech Lake, MN to a Native American Chippewa Reservation to work with families in need. We have a great group of youth who I am confident will spread the love of Jesus with their kindness.

The youth has begun fundraising with Souper Sunday and we just finished up selling Bason's coffee. We will be selling popcorn and hoagies soon-because before we know it, it will be here!



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS MARCH 11, 2018**



**PUPPET SHOW and EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Sunday, March 25th**  
**3:00PM**

**at the Greenwood Building**  
**Kids and Adults are invited to come enjoy**  
**"Kingdom Kidz" puppets from Milton, Pa.**

**Donations of plastic and hard boiled dyed eggs**  
**are needed. Please have them to the Greenwood**  
**Bldg. by noon on Saturday, March 24th**  
**Thank you!**



## GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

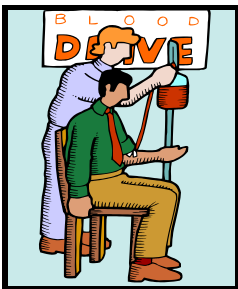
You are invited to the *Cross Walk* on Friday March 30th. Participants will meet at Dog Gone Fuel at 6:45 am and we will begin walking at 7:00am. The youth will carry the Cross and all participants will follow the Cross to the Millville Community Park where a short service will be held to end the Walk. All youth are encouraged to attend to help carry the Cross.



Christ  
Risen!

### BLOOD DRIVE

Friday  
April 6, 2018  
1-6pm



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**Maundy Thursday, March 29th:**  
7pm Greenwood Bldg.

### Good Friday:

**12-3pm**-Presented by the Millville Ministerium  
at New Testament Assembly of God

**7:30pm**-Mill-Green UMC at the Millville  
Bldg. lead by the Mill-Green youth

### Mill-Green Easter Services:

**6:45am** Greenwood Bldg. Sunrise Service

**8:00am** Millville Bldg.-Daybreak Contemporary

**9:15am** Greenwood Bldg.-Traditional

**10:30am** Millville Bldg.- Traditional



### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

You are invited to attend the  
Sunrise Service beginning at  
6:45am April 1st at the  
Greenwood Building.  
Breakfast will be served  
following the service.

Old Greenwood Road, Millville.



# 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 12, 2017 through April 15, 2018.

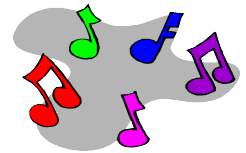
**WHERE:** Mill-Green United Methodist Church at 75 S. State Street, Millville, Pa.

**WHO:** Kids K –6th grade.



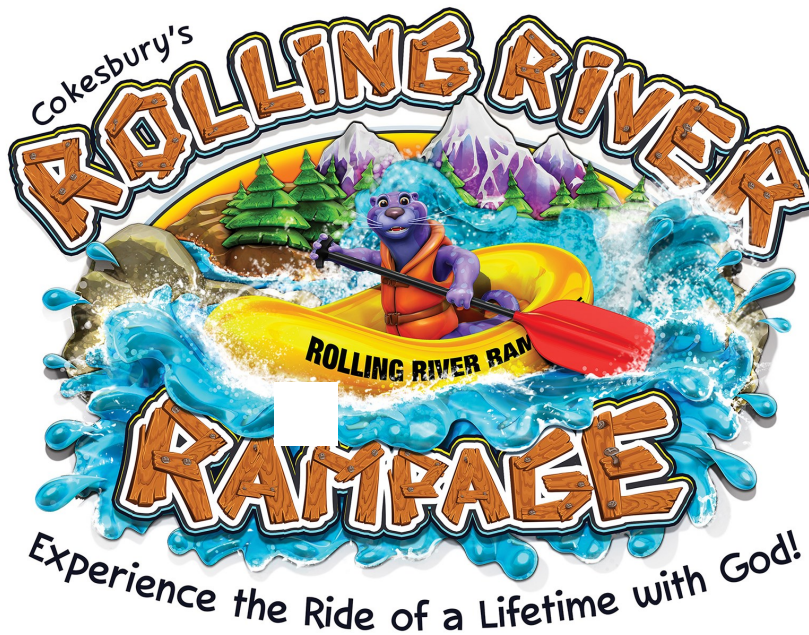
Thank you to the Mill-Green people for such a wonderful response to the birthday party! We are looking forward to a Thursday filled with pizza, games, gifts, and big smiles!

You are invited to the Spring Closing Program Sunday, April 15th at 6:00pm in Millville Building. We are preparing a fun program for you and the kids are working very hard to receive their Bible verse awards.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

**DATES  
TO  
BE  
ANNOUNCED**







**PERSONAL SUPPLIES**



**"THANK YOU" MUGS FILLED WITH CANDY**

**KFC'S VALENTINE PROJECT:  
CARE PACKAGES FOR  
LUKE ZEISLOFT'S MARINE SQUADRON  
AND ARMY PVT. JUSTIN CAREY**



**VALENTINE CARDS AND A COPY OF "THE UPPER ROOM"  
FOR EACH MILITARY MEMBER**



**CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES BAKED  
AND PACKED BY OUR KFC KIDS**



### QUAKER QUILTERS

The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 1-3pm at 18 Evers Grove Road. Newbies and seasoned quilters alike are welcome! For more info, contact Julia Shoup at [jshoup4@verizon.net](mailto:jshoup4@verizon.net) or 570-458-0418

### CONGRATULATIONS

to  
Isaac and Elena Laubach on the birth of  
Isla Grace  
February 1, 2018



7lbs 9oz.



### ANNUAL MISSION FAIR Sunday, March 18th

Recognize the special people in your life this Easter with a gift in their honor from the Mission Fair! A continental breakfast and shopping will be available from 9:00am-10:15am in the Millville Building social hall. Tables will be set up displaying your choice of organizations.

A combined worship service will follow at 10:30am.



### MILES FOR MISSIONS—Walk/Run-a-Thons Save The DATE

There will be a Walk/Run-A-Thon held in each of the 7 Districts—From April—May 2018!

**100% of the donations will go to Bishop's Partners in Mission to support Imagine No Malaria and Mission Central**

**Lewisburg District—is May 5, 2018 at Wesley Forest**

Promotional Flyer and Sponsorship Forms are available on the Conference Website:

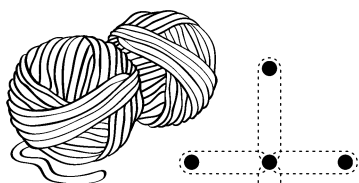
[www.susumc.org](http://www.susumc.org)—under Events!

**Mark Your Calendars!!!!**

# JUST FOR YOU KIDS!

## CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



### What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

### What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.



## RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



*Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.*

$2+2 = \underline{\quad}$  united       $2 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$  death       $7+6 = \underline{\quad}$  resurrection

$3 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$  certainly       $18-16 = \underline{\quad}$  have       $4-1 = \underline{\quad}$  been

$0+1 = \underline{\quad}$  if       $2 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$  we       $13-1 = \underline{\quad}$  him

$2+3 = \underline{\quad}$  in       $20-6 = \underline{\quad}$  like       $2+5 = \underline{\quad}$  his

$2 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$  be       $8+3 = \underline{\quad}$  with

"For  $\underline{\quad}$  we  $\underline{\quad}$   $\underline{\quad}$   $\underline{\quad}$

with him  $\underline{\quad}$  a  $\underline{\quad}$  like  $\underline{\quad}$ ,

$\underline{\quad}$  will  $\underline{\quad}$  also  $\underline{\quad}$  united

$\underline{\quad}$   $\underline{\quad}$  in a  $\underline{\quad}$

$\underline{\quad}$  his." Romans 6:5, NIV

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Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV



## BIRTHDAYS AND \*ANNIVERSARIES



### March

1. Steven Brito, Bob Kessler, Karen Reed, Jean Smith
3. Don Harding
4. Renee Jankowski, Margie Beagle
5. Don Bangs, Jackson Temple
6. Jim Reynolds, Matt Verstraeten
7. Art Laubach, Jr., Owen Kehoe
8. Shayne Peterman
10. Harry Ashelman, Becky Johnson, \*Jerry & Tammy Kessler
11. \*Joe & Edith Kessler, Jessica Thayer
12. Frans Verstraeten
13. Bridgette Reed
14. Lance Diehl
15. Brittany Shultz
16. Matt Girton, \*Tim & Laura Kelchner
17. Joan Adams, Ken Chappell, \*Tony & Carlene Blgrave
18. Sarah Henrie, Murray Holdren
19. Micah Clark
22. Adam Johnson, Lisa Sinegra, Maddie Slater
23. Karl Girton, Tara Holdren
24. Russ Dryer, Megan Dubbs, Shawn Temple, \*Ben & Brynn Clark
25. Matt Kessler, Barb Leighow
26. Leslie Berger, Derek Shultz
27. Ken Johnson
28. Valerie Gordner, Denny Hack, Christian Lyons, Tiffany Shoemaker,
30. Leanne Renner
31. Dick Leonard, Ed Zeisloft

### April

1. Karl Berger
2. Laura Morris, Andrew Sinegra
3. Amanda Bangs, Glennda Moser
4. Joe Kessler
5. Lois Laver
7. Don Rider
10. Cole DeWald, Terry Rider
11. Mike Boone, Nate Laubach, \*Baron & Janet Weeks
12. Lonna Hess, Joy Morris
13. Matt Leighow, Jon Lyons, Janet Mengle, \*Gradon & Gloria Bitler,
14. Mandy Eves, Richard Hamilton, \*Art & Vicki Laubach, \*Johanna & JD Stanley, \*Matthew & Elizabeth Johnson
15. Matthew Johnson, Travis Bodnar
17. \*Derl & Charlene Derr, \*Tom & Gina Reese
18. Laura Chappell, Darren Rider, Kyle Smith, \*Joseph & Jana Bangs
19. Sue Burns, \*Greg & Lisa Gordner, \*Jeremy & Emily Arner, Jay Mull
20. Lisa Boone, Rod Eves, Phyllis Smith, Sue E. Moore
21. George Myers, Sarah Strozyk
22. Dan Bangs, Nevin Hess, Steph (Strozyk)Thomas
23. Caleb Earnest
24. Brock Gordner, Joe Hopewell, Collin Whitmoyer, \*Jay & Vicki Mull
25. Gloria Bitler, Cindy Lyons
27. Joyce Harding, LillieMae Johnson
28. Dave Case, Carol Hayes
30. Joshua Mordan, Janet Weeks