

## **MCC in Mission to Learn, Live, Love and Lead Like Jesus**

**Prayer.** If you need prayer from our Prayer Team, please call Peggy Manning at 717-898-2027. You may send prayer requests to [prayer@gracemillersville.org](mailto:prayer@gracemillersville.org) or fill out the form on our website on the Homepage or the Discipleship page. You may also call the church office at 717-872-4571 or write to [office@MCchurch.net](mailto:office@MCchurch.net)

**December 11, Combined Worship Service with the “Festival of Carols” by the Adult Choir, the Bell Choir and Special Guests at Grace Campus. Pre-Service Music begins at 9:45 AM.** A Fellowship Time with Cookies and Hot Chocolate will immediately follow the Worship Service. Come out and celebrate the Carols of Christmas.

**LUMINA’s Christmas Workshop at New Creation Church in Lancaster, December 11, 1:30-3:00 PM.** Selected youth will be helping at the Christmas Workshop. Gifts are provided for the children to purchase for their family members; at no cost. Gifts are wrapped for the children.

**“Blankets of Love”** Brad Phelan and AgapeEarth are collecting for “Blankets of Love” now through December 11. They are accepting blankets and all warm winter clothing and outerware. Look for the box in the lobby with a sign for what is needed.

On Saturday, December 17 from Noon – 6:00 PM they will be ministering to folks at Food Lion Shopping Center in Edgewood, Maryland. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution. Please contact Brad Phelan with questions and to learn how you can help.

**The Lay Pastors are offering the “White Gift” Program this year.** Look for the “White Gift” tags in the Lobby on Sunday. These “White Gifts” will bless several families in our Penn Manor School District. Wrap all gifts in “WHITE” and tape the whole tag to the gift. “White Gifts” will need to be returned to MCC by Sunday, December 18 to be distributed before Christmas. This year we will be including our “Benevolent Fund” as this fund is used by our Pastors and Lay Pastors to be a blessing to individuals and families all year long.

**Invitation from Pastor Kerry.** I wanted to make a personal invitation to you for Christmas morning. We are going to celebrate the birth of Jesus at our Combined Service at Grace Campus at 10:00 AM that morning. We will sing carols and give thanks for the birth of Jesus. We will also be sharing what the birth of Jesus means through testimony.

So, we are looking for your help. We are asking you what the birth of Jesus means to you? We are inviting you to write a brief statement answering that question. We need those written and sent to the church office at office@mcchurch.net by December 18. Then, I will share those testimonies with the MCC Family on Christmas morning by reading them in the Worship Service.

Or, if you would like to share what you have written in testimony, we welcome that as well. We are still asking you to write it and submit it, but you are more than welcome to read it to your MCC Family. It will be a gift to your church family and to Jesus.

Let's welcome Jesus by sharing what his birth and life means to each one of us! Peace and blessings as you journey through this season of wonder.

**Your 2023 offering envelopes are available in the lobby.** Please pick up your envelopes on your way out today. If you don't see a box for you and you would like to have offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

**Christmas at Clipper Magazine Stadium's Christmas Spirit Light Show.**

Millersville Area Meals On Wheels (MAMOW) Needs Your Vote for their tree to win the grand prize of \$1,000. MAMOW's beautiful tree is ready for you to cast your vote! Each vote costs \$1. Go to Lancaster Barnstormers.com and click on the VOTE for your favorite tree. MAMOW's Tree is on Page 4. Or use this link: <https://www.lancasterbarnstormers.com/products/?product-page=4> Find the Millersville Meals on Wheels Tree and select "Add to cart" and then view cart. When you view the cart you can edit the number of votes you want. Call MAMOW at 717-872-2415 with questions.

**News from MCC's Mission Thrift Shop.** This year the Thrift Shop will be open Thursdays from 3:00-6:00 PM, December 8, 15 & 22.

December 29 through the Spring of 2023 there will be no Thursday hours through the Winter.

All Tuesday and Saturday hours continue all year long.

Tuesdays - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

First and Third Saturdays - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

In the case of inclement weather, the Thrift Shop follows the Penn Manor School District schedule with regards to closings. If Penn Manor School District is delayed, the team of volunteers working that day will make a decision if the Thrift Shop can be open.

**The Millersville Community Church Mission Thrift Shop Needs You!** The Thrift Shop is blessed to be able to support our church missions, the community, and many other non-profit organizations. The Thrift Shop was built and opened many years ago by faithful members of the church. We have had and still have volunteers that have served for more than 30 years. These amazing volunteers have served, mentored and developed relationships with other volunteers and have developed relationships with those who come into the shop.

As some of our volunteers consider retirement after helping many, many years, we are seeking new volunteers to help. The Thrift Shop is open every Tuesday, 10:00-2:00 PM; every Thursday, 3:00-7:00 PM (Winter Hours 3:00 to 6:00 PM), and the first and third Saturday 9:00-1:00 PM.

If you are interested in helping for a full shift or whatever hours you can provide, that would be wonderful! Right now, we need volunteers for the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday. But we welcome anyone who would want to help in this amazing ministry and for whatever hours you would be able to help.

Please pray as to where you see yourself in this ministry and if God wants you to help. Please contact Mary Burger, 717-989-1258 or [maryaburger@hotmail.com](mailto:maryaburger@hotmail.com). Thank you for your consideration to help!

**Digital Pictures Wanted.** How often do you think about putting a name to a face you see on Sunday mornings? Or you just met someone new, but can't remember their name? We would like to add your photo to our database in order to print a photo directory and eventually create an "On-Line Directory" that you would have access to by a password. Please send in a digital photo of your family to: [office@MCchurch.net](mailto:office@MCchurch.net). If you have individual digital pictures of each member in your family, you could send them as well.

**If you don't have access to a digital picture, please call the church office. We**

have some options. A couple of volunteers are willing to take your picture on a Sunday morning. If you can't attend a worship service, these volunteers would be willing to make an appointment to come to your home and take your picture. Thank you so much for your help as we step into this process.

**MCC's Christmas Eve & Candlelighting Services this year will be at Hope Campus at 5:00 PM and at Grace Campus at 7:00 PM.** Come and experience Emmanuel - God With Us!

**Sunday, December 25, Combined Worship Service at Grace Campus.** Pre-service music will begin at 9:45 AM.

**Sunday, January 1, Combined New Year's Day Worship Service at Hope Campus will begin at 10:00 AM.** We will celebrate Holy Communion today.

**Variety of Ways to Bless The HUB.** Volunteer to bless The HUB through providing for the Campus Cupboard, working at the Campus Cupboard, volunteering time to help with The HUB Lunches, provide food & beverages, donate non-perishable pantry items. All the information you need is on the flyers in the lobby at both campuses.

**Leadership Committee Meeting Information.** All meeting details are available on the church calendar on our website. Use this link <https://www.mcchurch.net/calendar>. Meeting minutes are available through the church office.

1. **Trustees** – meets the first Wednesday of every month except for summer break (June, July, & August)
2. **Church Council** – meets the second Tuesday of every month;
3. **Stewardship Committee** - next meeting, TBD
4. **Finance Committee** - next meeting TBD
5. **Staff/Parish Relations Committee** (SPRC) – are closed meetings.