



### Our Mission

- Reaching and building up ALL birth of the church.

### Our Vision

- To be a CHRIST-CENTERED church, positively impacting our neighborhood and world by helping our community replace intolerance with love and justice for all.

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# Millian Newsletter

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## ¿25, 50 oh 75%?

My beloved family of faith in the Millian Memorial United Methodist Church, we have just finished another pastoral charge conference (Church Conference), we made radical decisions that are congruent to the financial reality we live. I am proud of what we are experiencing as God's people in his church at Millian Memorial without denying that we have certain emotions of expectation, wanting to know what the future holds for us.

I affirm, that no matter the decisions made, God continues to lead us in a powerful way in this transition for a new stage at Millian Church. God has been so merciful that He reminds us that while He is in leading us we will always have options and open doors. If it were not so, the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ would be in vain and therefore we would be denying his resurrection.

Knowing that we are close to dying, but we are not there yet, makes us perceive

things in a fatalistic way, even assuring that the Conference wishes our death. But I can affirm that this is not the intention of our Superintendent or of our Bishop; I understand frustration, discouragement and even negative positions as normal reactions to this situation.

Just as Job, we ask many questions, but in the end it does not matter what God gave and allowed to be taken away, we can only admit that He is the one who decides everything and we can only recognize His will.

From now to December we have important tasks that should help us in our dialogue with the conference and facilitate the process of defining who we are and what we want to be in our near future, namely:

1. We need to assure the conference of our willingness and ability to cover the pastor's payment, either, 25, 50 or 75% of the salary, given the financial inability we

have to pay a full-time pastor by ourselves. This will be reflected in the appointment of a pastor according to the financial possibilities of the church. The chair of finance, chair of SPRC and I, with some other members of the leadership team will work as soon as possible to define our proposal.

2. Together with the help of God, the leadership team we will work on what the vision of the church will be as of January 2019-December 2023.
3. I will work with the chair of Finance so that in November when we have our stewardship campaign, we will be focused on this "25, 50, 75%" as well as the "real budget" that we have 99% completed. Then the congregation will know exactly our specific needs and our obligations until July of 2019 and the rest of the

year.  
4. We will continue with the instituted practice of not having more restricted funds, but that all contributions are directed directly to our general fund, where they will be distributed according to our "real budget"

5. I thank SPRC for their valuable work in the financial adjustment of the staff, specifically with our music director and custodian; adjustments reflected in the "real budget".

Practical decisions under the direction of our God,

will be our present in the following months. I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to intercede in prayer for one another, so that we do not give opportunity to discouragement, frustration and anger in this process in which God directs us.

I can affirm without fear of being wrong that God is with us in this process, where we have the opportunity to exercise our faith, our patience, and our wisdom to make decisions at the right time. The people of God at Millian Memorial

Church will be uplifted; the name of our Lord will be glorified, and the people who will be added will arrive regardless of their skin color, their social status, or their age.

Your pastor, brother, and fellow servant in Christ who loves you dearly!

Your pastor,  
Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas

## Millian Memorial United Methodist Church

*Reaching and building up ALL people CHRIST!*

### OUR STAFF

**Bishop:**

Rev. Dr. LaTrelle Easterling

**District Superintendent:**

Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr.

**Lead Pastor:**

Rev. Dr. Miguel A. Balderas

**Director of Music:**

Roberto Villeda

**Lay Leader:**

John Kelley

**Preschool Director:**

Margaret Jackson

**Church Administrator:**

Linda Canelas

**Minister:** All baptized members



### Sunday Worship Services

10:00 a.m. in English

12:45 p.m. en Español

### Sunday School

8:30 a.m. in English - Adults

10:00a.m. in English

### Wednesday Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. in English

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## GOD DOESN'T REJECT SINNERS

**He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve . . . The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him" (Psalm 103:9-10, 13 NLT).**

The Bible says there is no condemnation for our sin in our criminal justice system once we place our faith in Jesus, but it does not say there are no consequences. Every time you disobey God, you hurt yourself and hurt other people. You lose your fellowship with Christ. You lose your effectiveness and joy here on Earth. You lose rewards in heaven. But you do not lose your salvation. Why is that? Why doesn't God just kick us out when we blow it? Why doesn't God reject believers when we sin?

Two thousand years ago, Jesus stretched his arms out on the cross and took the punishment for your sin. He served your term. The price was paid in full—all you have to do is accept the gift of forgiveness and salvation that he offers!

**Jesus understands your God's love is unconditional.**

God is sympathetic and understanding. He knows your frailties, your faults, and how you're wired. And he is patient with you.

"This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus lived in human flesh for 33 years, so he understands your weaknesses.

**Your salvation isn't based on your performance.**

The Bible says, "He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5 NLT). You can't earn your way into heaven, work your way to heaven, or bluff your way to heaven. The only way those who fear him" (Psalm 103:9-10, 13 NLT). If you are a believer, God is not angry with you. Why? Because all of the punishment was taken on the cross.

The Bible says, "[God] will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does

You may be thinking, "You don't know how far I've fallen. You don't know what I've done." No, I don't. But God does. If you think you've strayed too far from God, this is what God says to you: "Come back to me, you unfaithful children, and I will forgive you for being unfaithful" (Jeremiah 3:22 NCV).

Just as God does not reject sinners, neither do Stephen Ministers. We understand your weaknesses, we do not keep grudges and our love is unconditional. Please give our Stephen Ministry a try, we want you to experience your joys here on earth. Please, let us know your needs.

Dawn Kelley,  
Awareness and Ownership



**"Reaching and building up ALL people for CHRIST".**



## OUTREACH NEWS

Fall is in the air and also in the ministries at Millian. October 13<sup>th</sup> was the Fall Festival. The community came out to enjoy the crisp fall weather. Children of all ages were delighted with the bouncy house, with ghoulish and funny faces painted by budding middle and high school artists. Who knew that icky slippery, slime was fun to make and fun to take. Spider pops were interesting to make but better eaten. Pumpkin shaped cookies exhibited by children of all ages and even mistakes were a treat when eaten. Books of many topics were available for children to add to or start their own library. The best dressed pumpkins were with Carol Russell where creativity abounded and 90 pumpkins beautifully adorned were happily carried home to wait for Halloween.

The Fall Festival was not only for children, Chuck Thompson's Health Fair's health screening by MedStar Montgomery, aromatherapy by Kennedy High School students, information from Community Ministry's Kasey Clinic and Health Care by Montgomery County Health Department provided vital health statistics for the participants. Adults and children found warm jackets, sweaters, household items, toys and other treasures at the lowest prices in the county at the Yard Sale with Luisa Montano, Brenda Watson and Janet Coffelt. The yard sale was a give-away for the community, and a gain of \$220.34 for the food pantry. Thanks to our

donors of these treasures. The remaining will be given to families attending the food pantry.

**United Methodist Men** topped the festival off with hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drink that were available to all and free to the many volunteers who provided services and s to the event.

**United Methodist Women held a bake and jewelry sale.**

**THANK YOU TO NANCY GRAY FOR A GREAT FALL FESTIVAL!! Many THANKS to all the church volunteers and about 25 teens from Girl Scouts, church and community who taught and contributed in many ways to the Fall Festival.**

**The FOOD PANTRY** provided food to 60 families which included 297 persons, 172 adults and 125 children. Thanks to Natali Iraheta from Linkages to Learning at Kemp Mills School. Food was received from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Aspen Hill Road and our faithful church donors. If it is more convenient in lieu of bringing food, you may place a check in the offering note food pantry.

**THANKSGIVING** bags are available in the Narthex. We are planning to give 50 bags away this year, a decrease of about 15 to the community, 40 for Linkages to Learning and 10 for community and Millian families. Increasing your donation will make it possible for a wider outreach.

**The ANGEL TREE** will be up on Sunday, November 25. The goal again is to collect about 50 gifts for Linkages to Learning and the Millian community and families. The decrease is based on a decrease of members and giving this year. Share this opportunity with your friends or other groups that you belong; they too, may happily participate.

**ST. NICHOLAS SECRET SHOP** available to food pantry children December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is one of my favorites, an opportunity to make children aware of the value of giving by selecting free gifts for their parents. You can gain valuable space by giving the many gifts that you have received and not used, heirlooms, and other things you have accumulated that of no value to you today. Items may be placed in the food pantry basket. A special box will be available in November for collection.

Edith C. Williams,  
Outreach Chair  
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***"What I kept, I lost.  
What I spent, I had.  
What I gave, I have."  
Persian Proverb***

## SENIOR NEWS

The Millian Seniors are preparing for their annual Thanksgiving luncheon! It will be held on Thursday, November 15 at Mountain Gate restaurant in Thurmont. We are looking for-

ward to this longstanding event where fellowship and friendship are shared each year. The Seniors continue to meet the first and third Thursdays of the month in the chapel for lunch and

fellowship. Our only membership requirement is admitting that you are a senior! Please feel free to join us if you can admit that (LOL).



## MILLIAN PRESCHOOL

At Millian Methodist Preschool our goal is to focus on learning through play and active engagement. We understand that when children get to participate and be involved in the learning process it is not only more fun, it also becomes more ingrained in their minds.

One example of active engagement is our hands on cooking projects. This last

month there was a lot of cooking happening throughout the school. Children had the opportunity to make various dishes including applesauce, fruit salad, vegetable soup and even butter and cornbread! As part of the process the children had the opportunity to do everything from creating recipes to measuring to pouring to mixing to of course, eating! While

the cooking was a lot of fun, it was also educational. The children began learning about measurements, calculations and basic food science.

We are excited about our hands on learning opportunities and are looking forward to what the month of November will bring.

*Margaret Jackson*

*Director,  
Millian Methodist Preschool*



## Poinsettias for Christmas

The Worship Team invites you to help us adorn the Chancel altar for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services by sponsoring a plant for our traditional altar poinsettia tree. The live plants will be displayed on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Each plant comes in a 6 inch pot; they are priced at \$10.00 each. Please place your order and payment with the church office no later than Sunday, **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Deadline for ordering poinsettias is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Please place your order in the offering plate or turn it into the Church office. Thank you!**

Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Given in MEMORY / HONOR of \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$10.00 each.

Please take your plant home after the 7:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve.





## ¿25, 50 oh 75%?

Mi querida familia de la fe en la Iglesia Metodista Unida Millian Memorial, acabamos de culminar otra conferencia de cargo pastoral (Church Conference), tomamos decisiones radicales siendo congruentes a la realidad financiera que vivimos. Estoy orgulloso de lo que estamos viviendo como pueblo de Dios en su iglesia en Millian Memorial sin negar que tenemos ciertas emociones de expectación, deseando saber lo que el futuro nos depara.

Afirmo, que no importando las decisiones tomadas Dios sigue dirigiéndonos de manera poderosa en esta transición para una nueva etapa en la iglesia Millian. Dios ha sido tan misericordioso que nos recuerda que mientras El este al frente de nosotros siempre tendremos opciones y puertas abiertas. Si no fuera así, el sacrificio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo sería en balde y por lo tanto estaríamos negando su resurrección.

El saber que estamos cerca de morir, pero aun no estamos ahí, hace que percibamos cosas de forma fatalista, hasta asegurando que la Conferencia desea nuestra muerte. Pero puedo afirmar que esa no es la intención de nuestro Superintendente ni de nuestro Obispo; entiendo la frustración, el desanimo y hasta posiciones negativas como reacciones normales ante esta situación.

Así como Job solo nos queda reconocer que hacemos muchas preguntas pero al final no importando que Dios dio y permitió que se le fuera quitado, El es el que decide

todo.

Hoy por hoy tenemos de aquí a Diciembre importantes tareas que deben ayudarnos en nuestro dialogo con la conferencia y facilite el proceso de definición de lo que somos y lo que deseamos ser en nuestro futuro cercano, a saber:

1. Tenemos que facilitar a la conferencia nuestra disposición y posibilidad de cubrir el pago del pastor, es decir un 25, 50 oh 75% del salario, dada la incapacidad financiera que tenemos de pagar un pastor de tiempo completo por nosotros mismos. Lo cual se reflejará en el nombramiento de un pastor acorde las posibilidades financieras de la iglesia. Trabajaremos a la brevedad posible el presidente de finanzas, presidente de SPRC y un servidor, con algunos otros miembros del liderazgo para definir nuestra propuesta.

2. Junto con el equipo de liderazgo (leadership team) trabajaremos también lo que será nuestra visión de la iglesia a partir de Enero del 2019-Diciembre 2023. Con la ayuda de Dios.

3. Trabajare con el presidente de Finanzas para que en Noviembre tengamos nuestra campaña de mayordomía, enfocada en este “25, 50, 75%” así como el “presupuesto real” que tenemos terminado en un 99%. Para que la congregación sepa exactamente cual es nuestra necesidad específica para el 2019, y nuestras obligaciones hasta Julio del mismo año.

4. Continuaremos con la

práctica instituida de no tener mas fondos restringidos, sino que todas las aportaciones sean dirigidas directamente a nuestro fondo general, donde se distribuirá de acuerdo a nuestro “presupuesto real”

5. Agradezco a SPRC por su trabajo valioso en el ajuste financiero de mi staff, específicamente con nuestro director de música y custodiano. Lo cual esta reflejado en el “presupuesto real”.

Decisiones prácticas bajo la dirección de nuestro Dios, será nuestro presente en los siguientes meses. Les encarezco en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo que intercedamos en oración los unos por los otros, para que no demos oportunidad al desanimo, la frustración y el enojo en este proceso en el cual Dios nos dirige.

Puedo afirmar sin temor a equivocarme que Dios esta con nosotros en este proceso, donde tenemos la oportunidad de ejercitar nuestra fe, nuestra paciencia, y nuestra sabiduría para tomar las decisiones en el momento oportuno (ni antes ni después) para que el pueblo de Dios en Millian Memorial sea edificado, el nombre de nuestro Señor sea glorificado y las personas que serán añadidas lleguen no importando su color de piel, ni su estado social, ni su edad.

¡Su pastor, hermano, y consiervo en Cristo que les ama entrañablemente!

*Reverendo Dr. Miguel Balderas*

**BY OUR PRAYERS:**

The people listed in our Prayer Ministry appreciate your prayers. If you have additional prayer requests, please call the church office. We ask that the person to be listed has given permission for his/her name to be printed, and that the office staff is updated so that the prayer list can remain current. The person's name will remain on the list for 30 days. If additional time is needed, please call the church office. Names in italics are new additions.

**DECEASED:****HOSPITAL:**

Ernie Craft MD Shock Trauma-Baltimore. Serious motorcycle accident; Dawn Kelley's nephew

**HOME/ RECUPERATING**

Helen Doman Recovering from surgery  
 Angeline Frazier Health concerns. Mark Frazier's mother  
 Naomi Smith Health concerns, friend of Nora Gallagher  
 Dave Snively Recovering at home

**HOME/LONG TERM**

José Abad In Mexico, diagnosed with cancer; Pastor Miguel's personal friend  
 Deborah Bussard Serious health problems; daughter of Earl and Beverly Pallas  
 Earl Pallas Health concerns  
 Kelly Campbell Chronic illness, granddaughter of Anne and Bill Matthews  
 Jane Cumings Health concerns due to MS  
 Willian Daniel; Cody & Cameron Daniel Atrophy of the spinal cerebellum; great grandsons of Jean and Garry Brown  
 Bill Gray Recovering at home  
 Oscar Guzmán Health concerns in Mexico; Ruth Wong's Uncle  
 Pamela Kelley Congestive heart failure; John Kelley's sister  
 Sarah King Serious health concerns, Carolyn Goldman's niece  
 John Lee Lillibridge Health concerns  
 John Lillibridge Health concerns, John Lillibridge's father  
 Bill Matthews Health concerns  
 Jackie Maphis Health concerns, daughter of Jo Hagner  
 Martha Nelson Health concerns  
 Annabell Ostrander Health concerns  
 Jack Richards Health concerns, Terri Sheetz' cousin  
 Pat Smyrk Health concerns  
 Alma Spaid Health concerns  
 Juanita Staggers Health concerns  
 Sybil Stathoplos Health concerns  
 Bruce Scudder Serious medical issues; son of Lynn Scudder  
 Gudelia Zuleta de Wong Health concerns, mother of Ruth Wong de Balderas

**HOSPICE CARE:****NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING/REHABILITATION CENTERS:**

Norm Brautigam Fairhaven - 7200 Third Ave. Apt M- 115 Sykesville, MD 21784  
 Vesta Galate Brighton Gardens 7110 Mistrel Way #112 Columbia, Md. 21045  
 Nancy Hinkle Wilson Health Center in Asbury  
 Wanda Sonnenberg Brookdale Senior Living 2611 Olney Sandy Spring Rd. Rm. 212, Olney, MD 20832  
 Rev. Earl Sulmonetti Recovering from surgery at Wilson Rehabilitation  
 Juanita Sulmonetti Wilson Center, Room 336

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS:**

## NOVEMBER 2018

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
8:30am Adult Sunday School (C) 9:00am Choir (S) 10:00am Sunday School all ages 10:00am Worship in English 12:45pm Culto 1:00pm Methodist Church [Ghanaian] (S & Rm5/7) 3:00pm Church Of God (C)	7:00pm NA [Narcotics Anonymous] (FH)		10:00am Holy Communion (S) 10:30am Bible Study (C) 7:00pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Prayer Service (YR) 7:30pm AA [Alcoholics Anonymous] (Rm. 5/7)	1:00pm Smart Sack Delivery (C) 7:00pm Church of God (C)	7:00pm Millian Youth Group (SH)	8:30am Wheaton Spanish SDA Worship (S) 5:15pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Youth Ministry (S)



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4-Nov	Teresa	Archer
5-Nov	Isabella	Nuñez
5-Nov	Joe	Fry
7-Nov	Godfrey	Annum
7-Nov	William	Hoar
13-Nov	Janet	Coffelt
13-Nov	Clyde	Williams
16-Nov	Wanda	Sonnenberg
17-Nov	Melissa	Zossoungbo
20-Nov	Cheryl	Woods
23-Nov	Ismael	Balderas Wong
23-Nov	Phyllis	Redmond
24-Nov	June	Greatorex



# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				<b>11:00am</b> Seniors (C) <b>6:30pm</b> Community (N-Rm3-5/7-8) <b>7:00pm</b> Leaders Meeting (YR) <b>7:00pm</b> SDA Adventurers (FH)	<b>6:00pm</b> Girl Scouts (5/7)	<b>6:00 pm</b> Pentecostal Church-Anniversary Celebration (FH)
Daylight Saving Time 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11:30am</b> Stephen Ministry (YR) <b>4:30pm</b> SDA Adventurers (FH)	<b>10:30am</b> UMW Meeting (C) <b>6:30pm</b> Cub Scouts (SH) <b>7:00pm</b> Trustees Meeting (C)	<b>9:00am</b> Smart Sacks Packing (C) <b>6:30pm</b> Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)		<b>6:30pm</b> Community Ministry Classes (N-Rm3-5/7 & 8)	<b>6:00pm</b> Girl Scouts (5/7) <b>6:00pm</b> Girl Scouts (FH)	<b>9:00am</b> UMM Breakfast (FH) <b>10:00am</b> Food Pantry (Ed.B.) <b>12:30pm</b> Wheaton SDA Fellowship (FH) <b>3:30pm</b> Ghana Church (FH)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>2:00pm</b> Mid County Min (Pkg Lot)	<b>6:30pm</b> Cub Scouts (SH)	<b>6:30pm</b> Community Ministry Classes (N-Rm3-5/7 & 8) <b>7:00pm</b> Finance (C)		<b>11:00am</b> Seniors (C) <b>6:30pm</b> Community (N-Rm3-5/7-8) <b>7:00pm</b> Kaleidoscope Orchestra (FH) <b>7:00pm</b> SDA Adventurers (YR)	<b>6:00pm</b> Girl Scouts 5/7-YR)	<b>10:00am</b> Fresh Bread & Spiritual Nourishment (C)
18	19	20	21	Thanksgiving Day 22	23	24
<b>4:30pm</b> SDA Adventurers (FH)	<b>6:30pm</b> Cub Scouts (SH) <b>7:45pm</b> Co. Anonym (Rm 8)	<b>6:30pm</b> Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)		<b>11:00am</b> Thanksgiving Lunch (FH)		<b>3:00pm</b> Wheaton SDA Women's Ministry (5/7)
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	<b>6:30pm</b> Cub Scouts (SH)	<b>11:00am</b> Worship Team (C) <b>6:30pm</b> Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)		<b>12:00</b> Seniors <b>6:30pm</b> Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)	<b>6:00pm</b> Girl Scouts 5/7-YR)	<b>Key:</b> C = Chapel Room CR = Choir Room CL = Committee Lounge N= Nursery PR (8)= Puppet Room FH = Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary YR = Youth Room SH = Social Hall

**We offer our sincere condolences to the families of those who were murdered today at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We have seen, once again, the horrors of white supremacy, anti-Semitism and easy access to guns. Each of these massacres breaks our hearts and we recommit to working to create a world rooted in God's vision of peace and justice, where anti-Semitism and gun violence are nothing but tragic memories.**

**SUSAN HENRY-CROWE**



**CHURCH & SOCIETY**

The United Methodist Church

Living **FAITH** Seeking **JUSTICE** Pursuing **PEACE**