



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.

Our Mission

- Reaching and building up ALL people for CHRIST.

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Millian Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR:

On February 26, 2020, we began our celebration of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The English word "Lent" the word *lencten*, which means "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of "spring."

Lent owes much of its spirit to the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his ministry. We say he was tempted there, but a more accurate translation may be "tested." In the time of Jesus, one view of the desert was as an abode of demons, especially that part of the desert where winds would howl around tall, rough stone. In this place, Jesus was offered the opportunity to be the wrong kind of messiah. He rejected each possibility.

During the days leading up to Easter many of us will decide to "give up" some-

thing we enjoy as a sign of contrition. Others will spend extra time in devotions and prayer. Some carry a cross or nail in a pocket as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for the world. All those are great; but let me offer some other options.

Apologize to someone
Lent is a season of repentance. We ask God for forgiveness from our sin, but that may be only half of the story. Many sins include hurting others. Jesus taught that if during worship you "remember that your brother or sister has something against you... First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift." Lent is a good time to also seek forgiveness from those we have harmed.

Perform random acts of kindness
Express your love for Jesus by loving others. Pay

for the order of the person behind you in the drive-through. Give an extravagant tip. Carry gift cards to give away. Ask others how they are doing, then stop and listen to their responses. Share the love of Jesus any way you can.

Study a book of the Bible in depth or participate in a Bible Study
Find a book of the Bible and read it. Find articles and commentaries and read. Meditate and pray on what you have read. You can also join us here at Millian for Bible Studies, including a special Lenten study held each Sunday of March from 11:30am to 1:00pm

As always I pray that I can see you at all of our services during the Lenten season. Please refer to the services listed in this newsletter. *

Yours in Christ
Rev. Ty

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THE MILLIAN CARE TEAM

The Millian Care Team is the work area that promotes nurturing and loving care for our church family. We visit those who are in care facilities or are homebound through the Shepherd's Staff. We extend the congregation's love to those who are going through difficult times through efforts of The Wrappers and their beautiful handmade wraps that are given, symbolic of the warm hugs from their church. We offer information for everyone to pray for those who are in troubling or crisis situations through the Prayer Chain and the Prayer List. We provide transportation for individuals who are unable to drive to appointments or necessary errands. We try to reach

by phone any person whom we miss and are concerned about through Telecare. We send cards and provide occasional meals. We provide home communion to those who are home or facility-bound. Through the care of Stephen Ministry, we "walk beside" our family members and others in our community who can use a Christian friend to be there, listen, and give support for as long as a person needs them. We are the work area that promotes Nurturing, Loving Care. We are your Care Team.

Contact:

Shepherd's Staff:

Hal Brown or John Kelley

Wrappers:

Jeanne Roesch or Jann Dalrymple

Prayer List:

Jann Darymple or Linda Canelas/Church Office

Prayer Chain:

Barbara Smith

Transportation:

Peggy Harris

Telecare:

Carol Russell

Home Communion:

Andrea Sharp

Stephen Ministry:

any Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister

Millian Memorial United Methodist Church

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OUR STAFF

Bishop:

Rev. Dr. LaTrelle Easterling

District Superintendent:

Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr.

Lead Pastor:

Rev. Ty Blackwell

Director of Music:

Roberto Villeda

Lay Leader:

John Kelley

Preschool Director:

Margaret Jackson

Church Administrator:

Linda Canelas

Minister: All baptized members



Sunday Worship Service

10:00 a.m. in English

Sunday School

8:30 a.m. Adults

10:00a.m. Children

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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU START TO WORRY *by Rick Warren*

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways”

(Psalm 37:7 NIV).

You may not hear the word “fret” much anymore. It’s an older word that just means “worry.” When you fret, you get stressed out, anxious, and impatient. You worry because things are either happening too fast and you can’t handle the change or because things are going too slow and you want God to speed things up.

We don’t usually mind waiting if we can gripe about it. But when you choose to wait patiently on God instead of fretting, it is actually a statement of faith. You’re making a declaration about God’s character. When you wait patiently, you’re saying that you trust God and have faith in him. You’re humbly admitting that you’re dependent on him.

The Bible says in Psalm 37:7, “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do

not fret when people succeed in their ways” (NIV).

One of the biggest reasons we get stressed out is because we’re constantly comparing ourselves to others. Instead of focusing on God’s love and what he’s done for us, we look at other people, focusing on what they have that we don’t.

Comparing yourself to others isn’t a wise choice, because you’re one of a kind. God has a plan for your life that’s different from his plan for anyone else. If you’re wishing for another person’s plan, then you’re going to miss the plan for your life! Comparing leads to fretting. When you compare, you start worrying.

But worry is totally worthless. Any second you spend worrying is wasted, because worry can’t accomplish anything. Worry can’t change the past. It can’t control the future. It’s only going to make you miserable today. It’s like sitting in a rocking chair, going back and forth, back

and forth. You don’t make any progress, and you use a lot of energy.

Philippians 4:6 says, “Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers” (The Message).

Worry will never change anything, but prayer can change things. So don’t fret over anything. Just pray!

Does worry consume you? Do you find it difficult not to worry? Do things just eat you up inside? If you are experiencing any of these difficulties, please consider a Stephen Minister. You will have a one on one relationship with a Christian caregiver who can help you work through these difficulties. Your Stephen Ministry team prays that you will call on us during this Lenten season and whenever you are facing and difficulties in your life.

*Dawn Kelley
Awareness and Ownership*



UMW NEWS - JANUARY 2020

The United Methodist Women will meet Monday, March 2nd at 10:30am in the chapel. Continuing our “Sisterhood of Grace” shalom program outlining the history of UMW and the women, programs and projects that have evolved

from that history. This month “Women speaking truth from the ground up.” To learn the significance of the truth shared by those in the margins who spoke it, then to look at our names, and God’s personal call for action on behalf of

women, children and youth. Elsie has refreshments and Edith has devotions. Please join us, all are welcome.



United
Methodist
Women
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MILLIAN'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COMMUNITY EVENTS AN EASTER ACTIVITY for CHILDREN

WINTER, LENT, SPRING VACATION, EASTER – which of these do you think kids are excited about? My guess is "Spring Vacation". Most of the children in our neighborhood won't be away on vacation, but lucky it will include Easter. Would you like to send them back to school with fond remembrance of a fun day at Millian where they also learned more about Easter. If you are willing to give 2-3 hours, we can do this. To do so let Edith know that "you will do this".

To have an Easter activity we will need:

- Plastic Eggs
- Individually wrapped candies
- Prizes

Items can be put in the yellow cart at Linda's office of in the box in the narthex.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT, MARCH 22

Ann Marlow and the Kaleidoscope Band will present their annual free concert at Millian March 22 at 2:30 p.m. For one hour they will take you back to yesterday with their big band music. Let's invite our neighbors, friends and acquaintances to join us for this event and share with them some delectable desserts and an atmosphere to go with the music. We can invite them back to a different version of the same ambiance April 12, Easter Sunday.

We need you to help us with the concert by providing a variety of delectable desserts. You don't have to bake unless you want

to. We will need paper items, cheese, fruit, crackers, coffee, tea, hostesses, host, set-up, clean-up. You don't have to do much if we all pitch in. I'm excited because I think we can pack Fellowship Hall. Please call Edith and say, "I'm in on this!"

A love offering from attendants will provide us to do some upgrades for the nursery.

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr,



SENIORS NEWS

The Millian seniors meet at 11 a.m. in the chapel on the first and third Thursdays of the month, weather permitting (we do not meet if Montgomery County schools are closed for weather conditions, usually snow). We bring a

bag lunch and dessert is always provided. Winter weather has kept our attendance down during the past 2 month but we're looking forward to warmer weather soon and larger gatherings for our twice monthly meetings. If you

are a senior, you are welcome to join us at any and all of our get-togethers. We believe that you will have a good time!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool learns through traditional academic means as well as through experiences. Each month we try to have a school wide event or program that is designed to create awareness and offer children an opportunity to participate in something that they may not otherwise experience. One of the most exciting events of the year is always the puppet show conducted by Bob Brown of Bob Brown Puppets! Mr. Brown worked for many

years as the puppeteer for the Mr. Rogers show. Prior to that, he worked with the Muppets program. He truly is inspiring and brings a lot of joy (and fun) to those children (and adults) who have the opportunity to watch his show. This year's show brought toys to life and had our students mesmerized! March brings us to the biggest event of the year, our International Day. This day is a wonderful celebration of the cultures that make

the world, and our own special Millian community, wonderful. Children and staff dress in clothing related to their culture or a culture in which they are interested. They day will include food and entertainment from around the world.

Margaret Jackson
Director
Millian Methodist Preschool
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February 26 - April 12, 2020

Bible Study

Sundays during Lent:

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020

11:30am – 1:00pm

Thursdays during Lent:

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020

3:15 pm

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Palm Sunday Worship Service

April 5 **10:00am**

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Holy Thursday Worship Services

April 9

Foot Washing/Stripping of the Altar

12:00 pm & 7:00pm

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Good Friday Worship Service

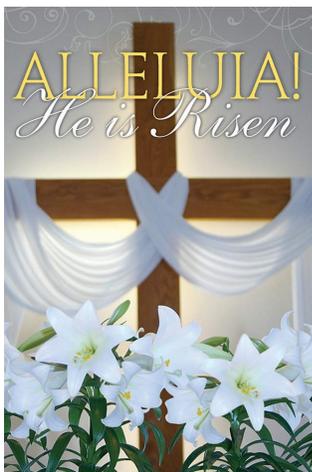
April 10

12:00pm Seven Last Words

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Easter Sunday Worship Service

April 12 **10:00am**



SPRING FLOWERS FOR EASTER



The Worship Committee invites you to help us adorn the Chancel area for our Easter Sunday service by sponsoring a plant (s) for our traditional spring garden in the sanctuary. The live plants will be on display Easter Sunday morning, April 12, at the 10 a.m. service after which time you may take your plant(s) home. Please place your order and payment with the church office as soon as possible so that we may reserve the plants of your choice.

All orders must be accompanied with payment, and no orders can be accepted after Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Thank you-

Happy Easter!
(Please print clearly)

Sponsors _____ Phone _____

Given in Memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Lilies _____ @ \$13.00 each, total of \$ _____

Daffodils (yellow) _____ @ \$13.00 each, total \$ _____

Tulips (red) _____ @ \$13.00 each, total \$ _____

*Enclosed is \$ _____ for my total order.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE ORCHESTRA

Sunday, March 22nd - 2:30 pm

Kaleidoscope Orchestra free

one-hour concert

Fellowship Hall.

***Please come and enjoy the music and
delicious desserts***

Love Offering Appreciated





We Witness

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:

HOME/ RECUPERATING

Angelina Frasier Upcoming surgery. Mark Frazier's mother
 Franklin Goodson Health concerns, pastor Ty's grandfather
 David Gruner Health concerns. Gene Pearson's grandson.

HOME/LONG TERM

Shirley Beatley Health concerns, Andrea Sharp's aunt
 Jean Brown Health concerns
 Kelly Campbell Chronic illness, granddaughter of Anne and Bill Matthews
 Willian Daniel; Cody
 & Cameron Daniel Atrophy of the spinal cerebellum; great grandsons of Jean and Garry Brown
 Ethel Gammon Health concerns
 Brian Greene Health concerns
 Andrew Jenkins Health concerns. Andrea Blackwell's father
 Pamela Kelley Congestive heart failure; John Kelley's sister
 Sarah King Serious health concerns, Carolyn Goldman's niece
 John Lillibridge Health concerns
 Bill Matthews Health concerns
 Sean Mills Friend of Nicole Andre
 Walter Keith Roesch Health concerns; son of Jeanne and Walt Roesch
 Amber Schell Health concerns, Kelley's family friend
 Audry Selwyn Health concerns; Andrea Sharp' friend
 Bill Shelton Health concerns
 Versella Shelton Health concerns
 Pat Smyrk Health concerns
 Alma Spaid Health concerns
 Lillian Stough Health concerns
 Tammy Swann Lung Cancer, Kathy Martin's sister in law
 Veda Watts Lung cancer, cousin of Andrea Sharp

HOSPICE CARE:

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING/REHABILITATION CENTERS/w-Family Member:

Norm Brautigam Fairhaven - 7200 Third Ave. Apt M- 115 Sykesville, MD 21784
 Janet Coffelt The Crossing at west Ashley. 1925 Essex Farm Dr. Apt 2023 Charleston, SC 29414
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SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS:

All U.S. Military personnel in the Middle East and their families

MARCH 2020 On-going activities

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
8:30am Adult Sunday School (C) 9:30am Choir (S) 10:00am Sunday School all ages 10:00am Millian Worship (S) 2:00pm Presbyterian Church Ghana (C) 3:00 pm Family Impact Fellowship (C) 3:00pm Church Of God (S)	7:00pm N. A. (FH) 7:00pm Church of God (S)	7:00 pm Bolivian Dance group (FH)	7:00pm Church of God (S) 7:00pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Prayer Service (C) 7:30pm AA [Alcoholics Anonymous] (FH)	1:00pm Smart Sack Delivery (C) 3:15 pm Pastor's Bible Study(C)	7:00pm Millian Youth Group (SH) 7:00pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Prayer Service (S)	8:30am Wheaton Spanish SDA Worship (S) 5:15pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Youth Ministry (S)



March Birthdays

4-Mar	Jann	Dalrymple
9-Mar	Eleanor	Cregger
10-Mar	Regina	Crutchfield
23-Mar	Beverly	Pallas
24-Mar	Bambi	Blackwell
27-Mar	Lillian	Stough
30-Mar	Juanita	Staggers
31- Mar	Pat	Thompson
31- Mar	Anthony	Odhiambo

CHANCEL FLOWERS

FOR (date) _____

I will be: TAKING LEAVING the flowers after the service.

The Chancel Flowers are given in MEMORY HONOR

of _____

Given by: _____

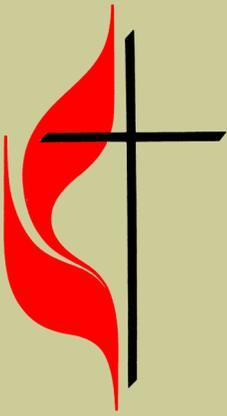
Please mark payments "Chancel Flowers" and put it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office no later than the Sunday they are placed in the church. Cost is \$30.00 per vase, and is tax deductible.



MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11:30 am Lenten Bible Study (5/7)	10:30am UMW Mission Meeting (C) 6:30pm Cub Scouts (SH) 7:45pm Co. Anonym (C. L)	9 am Smart Sacks Packing (C) 6 pm Community Ministry Classes (Rm3-5/7 &8) 7pm Trustees Meeting (C)	9am Wheaton Elem. L to L (N5/7)	11am Seniors (C) 6pm Community Ministry Classes (Rm3-5/7&8) 7pm SDA Adventurers (FH)	6:00pm Girl Scouts (5/7)	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Saving Time 11:30 am Lenten Bible Study (5/7) 11:30 am UMM Meeting (Library) 2:00pm Mid County Min (Pkg Lot) 4:30pm SDA Adventurers (FH)	6:30pm Cub Scouts (SH)	6 pm Community Ministry Classes (Rm3-5/7 &8) 7pm Finance (C)		9 am Preschool International Day (FH) 6pm Community Ministry Classes (Rm3-5/7&8) 7pm Leaders Team (C)	9 am Pre-school International Day (FH) 6pm Girl Scouts (5/7)	10:00am Food Pantry (Ed.B.) 12:30pm Wheaton SDA Fellowship (FH)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
11:30 am Lenten Bible Study (5/7)	6:30pm Cub Scouts (SH)	6pm Community Ministry Classes (Rm3-5/7 &8)		11am Seniors (C) 6pm Community Ministry Classes (N-Rm3-5/7 &8) 7pm Kaleidoscope Orchestra (FH) 7pm SDA Adventurers (YR)	6pm Girl Scouts (FH)	10:00am Fresh Bread & Spiritual Nourishment (C)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11:30 am Lenten Bible Study (5/7) 2pm KALEIDOSCOPE BAND CONCERT (FH) 4pm SDA Adventurers (YR)	6:30pm Cub Scouts (SH)	11 am Worship Team (C) 6pm Community Ministry Classes (Rm3-5/7 &8)		6pm Community Ministry Classes (N-Rm3-5/7 &8)	6:00pm Girl Scouts (5/7-YR)	3:00pm Wheaton SDA Women's Ministry (C)
29	30	31			KEY:	
10 am Birham Christian (FH) 11:30 am Lenten Bible Study (5/7)	6:30pm Cub Scouts (SH)	6pm Community Ministry Classes (Rm3-5/7 &8)			C = Chapel Room CR = Choir Room CL = Committee Lounge N = Nursery PR = Puppet Room=R 8 FH = Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary YR = Youth Room SH = Social Hall	

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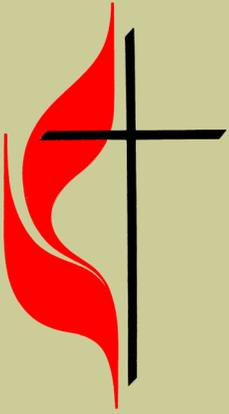
Pastor's Bible Study During LENT

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020
3:15 pm

Renegade Gospel - The Rebel Jesus

Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus.

Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In *Renegade Gospel*, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again.



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