

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 birth of the church.

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Millian Newsletter

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AND JESUS CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN.....

My beloved family in faith, receive a fraternal greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is above all names, sure that the blessings of God are with all who have received him as our Savior.

You know, in this time of vacation, it is very interesting to be on the beach, or in the magical towns, to be silent listening to the voice of God speaking to me in different ways. Outside of the routine of daily life it is very interesting to hear that "little voice" that at rest confirms Your daily presence and Your perfect will. In the stillness of the desert is when without distractions we can clearly hear God telling us that He loves us so much that we must give ourselves time to feel His love and care.

The challenge is to listen carefully to the voice of God, in the silence of sun-

rise and sunset, in the immensity of the sea, in the storm that makes us understand how vulnerable we are, in the rest that enlivens us and invites us to continue walking without surrendering. It is in nature that we are able to understand and see the harmony of God in his creation. A perfect creation; that even in imperfection God continues to love us.

Beloved family, we are on the threshold of making important decisions, and of course we must seriously consider the voice of God for us since we are His family. Faith and reality are elements that we cannot avoid and live every day with us, and these two elements, like it or not, will serve as a guide in this process.

It is a good time to reaffirm that:

1. In front of God, we are all equal, regardless of the color of our skin or the language we speak.

2. We are a great family of faith when we accept Jesus as a personal savior, therefore we come to be brothers and sisters.

3. As a family, we may be one in Christ regardless of diversity, but on the contrary, strengthened and enriched in this diversity.

4. Therefore we are responsible before God to spread the good news of the Kingdom of God in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, today, here and in our community.

5 Our greatest responsibility is to love one another in the same way that God loves us.

6 By having an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father, we can

then make use of our faith and like Abraham be obedient.

My dear family of faith, I invite you to continue in prayer and fasting (those who can), thus maintaining our strong and close relationship with our God, begging and thank-

ing you for your perfect will for Millian UMC.

May the blessing of our Father God, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Your pastor,
Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas

Millian Newsletter On the Web

Beginning the September Issue you can find and read the newsletter at: millianchurch.org

There will be no more mailed hard copies. If you would like a hard copy, please come by the church office and pick it up.

Millian Memorial United Methodist Church

Reaching and building up ALL people CHRIST!

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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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STEPHEN MINISTRY—SEPTEMBER

“Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes” (Ephesians 4:23 NLT). Change requires new thinking. In order to change, we must learn the truth and start making good choices, but we also must change the way we think.

The way you think determines the way you feel, and the way you feel determines the way you act. If you want to change the way you act, start by changing the way you think. In addition, if you want to change the way you feel, you must start with the way you think.

For instance, you can say, “I need to love my spouse more,” but that isn’t going to work. You can’t fight your way into a feeling. You must change the way you think about your spouse, about your kids, about the rest of your family. That will change the way you feel, which will then change the way you act. The Bible says, “Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes”

(Ephesians 4:23 NLT).

The battle for sin, the battle to deal with those defects in your life that you don’t like,

If you start with your mind, and want to change anything in your behavior or anything in your emotions, you start with your thoughts and your attitude.

The renewal of your mind is related to the word emotions and your behavior.

“repentance.” I know repentance is a dirty word for a lot of people. They think it means something bad, something they don’t really be, but we must realize that want to do, something painful. They think of a guy that are constant. First is standing on a street corner with a sign that says, “Repent! The world’s about to end!”

Repentance is about more than changing your behavior. It is about changing your mind and learning to think differently. “Repent” means to make a mental turn.

You turn from guilt to forgiveness. You turn from frustration to freedom, from darkness to light, from hatred and bitterness to love.

You may also need to change the way you think about God. He’s not mad at you; he’s mad about you! You’re deeply flawed, but you’re deeply loved.



“Reaching and building up ALL people for CHRIST”.

We are ready to help you make a change for the better!

Dawn Kelley,
Awareness and
Ownership



OUTREACH NEWS

Summer is never long enough regardless when school opens. Plans for summer tasks remain undone and in about two weeks school will begin. We will pack the two weeks left with many accomplishments. We weren't idle July and August. The following activities consumed our time plus musing about Fall.

Second Saturday The July and August food pantry served approximately 110 families. Six adult resource persons provided services to the participants each month. MedStar Montgomery provided blood pressure screening in August. Six to 10 students earned SSL hours each month. Community Ministries volunteers provided health and nutrition information and Linkage to Learning provided a translator to handle registration for grocery bags.

The food pantry received food from St. Jude Catholic Church, Veirs Mill Road, St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (twice), Aspen Hill Road and Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Morales (International Food Mart, Wheaton). The Morales retired and close their business in July and the gift was humongous. We thank Larry White from MUM5 for sharing this resource with us. Our participants in the food pantry had two months of jubilee receiving native foods with more to come. We also received boxes of books also from the preschool.

We are struggling to keep the food pantry open. It is a needed resource for the community. To join us in this endeavor please donate \$16 a month noting food pantry on your check and place in the offering. We have been blessed by donations from our neighbors which exceeded our giving.

Special Thanks are extended to **Luisa Montaña** for managing Second Saturday events including the Food Pantry for August!!!

4th of July Picnic. Who had the most fun at the picnic? Pre-schoolers. The water play was the most attractive activity not only to preschoolers but for the teen volunteers. The group enjoyed the water, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, cookies, lemonade, some simple crafts and water. Special thanks to Dwayne Weigel for grilling the hot dogs.

School Supplies. We have collected school supplies July and August and you may continue to donate until September 8 when the school pantry is open. Parents in need of school supplies should contact Edith Williams for pick-up September 2. school supplies will be available to the community on September 8. Last year we provided over 80 backpacks with school supplies; this year, we will provide school supplies to about 50 students. We thank you for your

contributions sending students to school prepared to learn.

Back to School Celebration. Community Partners under the leadership of Marguerite Elmer will sponsor the Back-to-School Celebration September 8. Student will make school related crafts, have refreshments, and school supplies. Adult activities including free clothing.

Fall Festival. We are planning a yard sale to raise money for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Our success depends on you. Please give us the many things that you no longer use in September. If you or a friend who would like to sell items the space is free, but you will have to bring your own table and chair.

Fresh Bread & Spiritual Nourishment with Edith Williams will meet Aug. 15, 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Chapel Room. The group will make Cherry-Zucchini Scones. July, 6 participants made a marbled rye bread. ***"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop and look fear in the face. . . You must do the thing you cannot do."***

Eleanor Roosevelt

Edith Williams, Outreach Chair
(301-933-3681)



FALL FESTIVAL

October 13th

HELP! We need:

VOLUNTEERS, Items to Sale, Clean seasonal clothing,

YARD SALE: Items, Dishes, Lamps, etc.

We don't have space to store items, but we can probably receive items October 1st.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The new school year is upon us and we are excited for the opportunity to reconnect with each other, our students and our families. Our teachers have returned and are ready and eager to guide our children through an educational and fulfilled learning process focussed on community building and the love of learning,

This was a busy summer for teachers and staff! For many, it started with participating in our first ever summer camp which proved to be extremely rewarding and successful. This was followed with great expe-

riences as teachers traveled locally (wonderful beaches up and down the East Coast) and abroad (including Sri Lanka, Peru, Ireland, Taiwan, Cuba). Many also participated in various training sessions, classes and workshops. And teachers of course, also used the summer as a wonderful opportunity to bond and share with friends and family.

The summer also brought about few changes within the school building itself. This included creating a

new staff area for the teachers, getting some new classroom furniture and painting some of the classroom walls. Our goal is always to create an environment that is welcoming, motivating and inspiring to all.

We are excited about the 2018 - 2019 school year and look forward to serving the entire Millian community!

Margaret Jackson
Director

Millian Methodist Preschool
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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - MILLIAN

The UMW will kick off a new season on Sept. 10th at 10:30 am with a new Video, six session study, called "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi". The Rock is Jesus, the Road is the Holy Land, and the Rabbi is the word of God. This fabulous study will help you develop a deeper passion for understanding God's Word in its original setting

as you tour the land of the Bible. It will also build your heart's desire to know Jesus-the core focus of the Bible and the One who gave everything for us. In the first session we will explore what Jesus' life was like when he was thirty and just transitioning from life as a builder to life as a teacher. We will

think about His time in Nazareth, his pilgrimage to the Judean desert just before the start of His ministry, and His miracle at the village of Cana. Come join us and lend your voice to our lively discussions. Everyone welcome!





SENIOR NEWS

The Millian seniors will resume their bi-monthly meetings on Thursday, September 6 after going on our annual summer hiatus during July and August. The

seniors meet the first and third Thursday of each month except for the summer. The only requirement for membership is admitting that you are a "Senior."

LOL Simply bring a bag lunch and get ready for a good time. Coffee, tea and desserts are furnished.

Y JESÚS SUBIÓ AL MONTE.

Mi amada familia en la fe reciban un saludo fraterno en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo que es sobre todo nombre, seguro de que las bendiciones de Dios son con todos los que le hemos recibido como nuestro Salvador.

Saben, en este tiempo de vacaciones, es muy interesante estar en la playa, oh en los pueblos mágicos, estar en silencio escuchando la voz de Dios hablándome de diferentes formas. Fuera de la rutina de la vida diaria es muy interesante escuchar esa "vocecita" que en el descanso confirma su presencia diaria y su perfecta voluntad. En la quietud del desierto es cuando sin distracciones podemos escuchar claramente a Dios diciéndonos que Él nos ama tanto que debemos darnos tiempo de sentir su amor y su cuidado.

El reto, es escuchar atentamente la voz de Dios, en el silencio del amanecer y el atardecer, en la inmensidad del mar, en la tormenta que nos hace comprender lo vulnerables que somos, en el descanso que nos

vivifica y nos invita a seguir caminando sin rendirnos. Es en la naturaleza que logramos comprender y ver la armonía de Dios en su creación. Una creación perfecta, que aun en la imperfección Dios nos sigue amando.

Amada familia, estamos en el umbral de tomar decisiones importantes, y claro que hemos de considerar seriamente la voz de Dios para nosotros ya que somos su familia. La fe y la realidad son elementos que no podemos eludir y conviven día a día con nosotros, y estos dos elementos, nos guste oh no, nos servirán de guía en este proceso.

Es buen momento para reafirmar que:

1 Delante de Dios todos somos iguales, no importando el color de la piel oh el idioma que hables.

2 Somos una gran familia de la fe cuando aceptamos a Jesús como salvador personal, por lo tanto venimos a ser hermanos y hermanas.

3 Como familia es posible que seamos uno en Cristo no importando la diversidad, sino al contrario for-

talecido y enriquecido en esta diversidad.

4 Por lo tanto somos responsables delante de Dios de extender las buenas nuevas del Reino de Dios en la persona de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, hoy, aquí y en nuestra comunidad.

5 Nuestra mayor responsabilidad es amarnos los unos a los otros de la misma manera que Dios nos ama.

6 Al tener una relación íntima con nuestro Padre celestial, es que podemos entonces hacer uso de nuestra fe y como Abraham ser obediente.

Mi estimada familia de la fe, les invito a que continuemos en oración y ayuno (los que puedan hacerlo), manteniendo así nuestra relación fuerte y estrecha con nuestro Dios, rogando y agradeciendo por su perfecta voluntad para Millian UMC.

Que la bendición de nuestro Dios Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo sea con todos ustedes.

Su pastor
Rev. 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:**

Laurie Weaver *Passed away August 19; Barbara Smith's friend*

HOSPITAL:**HOME/ RECUPERATING**

Ethel Gammon Health concerns
Versella Shelton Health concerns
Anula Seelawathie Recovering from surgery

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
Kelley Campbell Chronic illness, granddaughter of Anne and Bill Matthews
Jane Cumings Health concerns due to MS
Judy Dalrymple Depression and declining health due to MS ; daughter-in-law of Chuck and Jann
Willian Daniel; Cody
& Cameron Daniel Atrophy of the spinal cerebellum; great grandsons of Jean and Garry Brown
Bill Gray Health concerns
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
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
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:**

Daniel Dorsey In Baltimore; brother in law of Dave and Janet Snavely
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
Mescal Wimberly Alfred House 18114 Cashell Road, Room 6, Rockville, MD 20853

SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS:

SEPTEMBER 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)

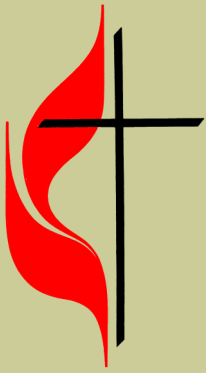


September Birthdays

6-Sep	Jo	Hagner
6-Sep	Linda	Stathoplos
7-Sep	Barbara	Smith
12-Sep	Brian	McGahey
14-Sep	Roderick	Williams
18-Sep	Paul	Harris
20-Sep	Claire	Moundou
20-Sep	Hazel	Young
25-Sep	Serge	Moundou
25-Sep	Elsie	Sullivan
27-Sep	Carol	Tigert
27-Sep	John	Watson
29-Sep	Jacqui	Hibbard
30-Sep	John	Kelley

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



Matthew 28:20

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

even to the end of the world