



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.

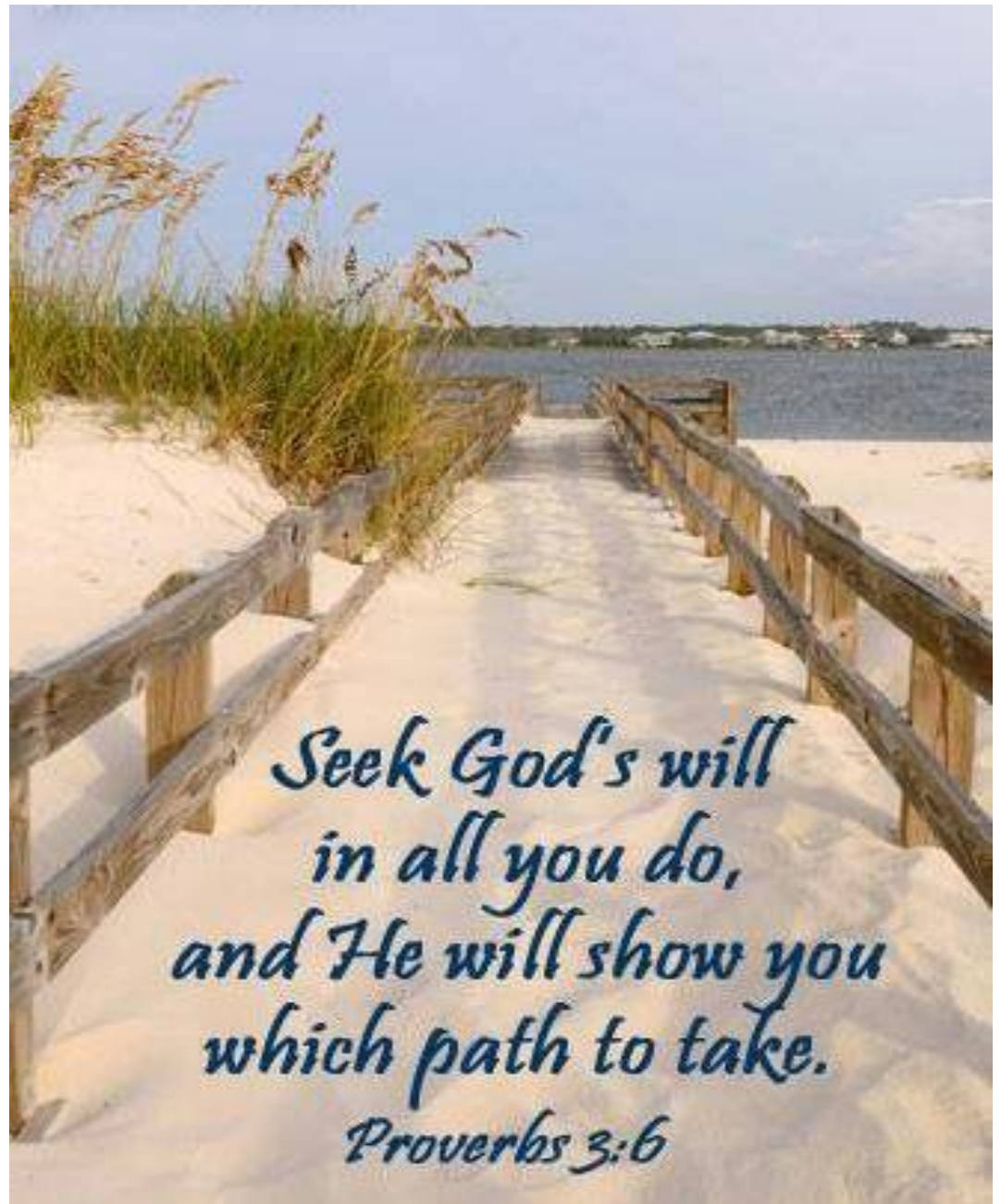
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Millian Newsletter

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

.The preschool is well into the second half of the year and headed towards Spring. This year our Spring activities will culminate in a Spring Fair for the students on April 25th and 26th. The fair will include various activities that range from

planting flowers to petting animals.

We are also excited to announce that registration for the next school year is open and going well. We currently have a few spaces open in our 2, 3 and 4 year old classes.

Margaret Jackson
Director

Millian Methodist Preschool
301.946.2222

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.



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

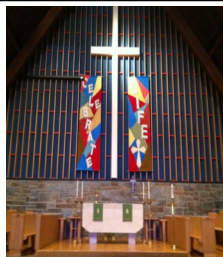
Preschool Director:

Margaret Jackson

Church Administrator:

Linda Canelas

Minister: All baptized members



Sunday Worship Services

10:00 a.m. in English/Spanish

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: DO YOU HAVE A SAFETY NET?

“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble” (1 Peter 3:8 NIV).

As Stephen Ministers, we see situations daily that nobody should ever have to go through alone. Nobody should ever have to wait in the hospital while a loved one is in life-or-death surgery. No woman should ever have to wait alone for the lab report on a problem pregnancy. Nobody should ever have to wait for news from a battlefield alone. Nobody should ever have to stand at the edge of an open grave alone. Nobody should ever have to spend the first night alone when his or her spouse has just walked out. Nobody should be alone in any of the many of life's tragedies that will, at some point in our lives, will come our way.

Life's tough times and tragedies are inevitable. Each of us will face our share of them. But we don't need to go through them alone. We need God's safety net to help hold us up through these difficult times.

What is God's safety net? It is a group of other believers, in particular Stephen Ministers, — a handful of people who are really committed to you. We call this kind of group a community. Here at Millian we call them our Stephen Ministers. Here's God's plan for community: *“If one part suffers, every*

part suffers with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26 NIV). Stephen Ministry is God's answer to despair and it is Millian's answer to never going through life's tough times alone.

Romans 12:15 express a similar idea: *“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn”* (NIV).

The first part of that verse is easy. When something good happens to someone, it's often natural to join in on the party. But when someone is experiencing a tough time, it can seem more difficult. But, really, it's simple. When you're going through a crisis, you don't want advice; you just want somebody to be there to sit with you, hold your hand, put an arm around your shoulder, or cry with you. Your Stephen Minister will do all that and more. Your Stephen Minister will show up every week, equipped to be your Christian caregiver.

As Paul tells us, *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up”* (1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV). Encouraging someone else doesn't always mean giving a pep talk or offering words of wisdom. Sometimes the best kind of encouragement is just sitting in silence, and then waiting and weeping with your Christian caregiver.

Do you have a safety net — a group of fellow Christians you know you can count on in life's toughest times? Yes, you do, it is your Stephen

Ministry here at Millian. The hard times in life are inevitable, and it's unwise to go into them unprepared. You never need to be unprepared. You have one of the most valuable resources, upon your request, her at Millian. Your Stephen Ministers are ready to be your safety net. Please let a Stephen Minister become an integral part of your safety net. We are here to serve.

*Dawn M. Kelley
Awareness and Ownership*



“Reaching and building up ALL people for CHRIST”.



OUTREACH NEWS

SECOND SATURDAY

The word tells us we will always have the poor among us and you have extended food, clothing and services to families in the community who face scarcity daily. The March food pantry provided food for 63 families that included 278 persons; 147 adults and 131 children. We also had a great supply of warm clothing and other items. Thank you for your sharing the need with your children and neighbors and pray that all will be enriched by God's grace, mercy and love.

Other services provided included screening by Med-Star Montgomery for blood pressure, sucrose and cholesterol. Community Ministry provided health literature and information about the Kasey clinic in Rockville. Join Community Ministry for a community walk from March 7 to April 18 at 5:30 p.m. beginning at the Parkland entrance to the office.

Children coming to pantry received a Leprechaun puppet to color, cut and put together.

SMART SACKS

Nancy Gray and team are now packing 56 smart sacks weekly (224) for Wheaton Woods Elementary School for March. A total of 1,499 smart sacks have provided food for children who experience food scarcity on weekends.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Marguerite Eimer and team continues to plan activities for the year. Forty-eight pairs of socks filled with toiletries part of the Martin Luther King Service were delivered to homeless men and women. They also received knitted caps, scarves and gloves. Genesis Rest Home on Bel Pre Road received Valentines in February. The firemen received gorph. Health kits that were also part of the MLK project have not been delivered.

FRESH BREAD AND SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

A diverse group of church and community men and women participated in the March workshop. They made and tasted Irish Soda Bread with Edith Williams. She also did an inspirational presentation on "The Hidden Treasure" by Joyce Rupp which highlighted finding what is missing in our lives during Lent. The April workshop will be the third Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Chapel Room.

EASTER EGG ROLL

Easter is just days away and so is the Egg Roll. We need plastic eggs, wrapped candy, small prizes and YOU. A box is in the narthex for the collection of items or in the yellow bas-

kets near the office. We look forward to a lively group of community children. There will be an egg hunt and games and activities that appeal to children. This may be the only fun activity that many community children will have during Spring Break. Let's make it a memorable occasion!

"The will of God will never take you where the grace of God cannot protect you."

-- Anonymous

Edith C. Williams,
Outreach Chair

UMW Invitation

Calling all women of the church!

You are cordially invited to attend the NEW UMW meetings held each 1st Monday in the chapel at

10:30am.

We have fellowship, simple refreshments, devotions and a lively discussion program.

Come on out and enjoy, ladies!

Next meeting: April 2, 2018 at 10:30am in the chapel.



Thank You

For your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated

Dear Millian Seniors:

Thank you for the contribution you made to the mission of Millian Methodist Church in Barbara's memory.

During the past forty plus years she worked, played, and prayed with nearly everyone of you.

You each held a special spot in her heart.

With love,
Hal Brown and family

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Many Thanks;

I am home from the hospital and want to thank the Millian congregation for their prayers, cards, and phone calls while I was in Holy Cross for 17

days.. I also want to thank Pastor Miguel for his visits and John Kelly for bringing communion to both of us. Millian is a very caring church.

Blessings,  
Norm Sheetz



Smart Sacks Team,  
For all you do, this Bud's  
for you!  
Thank You!



### 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:

Lester Brantner Sr.  
Dr. William Baker

Former member of Millian, passed away March 12  
Passed away March 3

### HOSPITAL:

#### HOME/ RECUPERATING:

|                   |                                                               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ethel Gammon      | Health concerns                                               |
| Cecilia Hernandez | Health concerns; Jo Ross' friend                              |
| Debbie Ruth       | Health concerns; friend of Jacqui Hibbard                     |
| Norm Sheetz       | Health concerns                                               |
| Aiden Snavelly    | With diabetes, 7 year-old grandson of Dave and Janet Snavelly |
| Don Smith         | In Colorado; Barbara Smith's brother                          |
| Juanita Staggers  | Health concerns; at Greg Staggers home                        |
| Lillian Stough    | Health Concerns                                               |
| Laurie Weaver     | Serious health concerns.; Barbara Smith's friend              |

#### HOME/LONG TERM

|                        |                                                                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| José Abad              | In Mexico, diagnosed with cancer; Pastor Miguel's personal friend         |
| Kimberly Angell        | Serious health concerns, daughter of Jean Hudgins                         |
| Kathy Blakeley         | Mother of two children, life threatening illness                          |
| Deborah Bussard        | Serious health problems; daughter of Earl and Beverly Pallas              |
| Kelley Campbell        | Chronic illness, granddaughter of Anne and Bill Matthews                  |
| Jane Cumings           | Health concerns due to MS                                                 |
| Willian, Cody          |                                                                           |
| & Cameron Daniel       | Atrophy of the spinal cerebellum; great grandsons of Jean and Garry Brown |
| 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                                                           |
| Beverly Ochoa          | Receiving cancer treatment. Granddaughter of Dora Martinez                |
| Ernestine Okrah        | Cerebral malaria, sister of Lily Boateng                                  |
| Annabell Ostrander     | Health concerns                                                           |
| Earl Pallas            | Health concerns                                                           |
| Jack Richards          | Health concerns, Terri Sheetz' cousin                                     |
| Bob Sawyer             | Health concerns                                                           |
| Beverly Simmons        | Health concerns, Brenda Watson's sister                                   |
| Pat Smyrk              | Health concerns                                                           |
| Alma Spaid             | Health concerns                                                           |
| Sybil Stathoplos       | Health concerns                                                           |
| Juanita Sulmonetti     | Declining health                                                          |
| Gudelia Zuleta de Wong | Health concerns, mother of Ruth Wong de Balderas                          |

### HOSPICE CARE:

Jim Ostrander                      Howard County, at Daughter's home

### **NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING/REHABILITATION CENTERS:**

|                   |                                                                      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Catherine Leizear | Rehabilitation                                                       |
| Daniel Dorsey     | In Baltimore; brother in law of Dave and Janet Snively               |
| Norm Brautigam    | Fairhaven - 7200 Third Ave. Apt M- 115 Sykesville, MD 21784          |
| Vesta Galate      | Brighton Gardens 7110 Mistrel Way #234 Columbia, Md. 21045           |
| Nancy Hinkle      |                                                                      |
| Mary Matlock      | Shady Grove Rehab Center, daughter of Emma Beaver                    |
| Wanda Sonnenberg  | Brookdale Senior Living 2611 Olney Sandy Spring Road Olney, MD 20832 |
| Mescal Wimberly   | Alfred House 18114 Cashell Road, Room 6, Rockville, MD 20853         |

### **SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS:**



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**"Basically, we're looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same."**

**APRIL 2018**

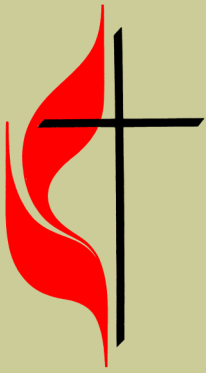
| Every Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Every Monday                                                             |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

**April Birthdays**

|        |         |               |
|--------|---------|---------------|
| 2-Apr  | Carolyn | Goldman       |
| 6-Apr  | Monique | Moundou       |
| 8-Apr  | Delano  | Green, Jr.    |
| 9-Apr  | Nancy   | van der Walde |
| 16-Apr | Bob     | Griner        |
| 17-Apr | Zack    | Hopkins       |
| 19-Apr | Diana   | Rojas         |
| 22-Apr | Money   | van der Walde |
| 25-Apr | Melinda | Elder         |
| 26-Apr | Vesta   | Galate        |

| Sunday                                                             | Monday                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                 | Wednesday     | Thursday                                                                                                                              | Friday                                                  | Saturday                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>EASTER</b>                                                      | <b>2</b>                                                                      | <b>3</b>                                                                                                | <b>4</b>      | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>6</b>                                                | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                     |
| 6:00am Sunrise<br>10am One Worship<br>4:00pm SDA Adventurers (5/7) | 10:30am UMW Meeting (C)<br>12pm Easter Egg Roll<br>7:00pm Trustees Meeting(C) | 9:00am Smart Sacks Packing (C)<br>6:00pmCommunity Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)                              |               | 11:00am Seniors (C)<br>6:00pm Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)<br>7:00pm SDA Adventurers (FH)                                       | 6:00pm Girl Scouts(5/7)                                 | 10am Leaders' Meeting (C)<br>3:00pm Ghana Choir(CR)<br>4:00pm Ghana-private-(FH)<br>8:00pm Church of God (C)                 |
| <b>8</b>                                                           | <b>9</b>                                                                      | <b>10</b>                                                                                               | <b>11</b>     | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>13</b>                                               | <b>14</b>                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                    | 6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH)                                                        | 6:00pm Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)<br>7:30pm Finance Meeting (C)                                 |               | 6:00pm Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)                                                                                             | 5:30pm Girls Scouts (5/7-YR)<br>6:00pm Girl Scouts (FH) | 9:00am UMM Breakfast (FH)<br>10:00am Food Pantry (Ed.Bld..)<br>12:30pm WheatonSAD Fellowship(FH)<br>8:00pm Church of God (C) |
| <b>15</b>                                                          | <b>16</b>                                                                     | <b>17</b>                                                                                               | <b>18</b>     | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>20</b>                                               | <b>21</b>                                                                                                                    |
| 2:00pm MUM Food tuck (Park. Lot)                                   | 6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH)                                                        | 6:00pm Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)                                                               |               | 11:00am Seniors (C)<br>6:00pm Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)<br>7:00pm SDA Adventurers (FH)<br>7:00pm Kaleidoscope Orchestra (FH) | 6:00pm Girl Scouts (5/7-YR)                             | 10:00am Fresh Bread & Spiritual Nourishment (C)                                                                              |
| <b>22</b>                                                          | <b>23</b>                                                                     | <b>24</b>                                                                                               | <b>25</b>     | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>27</b>                                               | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                    | 6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH)                                                        | 9:00 am Newsletter collation(C)<br>11:00am Worship Team (C)<br>6:00pmCommunity Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8) | Preschool (S) | Preschool (S)<br>6:00pm Community Ministries (N-Rm3-5/7-8)                                                                            | 5:30pm Girls Scouts (5/7-YR)<br>6:00pm Girl Scouts (FH) | 3:00pm SDA Women's Min. (5/7)<br>7:00pm Church of God (C)                                                                    |
| <b>29</b>                                                          | <b>30</b>                                                                     |                                                                                                         |               |                                                                                                                                       |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                    | 6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH)<br>6:30pm SM training (C)                              |                                                                                                         |               |                                                                                                                                       |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |

**Key:**  
C = Chapel Room      CR = Choir Room  
CL = Committee      Lounge      N= Nursery  
FH = Fellowship Hall  
S = Sanctuary      SH = Social Hall  
YR = Youth Room      PR= Puppet Room



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