



The Connection

July 2024

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Millington United Methodist Church

**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to
Make Him Known**



July Scripture Readings

1—Isaiah 61:1
2—Isaiah 42:6-7
3—Colossians 1:13-14
4—John 8:1-4
5—Romans 8:1-4
6—Revelation 1: 4-6
7—Romans 6:1-7
8—Ephesians 2:1-5
9—Hebrews 2:14-15
10—Romans 5:12-17
11—Romans 7:21-25
12—Romans 6:11-14
13—Romans 6:22-23
14—2 Peter 1:2-4
15—Galatians 5:1
16—1 Peter 2:13-17
17—2 Corinthians 3:17-18
18—Romans 6:16-19
19—Romans 8:19-25
20—Galatians 3:21-22
21—1 Corinthians 9:19-23
22—Galatians 5:13-15
23—1 Corinthians 10:13
24—Psalm 119:44-46
25—Galatians 3:23-29
26—Galatians 4:4-6
27—Ephesians 1:6-8
28—1 Timothy 2:5-7
29—Psalm 68:5-6
30—John 3:16-17
31—Psalm 116:15-17

July National Days

1—National Gingersnap Day
2—National Wildland Firefighter Day
3—National Compliment your Mirror Day
4—National Barbecued Spareribs Day
5—National Workaholics Day
6—National Fried Chicken Day
7—National Day of Rock 'n' Roll Day
8—National Chocolate With Almonds Day
9—National Dimples Day
10—National Kitten Day
11—National Cheer Up the Lonely Day
12—National Pecan Pie Day
13—National Beans "n" Franks Day
14—National Mac and Cheese Day
15—National Tapioca Pudding Day
16—National Hot Dog Day
17—National Peach Ice Cream Day
18—National Sour Candy Day
19—National Words With Friends Day
20—National Fortune Cookie Day
21—National Junk Food Day
22—National Hammock Day
23—National Gorgeous Grandma Day
24—National Cousins Day
25—National Hot Fudge Sundae Day
26—National All or Nothing Day
27—National Love Is Kind Day
28—National Milk Chocolate Day
29—National Lasagna Day
30—National Father-in-law Day
31—National Mutt Day

5 Doris Webster

5 Richard Myers

9 Wayne Whitehead

12 Dorothy Chapin

14 Don Jensen

16 Dennis Gasper

17 Gabe Dueweke

17 Sophia Dueweke

18 Brason Trato

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Pastor Dave's Corner

Hello, Millington.

I have been given this opportunity to begin to introduce myself to you. The process will continue for as long as we are together, but for starters I will take this opportunity to share a few things.

To begin with I am not your savior. His name is Jesus. My task is to share Him with you both through words and actions. We will share Him in Worship, Sunday School, Bible study, and a weekly prayer meeting. I believe that study and prayer are the foundations of building a ministry to our neighbors and friends in the Millington area. If I am alone at these times I will begin as Jesus did by praying for a Simon and a John and a Paul and a Martha and a Mary to join me. I believe it will happen.

Women were important to Jesus and women are important here. We will work together to build ministry to and through women as well as building a men's fellowship.

I have been retired for 15 years, so I am approaching this relationship with a bit of fear and trembling. I hope I can remember how to be a pastor, but I am confident that with lots of prayer and trusting in God's guidance we can grow together.

I grew up not far from here. I am from Columbiaville back when Columbiaville had a downtown full of thriving businesses. I graduated from Lakeville High School in 1967. Back then the high school was in the building where the Middle School is now.

Therefore I can honestly say that I am old school.

I had family that called Millington home back then. My cousin, Bob, graduated from Millington in 1966 (I think). We haven't seen each other in years, since our parents' generation has died off.

I will be sharing more about my life and ministry before Millington on July 14 th during the worship time. Now is your opportunity to invite your friends and family to meet this stranger in your midst.

I offer you my prayers and greetings for the days to come.

Rev. David C. Collins, Pastor David, Hey you.....Your choice....

Mission Notes for July

You are all aware that we had another baby Bottle Boomerang in support of Positive Alternatives, the crisis pregnancy Center in Caro. We will be delivering the bottles to Caro by mid-July. After that time, we will know exactly how much was contributed from our church.

We are also planning to have a booth at Millington Old Fashioned Summer Festival in August. We will be selling sno-cones and popcorn again this year. Volunteers are needed. Please check with Sharon Trato to schedule a time to serve.

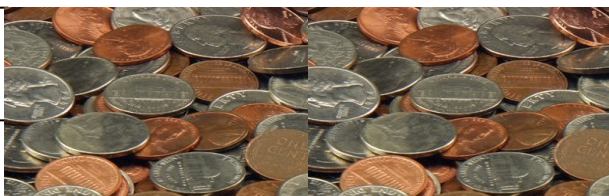
Millington United Methodist Church was involved in the M-15 yard sales this year along with food trucks in our church parking lot. It was well received, and we decided that we should consider participating in it again next year. More on that later.

Maury Chapin

Mission and Outreach Committee



Finance



Moment

In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth! Eventually, God created you, and me. All we are, whatever we have and everything we hope for and love, comes from God. How can we give back too much to God, in whom we live and breathe and have our meaning?

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Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get. 0619

Anonymous

Together in Missions

Millington United Methodist Church will support these missions in 2024

Bishop Craig Orphanage	Pete & Kate Walugembe
Grace Children's Hospital – Haiti	Greek IVCF CMU Steve Lambert
Haitian Assets for Peace International (HAPI)	Wesley Foundation CMU
New Heart Mission Church	Blue Water Thumb Youth for Christ
Red Bird Mission	Abused Women's Shelter – Caro
Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems—MICAP	Tuscola Homeless Coalition

Members and Friends of Millington UMC support these (and other) Missions

American Red Cross Blood Drive	Angel Tree Ministry
Baby Bottle Boomerang	CROP Walk
Emergency Needs Closet	Equal Exchange Cooperative
Food Bank	Good Deeds Program
Potato Fund	World Service Blankets

Special Sunday Offerings – Human Relations Day, UMCOR, Native American Ministries,
Peace with Justice, World Communion, United Methodist Student Day

In the summer of 1991, the Millington UMC became part of the “Adopt-A-Highway” program. Our “highway” is M-15 from Birch Run Road north to Murphy Lake Road. On three Saturdays each year, in April, July and September, members and friends gather to do our part to keep our community looking good. You are invited to be a part of this outreach.



Millington United Methodist Church

Adopt-a-Highway Roadside Pick up

July 13th at 9am

In case of inclement weather

July 20th at 9am

Meet in the Church parking lot at 9am

All are welcome to join in. Must be 12 or older.

Bring your family and friends to help make
your community look great!



THE POWER OF WARMTH

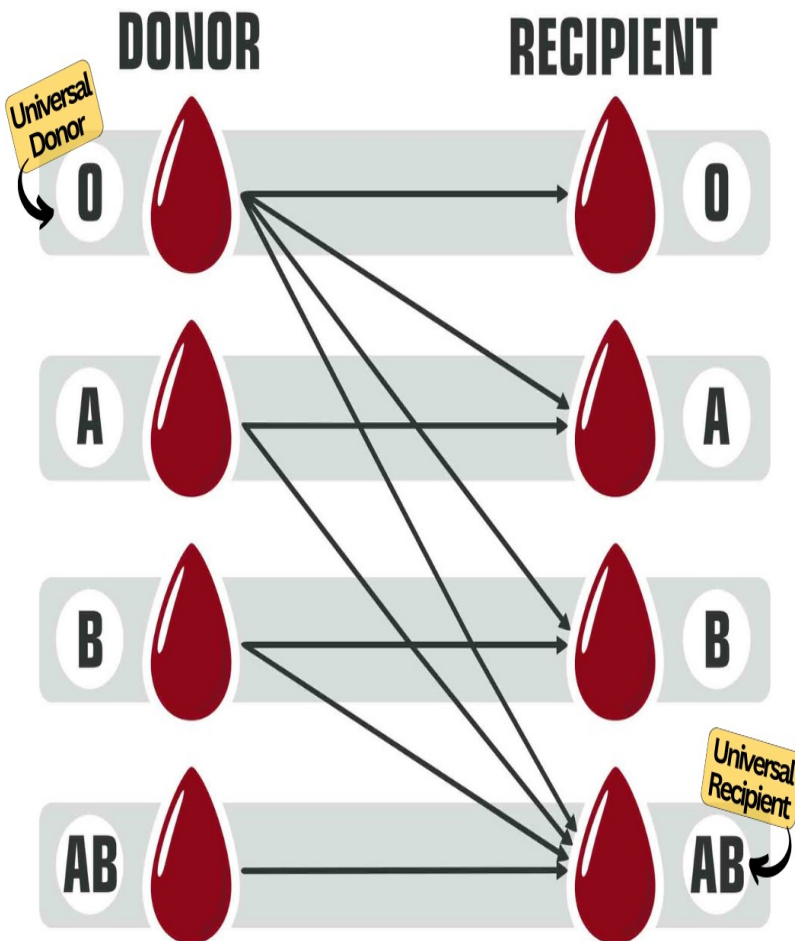


In one of Aesop's fables, the North Wind and the Sun debated who was stronger. When they saw a traveler approaching, the Sun sensed an opportunity. He said whoever could make the man remove his coat would win — and even let the Wind go first.

So the Sun ducked behind a cloud as the Wind began blowing mighty blasts of air at the traveler. But the harder the Wind blew, the closer the man pulled his coat around himself. Finally, the Wind gave up in despair.

Then the Sun emerged and smiled down on the traveler. Feeling the gentle rays, the man soon found it too hot to walk with his coat on. He felt so warm he removed one garment after another and

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American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Friday, July 12

Noon to 5:45pm

To Pre-Register:

Call 1-800-RED CROSS

(1-800-733-2767)



Be cool. Give blood.

Things to know:

Pastor David Collin's

First Service

Sunday, July 7

10am

American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Friday, July 12

Noon to 5:45pm

Adopt-a-Highway

Roadside pickup

Saturday, July 13

9am

Finance meeting

Monday, July 22

5pm

A declaration of interdependence

"Dependence does not destroy human personality," writes Donald F. Baillie. Instead, people are "never so fully and so truly personal as when [they are] living in complete dependence upon God." Jesus modeled this type of living by depending completely on his heavenly Father.

In that light, let it be declared and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere depend on one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order depend on everything else.
- That the Earth and all planets and stars are mutually dependent.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.


And that each individual part of this relationship has its own role in fulfilling God's plan.

You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving. —attributed to various sources

Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed. —Cavett Robert

Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrongs. —Charlotte Bronte

Be thou the rainbow in the storms of life. —Lord Byron

July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:30am Women's 4th Day	3	4  Church office closed	5	6
7 10 am Worship Pastor Dave's first service Communion	8 5pm Trustees mtg.	9 8:30am Women's 4th Day	10	11	12 Noon to 5:45pm Blood Drive 	13 9am—Adopt—a-highway roadside pickup. Meet at church parking lot. 
14 10 am Worship Pastor David Collins testimony	15 7pm Mission and Outreach mtg.	16 8:30am Women's 4th Day	17	18	19	20
21 10 am Worship	22 5pm Finance mtg.	23 8:30am Women's 4th Day	24	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29	30 8:30am Women's 4th Day	31	Coming Soon..... Millington Old Fashioned Summer Festival August 8-10		

A Note from Barb...

I'd like to take this time to welcome Pastor David Collins to this church. I am challenging him to see how long he will be able to put up with me. You see, I don't have a very good record with pastors here at this church. I guess I'm a pretty difficult person to get along with. Demanding, pushy, challenging, hard to please, fussy, unbearable, harsh, and generally just intolerable.

So, my challenge to him is, if he can put up with me for longer than any of the previous pastors have, and I think the record for that is 2 years, then he will have passed the test of perseverance.

It might be good for him to read James 1:2-3 which reminds us: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

I'm looking forward to working with Pastor David. I hope he will persevere.



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