APRIL 28, 2024



11:00 AM WORSHIP

- ♦ Please make sure your cell phones are turned off during worship, so that you can fast from texting and other distractions. Also, please refrain from bringing food and drink into the sanctuary.
- ♦ We hope there are enough bulletins for everyone who comes to worship, but in case we run out, they are accessible online.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND SHARING

Pastor Nancy

PRELUDE

Please use this time for silent meditation to center your hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP (READ RESPONSIVELY)

How shall we live when shadows gather?

We live in God's unquenchable light.

When we live in the light of God, we are woven together with one another

We are drawn into one another's presence and all of Creation. Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

OPENING PRAYER (VIDEO) Please pray the words on the screen.

* **HYMN** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#57 UMH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, as we gather to offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded that Your Word brings light into our lives. May our giving be an act of generosity, a reflection of the abundance of Your grace and love. We thank You for the forgiveness and grace offered through Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

[If you wish to support Milton United Methodist Church with your tithes and gifts, please mail them to MUMC, 1007 Church Street, Milton, WV 25541. If available, you can also give through your bank. If you wish to make a gift today, there is an offering box located at the parking lot entrance sidewalk, and there are offering plates at the doors of the sanctuary.]

OFFERTORY

GOD SIGHTINGS AND PRAYER TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN	Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus	#349 UMH
SCRIPTURE		1 John 1:1–2:2 (NRSV)
MESSAGE		Pastor Nancy
* HYMN	Trust and Obey	#467 UMH

KROGER SHOPPING: When you shop at Kroger, you can also help Milton UMC. Visit http://www.kroger.com. Once logged into your Kroger account, you can search for MILTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH either by name or YF746, and then click "Enroll." New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *rewards* card. The transactions with your digital account will be applied to the church, **at no added cost to you.** Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending.

EXERCISE CLASS: PIYO workout classes are being held each Tuesday and Thursday in Friendship Hall. PIYO is a combination of Pilates, Yoga and low impact cardio. All you need is a yoga mat. Tennis shoes are optional. Teachers are Kelly Sergent, a certified PIYO instructor, and Mindy Starkey. Donations accepted for use of the building. Questions: text or call Mindy at 304-638-2166 or Kelly at 304-389-3134.

ECCHO: Pasta, canned pasta, and <u>canned</u> spaghetti sauce are always needed. All donations are greatly appreciated!

PRESCHOOL: Registration is now open for Bethesda United Methodist Preschool in Ona. If you know of anyone looking for morning classes for 3's and 4's, pass on the information to call 304-638-1174.

PHONE CALLS: Are you receiving messages from Pastor Nancy through the calling tree? The calls show as from the church, and she sends important calls from time to time. Please let us know if your phone number has changed or if you are not actually receiving the calls. Also, the office phone is having issues with taking messages. If you need to leave a message with the church, you may also call 304-955-8924. We are working on the problem and appreciate your patience.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION: We will have a covered-dish meal on Sunday, May 19, to celebrate Pentecost. The meat, bread, birthday cake, and drinks will be provided. Please do not plan to bring desserts, but please plan to bring a side dish and/or help with set-up/clean-up. Sign-up today to let us know what you are contributing to the party.

FINANCE REPORT

Calendar for the Week Beginning April 28

TODAY: NOISY OFFERING	
Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class	9:45 AM
Morning Worship	11:00 AM
TUESDAY	
Exercise Class	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	
National Day of Prayer Service at City Hall	12:10 PM
T.O.P.S. 4:00	— 5:00 РМ
Exercise Class	7:00 PM
NEXT SUNDAY: HOLY COMMUNION	
Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class	9:45 AM
Morning Worship	11:00 AM

Looking Ahead

Jean Eads is coming to town! If you would like to join her after worship in Friendship Hall on Sunday, May 26, please bring your favorite finger food.





Please check the prayer concerns, and let us know of those who need to be added or removed.

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently added names are in Italics.

Others: Our elected officials; Sunday school (children, youth, & teachers); military personnel; churches & ministers; missionaries; Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball; DS Rev. Joe Hill; Pastor Nancy White; 130th Unit of WV Air Nat'l Guard; and

Alex S.	David W	Patrick
Alice	Debbie R.	Paul B.
Allison	J. D.	Rebecca C.
Avery	Jack P.	Robert F.
Barbara	Jacklynne V.	Robin
Ben H.	Jenny B.	Rose
Betty S.	Joe G.	Stephanie J.
Bill Queen	John B.	Steven L.
Carlous	John M.	Sue A.
Charlene	Martha P.	Terry B.
Cheryl	Mike B.	Terry P.
Chris W	Mike H.	Tim C.
Dave B.	Mike W.	Tina B.

* SENDING FORTH

The Lord bless you and keep you, shining upon you with grace and mercy, and may God give you what is needed for each new day.

- * Postlude
- * You may stand if you wish.





WELCOME: Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out a yellow card that is in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We hope that you will find our church to be a place where you feel welcome and experience the presence of God in a powerful way.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to the family and friends of Winalee Blackwood who passed away April 21. She had been a member of Milton UMC since September 1951. There will be a service to celebrate her life at a later date.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you have not done so, please sign up for the church's directory for your phone or other device. Download the Instant Church Directory app and get started today. You will need to enter your email address and your own password. If you need help, contact the church office.



ONE! This Easter Season, we encourage you to try to donate ONE item for our neighbors at ECCHO. One box of cereal...one box of pasta or canned pasta...one spaghetti sauce or even one bottle of shampoo or tube of toothpaste. You decide the items, but maybe note what they need most as mentioned in the bulletins. You decide how often you wish to donate ONE—weekly, monthly or just once; but lets's help our neighbors by helping ECCHO.

NOISY OFFERING: We hope you brought all of your loose change so you can make a joyful noise when we collect the Noisy Offering for missions. Remember, folding gifts are welcome, too.

<u>WEBSITE</u>: Check out Milton UMC's website for bulletins & newsletters posted under the "Publications" tab. Look at the other tabs, too.

Sermon Notes



Milton United Methodist Church 1007 Church Street



Mission Statement

Milton, West Virginia 25541

The mission of Milton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by reflecting God's love through faith, worship, and service so others may discover God's grace.





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Milton/Bethesda Charge Reverend Nancy White, Pastor

Ministers: Every Person in the Congregation

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