



MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9 a.m. Sunday Worship

August 1, 2021

Couch-Dweller or Athlete?

Read: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

In Corinth, athletes competed in the Isthmian Games festival every other year. With strict training, the athletes devoted themselves to winning the crown, a wreath of withered celery. If athletes can be so focused on winning a crown that does not last, Paul asked the Corinthian church how much more could Christians devote themselves to an eternal crown?

As we binge watch the Tokyo Olympics, we see athletes who have devoted years of their lives to the pursuit of a gold medal. Their training, their diet, and their schedule are all designed to maximize their chances of winning. They have submitted to the discipline required of elite athletes. We ask ourselves, is our dedication to the gospel of Jesus nearly that focused? Or would we be more akin to the spectator, who watches but does not participate?

Paul's point is not that we earn salvation nor that we are competing against one another. Paul's desire is that we follow Jesus with single-minded devotion. We strengthen our faith and our focus with spiritual exercises such as prayer and Bible reading. We encourage our teammates, lending them faith when they are struggling, and offering a loving word of correction when needed. We look forward to a reward beyond compare. Maybe it's time for a recommitment to the gospel of Jesus! Maybe it's time to get off the couch and participate with God!

Pastor Sharon

Upcoming Events

Summer Worship begins at 9:00 a.m. now through Labor Day. Hope to see you this Sunday!

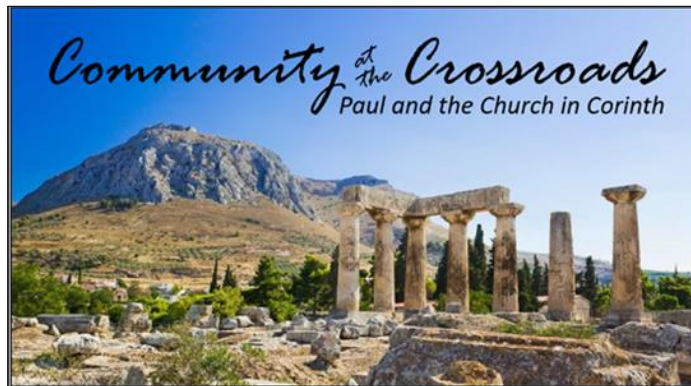
Sunday Worship can be viewed live online on our [Facebook page](#). A Facebook account is not required to visit our page or view the service. Sermon audio is also available on our [website](#) or on CD by request.

Summer Choir! We'd love to have some more voices! This Sunday we'll practice at 8:30 a.m., and anyone who'd like to sing is welcome!

What's That New Song? You can find some of the newer music we're singing on our worship music [playlist](#).



Semiannual Meeting Summary Thank you to those of you who attended or watched the semiannual congregational meeting on July 25. Guided by Moderator Curt Rowley, we heard reports from Clerk Sally Rowley, Treasurer Peggy Watson, and Pastors Chris & Sharon Nelson. The nominating committee of the Board is continuing to look for our next Sunday School Superintendent. When all is ready, members will receive a mail in ballot. **Thank you, Tricia Fletcher, for five years of service as Sunday School Superintendent!** Tricia continues to serve the church as a Trustee and Secretary for the Board.



This Sunday-8/1

Communion This Week Set Up: Mary Anderson
Servers: Karen Paladino & Sharon Vande Sand

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Scripture Reader: Needed
Message: "Table Manners," Pastor Chris
Greeter(s): Mary Anderson
Sound/Video: Brit Radloff
Coffee Set-Up: Barb Papcke
Treats: Radloffs/Andersons

Next Sunday-8/8

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Scripture Reader: Jillian Harkness
Message: "Many Gifts, One Spirit"
Pastor Sharon
Greeter(s): Harknesses
Sound/Video: Jan Baker
Coffee Set-Up: Sharon Vande Sand
Treats: Harknesses

Mowing Volunteers

7/29 – 7/31 Ralph & Carole
8/5 – 8/7 Buelows
8/12 – 8/14 Radloffs

Happy Birthday!

July 31.....Jeff Papcke
August 2.....William Aspinall
August 6.....James Guthrie
August 9.....Bennett Anderson

Happy Anniversary!

August 3.....Cody & Madiline Boyd

Please let us know if we need to add or correct a birthday or anniversary.

Offerings can be placed in offering boxes on Sunday mornings or mailed to the church:

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Thank you for your generosity!

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