

Milford Ministries Monitor

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Christians Together

Issue #1

As many as 15-26 individuals are working together on Monday night from at least 7 different denominations &/or non-denominational Churches to help & serve those that are in need of a meal. The Soup Kitchen averages 20-65 individuals and there has been approximately 1,800 meals served since it opened a little over a year ago. You might ask yourself why would someone come every week to volunteer their time? Wanda said the benefits are "we love each other, this is God's work and we reach the Community in our giving". Keith said "he wants to help the Community". Shirley said, she "wants to do God's work & this is a way to give back for all that God has given & done for us". Carmen summed it up when she said, "Because we love people, anything that we can do to help. We want to serve others no matter the culture, the life &/or the nationality, we want to serve as Christ did". So how can you get involved? There's always a need for more volunteers working behind the scenes to make this project successful.

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to name only a few.

Your Help Is Needed. Contact Butch

302-858-2037 to volunteer



Come one, come all for a fun night for the family & children with lots of candy, food, fun and fellowship.

There's several Harvest Festivals &/or Trunk & Treat parties for the children, the youth and the whole family.

Check the Event's listing for times and locations.



Why Milford Ministry Monitor?

It is a newsletter published by Rev. Ruth Houston-Behrens. The purpose of the newsletter is to aid communication among the different parts of the Body of Christ in the Milford area, and to allow wider participation in various Christian activities and expressions. It contains lists of events of the local churches, and articles about new ministries and their call and contribution to the people of the area. The newsletter will have a new edition each month. It may be downloaded for free from her husband's website, as pdf files. <http://kenbehrens.com/Events.pdf> and <http://kenbehrens.com/Newsletter.pdf> and the companion church directory <http://kenbehrens.com/Churches.pdf>.

Events are also available on a Google calendar, for which you may register by sending your e-mail address to Ruth at the address below. Printed copies will be available in participating stores and churches as finances and opportunities allow. While the first issues will consist mostly of information publicly available on the internet, any news from a church or independent ministry is welcome, and may be sent to Ruth@kenbehrens.com.

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING

This is a time to be thankful for what we have and what God has provided for us. Many people make lists of things they are thankful for. Other people visit friends &/or family for the Thanksgiving holidays to share what they are thankful for.

Do you know someone that has no family and would love to be with someone at the holidays? Do you have a place to celebrate this year?

Come have a meal with others at one of the locations listed below or consider volunteering this year.

- *Nov 20th Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner 6-9pm at Multi-Cultural Community Church Milford, DE. All are welcome.*
- *Nov 23 7:00pm Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Paul UMC 300 North Street Milford, DE. All are welcome.*
- *Nov 25 12pm-3pm Thanksgiving Dinner at Church of God Nazarene Milford, DE. All are Welcome*

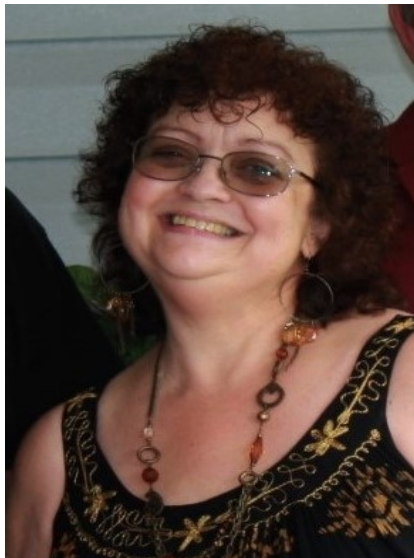


MINISTER OF THE MONTH

Each month I would like to do a Minister of the Month. This month I would like to start it out by introducing myself.

Ruth is a 1983 graduate of Rhema Bible College in Broken Arrow, OK, and was subsequently ordained as a pastor through JGLM in Tulsa, OK in 1983. She is ordained also by the National Association of Christian Ministers.

In addition to her work as editor of the Milford Ministry Monitor Newsletter, she serves as co-coordinator of Jesus Christ International Community,



a worldwide online church/fellowship.

Ruth is the Chaplain of the Greenwood VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post, Chaplain of Caroline Nursing Home in Denton, MD, and Secretary of the Milford Ministerium.

She and her husband, Ken Behrens, are involved in music ministry in addition to their pastoral activities. Ruth moved to Delaware in 2003, as her parents were born and raised in Sussex County.

What is an Online church?

Jesus Christ International Community, headquartered in Milford, began simply enough as a small group on Skype. After my first wife died in mid-2012, I went online to take part in a Christian chat site.

When young people began to request private mentoring, it seemed a simple step to have them talk to each other, as well as individually to me. When I discovered that some live in persecuted countries, or are too far from an effective church, group attendance at an online streamed church seemed a reasonable alternative, as it was similar to the arrangements reported in Acts 2:46.

As the small group grew, choosing a name seemed a logical step as well. Within a few months, God had blessed the group with a surprising amount of computer programming talent, and a desire to use the talent for outreach to the unsaved on the internet.

By late 2013, the group had grown to have members on all six continents, and had made plans for new types of web-based Christian ministries. We began streaming prayer meetings and live services, in which the group could participate.

Different group members started Christian chat sites, an original Christian music stream station, and are today working on proposals for various other types of connectional online activities.

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Fundraiser to Help the Homeless

Tuesday November 4 Abbott's Grill will be having a Community Day fundraiser for Circle of Light, a local non-profit that provides assistance to the homeless in the Milford area. Circle of Light, Inc. helps support women and children threatened with homelessness in diverse ways but does not assist utilities or rent.

To learn more send email to circleoflightinc@yahoo.com

Come to Abbott's Grill to help support this fundraiser.



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conducted online baptisms by proxy, take communion a few times each year, and have celebrated the principle Jewish feasts in the Christian fulfillment.

Today, members from age 16 to 72 enjoy the opportunity for 24/7 fellowship, and weekly prayer services and Bible study.

The group meets most of the needs of the local church for those who do not have one, or functions as a fellowship group for those who do.

Our Facebook page has well over 500 likes, with much of the attention coming from Moslem countries such as Pakistan.

As the younger members get older, and begin their careers, the possibility of local groups in different countries all streaming to each other begins to suggest itself. Already, several local members in Delaware share their lives.

If you are home bound, or looking for an intimate group of seriously committed, but down-to-earth Christians, you may wish to investigate this group.

<http://www.jciconline.tumblr.com>

By Ken Behrens

COALITION INTEREST

Lisa Davis explained Mission for the Multi Cultural Community which to make a positive impact on the community which effects youth and families. The Vision is to guide youth to become responsible citizens.

Coalition meeting serves to bring attention to the youth and their families in Milford and how the community center can provide programming and opportunities for those most in need.

It is a bringing together of people in the community for the common good. It is not faith based although most all involved have a heart for Christ. Lisa introduced the founders Richie and Mayra Portalatin who welcomed everyone.

Dee Sewell who runs the Dover Coalition Program shared regarding that this is modeled after the Parenting Resource Center in Dover High School, that have used resources (people & money) in the community to build a center that families are helping to shape, as well as community activists and anyone caring about kids. Mayor Shupe is involved, Super. Phyllis Kohel and the Milford School District are involved, Community Policing will be there. Parents, community activists and leaders, business owners and others that envision the community center to be a hub for activities & programs for people throughout our town.

More than a commitment, we are looking for voices on how best to shape the community center as we move forward. Please consider being a voice for

Milford and the Community Center.

Approximately 25-30 people were present for the first Coalition Interest meeting, a tour and refreshments were available.

To be involved &/or to volunteer contact Lisa Davis at milfordmccommunitycenter@gmail.com

Lisa has scheduled follow-up meetings at 5:30pm on Nov 18, Dec 9th & Jan 20.

Community Health Training Course

Would you like to see families in our community become healthier and more active in the lives of their children? Come and learn or send someone who might like to learn some simple steps to reach out to our community. Find out about available resources - Review communication skills - Meet others who care. Contact Donna Bowers 302-422-5701 for more information and to join the Workshop.

OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE EUGENE

OVE is a collaboration between the housed and the unhoused providing stable, safe, and sustainable places to be through alternative, cost-effective approaches for transitioning the unhoused to more permanent living situations. Thanks to Judy Adams from First Presbyterian Church for suggesting this interesting article.

Follow this link.

<http://www.opportunityvillageeugene.org/p/plan.html>

Do you have an article that you would like to be included in the monthly Milford Ministries Monitor Newsletter?

Contact Ruth at Ruth@kenbehrens.com

