



**MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart.”

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**April 17th - Maundy
Thursday at 7:00**
A Service of Shadows and
Communion as we remember
our Lord's Last Supper.



Palm Sunday, April 13th (Procession of the
Palms, Worship, Potluck Dinner, Easter Egg
Hunt)

Maundy Thursday, April 17th – 7:00

Holy Saturday, April 19th – 5:00

Easter Sunrise Service, April 20th – 7:30

Breakfast – 8:15

Sunday School – 9:30

Easter Celebration Service – 10:30



Procession of the Palms

Palm Sunday, April 13th – Services will begin with the congregation joining in the Procession of the Palms. A potluck dinner will be held immediately following worship with the worship committee providing the meat, drinks, and bread. Watch for a sign-up list as to what you would like to share – salad, vegetables, or a dessert. After lunch, an Easter Egg Hunt will be enjoyed by all. Please bring an Easter treat – it does not have to be candy – to share with all of the children



**April 20th - Easter Sunday
Celebration**
**7:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise
Bluegrass Worship – featuring
Millersburg Gloryland Band**
8:15 - Easter Breakfast
**9:30 - Sunday School for All
Ages**
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Worship**

Reflections

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

Every Morning Is Easter Morning...

...it's just that some mornings stumbling around while it is still dark, it is hard to remember that **Christ is risen!** Just like some years when winter won't let loose its hold on us, it's hard to remember that spring always comes. As the old farmer says, "Yup, always has." Easter morning, resurrection, redemption, new life and our living Lord are as inevitable as robins and dandelions. But the good news goes one better—Easter is happening right now. Resurrection doesn't wait till morning, it's a forever thing. Christ is risen now and for all time! And in him all things are possible; even the likes of us are made new as a newborn babe. In the end is our beginning...

For some reason (I wonder?) I receive weekly mailings from Wayside Waifs Animal Shelter featuring irresistible pets looking for their *forever homes*. I love that term, *forever home*. In faith, we know that our *forever home* is with God in his Kingdom. But it is also here and now, too, in the church. Each of us has an earthly address for our *forever home* in the church of our choice. But from time to time that earthly address may change and it can be wrenching. I carried dual membership in my home church and the church I was attending until I moved to mid Missouri. I am proud to claim Millersburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as my *forever home*. I encourage those who may still be wrestling with that decision to consider making such a commitment during this Easter season. I am eager to discuss it with you, including the option of a dual membership, if necessary. We are eager to receive you into the Body of Christ.

During the remainder of this Lenten season we continue to consider *who is Jesus?* Is he *Jesus of Nazareth*, a most remarkable teacher whose teachings have lingered and influenced generations or was he truly the *Son of God?* Stay tuned.

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**JOIN US APRIL 19TH FOR OUR NEXT BLUEGRASS GOSPEL WORSHIP,
FEATURING THE GUEST BAND, "SUNNYSIDE"! AND APRIL 20TH FOR
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE FEATURING THE MILLERSBURG GLORYLAND
BAND!**

Please join us on **Holy Saturday**, also called Black Saturday or Easter Eve for this very special worship service as we commemorate Jesus Christ lying in the tomb after his death and crucifixion on Good Friday. It is the day after Good Friday and the day before Easter Sunday so it is a day of both sadness and joy among Christians in many cultures, it is the last day of Holy Week and ends the season of Lent. We welcome our guest band "Sunnyside" for our Holy Saturday Bluegrass Gospel Worship. Introduction music begins at 4:50, with the worship service from 5:00-6:00 followed by refreshments and fellowship. We sincerely appreciate Sunnyside providing inspiring music for us and want to express our gratitude to them. Three of their members have performed with our Millersburg Gloryland Band; we welcome back Vic Phelps, Steve and Sharon Clark (upright bass & vocals), Vic Phelps (fiddle and mandolin) and their friends, Denny and Mary Spurling (banjo/guitar/vocals). P.E.T (Personal Energy Transportation) has been selected by the Missions Committee to receive 12% of our offering. The Moran's, along with Tom and Beth Haas volunteer on a regular basis to make and assemble PET's in Columbia, MO. Jeff and Barbara Moran are traveling to Guatemala in April to personally deliver some of the PET's and will share their experiences in worship on Sunday, May 4th at 10:30 so come join us. In the meantime check out their website: www.giftofmobility.org

THEN —

Everyone is invited to our 2nd annual Easter Sunrise Bluegrass Gospel Worship Service! The Millersburg Gloryland Band will be providing music for our uplifting Easter sing-a-long celebrating the resurrection of our Christ! In addition to our own musicians and vocalists Jeff and Barbara Moran, Beth Haas and Patty Eggleston we welcome back Rick Howard from Good Turn Daily on upright bass and newcomer Jim Berwick from Mere Mortals on banjo!

MCCF met on March 19th and featured Ralph Rowlett, speaking about his trips to Romania and how they help to solve mysteries reaching from Romania to Alaska, and how these researches aid in solving "the source of the fatal arrowhead that killed Oetzi the Iceman." Beth Haas was our hostess.



Left to right: Patty Eggleston, Samantha Mielke, Jeff Moran, Kathy Craighead, Vicki Fritz, Rita Adams, Beth Haas and Tom Haas listen to Ralph Rowlett as he explains his research in Romania.



Ralph Rowlett, retired MU professor of Archaeology, speaks to the MCCF group recently.

MCCF – April 10th – 6:30

Be sure to join us on April 10th at 6:30 for a potluck supper. Bring a dish to share and then enjoy Tammy Sellmeyer from the Columbia Farmer's Market as she talks to us about growing and drying vegetables. Vicki Fritz will be our hostess.

Save the Dates!!

Vacation Bible School
July 11 and 12th!

Pastoral Relations Committee
Meeting after Church – May 18!



No More Trash Pickup Saturday, April 26th 10:00 a.m.

Help us celebrate "Peanut", a Red-Eared Slider Turtle's 30th Birthday by signing up to help pick up trash in Millersburg! Peanut was found with a plastic six pack ring stuck around her shell in 1993 so she has an "hour glass" figure that no turtle should have. She's the official spokes turtle for "No More Trash".

MCC has been participating in the MO Dept. of Conservation and Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway for over 25 years and we've made a difference! If it's been awhile since you've helped or maybe never helped with this worthwhile community project we'd love to you join us because the median age for many of the helpers is 60+ and several are beginning to have problems with our knees. Our two-mile stretch is divided into seven sections so we'd like to have 2 people per section. If you're not available that day, trash can be picked up anytime beginning Friday April 25-Sun. April 27; the Highway Department will pick up the bags on Monday. We have orange safety vests and yellow trash bags for everyone to use. In April 2013, 120,000 bags of litter were cleaned up across Missouri. Take the Litter Pledge and remember that littering is illegal with a \$1,000 fine and 1 year in jail. For further details go to: www.nomoretrash.org THANKS!

Lunch Bunches!!

Here are the lunch bunches to date. The purposes of the groups are to have fun while sharing a meal after worship, and to get to know one another better. There is always room for more people to join a bunch, or start another! Please contact Barbara Moran to join such a group.

Group 1

Patty and Gary Eggleston
John and Barb Gulick
Margaret Blattner
Stan and Rita Adams
Larry Baumgartner

Group 2

Robert and Marilyn Thomas
Beth Haas
Jeff and Barbara Moran
Shirley Martin
Carolyn and Bill Anderson



Thank you Millersburg Preschool for building such a nice lid for the sandbox area on the outdoor play structure. 2 of the dads helping are Jesse Hutchison and Jeremy Czeschin! I'm sorry I don't have names for the other 2 dads!

Our Committees At Work!

The Missions Committee met March 9th after church. The remainder of the community outreach programs was selected. 1st quarter: Our House; 2nd quarter: PET; 3rd quarter: Callaway Dental Initiative; 4th quarter: SERVE. There was concern to keep projects within Callaway County. There have been four members from MCC working on PET vehicles each week. Barbara and Jeff Moran have delivered PET vehicles to Nicaragua previously and will be taking vehicles to Guatemala the end of March. We felt we needed to support our MCC members in their activities.

May 3rd Phil Iman, regional Red Cross director, will conduct a program, Sheltering Essentials, at MCC. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The morning portion of the program and lunch will be held at MCC. In the afternoon participants will go to the Lions Club and set up an emergency shelter. If interested in attending contact Beth Haas or Elaine Long. Additional participants are welcome.

We also want to keep in mind the ongoing need for MCC monthly food donations to SERVE. They are averaging just under 3,000 Food Pantry clients per month. Also, they will gladly use any extra produce out of our home gardens.

Our House has ongoing need for donations of paper towels and other items need by their clients: personal hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, flossing products, paper diapers. There is a basket for each of these Outreach Missions under the Missions table at the church.

Report from February Cabinet Meeting

At the open cabinet meeting in February, members of the cabinet and other members of the congregation considered a range of goals to guide the congregation, board, and committees in planning for ministry and activities. The intent of the exercise was that the goals be realistic, specific, and measurable. Predictably the first choice goals were to increase attendance and membership especially among younger families. Interestingly there were goals related to increasing the commitment of members such as increasing the size of the choir, of board attendance, and Sunday School attendance. But the heart of MCC is still reflected in goals that reach out to the community: increase training and participation for disaster preparedness, and increase the handicap accessibility of our facilities.

With the advent of our Bluegrass Gospel Worship services and the lessons we are learning about publicity, more effective use of the internet and social media, and roadside visibility, we are noticing an increase in community awareness of MCC and our ministries. People we encounter know more about us and ask more questions, giving us more opportunities to share our message. Truly we are moving closer to being a mission station for Millersburg and a way to bring the community together.

Please let Rev. Gulick, Patty Eggleston, or other members of the board know of your ideas for MCC.



Congratulations to Dr. Ralph Rowlett and Dr. Magda-Mircea-Rowlett! The couple was married recently in Romania.



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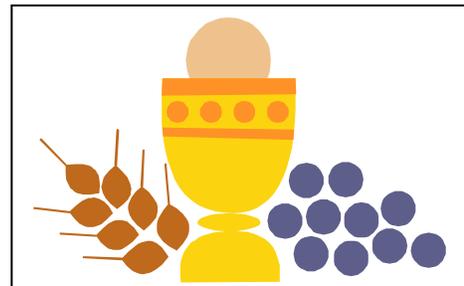


Mid-Missouri Church Festival

The Mid-MO Church Music Festival planning group would like to report that the event was “big hit”. Vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists from four area churches, including MCC, came together for about an enjoyable hour and shared a variety of music. The four churches involved included Millersburg Christian Church, Sugar Grove Baptist Church, Olivet Christian Church and First Christian Church of Fulton. Emily Spain did a wonderful job as our emcee, as did Jim Sutherlin, as he welcomed the audience and led us in the freewill offering. The event brought in a total of \$905.00. Of that amount, \$222.00 went back out into the community and was donated to the Central Missouri Food Bank, Room at the Inn, Our House homeless shelter in Callaway County and the Salvation Army of Callaway County. The remaining \$682.57 went into the Gazebo Summer Concert Fund. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Festival’s success.

Prayers for:

- *Sincere sympathy for the family of Gene Musbach, who passed away recently
- *Brenda Rose – Prayers of JOY on the news of NO LIVE CANCER CELLS!!!
- *Janet Kennett
- *Pat Shores, who has been ill lately
- *Peggy Rose, who will undergo shoulder surgery April 10
- *Shirley Martin
- *Sincere sympathy to Sandy Brock on the passing of her dad, Phil Brock.



Those Who Serve in April

ELDERS:

John Gulick
Robert Thomas

DIACONATE:

Linda Cassidy
Larry Baumgartner
Dan Cassidy
Vicki Fritz



Many thanks to Barbara Moran who compiled digital photos of MCC events into a scrapbook. It is complete and in a blue binder at the church. Check it out!!

Birthdays are shown in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics

April, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MPS 8-12 Bluegrass Music 7-8:30	2	3 MPS 8-12 5-8	4	5 MPS Bunny Breakfast <i>Allison Milner</i> <i>Michelle Hans</i> <i>John & Barbara</i> <i>Gulick</i>
6 <i>Jack Hatchett</i> <i>Miles Bethell</i>	7 MPS 5-8 <i>Brad & Jennifer</i> <i>Weiss</i>	8 MPS 8-12 Election 6a.m.-7 p.m. Cabinet Meeting 7:00	9 <i>Eddie Forsee</i>	10 MPS 8-12 5-8 MCCF – 6:30 Vicki Fritz, hostess	11	12
13  Palm Sunday lunch & Easter Egg Hunt <i>Brent Long</i>	14 Bluegrass Music Practice 7-8:30	15 MPS 8-12 <i>Amanda Loyd</i>	16 <i>Bailey Baumgartner</i>	17 MPS 8-12& 5-8  Maundy Thursday— 7:00	18 <i>Eva Landrum</i>	19 Bluegrass Gospel Worship Service – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sunnyside Band <i>Terry Fritz</i> <i>Kristen Bright</i>
20  Breakfast-8:15 <i>Nicole Hatchett</i> <i>Rileigh Huffman</i>	21 Newsletter articles due	22 MPS 8-12	23	24 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Joyce Schermerhorn</i>	25	26
27 Bedtime Stories with Larry Brown 3-5	28	29 MPS 8-12	30 Newsletter Assembly <i>Blake Latty</i>			

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