

MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"In the heart of the community, with the community at heart."

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March 29 – Palm Sunday procession with luncheon and children's Easter egg hunt afterwards. Each family is asked to bring 2 large dishes to share – either a vegetable, salad or dessert. Also, please provide a treat for the children's treat bags – not necessarily candy!

April 2 – Maundy Thursday fellowship gathering and meal at 6:00 p.m. with the Lord's Supper following at 7:30 p.m. Come and learn about Alfombras Celebrations!

April 5 – Easter sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast, hosted by the men of the church at 8:15, Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 and a celebration worship at 10:30

Please join us for any and all of the above events!

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April 5th - Easter Sunday Celebration

7:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Worship

8:15 - Easter Breakfast provided by the men of our church

9:30 - Sunday School for All Ages

10:10 – First Sunday Social

10:30 - Easter Celebration Worship



Feel free to bring an Easter lily or any spring flower in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Please email or call Carolyn with the name of the person you are remembering so that she can publish in the bulletin March 29th and April 5th! Thank you! Her email address is: andersoncarolyn0113@gmail.com and her phone number is 573-220-6769.

Reflections

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

Living Into the Resurrection

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live...Do you believe this?" John 11: 25-26

This Lenten season at MCC, while we recognize the suffering and sorrows of the cross, we live with our eyes on the light of the resurrection beyond. Jesus spoke the words quoted above to Martha when her beloved brother, Lazarus, had been dead and buried three days. *Do you believe?* It may be hard to answer such a question when our hearts are breaking—when all around us the world seems to be coming apart—when anger and hate seem to have won out over love and forgiveness and death.

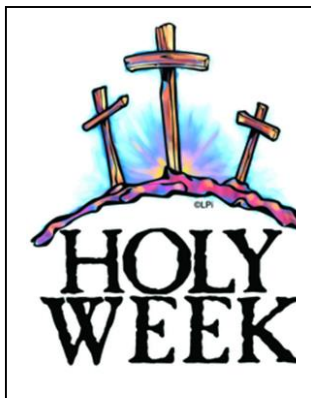
I was recently reminded in the *Christian Century* that theologian Marcus Borg wrote that faith is a journey of trust not one of belief. Perhaps when we find it hard to believe, it is well to trust in God—to trust in God's goodness, mercy and righteousness. To trust that God is love.

But Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God." And Jesus called the dead man from out of the tomb and freed him from the bonds of death.

Let us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the promise of new life--eternal life by bringing our family and friends to share Holy Week at Millersburg Christian Church.

- ***March 29th - Palm Sunday:*** 10:30 Worship begins with the procession of the palms by all worshippers. Fellowship Luncheon and Children's Easter Egg Hunt follows at noon. ***Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!***
- ***April 2nd - Maundy Thursday:*** 6:00 Christian Fellowship Light Supper and Alfombre presentation. 7:30 Remembrance of the Last Supper in scripture and music with communion for all believers. ***Do this in remembrance of me.***
- ***April 5 - Easter Sunday Celebration:*** 7:30 Sunrise Service - informal worship with music, meditation and communion. ***On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb and found the stone rolled away.*** 8:15 Breakfast hosted by the Men of the Church. 9:30 Sunday School for all ages. 10:10 First Sunday Coffee Social. 10:30 Celebration Worship with Special Music. ***He is not here for he has risen!!***

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!





Dear friends of PET in the Millersburg Christian Church,

Your gift of \$412.80 will be used to provide “gifts of mobility and hope” to those in the developing world. You have done an excellent thing! Here is an interesting and unusual story about how much our system can work.

Several years ago, we had here at the shop a volunteer named Betty. She moved away but still maintains contact. Yesterday I received an email from her saying, “Do you remember the lady from Vietnam I brought to visit PET? She had a friend in Vietnam who crawls upon the ground and needs a PET. I read that you have a shipment going to Vietnam and wondered about the possibility of her getting one. Here is the contact information.”

I immediately sent that information to Von Driggs, our PET logistics man. Today I received an email from Tony, the man in Vietnam in charge of receiving shipments. The PET’s are arriving and he will check on getting one to the lady. If she qualifies she will receive a PET.

That kind of amazing service is made possible by two factors – PET is well organized to serve the “least of these”, and we have email. Fifty years ago when I began in mission work no such thing could have happened.

Enclosed with this letter are assorted photos about PET in the field, which I have placed on the church bulletin board. Check them out!

In His service,
Mel West

Upcoming Membership Events - Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, May 3

Mel West, retired Methodist minister, Director Emeritus of PET, and formerly on the boards of Habitat for Humanity and Heifer Project, will be filling the pulpit on May 3. Please plan to be there to hear this inspiring man.

Sunday, May 31

Outdoor Worship and Picnic – at Baumgartner’s Cedar Creek Farm

Sunday, Aug. 2

BBQ and Ice Cream Luncheon after worship.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Back to Church potluck luncheon. Invite your friends!

Help Wanted

Need Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator for the church. Duties include arranging and coordinating trash pickups along about 2 miles of MCC’s adopted highway in Millersburg MO. If interested, please talk with Barbara Moran.



Missions Committee Report

Throughout February the Mission focus was on Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion works throughout the year through a network of church partner organizations and partnerships that insures responsible humanitarian needs. February 1st small boxes were handed out to save “pocket change” throughout the month. The Week of Compassion offering was February 18th and 25th.

Maundy Thursday MCCF Event – 6 PM on Thursday, April 2

Jeff and Barbara Moran will share their experiences of Holy Week in Guatemala, especially the special Alfombras Celebration. Alfombras are colorful carpets made of flowers, pine needles, colored sawdust, and even vegetables, placed in the streets. Huge floats depicting Christ carrying the cross are carried by many people who walk over the alfombras.

Please bring a simple dish to share at the potluck meal starting at 6 PM on the mezzanine. Moran's will bring the meat dish. After eating and a short slide show of alfombras, we will make our own alfombra which will be used Easter morning in our sanctuary. **Maundy Thursday Communion** will be held in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm. Please join us for this special evening.



And our Bluegrass Gospel Services Begin!!

WHEN: April 18th, 2015

WHERE: MCC

TIME: 5:00 p.m. (Come early as the band will be warming up a few minutes early)

WHO: The Millersburg Gloryland Band - members include: Jeff and Barbara Moran, Larry Brown, Beth Haas, Patty Eggleston and Jackie and Xo'chitl Ambrow.

Refreshments immediately following.



President's Ponderings by Jeff Moran

It was 80 degrees today (March 16), so I spent most of the day outside, working in the garden, getting some lettuce, spinach, and snow peas planted, digging up weeds, making new raised beds, trying to till the still muddy soil. It is a joy for me to engage in these yearly struggles to coax new life out of the elements of dirt and water. But like the song says: "I can't do it alone." I work the soil and plant the seeds, but I don't control the weather. I can't make it rain, and I can't make the sun shine.

This is the season when we focus on the death of Jesus and his rising from the grave. As Christians, we believe in this reality, but it is also a symbol of the new life we see all around us in the springtime. We need to be faithful in our beliefs, but we also need to act on that faith with renewed life as we deal with our neighbors and the world in general.

"First Sunday" Social



At 10:10 AM on April 5, and the first Sunday of each month afterwards, drinks and a snack will be available in the mezzanine. Please join your church family to visit after Sunday School and before worship begins.



Can Do Crew Event – April 4

Larry Baumgartner requested a Can Do Crew to help clean up a flower bed. Please join us at 10 AM, Saturday, April 4, at his home on Route J. Bring gloves, garden tools, and come enjoy the morning working. Larry is providing pizza for lunch afterwards.



Fulton Presbyterian Manor will be having an annual pork dinner and silent auction on April 18, 2015. It will take place in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

This is a benefit dinner for the Fulton Presbyterian Manor's Good Samaritan Benevolent Care Program, assisting residents who have exhausted their financial resources through no fault of their own. All funds raised will go to assist the residents at Fulton Presbyterian Manor who are on this program.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Keri Edwards, Marketing Director at 642-6646.

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Night of Worship Gospel Concert

The Dysarts and the Mark Trammell Quartet will perform Saturday, March 28 at the Royal Theatre, 102 North Ruby, Macon, MO at 6:00 p.m. Pre-purchased tickets are \$12 if purchased by March 26th and at the door, \$15. Children 7-12 are \$5. The group rate is 8 or more - 10% off.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:



- *Sympathy to Christopher Seip, whose wife passed away recently
- *Allen Baker, who continues to recuperate from his injuries
- *Sympathy for Marla (Latty) Carlson, whose husband Walt, passed away March 9, 2015.
- *Sympathy for Janet Latty, whose mother, Bernice Davis, passed away March 7, 2015
- *Sympathy for the family of Guy Wefenstette, who passed away March 8th, 2015
- *Chester Racinowski



Those Who Serve in April



ELDERS:

Ralph Rowlett
Robert Thomas

DIACONATE:

Jeff Moran
Larry Baumgartner
Sarah Gehring

BREAD LIST:

April 5	Vicki Fritz
April 12	Jeanette Hudson
April 19	Anna Sue Harmon
April 26	Elaine Long



Dear Congregation,

The Community Health Center would like to take this time to thank you for your donation to the Callaway Dental Initiative.

Your donation will make a difference in the life of a Callaway County resident unable to afford dental services.

Thank you for giving a healthy outcome to a community member.

Sincerely,
Jeff Davis, CEO and
The CHCCMO



Birthdays are shown in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir – 7:00	2 MPS 8-12 5-8 MCCF - 6:00 Maundy Thursday – 7:30	3	4
5 Sunrise Worship – 7:30 am Breakfast – 8:15 <i>Allison Milner</i> <i>Michelle Hans</i> <i>John & Barbara</i> <i>Gulick</i>	6 MPS 6:30-8 Bluegrass Music Practice 7-9 p.m. <i>Miles Bethell</i> <i>Jack Hatchett</i>	7 MPS 8-12 Election <i>Brad &</i> <i>Jennifer</i> <i>Weiss</i>	8 Choir – 7:00	9 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Eddie Forsee</i>	10	11
12	13 MCCF – 6:30 Vicki Fritz, hostess <i>Brent Long</i>	14 MPS 8-12	15 Choir – 7:00 <i>Amanda Loyd</i> <i>Nolte</i>	16 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Bailey</i> <i>Baumgartner</i>	17 Bluegrass Music Practice 7-9 p.m.	18 Bluegrass Worship Service 5:00 p.m. <i>Eva Landrum</i>
19 MPS Bedtime Stories 3:30 – 5:00 <i>Terry Fritz</i> <i>Kristen Bright</i>	20 Newsletter Deadline <i>Nicole Hatchett</i> <i>Raleigh</i> <i>Huffman</i>	21 MPS 8-12 5-8	22 Choir – 7:00	23 MPS 8-12 5-8	24 <i>Joyce</i> <i>Schermerhorn</i>	25
26	27 <i>Charlotte</i> <i>Bethell</i>	28 MPS 8-12	29 Choir – 7:00 Newsletter Assembly	30 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Blake Latty</i>		

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT MCC!

**MARCH 29 – PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION WITH LUNCHEON AND
CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AFTERWARDS**

**APRIL 2 – MAUNDY THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING AND
MEAL AT 6:00 P.M. WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWING AT
7:30 P.M.**

**APRIL 5 – EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7:30 A.M. FOLLOWED
BY BREAKFAST, HOSTED BY THE MEN OF THE CHURCH AT
8:15, SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 AND A
CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 10:30**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE EVENTS! ALSO, JOIN US DURING THE
MONTH OF MARCH (LENT) ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-7:00 FOR DEVOTION AND
PRAYER.**