

**MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart.”

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MARDI GRAS SUPPER & AUCTION



**Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013
5:00 – 7:00 PM**

Menu

Chicken-Sausage Gumbo

Chili

Choice Soups

Finger Sandwiches, Crunchy Vegetables & Dip

King Cake and Other Desserts

Adults: \$8.00

Children ages 6-12: \$4.00

Children 5 and under: Free



**Come enjoy the Mardi Gras fun,
fellowship, and as always, tasty food**

Silent Auction of antiques, collectibles, baked goods, and gift certificates donated by area restaurants, businesses, and individuals. See list of items on website. Bidding ends at 6:45 PM

Reflections

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

“What the World Needs Now...”

Regardless of what the sleepy groundhog saw or didn't see, we can take heart that spring must surely be on the way. After all an early Easter means an early spring—or at least that's what my grandma always said. And Easter is indeed early this year. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 13th and leads us to Easter morning on March 31st. Lent is a time for reflection and repentance to prepare us for embracing the celebration of our risen Lord and Savior. Lent is a time to throw out the habits and attitudes that come between us and a fuller realization of the love of God in Christ Jesus. Lent is a time to take on the spiritual habits of prayer, acts of service, and regular worship participation that can create clean hearts within us and lead us to new life to be rediscovered within us and within our faith family.

This year our Lent/Easter season will circle around the many meanings of LOVE. In times such as these: when the world seems to be spinning out of control, when violence is so common place that it is barely newsworthy, when divisiveness has reached a new low and threatens the foundations of our *United States*, and the new morality seems to be based on whatever is best for me and mine, and you and yours are not my problem; then the world surely needs a more excellent way—the way of love...the way of Christ.

Those who are interested in becoming members of Millersburg Christian Church by baptism or transfer of membership are encouraged to contact me at 573-556-8280. There is no better time to commit oneself to Jesus as Lord and Savior and to become a part of a loving faith community.

Upcoming Opportunities at Millersburg Christian Church

February 10th: “This Little Light of Mine!” **Mardi Gras Sunday**
Sunday Worship at 10:30, Preceded by Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30

Lenten Sermon Series: *What's Love Got to Do With It?*

February 17th: “Doin’ the Christian Two-Step” (Luke 4: 1-13; Psalm 91;
Romans 10: 8b-13)

February 24th: “The Love of a Brood Hen” (Luke 13: 31-35; Psalm 27)

March 3rd: “The Lord’s Free Lunch Program” (Isaiah 55: 1-9;
Psalm 63:1-8)

March 10th-March 31st “What’s Love Got to Do With It?” continues...

Wednesday Prayer and Meditation from 6:30-7:00

February 20th through March 20th

Informal discussion and prayer group based on Lenten devotions booklet: “Called to Life/Called to Love” by Henri Nouwen, the 20th Century Mystic. Come and explore what Christ-Like love means to you. Booklets available February 13th.

Special Worship Opportunities

February 13th - Ash Wednesday - 7:00: A service of scripture readings, prayer, meditation, the singing of beloved old hymns and, for those who choose, the imposition of ashes on foreheads or wrists.

March 24th - Palm Sunday Worship, Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship Dinner

March 28th - Maundy Thursday – 7:00: A service of Shadows and Communion as we remember “The Last Supper.”

March 31st - Easter Sunrise - 7:30, Breakfast - 8:15, Worship - 10:30

What's Happening at MCC!



Stan and Rita Adams accept a community grant check from KTIS for \$500 from Tom Young, General Manager. Thanks, Rita for writing this grant! Insulation will be installed above the Fellowship Hall with this money to help with our monthly utility bills!



It takes a lot of paper goods at Our House – shown by Jeff Moran, Rev. Gulick and Brad Shepard, director of Our House, at CWF's recent visit to Haven House and Wiley House.



A nice group turned out to learn more about “Our House”, one of MCC’s programs that we routinely support with our Mission dollars. Our House consists of Haven House and Wiley House – temporary shelters in Fulton for men and women.

Our Committees Begin to Form for 2013!

MCC Worship committee cordially invites all to participate in the Lenten/Easter season with us. Lent begins on February 13. We will offer an Ash Wednesday service beginning at 7 PM. Lenten devotional booklets will be available for each family for your personal reflections during the season. Look for them in the Narthex.

Palm Sunday celebration is on Sunday, March 24 with a pot-luck luncheon following worship. Join us and bring dishes to share. We will hunt eggs with the kids after lunch, so bring a treat for the treat sacks!

On March 29, we will observe Maundy Thursday at 7 PM. Sunday, March 31 will celebrate Easter with an early service at 7:30, followed by breakfast at 8:15. Sunday school begins at 9:30 followed by worship at 10:30. We hope you each will consider joining us for the celebration of Holy Week 2013.

The Worship Committee for 2013 is Vicki Fritz and Brenda Rose, co- chairs with members Jeanette Hudson, Margaret Blattner, Eva Landrum and Kathy Craighead.

Ralph Rowlett shared the following information:

Several people at the Millersburg Christian church have a great interest in archaeology. Therefore it might be of interest to the congregation that there is available an excellent scholarly study of the archaeology of the First Century CE in the Galilee.

The book, which first appeared in late 2011 is entitled "BIBLICAL BETHSAIDA; A STUDY OF THE FIRST CENTURY CE IN THE GALILEE, and written by Prof. Carl E. Savage of Drew University. It is available in hardback for \$55.00 from Lexington Books, Lanham, MD at [1-800-462-6420](tel:1-800-462-6420).

There is another thinner new book on a similar subject, which I have not seen yet, but since it sold as a remainder for \$3.95, I ordered a copy of it. I'll let you know about it when it arrives.

The Membership Committee consists of Barbara Moran, chair, Larry Baumgartner, Rita Adams, Jay and Anna Sue Harmon, Joyce Schermerhorn, Jeff Moran, Karen Ackley and Carolyn Anderson. Fun times coming include:

April 6 - Field Trip to Rocheport Bluegrass. Meet at the church at 3:30 pm, Saturday, April 6, to carpool to Rocheport for some toe-tapping music at the Bluegrass Worship Service at Rocheport Christian Church which starts at 5:00 pm. We'll enjoy fellowship after the service at their church annex.

April 14 – "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday. Please ask a friend to church on Sunday, April 14. We'll have a potluck luncheon after worship. Membership Committee members please provide meat dishes. Other church members are asked to bring a large side dish or dessert.

May 19 – Music Sunday Fellowship Potluck. Join us for lunch after a celebration of music in worship. Please bring a dish to share.

Lunch Bunch Groups. The committee plans to organize Lunch Bunches, groups of 6-8 that meet after worship to either go out for lunch, or share a meal at someone's home. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you are interested in participating in a Lunch Bunch. The committee will organize people into bunches, and then the group takes it from there, deciding how and when they want to meet for lunch. This will give us an opportunity to get to know church members we may not know so well.

Can-Do Crew. Do you have a project you need help with? Or that would just be more fun to do with a group? Paint, clean out the garage, scrapbook, quilt, or eat and visit? Call in the Can-Do Crew! Contact Barbara Moran with your ideas.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will be after worship on April 7. Please let them know if you have any ideas!

THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH!

CWF/CMF Meeting for February

Beth Haas will be our hostess on February 19 for our CWF Program. We will be traveling to Rocheport Christian Church to attend the new outreach program of Blue Grass Worship with Rev. Mickey Havener. We will have a salad/potluck dinner at 6:30 followed with the program at 7:00. Two years ago, Rocheport CC, along with Broadway CC in Columbia began a new outreach program and it is benefiting both congregations. Come join us to see if this might be a new way MCC can be a witness to others in our community and beyond!

Property Report

The following issues have been addressed recently:

November 26 – Sylvia Rummel tuned the sanctuary piano at a cost of \$75;

December 24 – Bad blowing motor on upstairs furnace was replaced at a cost of \$374.95;

January 30 – Cintas performed annual inspection of our 4 fire extinguishers at a total expense of \$30.50

2012 General Fund Report

Balance on hand January 1, 2012:
\$3256.89

Total receipts for 2012:
\$55,889.26

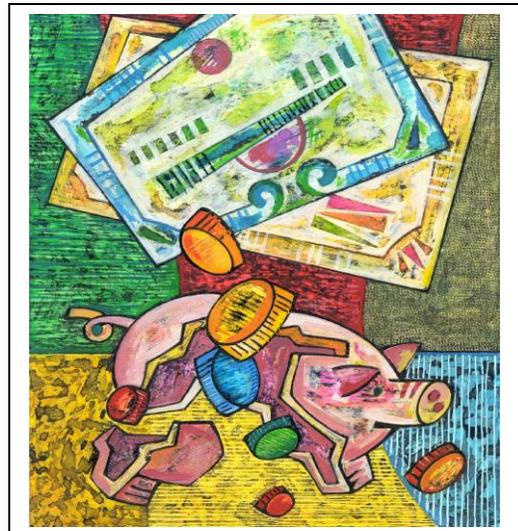
Total expenses for 2012:
\$50,384.45

Balance on hand December 31,
2012:
\$8,761.70

Other Fund Balances December 31,
2012:

Youth Fund:
\$425.07

FLEX Fund:
\$9,633.45



With Our People. .

Congratulations to:

*Kyle and Angie Crane, who are expecting their first child in July – grandchild for Joyce Schermerhorn.

*Yolanda and Mark, who will be united in marriage February 16th.

*Heidi Downey, granddaughter of Robert & Marilyn Thomas, who graduated from FHS in December.

*Alyssa Cassidy, freshman at MSU, made the Fall 2012 Dean's List.

*John and Kristen Bright on the birth of Macey Ann Bright, November 30.

Appreciation and Gratitude to:

*Rita Adams, who wrote and received the KTIS Community Grant award for \$500!

Prayers for:

***Jenny Brown and family**, Rev's. John and Barb Gulick's daughter

***Peggy Rose**

***Bill Anderson**, who suffered a small stroke January 8.

***Beth Haas**, who is recovering from surgery.

***John Gulick**, who is recovering from surgery.

***Kim Force**, who was hospitalized briefly recently.

***Marsha Loyd**

***Lance Loyd**

***Esther Phillippe Flaigle**

***Hazel Pahl**

***Anthony Garrett**

***American Troops**

Sympathy to:

***The family of Esther Ehly**, who passed away recently.

***The family of Bob Campbell**, who passed away this week. He was the brother of Sara Guse' and uncle of Todd Guse'.

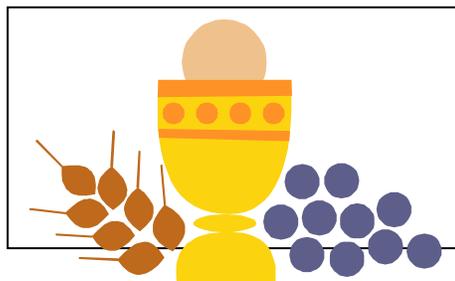
***Jeff and Barbara Moran**, whose friend Lesley passed away.

Thank you!

The Albert Kennett family sent the following note recently along with a generous donation: "I appreciate getting the church newsletter very much. Please use the enclosed check to help with the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. It is our way of keeping up with the church and community that I grew up in. Thanks for continuing to mail it to me." Thank you, Albert!

Thank you for everyone's care and concern during my recent illness. It helps to know that so many people care. – Bill Anderson

Thank you to everyone for making my 60th birthday so special. It makes growing older so much easier! - Carolyn



Those Who Serve in February

ELDERS:

Rita Adams

Brenda Rose

DIACONATE:

Ralph Rowlett

Gary Eggleston

Linda Cassidy

Usher

Usher

Prepare

BREAD LIST:

February 3

Anna Sue Harmon

February 10

Patty Eggleston

February 17

Vicki Fritz

February 24

Beth Haas

Birthdays are shown in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics

February, 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 <i>Alyssa Cassidy</i> | 2 |
| 3 Missions Committee after worship | 4 MPS/MCC Board to Board Meeting 6:00 MPS Parent Meeting 6:30 | 5 MPS 8-12 | 6 Choir 7-8 <i>John & Lynn Reynolds</i> | 7 MPS 8-12 5-8 | 8 <i>Lance & Rose Bethell</i> | 9 Mardi Gras Dinner 5:00-7:00 Fundraiser <i>Shelly Bedsworth</i> |
| 10 <i>Jim McCray</i> <i>Janet Landrum</i> <i>Mike Baumgartner</i> <i>Karen Ackley</i> | 11 Choir 7-8 <i>Marla Carlson</i> | 12 MPS 8-12 Cabinet 7:00 <i>Larry Baumgartner</i> <i>Cooper Whitworth</i> | 13 Ash Wednesday 7:00 | 14 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Errol & Hazel Pahl</i> <i>Bill & Nadine Gentsch</i> | 15 <i>Anna Sue Harmon</i> | 16 Yolanda/Mark Wedding – 4:00 <i>Barbara Gulick</i> <i>Earl Bryant</i> |
| 17 <i>Brian McCarty</i> <i>Jenny McCarty</i> <i>Sara Stephens</i> | 18 Choir 7-8 <i>Linda Stiers</i> <i>Harold & Bess Reisch</i> | 19 MPS 8-12 <i>Lois Long</i> <i>Art & Amanda Smith</i> | 20 <i>Rose Bethell</i> | 21 MPS 8-12 5-8 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Choir 7-8 | 26 MPS 8-12 <i>Linda Cassidy</i> | 27 | 28 MPS 8-12 5-8 | | |

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Spring Cleaning! – Newsletter Mailing List

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- Leave a message with your name and address on the church telephone voice mail, 537-642-2939, or
- E-mail Carolyn at: andersoncarolyn0113@gmail.com

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