



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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The New Year Begins at MCC

During our morning worship service on January 13th, we will be installing and asking God's blessing on our Board and Congregational officers for the upcoming year of ministry in Jesus' name. All new and returning board members are urged to be present for this important day in the life of our church. All members and friends will want to join us to support the work of the church. May God continue to bless the mission and the ministry of Millersburg Christian Church.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Mark your calendar to attend the next CWF group meeting on Tuesday, January 15. Rita Adams will be our hostess with program and plans to be announced soon. Everyone is welcome!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

In December, MCC adopted a family through the SERVE Adopt-A-Family program. We received a 76-year old grandmother, 14-year old boy, 2 9-year old girls and an 8-year old boy. There were lots of things they needed, not just wanted. The congregation came through beautifully in providing gifts and money for a food basket. THANK YOU to all of MCC!

Throughout the year, we save Best Choice UPC codes. In December we sent in 1,100 which will result in \$60 for mission work. We save Moser's receipts, which were also turned in recently. They should result in \$55 for mission work.

December 9th and 16th, the Christmas offering was received. This money stays local for support of the Northeast Area and Mid-America Regional Ministry.

Throughout the year, the Missions Committee has presented various projects, but it is the congregation that allowed them to develop. THANK YOU so much for your support.

Elaine Long



Reflections

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

LIVING IN THE LIGHT

HERE WE ARE IN THAT CONFUSING SEASON WHEN WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE A VERY FIRM GRASP ON TIME-OR AT LEAST THE YEAR. WE MESS UP OUR CHECKS WITH THE WRONG DATE, CLUMSILY CORRECTED TO THE NEW YEAR--WHICH STILL SOUNDS AWKWARD--STRANGE. WILL WE EVER GET USED TO 2013? MORE IMPORTANTLY--WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING? WILL IT PASS IN COMFORTING FAMILIARITY, INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM A DOZEN OTHER YEARS? WILL IT STAND OUT AS A GREAT AND JOYOUS YEAR OF NEW BIRTH AND NEW LIFE? OR WILL IT FOREVER BE BURNED IN OUR MEMORIES AS A YEAR OF GREAT SORROW OR CATASTROPHE?

ALL WE CAN KNOW WITH CERTAINTY IS THAT WHATEVER 2013 BRINGS, WE DO NOT ENTER IT ALONE. WE ARE SURROUNDED BY FAMILY, BY FRIENDS, BY OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN FAITH, BY THAT GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE YET ARE WITH US STILL, AND BY THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS--THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD SHINING IN ALL AND ABOVE ALL.

FROM EPIPHANY ON JANUARY 6TH--THE TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE WISEMEN'S VISIT TO THE MANGER, GUIDED BY THE LIGHT OF THE STAR--UNTIL ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 13TH--THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN SEASON WHICH LEADS US TO EASTER, WE WILL FOCUS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF JESUS. EVEN AS THE DARKEST NIGHTS OF THE YEAR MAKE WAY FOR THE LENGTHENING OF DAYLIGHT, OUR HEARTS YEARN FOR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO ILLUMINATE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS.

YET THE NEW YEAR IS ALSO A TIME TO EMBRACE AND CELEBRATE THAT OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH IS ALL ABOUT NEWNESS: NEW LIFE, NEW CHANCES, AND NEW POSSIBILITIES. LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEAD US TO NEW BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR.

MARK THESE DATES:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH --DURING WORSHIP AT 10:30, COME CELEBRATE WITH THE WISEMAN AS WE FOLLOW THE STAR TO THE MANGER IN BETHLEHEM.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH --DURING 10:30 WORSHIP, THE INSTALLATION OF THE BOARD AND OFFICERS FOR 2013. ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND. THE REST OF US ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND SUPPORT THEM AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR IN THE LIFE OF MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Finally Brothers and Sisters in Christ, John and I are grateful beyond measure for your love and generosity; but even more for the loving kindness you continue to extend to us. We are blessed to be a part of Millersburg Christian Church. We continue to pray for you and thank God for you. We wish you all good things for 2013.

CHRISTMAS AT MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

Pictures contributed by Rev. Gulick and Rita Adams



Tom and Beth Haas lighting a candle in the Advent Wreath.



Rita Adams, Barbara Moran, Elaine Long, Lois Long, Brenda Rose, Patty Eggleston, Carolyn Anderson, Vicki Fritz, Terri Collins, Lauren Begley, Jana Bush and Sandy Langewisch enjoyed Christmas cookies!



Gary Eggleston, Larry Baumgartner, Jeff Moran, Bill Anderson, Paul Langewisch and Stan Adams ate their share too!



J.O.Y. Choir members Jeff Moran, Barbara Moran, Rita Adams and Patty Eggleston, accompanied by Beth Haas singing at the 2012 Christmas Program.

Christmas Blessings and Thankfulness

Our thanks to Allison and Jesse Hutchison for the wonderful jobs they did helping guide the children in our annual Christmas play, especially with just having baby Finn in October! In addition to the traditional Living Nativity, Jesse read a very special story “The Light of Christmas” by Dandi Daley Mackall to the children. The J.O.Y. Choir shared two songs, “Under the Stars” and “Noels of Christmas”, directed by Barbara Moran and accompanied by Beth Haas.

As always, the evening is inspirational and magical as the children portray Mary, Joseph, angels, animals, shepherds and the star. Many people shared that it’s just not Christmas without the church Christmas dinner and play. We appreciate the parents and grandparents bringing the children to practice and for their help that evening. Thank you to the worship committee for our wonderful potluck dinner. We also want to thank Suzi Whitmar for helping with our children every Sunday and the many special events throughout the year.

Nativity Cast In Order of Appearance: Star: Becka Garrett; Angels: Kali Eggleston and Maddie Hutchison; Mary: Emma Suedmeyer; Joseph: Jake Suedmeyer; Animals: Eli Hutchison, Alex Mielke and Cooper Gehring; Shepherd: Suzi Whitmar

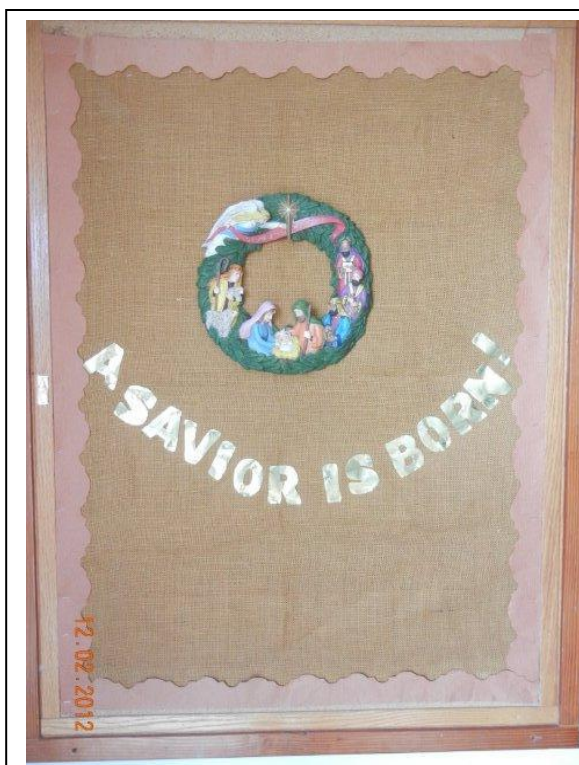


2012 Christmas Nativity
Peace on Earth!

CHRISTMAS AT MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH!



The Hutchison family lights the Advent Candle



Another Elaine Long Bulletin Board Creation!



Decorating the Christmas Tree!



Good food was enjoyed by many!

With Our People. .

Congratulations to:

- ***Jordan Collins**, who received a 4.0 GPA in her first semester at college!
- ***Katie and Rileigh Huffman**, who skate with the "Formation Sensations" at Washington Park Ice Arena in Jefferson City, are headed to National Competition in April after placing first in Synchronized Figure Skating Nov. 3 at Linn Creek's Fall Fling Skating Competition. Rileigh is on the youth team and Katie on the senior team.
- ***Terry and Vicki Fritz**, who celebrated their 40th

Appreciation and Gratitude to:

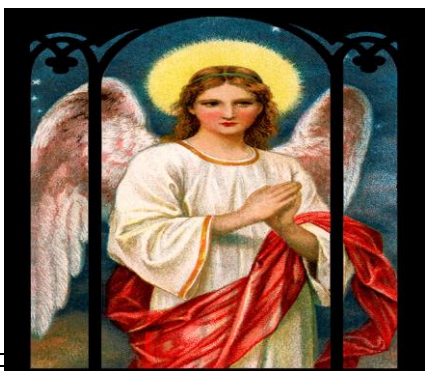
- *Larry Baumgartner's granddaughters – who gathered at his home recently to carry on the tradition of candy making started by their Grandma Pat.

Prayers for:

- ***Jenny Brown and family**, Rev's. John and Barb Gulick's daughter
- ***Hazel Pahl**
- ***Edie Gilbert**
- ***JoAnn Dinunzio** (Stan Adams' sister)
- ***Virginia Williams**
- ***Peggy Rose**
- *Families and Friends from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT

Sympathy to:

- ***Patty and Gary Eggleston and their families** on the death of Patty's mother
- ***Brad and Jennifer Weiss and their families** on the death of Brad's father, Don Weiss, December 15.

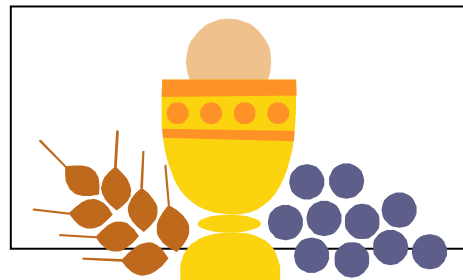


Thank you!

***SOCKET** used to send holiday popcorn tins to their business customers every year. In 2011, they decided to make donations in their customers' names and donated over 450 toys to Toys For Tots for needy children. This year they are sending 10 World War II veteran's on an Honor Flight to see their memorial in Washington, DC.

***Fulton Boy Scout Troop 50 Repairs and Donate Bicycles** - For the past several months, Scouts with Troop 50 have been refurbishing broken bicycles provided by Wal-Mart and giving them to area individuals and groups such as Missouri Girls Town and Camp Hickory Hill for Diabetic Children. They delivered at least 28 more to SERVE for the Adopt-a-Family registrants, bringing the total number of bikes donated thus far to 50.

*Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! We are so fortunate to be a part of such a caring congregation. - Carolyn



Those Who Serve in January

ELDERS:

Elaine Long
Patty Eggleston

DIACONATE:

Jeff Moran Usher
Tom Haas Usher
Barbara Moran Prepare

BREAD LIST:

January 6 Elaine Long
January 13 Linda Cassidy
January 20 Vicki Fritz
January 27 Beth Haas

Birthdays are shown in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics

January, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 <i>Joshua Bright</i>	3 <i>Amanda Smith</i>	4 <i>Randy Pahl</i>	5
6 <i>Hazel Pahl</i>	7 Choir 7-8	8 Board Meeting Elders – 6:15 Board – 7:00	9 <i>Justin Collins</i>	10 MPS 8-12 5-8	11	12 <i>Brenda Rose</i>
13 Installation of New Board & Officers <i>Carolyn Anderson</i> <i>Kamden Nolte</i> <i>Steve Whitworth</i>	14 Choir 7-8 MPS Parent Meeting 6:00 <i>Brad Weiss</i>	15 MPS 8-12 CWF – Rita Adams, hostess – program to be determined	16 <i>Kathryn Leonard</i> <i>Kathy Craighead</i>	17 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Lance Bethell</i> <i>Terri Collins</i>	18 <i>Gabriella Loyd</i> <i>Debbie Owens</i>	19
20	21 Choir 7-8 Newsletter Articles Due <i>Sandy Langewisch</i>	22 MPS 8-12 <i>Cindy (Pahl) Quick</i>	23 <i>Tara Murray</i>	24 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Devon Kukal</i> <i>Yolanda Schafer</i>	25 <i>Yvonne Bryant</i>	26 <i>Cathy McCray</i> <i>Kali Eggleston</i> <i>Marvin & Yvonne Bryant</i>
27 <i>Stacy Bryant-Wimp</i> <i>J. D. & Letha Baumgartner</i>	28 Choir 7-8	29 MPS 8-12 <i>Coralie Forsee</i>	30	31 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Megan Kukal</i>		

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