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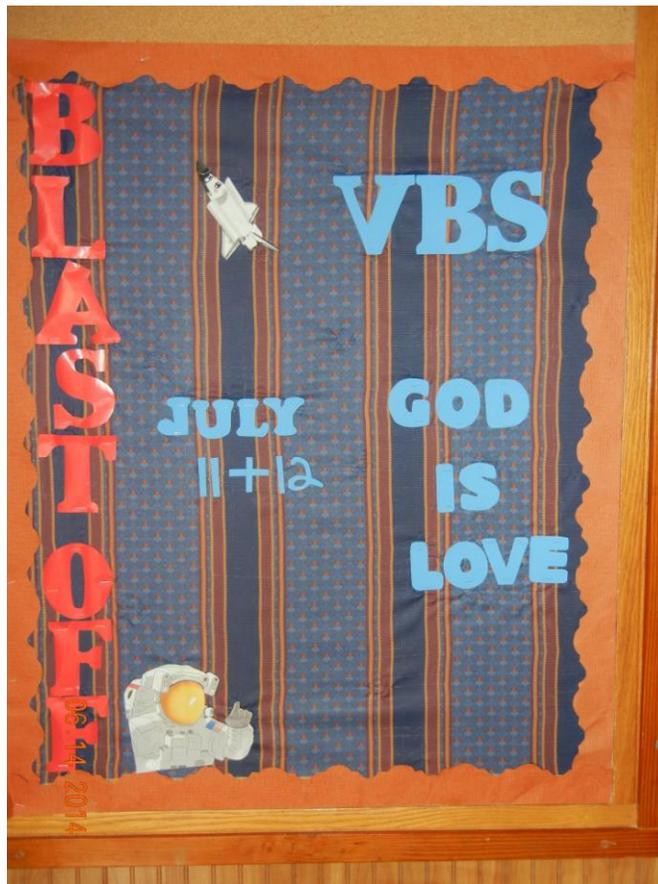
“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart.”

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***Blast Off with VBS
Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love***

Vacation Bible School is coming up July 11 and 12. Fun activities are being planned for the kids. VBS will start the Friday evening, July 11 at 6 pm and run until about 8:30 pm. Saturday, July 12 will run from 9 – 11:30 am. On Sunday, July 13 after worship, the Membership Committee will be hosting a Pulled Pork barbecue and Ice Cream Social. Come enjoy the food and fellowship! Membership Committee is providing the pork and ice cream. Please bring a side dish to share. Our VBS families are encouraged to join us!

God loves us, so love each other will be a key theme as they Blast Off on their mission to learn about Jesus. This program is filled with Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear and touch. Please pass the word along to any kids you know. VBS is the most fun when there are lots of kids to share the experience.

One of the items we need to borrow from a church member is a pop-up canopy. This will be decorated and be the location where the kids have their lesson during VBS. If anyone has one they would let VBS borrow, please contact Sarah at 573-819-0806 or sb.gehring@gmail.com.

The next planning meeting will be after church on July 6. Contact Sarah with any questions.

Reflections
Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

“Whoever welcomes one such little one in my name, welcomes me.” Matthew 18:6
“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

Jesus lived in an age in which one’s value as a human being was determined by one’s wealth and power. (I will leave it to the reader to draw any parallels with our modern age.) At the top were the ruling classes; at the bottom were the marginalized: the poor, sick, homeless, hungry, imprisoned, widows, and the most powerless of all—the children. Not surprisingly, Jesus sometimes used the phrases *little ones* or *least of these* to refer to both children and the outcast in the same breath.

Sadly and much to Jesus’ dismay, the religious institutions of his day adapted the same standards as the culture around them. Thus the temple hierarchy developed around the rich and powerful members of the congregation. Neither little ones nor the least of these were welcomed or even acknowledged. Their needs were not tended to. Their presence was not celebrated. Anyone who disagreed was afraid to speak up—it was too risky—until Jesus came along willing to risk his all. Over and over, in sermons, in parables, over meals, in conversation and teachings Jesus described the Kingdom of God where everything would be turned upside down and the weak would become powerful--the first would be last. *Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.*

In establishing the new Christian churches, the apostle Paul talked about the wonderful variety of gifts that the spirit gives to everyone in the church, presumably even the least of these—and especially the little ones—and we all benefit. So all these years later, here at Millersburg Christian Church, we are proud to reach out to welcome the little ones and the least of these in Jesus name. AND we would equally welcome anyone wealthy and powerful who might happen our way, too. We celebrate them all. And it’s still a risky business.

To God be the glory. Amen.

See you in church!

“When two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I’ll be there.” Matthew 18:20

Summer Sunday School - Taking a Break!

Our Sunday School teachers are taking a break. Please join us again at 9:30 on Sunday, September 7th. Worship will continue as normal from 10:30 - 11:30.



Alison Godar, Rita Adams and Crystal Collins pose with a screen shot of MCC's website.

Thank you to William Woods University "SWAT" Members Alison Godar & Crystal Collins! What is SWAT? It stands for Student Website Advancement Team and it's a student-managed business, supervised by Dr. Linda Davis. It is comprised of students who interview and are selected based on their GPA, work ethic, and skills. The organization works with real business clients to create, manage and revise websites. We learned they provide these services for free to not-for-profits so Jeff Moran and Rita Adams began working with these 2 dedicated students. In just a couple of months they totally revamped our website using Word Press and since then Jeff's been busy adding more pictures. As a small token of our appreciation to Alison and Crystal, certificates of recognition were presented along with 2-\$15 gift cards from Beks. If it's been awhile since you perused our website, please login to: www.millersburgchristianchurch.org

Our Committees At Work!

Save the Date!

Sunday, July 13 – Pulled Pork and Ice Cream Social – after worship. Come enjoy the food and fellowship! Membership Committee is providing the pork and ice cream. Please bring a side dish to share. Our VBS families are encouraged to join us!

Saturday, August 16 – Bluegrass Worship Service – 5:00 pm. Music by Good Turn Daily. Arrive early to hear lots of good music! And please join us for refreshments and visiting after the service. After the service, drive on east to Central Christian Church's annual BBQ and enjoy some delicious food!

Saturday, September 20 – Millersburg Celebration – This annual event always has a fun parade, good food at the Millersburg Lion's Club, and activities for the children. Meet at the church by 9:30 am to join our float in the parade.

Saturday, September 27 - "Work of Our Hands" Bazaar and Auction - Our annual Work of Our Hands Bazaar and Auction is set to start 5:30 pm on Saturday, September 27, so mark your calendar! What will you make? Dust off your paint set, sewing machine, or work bench, etc. and make something to sell. Also time to start thinking about what favorite sweet treats you will make. Proceeds will further the ministries of Millersburg Christian Church. A light, deli dinner will be provided, followed by lots of desserts. In about three months, on Saturday, September 27, we'll join together and celebrate the work of our hands!

Sunday, October 26 – "Bring a Friend to Church" - Please invite your neighbors and other friends to join us in church on October 26. After enjoying worship together, we'll share a potluck meal.

Women's Prison Pack - Pack Value \$ 9.00

The hygiene items in this pack will be given to the women in the Vandalia Prison and the Chillicothe facilities. There are approximately 3,000 women housed in the MO prison system. The women must purchase their own shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste through the prison store. However, most women don't have money to purchase any of these items. The Department of Corrections has very strict rules about what can be given. So we need to carefully check that none of the products contain alcohol.

Often a person ends up in prison because of choices they have made. A bad choice can mean that there are tough consequences. While we and the women understand that they lose certain privileges, our faith teachings tell us that we want to show them the love and compassion that God has for everyone.

1 -Shampoo (12-16 oz. size, alcohol-free only, must be transparent)

***Acceptable brands: Suave, Equate Herbal, Personal Care Herbal, Alberto VO5, Style**

1 -tube toothpaste (6 - 6.4 oz. size, alcohol-free only)

***Acceptable brands: Ultrabrite, Colgate, Crest, Aquafresh & Gleem**

1 -Deodorant (2-3 oz. size, alcohol-free only, no roll-ons, no men's brands)

***Acceptable brands: Mitchum for Women, Almay Clear Gel, Soft & Dri, Crystal Stick**

1 Emery board

1 Pencil

5 Standard envelopes with 5 sheets of writing paper (6" X 9" folded in thirds, with part of the paper not in the envelope.)

Toothbrushes are not allowed as part of these kits.

From the Stewardship and Finance Committee. . .

Yes, it's only July, but it is still the time of this year when the various church committees need to start planning for 2015. Between now and September 1, each committee needs to meet for the purpose of planning their budget askings for 2015. The Stewardship and Finance Committee needs these budget askings by September 1 so that the whole church budget can be prepared for presentation to the Board of Directors and then the congregation in November. Thanks!

And:

A gentle reminder that we do at this time of year: Although it is summer and folks are busy with vacations and other activities, the business of the church continues. Please remember to keep up with your pledge offerings to MCC so that we can continue with our mission projects and paying our bills. Thanks!



Thank you to Jeff and Barbara Moran, Patty Eggleston, Lonnie Vaughn and Larry Brown (not pictured) for our uplifting Bluegrass Gospel service, June 21st!

Olivet Gazebo Summer Concerts



FREE CONCERTS IN JULY AT 7:30 P.M. – Bring your lawn chairs, Blankets and enjoy!

JULY 30 – CANOTE FAMILY

Program Lineup

**Wednesday,
July 9th**

**Musician and
storyteller
Larry Brown**

**Wednesday,
July 16th**

Mere Mortals

**Wednesday,
July 23rd**

**Musical Duo
Graceful Accord**

Dear MCC Family – I want to say a very heartfelt thank you for the many kindnesses shown Dan and I since October 13th in my battle with cancer. I appreciate all the prayers, kind words, inspirational gifts, food, cards and help with multiple tasks. You were a part of my team who gave me strength to fight the battle. I am winning; cancer is gone and it is a slow process to regain my strength, but it is happening.

These words are framed in my doctor's office and I read them each time I visit. I hope you can find them as a gift for whatever battle you or someone you know may face.

What Cancer cannot take away –

It cannot take away

Faith

Or shatter

Hope

Or lessen

Love

It cannot destroy the

Friendships

Or invade the

Soul

Or take away

Eternal Life

It cannot conquer my

Spirit.

With love and much appreciation – Brenda Rose



Prayers for:

- *John Gulick, who has been battling a bad cough;
- *Marie Lytle, who fell and fractured her pelvis;
- *Faye Robbins, who continues to heal from her broken ankle;
- *Sincere sympathy to Jeff and Barbara Moran and family upon the recent death of Jeff's Uncle Bob;
- *Kamden Nolte, who broke her ankle;
- *Congratulations to Kayla Johnson and Joel Acton, who were married May 31st;
- *Chet Johnson
- *Jesse Vaughn, who fell recently
- *Vicki Fritz, for continued healing
- *John and "Miss Sherri" Griffin on the death of John's father, Harry Griffin.
- *Marilyn Thomas

Those Who Serve in July

ELDERS:

John Gulick
Robert Thomas

DIACONATE:

Gary Eggleston
Patty Eggleston

Dear MCC friends –

Thank you so much for all of the phone calls, cards and prayers during my recent skin cancer scare. I am healing fine and soon this will all be behind me.

Thanks again -
Vicki Fritz

The family of June Wickell Russell wants to thank our friends and church family at Millersburg Christian Church for the love and support shown to us during our mother's 2 hospitalizations, rehabilitation at Presbyterian Manor and her sudden and untimely death May 10th. We deeply appreciate all that was done for us during these difficult times. Thank you for the visits, caring words, prayers, cards, flowers, food and memorial donations made in her memory, Court Street United Methodist and Millersburg Christian churches, The MASTERS, American Red Cross, Callaway County United Way and St. Labre Indian School. Mom also appreciated Rev. Larry Brown's visit and sing-along in the hospital. Mother enjoyed receiving the church newsletter and attending the various events at MCC, it was her 2nd church so we appreciate her name being placed on the memorial board, along with my dad, Rip Russell. Once again, our church family was right there beside us, providing needed substance, whatever it may be. We are forever grateful and will never forget your compassion and friendship.

Rita and Stan Adams and family

Birthdays are shown in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics

July, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Rita Adams</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 MPS 8-5 Board of Directors – 7:00 <i>Bill Hudson</i> <i>Amiria Harper-Rose</i> <i>Cindy Baumgartner</i>	9 <i>Stephen Bryant</i> <i>Jeremy Czeschin</i>	10 MPS 8-5 <i>Beau Landrum</i> <i>Tom & Beth Haas</i>	11 Vacation Bible School <i>Craig Latty</i> <i>Paul Schmidt</i>	12 Vacation Bible School
13 After Worship Fellowship – BBQ & Ice Cream	14	15 MPS 8-5 <i>Kim Loyd</i> <i>Emmett Crane</i> <i>Gary Hackmann</i>	16 <i>Jennifer Weiss</i>	17 MPS 8-5 <i>Kate Bedsworth</i>	18 <i>Bowen Force</i>	19 <i>Danny & Brenda Rose</i>
20 <i>Huston Force</i> <i>Janna Islam-Rose</i>	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22 MPS 8-5 Book Club <i>David & Cheryl Rose</i>	23	24 MPS 8-5	25	26 <i>Bill Anderson</i>
27	28	29 MPS 8-5	30 Newsletter Assembly	31 MPS 8-8 MPS Art Show		

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July 11 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

July 12 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

July 13 - Pulled Pork Barbecue and Ice Cream Social after worship

Bring a dish to share!!