

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

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

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# **VOLUNTEER SPECIALISTS!!**

Jeff and Barbara Moran are volunteers for PET (Personal Energy Transportation) in Columbia. Jeff started 3 years ago because he thought it was a good organization doing good work so when he retired, he put his name on the list to work for PET. Eventually, he started building PET's – as a left-rear-end assembly specialist. When Jeff's partner couldn't be there, Barbara started filling in to help (on the right-rear-end) as it is difficult to flip the unit with only one person. She is now volunteering on a regular basis as a cutting specialist – cutting all the vinyl and foam for the seats. Together they are now the trip coordinators for distributing PETS in the future.

Jeff submitted the following report for the newsletter about their recent trip. They will also be delivering the message on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to share more stories about their experiences in Guatemala. Please join us and if you haven't already, meet this awesome couple!

We have returned from Guatemala where we helped distribute PETs (Personal Energy Transportation (see <u>www.giftofmobility.org</u> for more info about this project). More than 20 million people around the world have lost the use of their legs due to injury or disease, or in the worst cases, have no legs at all. Often, people who receive PETs have crawled on the ground or depended on others to carry them from place to place. Sometimes their lack of mobility forces them to beg for money and food; they cannot go to school or church or work at a job. A PET provides them with mobility to do all of those things, as well as being able to look others in the face.



A young woman with deformed legs crawled into the PET distribution site.



She was fitted with a PET



He received a new PET to replace his old one that had a broken brake and worn out tires.



She smiled after receiving the PET.

# Reflections

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

### **Christ is Risen!**

**Christ is risen, indeed!** As I write this en route to South Florida, *alleluias* are still echoing in my mind. Easter and all of the preceding Holy Week was an especially grand and glorious celebration of the resurrection this year at Millersburg Christian Church. Even the Easter morning weather joined in the refrain. For some in our congregation Easter came in the midst of serious family concerns, heart break, and lingering sorrows. For others it marked new beginnings. Whatever is happening in our lives - Easter always comes with the sweet and grace-filled promise of new life and an eternity for setting things right with God and one another.

It is my hope and prayer that in our five Holy Week and Easter services we touched lives, opened hearts and minds to God's leading, and made room for God to do God's work in us and through us and around us. By the way, nearly 200 people were in attendance during those services. Of course there were many dedicated "repeaters" but there were also people in each service who only attended that one service. And there were people who had never been to MCC before as well.

I always hesitate to issue "thank-you's" by name for fear of leaving someone out so I apologize ahead of time. There were so many devoted volunteers all week long cooks and cookie bakers and dish washers, and traffic parkers and ushers and deacons and elders and greeters and communion preparers and sanctuary decorators and flyer distributers and sign planters and so many more...but I also want to single out Vicki Fritz, Stan and Rita Adams, Jeff and Barbara Moran, Beth Haas, Patty Eggleston, Carolyn Anderson, Brenda Rose who was back on our volunteer list - yeah!, Sunny Side, who were wonderful beyond words, and our own glorious Gloryland! God is good and every morning is Easter morning from now on!

Finally, John and I are very grateful for a couple of weeks of Rand R. We will be back in time for Mother's Day. Rev. Brad Sheppard, director of Our House homeless shelters will fill the pulpit very capably on April 27<sup>th</sup> and Barbara and Jeff Moran will share their inspiring experiences on their recent PET mission to Guatemala on May 4<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss either Sunday.

To God be the glory!

# Holy Week at MCC!



Thank you to the Sunny Side band - Vic Phelps, Steve and Sharon Clark and Denny and Mary Spurling for their uplifting service for Holy Saturday! Approximately 65 people attended.



Thank you to the Millersburg Gloryland Band -Jim Borwick (Mere Mortals), Jeff Moran, Patty Eggleston, Beth Haas, Barbara Moran and Rick Howard (Good Turn Daily) who provided music for our Easter Sunrise Service. Larry Brown is not pictured.



Rev. Gulick, Aidan Whitworth (Dan and Brenda Rose grandson), Suzi Whitmar and Savannah Bethell prepare for our 10:30 service.



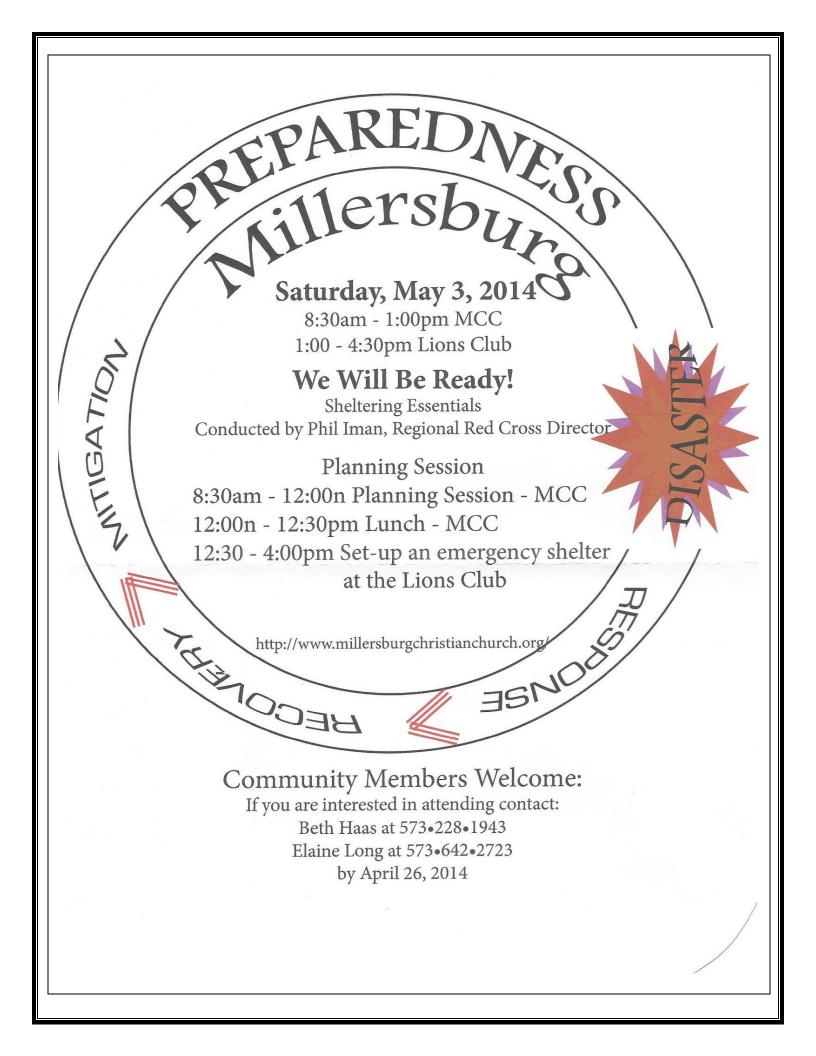
We had a full stage for children's time! Aidan and Cooper Whitworth, Brock Simmons, Savannah Bethell, Embry Woods, Miles Bethell and Charlotte Bethell!



\*To Alyssa Cassidy on her upcoming internships in Springfield and her trip to China! \*To Rev's. John and Barbara Gulick who celebrated their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently!

\*To Lance Bethell who was one of the recipients this year of the David White Outstanding Service in Education awards.

\*To Rose Bethell who was selected as the Stellar Staff Member of the Quarter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter!





The Third Annual Wine Tasting fundraiser for Our House: Caring for Callaway's Homeless will be held at the Serenity Valley Winery (right here in beautiful Millersburg), Monday, May 5, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Tickets are \$20 each, which gets you a couple of glasses of wine and some snacks. There will be live music. Jeff has tickets if you would like to purchase one or more in advance.

Thanks.

### Crosswind Ranch/ Spirit Riders "Fishing With Friends"

Each Sunday in May beginning May 4, 2-6 pm. Kids must fish with an adult chaperone. This event is open to the public and will be catch and release fishing. No experience is necessary and equipment will be provided. Weather permitting. Pond side activity each week.

> Crosswind Ranch 3788 County Road 237 Fulton, MO 65251 <u>www.crosswindranch.org</u> Questions: <u>573-310-1372</u>

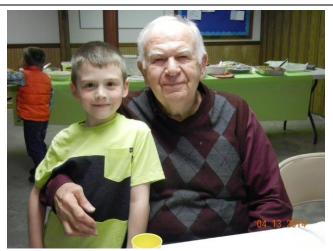
(This is where our MCC Fellowship Group went & toured learning about Sue Crane's Not-For-Profit Spirit Riders Program in 2013).



MCCF met April 10 and heard a very interesting program about the Columbia and Fulton Farmer's Market, given by Tammy Sellmeyer. The meeting was hosted by Vicki Fritz. Pictured: Patty Eggleston, Lee Plank, Tammy Sellmeyer, Margaret Blattner, Kathy Craighead, Karen Ackley, Vicki Fritz and Sharon Plank. Not pictured: Rita Adams and Carolyn Anderson.



Palm Sunday luncheon – Patty Eggleston, Alex and Samantha Mielke, Suzi Whitmar, Kali Eggleston and Gary Eggleston.



John and Jackson Gulick enjoying Easter Sunrise Breakfast!



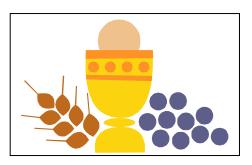
Congratulations, Laura Bettenhausen and Will Gust on your upcoming marriage!

#### Prayers for:

\*Suzi Whitmar's grandmother who broke her collarbone

\*Marilyn Thomas

\*June Russell, Rita's mother, who is residing at Presbyterian Manor for rehab following surgery. The family appreciates everyone's cards and concern. \*Faye Robbins, who fell and broke her ankle \*Peggy Rose, who continues to improve after shoulder replacement surgery



#### Those Who Serve in May

#### **ELDERS:**

Elaine Long Brenda Rose

**DIACONATE:** 

Jesse Hutchison Jeff Moran

#### BREAD LIST: May 4

May 11 May 18 May 25 Joyce Schermerhorn Anna Sue Harmon Kathy Craighead Ralph Rowlett



Kali Eggleston, Alex Mielke, Cooper and Aidan Whitworth, Brock Simmons, Embry Woods, Savannah Bethell, Miles Bethell and Charlotte Bethell enjoying Rev. John's children's sermon on Easter morning.

Birthdays are shown in italics Anniversaries are shown in bold italics				May, 2014		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				MPS 8-12 5-8 Dan Cassidy Allen Bright		8:30-1:00 Classes for Disaster Training <i>Heather Forsee</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Missions Committee Meets After Church <i>Gary Long</i>	MPS 6-8	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 5-8 MCCF - ? Dusty Baumgartner		
11	12	13	14		16	17
		MPS 8-12 Board of Directors 7:00 Elders – 6:15	Dillon Baumgartner	MPS 8-12 5-8 Reesha Adamson		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Music Sunday Pastoral Relations	Newsletter Articles Due	MPS 8-12 9:00-11:30 Church &		MPS 8-12 5-8		
Actions Meeting After Church Angie Crane	Meghan Whitworth Art Smith	MPS Play Day <i>Earl &amp; Kathy</i> <i>Bryant</i>	Shannon Baumgartner Jay & Anna Sue Harmon	Jana & Kerry Bush	Bess Reisch	Jason Hatfield Lauren Rose
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Book Club 6:30	Newsletter Assembly			
		Jana Bush Shirley Martin	Stanley McCray Robert & Marilyn Thomas	Jerry & Tina Arnold		Tim McCarty

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# Music Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Come and enjoy our very own J.O.Y. Choir as they lead the worship service in song!