



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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Job Opportunities at MCC!

Sharon Plank has resigned her position as church bookkeeper effective December 31, 2015. We are grateful for her work and dedication to Millersburg Christian Church.

The search for a new bookkeeper is underway. Primary responsibilities include preparing monthly cash flow statements, reconciling bank accounts, paying bills and interacting with the church treasurer. A small stipend is provided.

This is a unique opportunity for someone to share their bookkeeping skills in a church environment. Experience with a spreadsheet program is required.

For more information on Millersburg Christian Church and the bookkeeper position please go to millersburgchristianchurch.org. Information specific to the position is located under *Jobs* which can be found under the *About Us* tab. Anyone interested in the position is encouraged to contact Jeff Moran, Board Chair at 573-642-9749.

Can you play the piano? We are looking for someone who is available Sunday mornings for approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to play for our worship service. The pianist is responsible for a prelude to begin our service; special music while offering is being taken up and special music during our communion time. 3-5 hymns are normally sang. Our worship service begins at 10:30 and is usually over by 11:45. A small stipend will be provided. Please contact Brenda Rose, worship chairman, if interested at 573-642-4912.

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Reflections
Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

Old School Church -- New School Church??

Not so amazingly, “the times they are a’changing.” For the church, the times have been changing and adapting for these 2000 years. When we keep God in the picture, when Jesus is our guide, the changes are good and keep the church dynamic and vital. When the changes are more for the betterment of the members of the church rather than the betterment of the kingdom of God, then not so much. The 20th century saw both types of changes, leaving us in the 21st century with hangovers from both.

A simple way to look at it is as the consumer church - *old school* - and missional church - *new school*. Consumer church is a place to take care of our needs, a place to be fed and filled and entertained - the biggest and the best for us. Missional church is a place with a mission to worship God, teach the word, and feed the Lord’s sheep. Consumer church focus is inward. Missional church reaches outward. Success in consumer church is measured numerically. Success in missional church is measured spiritually. Clearly a case can be made for finding a balance between the two.

Interestingly, Millersburg Christian Church has been *missional* since before it became *new school*. It’s part of who we are. While we encourage thoughtful spiritual growth and respect for one another’s beliefs, we do agree that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, and Lord and Savior of our lives. As the church, we believe that we are called to live as disciples of Jesus and to make new disciples. And that’s what nowadays is called *missional church or new church*. Or maybe “what goes around comes around.”

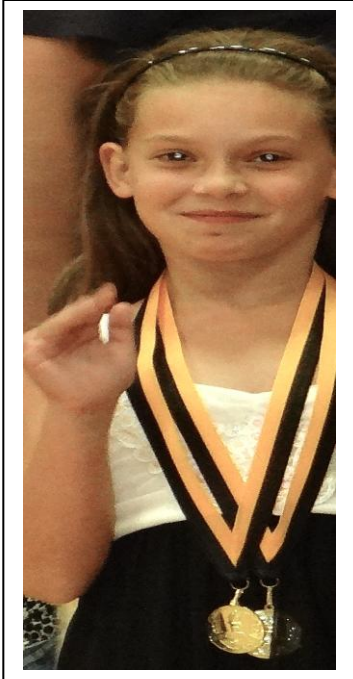
So as we move forward as the church, let us continue to seek balance, but let us also seek to become the church that God is calling us to be in this time and in this place using this group of disciples. The important thing for us now is to be about *doing* God’s work, perhaps in even more hands-on ways than we are used to...

Thank you for the expressions of gratitude during minister’s month: the cards, the kind words and the generous gift certificate. You are an incredible blessing to John and I. We are grateful for the opportunity to take a couple of weeks’ vacation. I look forward to being back in the pulpit on November 15th. God loves you and so do I!!



Minister Appreciation Sunday was observed at MCC October 11th by honoring Rev. Gulick with a special card that was signed by the congregation and a gift card to Ranch House BBQ in Millersburg. She was also presented with a special book on the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mid-America. Thank you for all that you do, Rev. Barb!

Congratulations to...



Kali Eggleston, Braxton O'Bryan and Savannah Bethell! They all received gold medals in Math and Communication Arts for their achievement on the MAP test that was given last spring!

Shakespeare's Pizza

Downtown ~ West ~ South
Fundraiser for

**Millersburg Preschool
and**

Millersburg Christian Church

Thursday, November 19, 2015

We will gather at 6:00 p.m. at the south location (3911 Peachtree Drive) to have a pizza party!

Friends of *Millersburg Preschool and Millersburg Christian Church* will make purchases at Shakespeare's Pizza then 15% of all those sales will be donated to *Millersburg Preschool and Millersburg Christian Church*!

- Present this flyer when ordering. All day, anytime.
- We'll staple a receipt to the flyer and add them all up at the end of the night. 15% will go back to Millersburg Preschool and Millersburg Christian Church!
- Everything on the menu counts: pizza, salad, gift card, or drink.
- Take home some frozen pizzas for later. The more you buy, the more Millersburg Preschool and Millersburg Christian Church makes!

The final Northeast Area Assembly was held Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 at the Broadway Christian Church in Columbia. Thank you, Rita contributing the pictures below.



Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian giving the parting blessing at the close of the worship service.

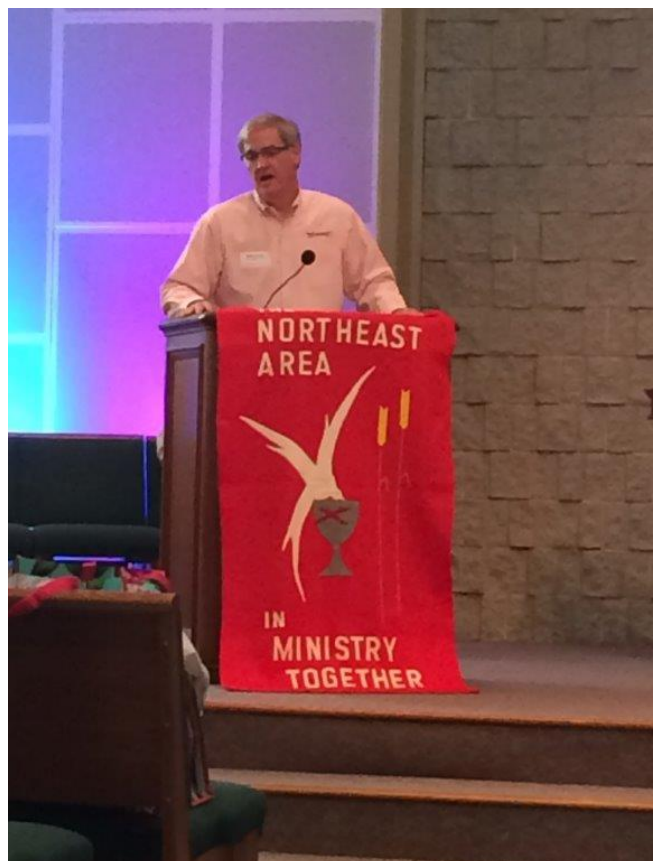
REGISTER NOW:

The Disciples Women's Fall Retreat, **A Woman's Walk with God** will be held November 7-8 at Conception Abby. Join your friends from around Mid-America to hear Rev. Dr. Patricia Donahoo and to learn about your spiritual path. Cost is \$75 and includes lodging and meals.

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Leslie Robb Lesieur and Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian receiving thanks from everyone for their 9 years of service to the Northeast Area Office which is closing December 31st and then the Missouri Disciples Churches will go to a Regional Model.



Mark Palmer, Executive Director of Woodhaven talking about his Grandfather Charles Palmer who started Woodhaven years ago.

President's Ponderings *by Jeff Moran*

As always, there are plenty of ways to contribute to the life of Millersburg Christian Church. In October we asked you for your financial commitment to MCC for 2016, but we also ask for your time and talents: for you to be elders and diaconate, for you to be members of church committees, for you to be involved in the many activities at the church. The JOY choir is starting practices, the Millersburg Christian Church Fellowship is meeting monthly, and, of course, we have Sunday School and worship every Sunday.

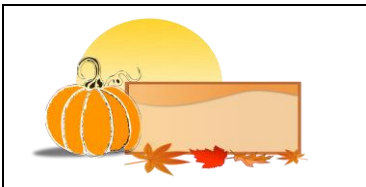
Sunday, November 15th is the annual congregational meeting. Most of the things we consider at that meeting may be "routine", but it is still important for church members to be there and to hear about and vote on the 2016 budget and the new elders and diaconate. Elsewhere in this newsletter you may read about other business items that will be discussed at this meeting. Please plan to stay after church on November 15 for this important meeting.

See you in church!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS!

The last project of Vacation Bible was completed. The children, with the help of church members, raised \$120 and voted to send a goat through Heifer International.

In Sunday School, we are finishing up the Twists 'n Turns lessons. In November, we will begin Little Town which are lessons where kids explore the places Jesus visited: Sychar, Capernaum, Jerusalem, Egypt, Bethlehem and Nazareth.



Prayers of joy and concern....

- *Terry Fritz, who had knee replacement surgery October 26th
- *John Gulick, who fell October 26th but is doing okay
- *Barbara Moran, who is undergoing surgery October 28th.
- *Leo Crane is home and doing well!
- *Marika Tarver is feeling better
- *Prayers of healing for Sandi's Friend, Kathy Cullimore
- *Thank you, Rita for attending the final Northeast Area Assembly
- *Sympathy to the Plank family, whose cousin recently passed
- *Prayers of healing for Stephen Garner's sister, Stacy
- *Prayers of healing for Jerry Dinunzio, Stan Adams' brother-in-law
- *Sympathy for William Brown, whose uncle passed recently
- *Marilyn Bettenhausen, who had partial knee replacement surgery recently



MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda and Dan Cassidy represented MCC at the CROP Walk. Sandi Bernard delivered our Festival of Sharing items to the Columbia office.

The committee met October 25th to "decorate the turkey". Two Thanksgiving baskets will be made and taken to Central Missouri Community Action and they will select two families to receive the baskets. The turkey will go up November 1st. All items must be at the church no later than November 22nd. Information about our SERVE Adopt-A-Family for Christmas will be available soon.

Those Who Serve in November



ELDERS: Barbara Moran
Robert Thomas

DIACONATE: Linda Cassidy
Dan Cassidy

BREAD LIST:
November 1 Linda Cassidy
November 8 Linda Cassidy
November 15 Vicki Fritz
November 22 Patty Eggleston
November 29 Linda Cassidy



Thank you to the Millersburg Gloryland Band for all of their hard work and inspiring music! Larry Brown, Stephen Garner, Jeff Moran, Patty Eggleston, Sandi Bernard and Barbara Moran.

Mark Your Calendars!

1st Sunday Social on November 1.
Join us at 10:05 AM for refreshments and visiting before worship!

Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup - Saturday, November 7th at 10:00

It's been awhile since we've done our entire 2 mile Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup. Thanks to Bryan Wiser who did a section last year! This is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise and most importantly keep our community of Millersburg clean! We've divided the 2 mile stretch into 7 sections so with everyone taking a section it gets the job done quicker. If you can't join us that Saturday morning, please feel free to do your section any time before Monday, November 9th because that is when the Highway Department picks up the trash bags. Trash bags and safety vests are provided. Please see Rita Adams for more information.

MCCF takes on Church Chores - November 11 at 5:30.

We'll order chicken and fixings and work on chores at the church. Millersburg Christian Church Fellowship is open to all, men and women. Some chores to tackle include cleaning kitchen ovens and cabinets, hanging large banners in the sanctuary, sorting and thinning out library books, etc. Come join the fun of working together to keep our building in good shape. Please sign up so we'll know how much chicken and sides to order.



Birthdays are shown in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics

NOVEMBER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 st Sunday Social – 10:05 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set Clocks BACK 1 hour	2 MPS 6-8 JOY Choir – 6:00 p.m. Todd & Tracy Guse'	3 MPS 8-12	4 Mike & Cindy Baumgartner	5 MPS 8-12 5-8	6 <i>Allison</i> <i>Hutchison</i>	7 <i>Andrew Romitti</i>
8	9 JOY Choir – 6:00 <i>Hayden Bush</i> <i>Emma Bright</i>	10 MPS 8-12 Elders Meet – 6:15 Board – 7:00	11 MCCF – 5:30 p.m. Clean the basement with chicken dinner	12 MPS 8-12 5-8	13	14 <i>Pam Garrett</i>
15 Congregational Meeting After Worship <i>Roman Romitti</i> <i>Bryan Wiser</i> Janna Rose & Gazi Islam	16 JOY Choir – 6:00 p.m. <i>Jordan Collins</i> <i>Lisa Cole</i>	17 MPS 8-12 Book Club – 6:30 <i>Cole Czeschin</i>	18 <i>Lisa Bright</i>	19 MPS 8-12 5-8 MPS Fundraiser at Shakespeare's Pizza – South – 6:00 p.m. <i>Patty Eggleston</i> <i>David Wilkerson</i>	20 <i>Mattie Arnold</i> Jimmy & Frances Bittle	21 Larry & Linda Reed Brown
22 <i>Doug Milner</i> Doug & Jo Ellen Miler	23 JOY Choir – 6:00 p.m. <i>Embry Woods</i>	24	25 <i>Kristen Cassidy</i>	26 	27 <i>Arvid Rowlett</i> <i>Sharon Plank</i>	28 <i>Casey</i> <i>Baumgartner</i> Stan & Rita Adams John & Cathy McCray
29	30 <i>Carol Terrell</i>					

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