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

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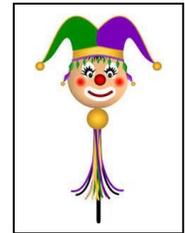
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February, 2016

# *Mardi Gras Supper & Auction*

All You Can Eat!

Saturday, February 6, 2016  
5:00 – 6:30 PM



### MENU

Chicken-Sausage Gumbo  
Chili & Soups  
Finger Sandwiches, Crunchy Vegetables & Dip  
King Cake & Other Desserts

Adults: \$9.00

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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



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*Reflections*  
*Rev. Barbara K. Gulick*

***Good News for the New Year!***

The good news for the new year is three new members in the first three weeks of 2016. Stephen D. Garner, Jr. joined by reaffirmation of faith on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stephen has been attending for several months, participated in the Millersburg Parade with us, is helping with the upcoming Mardi Gras fundraiser, and has many gifts he is eager to share. Randy and Marsha Loyd are longtime Millersburg Christian Church friends who surprised and delighted us by becoming members on January 17<sup>th</sup> by transfer of membership from Millersburg Baptist Church. Welcome Stephen, Randy and Marsha. You bring us great joy in the new year. We pray that we can bring many blessings to one another in all our shared years to come as brothers and sisters in Christ.

***Dinnertime in the Kingdom of God***

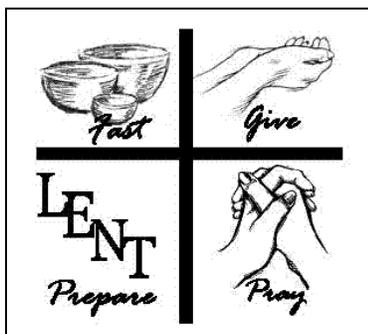
In our Lenten journey to Easter this year, we will examine the centrality of dinners throughout our Biblical record: a sit-down dinner with sinners, picnic on the beach, dinner on the run, feeding a crowd, family dinners, the last supper. The dinner stories will lead us to consider a fresh look at the centrality of communion to our experience as Disciples of Christ. During the six weeks leading to Easter, we will challenge our senses with a variety of ways to share communion. Let us deepen our Lenten/Easter experience this year by coming home to church in time for dinner.

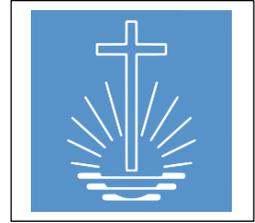
***Ash Wednesday Worship - February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00***

Lent begins with a special Ash Wednesday Service lifting up our human condition and abiding hope in the Lord. The service includes the ancient tradition of the imposition of ashes on the forehead or back of the hand for those who desire. Palms from the previous Palm Sunday are burned for the ashes. It is a touching and meaningful way to begin the most holy season in the Christian church year.

***Who Are We? Special Adult Sunday School - February 14-March 27***

Who are we as Christians and as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Who do we say that Jesus is? Why baptism? What kind of baptism? Why weekly communion? If we don't have a creed, do we believe anything? So, who wrote the Bible? What about heaven and hell? What if we don't believe what the TV commentators say we believe? Who were Stone and the Campbell's and what were they doing in Millersburg? Come and bring your questions. Sundays at 9:30 on the mezzanine.





## We are so blessed.....!

We would like to welcome our newest members to our church:

Stephen Garner officially joined our congregation January 3, 2016

Randy and Marsha Loyd joined us January 17, 2016!

While Stephen, Randy and Marsha have been attending and participating in our church for quite some time, they are now "official" members! Praise God!



### ***Come On Down!***

Back in November a project of Christian Fellowship was to meet and eat (we do it well!) and to do some basic housekeeping at the church. The kitchen and mezzanine areas were the primary targets, but somehow we never made it to the kitchen. 6-7 people showed up and attacked the mezzanine. After many "Why do we keep this?" "Wouldn't this look better over here?" And "Would this not work better if we did.....?" and on and on until we had pitched, recycled, weeded and arranged (and rearranged two or three times) for over 2 hours. We sorted out "doo-dads" (as my Dad would have called stuff of no particular purpose but very important), and of course, added some new "doo-dads". And yes, the clock was moved from one wall to another...change is hard for some of us. This was all with the purpose of making the area more unified, useful, intimate and inviting to honor our heritage, study or read, share in meetings, reflecting and mostly welcoming to new and old alike. It was a simple act of sharing and working together. That's ultimately what church is. I hope you will find a spot and read a book or scripture, check out the lamp that was handmade, look through the history display case, study our many scrapbooks. All of this is our heritage we build together not for the past, but for the future. As I challenge myself to be your Board Chair this year, I challenge you to share with us: in study, worship, fellowship, mission for each other, the community and the world – in Christ's name.

Brenda

### **Next First Sunday Social February 7**

First Sunday Socials continue to be popular with those participating. Thanks to Anna Sue Harmon for taking the lead on coordinating refreshments. Join us before worship, starting at 10:05 AM. All are welcome! Please let Anna Sue know if you would like to provide refreshments for a First Sunday in the coming months.

### ***Ash Wednesday Services Planned***

*Please join us as we gather to observe Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*All are welcome!*



### ***Vitamins for Guatemala***

Jeff & Barbara Moran are leading a team to distribute PET carts in Guatemala in late February-early March. Always needed and wanted are vitamins for women and children. If you'd like to participate in their mission, please bring vitamins to the church by Feb. 14. You can buy the larger packages if cheaper that way, and the team will repackage the pills before distributing. Please check the expiration date - it should be at least Feb. 2017. And thanks!

### **MCCF**

**(Millersburg Christian Church Fellowship)**

**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Potluck Dinner at 6:00**

Program will follow.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Farron Fitzpatrick who will be talking about "Prison Ministry".

All are welcome. For more information, contact Vicki Fritz, our hostess for the evening. 642-2925



*28<sup>th</sup> Annual Art is Ageless Exhibit*

*Recognizing and honoring the many talents of seniors – Open to all area artists 65 and older, amateur or professional*

*Entry deadline: February 22, 2016*

*Exhibit: February 24-26, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*Assisted Living Wellness Room*

*Reception: February 26, 2016 2:00 p.m.*

*Assisted Living Dining Room*

## Saturday Evening Bluegrass Gospel Worship Evaluation

The Bluegrass Committee met October 26 and evaluated the alternative worship service we began in August 2013. We reviewed our purpose and initial goals: characteristics of the service, attendance, congregation-wide participation, self-supporting, etc. The services were well attended overall, the 1<sup>st</sup> service had the highest attendance of 142 with Good Turn Daily to a low of 29 at our last October 17 worship. The Glory Land Band has done an excellent job but to be a true bluegrass band we need a consistent banjo, fiddle and upright bass player. After discussion and prayerful consideration, it was decided to discontinue these Saturday evening worship services. We thank everyone from MCC who participated in any way to make the Bluegrass Worship the success they were, many did at least one job and/or several jobs!

It was recommended a future committee look at offering this type of music or an alternate style in **Sunday** morning worship because those who attended really enjoyed it! We hope to find additional local musicians to play on Sunday mornings whether it is piano, guitar, fiddle, banjo, drums, etc.

As a small token of our appreciation for the many hours devoted to practicing and performing, gift certificates to El Jimador Mexican Restaurant were given to the Gloryland Band members: Patty Eggleston, Barbara Moran, Jeff Moran, newcomer Sandi Bernard and sound tech Stan Adams. A special card of appreciation that we all signed and a small cash stipend was also sent to Rev. Larry Brown. As many of you know, Larry is our former minister but he's a member of Olivet Christian Church so he blessed us by sharing his musical abilities through music and song, going above and beyond and played such a vital role in the success of our endeavor.

Last but not least I want to thank Beth Haas for the beautiful and amazing piano music she shared not only with the Gloryland Band but with our congregation every Sunday for many years! We wish we could have seen you before you moved away, you and Tom are truly missed. We've made memories for a lifetime, who knows what souls were touched during these Saturday night alternative worship services. If you attended these Saturday services, we'd also **LOVE** to have you join us each Sunday morning where we also have beautiful music and a joyful and meaningful message! We can't thank each of you enough and we'll see where the spirit leads us.....

With Sincere Appreciation,  
Rita Adams, Co-Chair



Thanks to Jeff Moran, we now have a new option for those of you who do not like to write checks anymore to pay your monthly bills, etc. On the menu bar at the top of the church home page at [www.millersburgchristianchurch.org](http://www.millersburgchristianchurch.org), Jeff added a "donate" tab. If you click on that, it takes you to a secure donation via PayPal page. Credit cards can also be used. You can also make a monthly donation by way of a debit card (or from a bank account) by just a single click (that is, you can click on a "monthly donation" button at some point during the process). Let us know how you like this new option and thanks again Jeff for bringing our church into the 21st century . . .

### *Stewardship and Finance Report*

For the year 2015, we had income of \$51,098 and expenses of \$54,316, and so a deficit of \$3,216. We had enough funds in reserve to cover this deficit, but, of course, we cannot continue to sustain a deficit budget. For December 2015 (the last month for which we have a financial report), we had income of \$4,120 and expenses of \$3,596, and so a net income of \$524, which bodes well for the future. However, we do need to replace the roof over the sanctuary and do some other infrastructure repairs (replace the ramp to the fellowship hall, add railings to the outside sloping walkways, paint and caulk around some of the windows, etc.). The bid for roof replacement is about \$14,000 and the other repairs may cost \$6,000 to \$7,000.

## Those Who Serve in February



**ELDERS:** Carolyn Anderson

**DIACONATE:** Vicki Fritz  
Joyce Schermerhorn

**BREAD LIST:**  
February 7 Marsha Loyd  
February 14 Anna Sue Harmon  
February 21 Vicki Fritz  
February 28 Sandi Bernard

**SERVE Food Pantry item for the month of February:** Soup and crackers



## Prayers of joy and concern....



- \*Rita Adams, as she continues to recover from a bad fall that left her with 3 broken ribs
- \*John Gulick, who has moved to the Rusk Rehabilitation Center for therapy to help get his strength back
- \*Barbara Moran's mom, Naomi Von Gunten, who is having back surgery
- \*Marika Tarver
- \*Don Adams, Stan Adams brother, who has been in the hospital
- \*Jerry DuNunzio, Stan and Rita Adams brother-in-law, who is recovering from a stroke
- \*Dick Hansen, who is recovering from back surgery
- \*Sincere sympathy to Brad, Jennifer, Manning and Lola Weiss, whose mother and grandmother, Doris Weiss, passed away suddenly.

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Dear Church Family,

I can't thank you enough for the prayers, calls, cards, visits and delicious food you provided Stan and I over the past couple of weeks when I fell in the shower and fractured 3 ribs. I'd never had a broken bone before, let alone ribs but I definitely hope this never happens again! I also want to especially thank my daughter, Nichole "Nikki", for her daily guidance using her Certified Athletic Training knowledge and skill and to my husband, Stan, for his constant devotion in being my caregiver. We truly put our marriage vows of "in sickness and in health" in action. God Bless each of you.

With Love, Rita Adams

## Missions Committee News!

During January MCC has been collecting vitamins for Jeff and Barbara Moran to take to Guatemala in February when they deliver PET (Personal Energy Transportation) items. The vitamins need to be at the church by February 24<sup>th</sup>.

During February MCC will focus on Week of Compassion. The theme will be "Where you go I will go; and where you stay I will stay" based on the story of Ruth and Naomi who were displaced refugees. It is estimated there are 60 million refugees and displaced persons in the world today. This year all money raised through Week of Compassion is specifically going to help refugees and people who have been displaced by violence.

As I watched families traveling hundreds of miles to seek safety, I thought there must be something I could do to help. Even if you do not attend MCC yourself, but you feel you would like to help, you could make out a check to Millersburg Christian Church and indicate Week of Compassion in the left hand corner and give it to one of the Missions Committee members (Karen Ackley, Rita Adams, Margaret Blattner, Patty Eggleston, Elaine Long, or Jeff Moran). Or, as was explained in the January Newsletter, and included again in this Newsletter, a contribution can be made by Pay Pal. Best of all, we would love to see you at church during February and you could personally give a Week of Compassion contribution.

*Birthdays are shown in italics*  
*Anniversaries are shown in bold italics*

# FEBRUARY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> MCC/MPS Board to Board 6:00  MPS 6:30- 8:00 <i>Alyssa  Cassidy</i>	<b>2</b> MPS 8-12	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> MPS 8-12 5-8  MCCF – 6:00	<b>5</b> Food Resource Bank Meeting 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the mezzanine	<b>6</b> Mardi Gras Fundraiser 5:00 – 6:30  <i>John &amp; Lynn  Reynolds</i>
<b>7</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Social – 10:05 a.m.	<b>8</b>  <i>Lance &amp;  Rose Bethell</i>	<b>9</b> MPS 8-12  Cabinet – 7:00  <i>Shelly  Bedsworth</i>	<b>10</b> Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 <i>Karen Ackley  Jim McCray  Janet Landrum  Mike  Baumgartner  Lee &amp; Sharon  Plank</i>	<b>11</b> MPS 8-12 5-8  <i>Marla Carlson</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>Larry  Baumgartner  Cooper  Whitworth</i>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  <i>Errol &amp; Hazel  Pahl</i>	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline <i>Anna Sue  Harmon</i>	<b>16</b> MPS 8-12  <i>Barbara Gulick  Earl Bryant</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Brian McCarty  Jennifer  McCarty  Sara Stephens</i>	<b>18</b> MPS 8-12 5-8	<b>19</b>  <i>Lois Long  Art &amp; Amanda  Smith</i>	<b>20</b>  <i>Rose Bethell</i>
<b>21</b> Pastoral Relations Meets after worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> MPS 8-12	<b>24</b> Newsletter Assembly	<b>25</b> MPS 8-12 5-8	<b>26</b>  <i>Linda Cassidy</i>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>					

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**Morning Worship starts at 10:30 a.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Social is the first Sunday of every month at 10:05 a.m.**

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