



## MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

January, 2017

### PLAN B FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND LUNCHEON – JANUARY 8 EPIPHANY CELEBRATION



#### LET'S GO SEE THE SAVIOR!

Adapted by Barbara Moran from *Let's Go See the Savior!*

*Advent Devotions* by Lois Scheer



***When Christmas nears, we gather at the manger to welcome Jesus and welcome others to come see the Savior for themselves!***

Bad weather resulted in cancellation of the Christmas program and luncheon planned for Dec. 18. We've rescheduled the pageant and added parts for the wise men. Please join us for this special celebration of Epiphany, when the Wise Men arrive at the manger to see the baby Jesus.

For the **All Church Pot-Luck Luncheon** following worship, please bring 2 dishes to share: a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Meat dishes will be provided by the Worship Committee members.

#### What is Epiphany??

Traditionally, January 6, the Twelfth Night of Christmas (Epiphany) marks a visit to the baby Jesus by The Magi, (the three Kings, or Wise Men). The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means 'manifestation'. It celebrates 'the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ'.

In the West, Christians began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century, associating it with the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the three kings found baby Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem. The three kings followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11, they offered symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality. (source: the internet)



Our sanctuary was decorated beautifully with poinsettias in memory or honor of the following people:

Larry Baumgartner, in memory of Pat Baumgartner

Ken and Debbie Owens, in memory of James Owens

Jeff and Barbara Moran, in honor and memory of their parents, Fred and Betty Moran and Robert and Naomi Von Gunten

Bill and Carolyn Anderson, in memory of their parents and husband, John and Betty Anderson and Lloyd and Faye Robbins and Michael Bethell.

Elaine, Bruce and Wayne Long in memory of their husband and father, Gary Long.

Dan and Brenda Rose, in memory of all their family members who have passed and to honor their Millersburg Church Family for all of their hard work to keep our church alive and thriving!

## ***Those who Serve in January***



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### **ELDER:**

Elaine Long

### **DIACONATE:**

Jeff Moran  
Randy Loyd

**SERVE Food Pantry item for the month of January: Household and personal products**



\*Deepest sympathy to MPS member Emily Skinner Fletchall and her 3 daughters, Audrey, Macy and Bryce on the unexpected and sudden death of their husband and father, Derek December 5.

\*Prayers for Lynn Reynolds who was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer

\*Prayers of healing for Bill Gentsch, who is a patient at Boone Hospital

\*Congratulations to Jordan Collins, who graduated from Stephens College with a degree in film production! She was the commencement speaker!

\*Congratulations to Justin Collins on his recent engagement!

\*Congratulations to Lola Weiss, who graduated from The University of Sioux Falls in South Dakota with a BA in Business Administration and a minor in marketing.

\*Congratulations to Brady Parker and Connie Knudsen, who are expecting their first child Easter Sunday 2017! First grandchild for Sandi Bernard!

***COMING SOON TO  
MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH.....  
SAVE THE DATE!!! SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.***



**Join us for a fun evening – popcorn and a drink will be available!!**

## ***Stewardship and Finance***

As of Sunday, December 18, our accounts at Callaway Bank had these amounts: checking - \$6,607; savings - \$6,261. We transferred \$2000 from checking to savings so that a little more of our money would be in an interest bearing account. And remember that \$2,653 is the remainder of the Bridgeton Grant and is ear-marked for an infrastructure project, such as painting. Nonetheless, these figures mean that our year-end financial condition is in better shape than it has been for a couple of years. But while it may seem like we have "a lot of money" at the moment, let me repeat a couple of things. The congregation passed a budget of \$48,000; meeting this budget means having about \$4000 a month in income. We are not meeting that goal with regular pledges/donations. That means relying on fundraisers to pay the general operating expenses. And if we have an incident (like another flood in the basement) that is unplanned and unbudgeted, our money could disappear in a hurry. The best fundraiser, of course (and something that would benefit the church in many other ways, also), is to have a lot more people in the pews each Sunday.

We look forward to the new year with renewed energy and spirit!



Dear Friends of MCC,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. Thank you for thinking of me at this time of year. It was truly unexpected. God Bless You in the coming year! – Lisa Landrum

Thank you so much. Your gift was completely unexpected and deeply appreciated. – Warren and Edie Gilbert

Thank you so much for the most generous Christmas gift. You all are like family to me and I am grateful to be able to serve you. Thanks again – Carolyn Anderson



The Long Family lights the Christ Candle

## ***A Word from Our Board Chair...***

Happy New Year! Hope Christmas was a time of joy and brought you the peace of the season.

2017---can you believe it? I am feeling as though time slides on greased runners. Is that age or what? Although, I hear young people say the same thing so maybe it is just the time we live in where all plays at a fast speed. Sometimes I wish I could slow it down a bit. In reflecting on the advent season, I found much joy in the music, the cookies and shared fellowship with my church family. Even with ice canceling our Christmas program and luncheon, there was still much to enjoy.....and we can still look forward to the program and luncheon on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join us.....a great way to celebrate the new year. And the most joyous of all is the addition of 8 young people to act out the birth of Jesus. What a benefit to MCC; these young ones and their families. I hope we are a benefit to them as well.

By lighting the Advent candles each Sunday until ALL the candles were lighted, especially the Christ candle, we are reminded that the light is with us for all seasons and all year.....it is always new and refreshing and optimistic.

On January 15, Sunday evening at 6:30 we will begin a pilot “movie night” . This is a casual movie viewing (this time will be *Heaven is Real*) for the whole family. Popcorn and drinks will be available and will end around 8:00 ....in time to get young ones home and ready for bed. On this date there is no school the next day as it is the Martin Luther King holiday. If movie night is enjoyed by a few or many, we will try to do it again in February. Perhaps make it a staple for our community. Oh, I forgot to say it is open to all.....so tell your neighbors and friends, or better yet, bring them with you.

New committees are forming and tasks are already at hand.....a grant is being written and will be submitted by the time you read this. This grant has potential to help with our infrastructure and accessibility needs at MCC. If you want to help with a task or program at MCC, please let me know. There are lots of “jobs” and decisions to make each year.....your help is needed and appreciated. It is a great way to get to know people and bring ideas to share.

So new year and new opportunities to be together in Christ.....There is a lot to look forward to at MCC in 2017. We look forward to seeing you.

Brenda



**Millersburg Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*)**  
**2017 Board of Directors**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
<b>Elder</b>	Carolyn Anderson	2017
	Barbara Moran	2017
	Robert Thomas	2017
	Elaine Long (chair)	2018
	Vacancy	2018
	Ralph Rowlett	2019
<b>Diaconate</b>	Rita Adams (co-chair)	2017
	Vicki Fritz	2017
	Bill Anderson	2017
	Vacancy	2017
	Vacancy	2017
	Vacancy	2017
<b>Worship</b>	Jeff Moran	2018
	Brenda Rose	2018
	Vacancy	2018
	Vacancy	2018
	Vacancy	2018
<b>Finance</b>	Randy Loyd	2019
	Gary Eggleston	2019
	Patty Eggleston (co-chair)	2019
	Vacancy	2019
	Vacancy	2019
	Vacancy	2019
Board President	Brenda Rose	642-4912/220-3309
Vice-President	Elaine Long	642-2723
Secretary	Carolyn Anderson	642-2948/220-6769
Bookkeeper	Lisa Landrum	220-3102
Treasurer	Jeff Moran	642-9749
Minister		
Admin. Asst.	Carolyn Anderson	642-2948/220-6769
Church Office		642-2939

At the annual congregational meeting held November 13, 2016 the above board of directors was elected and at the board of directors caucus held December 13, 2016 the above board officers were elected. Also at the meeting, the congregation approved the budget presented in the amount of \$47,700.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Social – 10:00	<b>2</b> <i>Joshua Bright</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Amanda Smith</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Randy Pahl</i>	<b>5</b> MPS 8-12 5-8	<b>6</b> <i>Hazel Pahl</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Christmas Program & potluck after worship	<b>9</b> <i>Justin Collins</i>	<b>10</b> MPS 8-12  Board of Directors – 7:00 p.m.  Elders-6:15	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> MPS 8-12 5-8  <i>Brenda Rose</i>	<b>13</b> MPS Christmas Party <i>Carolyn Anderson Kamden Nolte Steve Whitworth</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>Brad Weiss</i>
<b>15</b> Movie Night – 6:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> <i>Kathryn Leonard Kathy Craighead</i>	<b>17</b> MPS 8-12  <i>Lance Bethell Terri Collins</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>Gabriella Loyd Debbie Owens</i>	<b>19</b> MPS 8-12 5-8	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>Sandy Brock</i>
<b>22</b>  <i>Cindy (Pahl) Quick</i>	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline  <i>Tara Murray</i>	<b>24</b> MPS 8-12  <i>Yolanda Sosnowski</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Cathy McCray Kali Eggleston Marvin &amp; Yvonne Bryant</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>Stacy Bryant- Wimp J.D. &amp; Letha Baumgartner</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <i>Coralie Forsee</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> MPS 8-12  <i>Megan Kukal</i>				

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Please join us at Millersburg Christian Church  
every Sunday!

Morning Worship starts at 10:30 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Social is the first Sunday of every  
month at 10:00 a.m.

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2016 Christmas Cookie Exchange



Larry and Peggy Strawhorn