



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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January, 2016

Please plan to be in worship on **January 10th** as we install our new board - deacons, elders, and officers for 2016 and dedicate them and the entire congregation to God's work in this place according to his will and to his glory. Also, the first Board of Directors meeting is January 12 at 7:00, with the elders meeting at 6:15. The new board of directors for 2016 is:

Millersburg Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*) 2016 Board of Directors

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Elder	John Gulick	2016
	Ralph Rowlett	2016
	Carolyn Anderson	2017
	Barbara Moran	2017
	Elaine Long (chair)	2018
Diaconate	Patty Eggleston	2016
	Karen Ackley	2016
	Joyce Schermerhorn	2016
	Gary Eggleston	2016
	Vacancy	2016
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	Anna Sue Harmon	2017
	Rita Adams	2017
	Vicki Fritz	2017
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	Jeff Moran	2018
	Brenda Rose	2018
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Board President	Brenda Rose	642-4912
Vice-President	Elaine Long	642-2723
Secretary	Carolyn Anderson	642-2948/220-6769
Bookkeeper		
Treasurer	Jeff Moran	642-9749
Minister	Rev. Barbara Gulick	573-556-8280
Admin. Asst.	Carolyn Anderson	642-2948/220-6769
Church Office		642-2939

Reflections

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

With thunder and lightning and floods worthy of an ark as I write this, I still feel certain that the New Year will come full of promise and promises. We are reminded that the faith of our risen Lord is about newness: newness of life, new birth, new growth, new chances. On the squeaky clean surface of a clean slate all things are possible--in our hearts, in our lives, in our world. The best is yet to come. And it all starts with this present moment, teetering on the brink of this New Year.

So it is within the Kingdom of God. So it is within the Body of Christ - his church. It is fitting then, that the new church year begins with the new calendar year. For he makes all things new.

It is my new year's prayer for us that we begin this new year—this 2016—this year that has never been experienced before, this year to which all creation has been leading—with unbridled hope and good and positive energy, unencumbered by any burdens from past efforts, sorrows, fears, failures, or dread. God has important plans for us. God is counting on us. He has equipped us with everything we need for the tasks ahead. He has called good people to lead us who need our encouragement and support. The only thing that can get in our way is our own self-doubt and negativity. It is time to move ahead with joy and blessed assurance.

In the days ahead, let us listen more and speak less. Let us remove negative thoughts and comments from the air around us. Let us seek to build up all good things. Let us seek to serve in Christ's name and remember that this is his church and not ours. We are his disciples. Let us feed his sheep. Let everything we do be to his glory. Amen and Amen.

On a personal note, John and I continue to be blessed by your love, prayers, and generosity. Your caring, cards, visits, calls, and notes during these difficult times mean more than I can express. And your Christmas gift is blessing upon blessing. Thank you so much. You are indeed, brothers and sisters in Christ to us. God bless you



Christmas Pageant 2015

A very special thank you to Jeff and Barbara Moran who once again wrote and directed the annual Christmas pageant. Thank you to all of the children who made it happen! Braxton O'Bryan, Josie, Emmy and Lexi Begemann, Alex Mielke, and Justice and Ava Martin. As always, it was so special.



Innkeeper Braxton reading scripture during the annual Christmas pageant.



Jeff Moran with the youth nativity while Lexi reads her scripture.



Singing and Braxton playing the xylophone Away in a Manger



Mary and Joseph talking with the Innkeeper





Jeff and Barbara Moran lighting the Advent wreath.



Elaine Long reading scripture during Hanging of the Greens



Jeff Moran and Stan Adams hanging a wreath during Hanging of the Greens



Good times and good cookies at the MCCF Christmas Cookie exchange this year!

Now is the time to jump on the bandwagon and decide which committee(s) you would like to join. It is a great way to get to know people better and is fun too! The following people have agreed to chair committees so far. As you can see, there is plenty of room left for you!

Christian Education - No Chair - Members: Elaine Long and Ralph Rowlett
Membership & Evangelism - None

Missions - Elaine Long, Chair Members: Karen Ackley and Patty Eggleston

Property - Patty Eggleston, Chair; Bill Anderson, Vice-Chair Member: Stan Adams

Stewardship & Finance - Jeff Moran, Chair

Worship - Barbara Moran, Chair Member: Vicki Fritz

Please let Brenda Rose know which committee you are interested in learning more about.

Thanks!

President's Ponderings *by Jeff Moran*

Miracles. I believe in miracles. I don't believe that miracles are things that violate fundamental natural laws. But miracles happen every day anyway. The Saturday (December 12) before the Christmas pageant was to be presented in church during regular service time on December 13, the dress rehearsal was, frankly, awful, with many things going wrong. I was looking for a Plan B (or C) just to be able to make some sort of presentation at church on Sunday. But, when it came time to do the show during church, a miracle happened, and the pageant came off pretty well. The kids all did their parts well, the adult choir sang well, and I think it was an enjoyable experience for the congregation. A real miracle had happened.

Christmas is a season of miracles: the birth of Jesus; the fact that more than 2000 years later, we still get together to celebrate that birth; the miracle of our own lives and the consciousness of our uniqueness (that is, we are a collection of atoms that have existed for hundreds of millions of years now arranged in a pattern that can recognize ourselves as individuals from everything else in the universe). Let us celebrate all the miracles in our lives and of this season.

I hope that everyone has had a Joyous Christmas and will have a prosperous New Year!

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 4th

Potluck Dinner at 6:00

Program will follow.

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

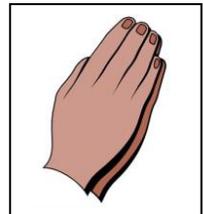
All are welcome. For more information, contact Vicki Fritz, our hostess for the evening. 642-2925



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, 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 . . .

Prayers of joy and concern....

- *John Gulick
- *Kim Force
- *Sincere sympathy to Terri Collins, whose mother passed away recently.



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Thanks everyone very much! I have really enjoyed working to help keep the church clean. May God bless you all - Connie Green

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Thank you so much for remembering me with your generous Christmas gift. It is a joy to continue to be the secretary for the church. Blessings in the New Year - Carolyn

Those Who Serve in January



ELDERS: Elaine Long
DIACONATE: Rita Adams
 Jeff Moran

BREAD LIST:
 January 3 - Jeanette Hudson
 January 10 - Joyce Schermerhorn
 January 17 - Elaine Long
 January 24 - Vicki Fritz
 January 31 - Ralph Rowlett

Missions Committee News!

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Christmas families adopted thru SERVE this year. Because of you, our family was able to have a very nice Christmas. Also, we received a note from Kellie Pontius of Central Missouri Community Action thanking us for the Thanksgiving baskets we provided for 2 families. She said, "We are very thankful for the support of you and your congregation during the holidays, which often can be the most difficult time of the year for our families. Happy Holidays to the Millersburg Christian Church from Central Missouri Community Action."



Membership News!

Newsletters

Membership Committee Holy Folders continue to meet at the end of each month to fold and label our monthly newsletters. About 210 people receive the newsletter in snail mail, and about 80 people receive an e-mail from Carolyn Anderson with the newsletter attached. Jeff Moran also posts the newsletter on our website. Check out the photos in color at www.millersburgchristianchurch.org. Please contact Carolyn if you want to receive the newsletter electronically.

2016 Newsletter Schedule

Newsletter Deadline	Newsletter Assembly
January 18	January 27
February 15	February 24
March 21	March 30
April 18	April 27
May 16	May 25
June 20	June 29
July 18	July 27
August 22	August 31
September 19	September 28
October 17	October 26
November 21	November 30
December 19	December 28

Next First Sunday Social January 3

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.

Dan and Linda Cassidy of Fulton are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Cassidy, to Schuyler Blevins, son of Mark and Michelle Blevins of Auxvasse. Kristen, a graduate of the University of Missouri, is the Catering Sales Manager at The Broadway - A DoubleTree by Hilton. Schuyler graduated from the State Technical College of Missouri and works at the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant. Kristen and Schuyler became engaged on October 9th surrounded by their family and friends. An October wedding is planned.

Birthdays are shown in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics

JANUARY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Joshua Bright</i>
3 1 st Sunday Social – 10:05 a.m. <i>Amanda Smith</i>	4 <i>Randy Pahl</i>	5	6 <i>Hazel Pahl</i>	7	8	9 <i>Jordan Collins</i>
10 Installation of 2016 Board of Directors	11 <i>Randy Pahl</i>	12 Elders – 6:15 Board – 7:00 <i>Brenda Rose</i>	13 <i>Carolyn Anderson</i> <i>Kamden Nolte</i> <i>Steve Whitworth</i>	14 <i>Brad Weiss</i>	15	16 <i>Kathryn Leonard</i> <i>Kathy Craighead</i>
17 <i>Lance Bethell</i> <i>Terri Collins</i>	18 Newsletter Deadline <i>Gabriella Loyd</i> <i>Debbie Owens</i>	19	20	21 <i>Sandy Brock</i>	22 <i>Cindy Quick</i>	23 <i>Tara Murray</i>
24 <i>Yolanda</i> <i>Sosnowski</i>	25 <i>Yvonne Bryant</i>	26 <i>Kali Eggleston</i> <i>Cathy McCray</i> Marvin & Yvonne Bryant	27 Newsletter Assembly <i>Stacy Bryant-</i> <i>Wimp</i> J.D. & Letha Baumgartner	28	29 <i>Coralie</i> <i>Forsee</i>	30
31 <i>Megan Kukal</i>						

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Please join us at Millersburg Christian Church every Sunday!

Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship starts at 10:30 a.m.

1st Sunday Social is the first Sunday of every month at 10:05 a.m.

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Job Opportunity!!

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 Barbara Moran, worship chairman, if interested at 573-220-9112.

