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

REV. PATRICIA A. FARMER, MINISTER

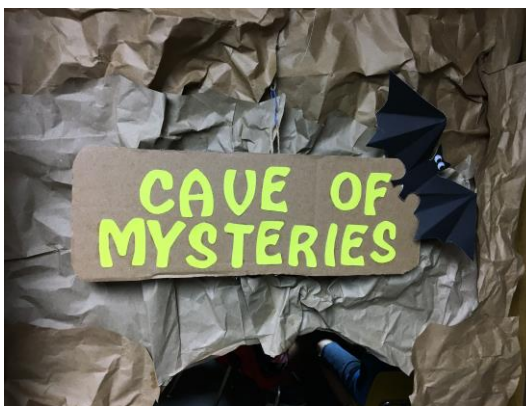
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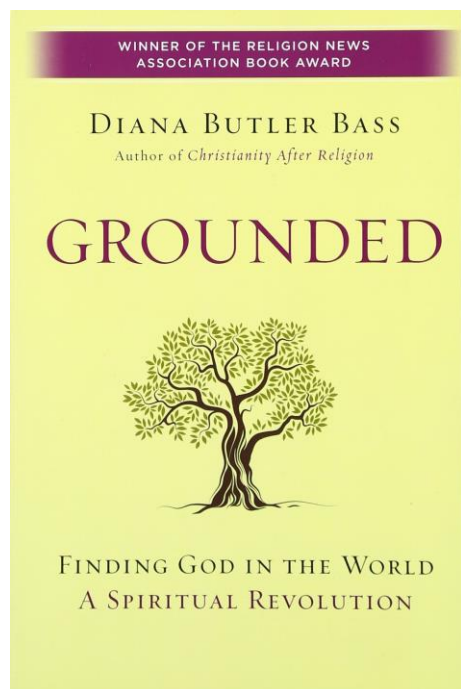
August, 2017



Vacation Bible School was held July 14, 15 and 16 with a luncheon after the church service Sunday. “Brave Cave – Dare to Trust God” was the theme. In the Cave of Darkness, the children navigated their way through a dark passage with the help of a cricket. In the Cave of Mysteries, they chipped away plaster to find an “unknown” inside. One of the kids’ biggest fears is the weather. In the Wild Weather Cave, they explored different weather phenomena. In the Slimy Cave, while hearing a bear snoring, they discussed things of which they should be afraid of while walking a thin plank, trying not to get in the slime below. They also made slime at the Slimy Cave. Some of the children expressed being afraid of trying new foods or touching something slimy. In the Empty Cave, Rev. Patricia told the story about Mary, wondering if she would find Jesus’ body. Crawling through the caves made the spelunkers hungry, so they also stopped at the Grub Cave. VBS would not have been possible without the help of many people. Many hours of planning and making the caves were spent. Thank you to the following people – without you, VBS would not have happened – Brenda Rose, Elaine Long, Jeff and Barbara Moran, Randy Loyd, Peggy Strawhorn, Dana Martin, Ralph Rowlett, Rev. Patricia, Carolyn Anderson. Also, thank you to everyone who provided the “grub” for the Grub Cave. But most of all, thank you to the children who made it all worthwhile – Justus, Ava, Alex, Kali, Charlotte and Reese.



# From the Desk of Rev. Patricia



Where is God in the world? Perhaps you have asked yourself this question as you go about your day, walk the dog, respond to a neighbor's tragedy, or nurture your garden. This fall, the Adult Discussion Class will meet during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m. to discuss this very question and to help one another develop a deeper sense of God's presence in our lives and in the world. We will be aided by the award-winning book *Grounded: Finding God in the World--A Spiritual Revolution* by Diana Butler Bass. Dr. Bass is one of the leading lights in theology and culture today, helping mainline churches to better understand our declining situation, and how to respond with what she calls "a spiritual revolution."

MCC offers so much to our community in missions and outreach! Our outstanding Vacation Bible School in July is an example of such commitment. With all we do to reach out to others as Christ would have us do, we also need to make sure we are spiritually energized and not depleted. I hope this discussion group will be a time for you to find spiritual refreshment, and to share with fellow Disciples your own stories of faith. I am looking forward to sharing with you portions of this highly acclaimed book, punctuated with stories from my own spiritual journey of finding God in the world. But I especially hope that you will be inspired to share your own stories!

We will begin our Fall Adult Discussion Class, "Where in the World is God?" on September 10 (from 9:30-10:15 a.m.) and it will continue through the fall season. (Note: We will take a break the first Sunday of each month for our intergenerational coffee and snack fellowship.)

Join us in September! Bring your stories, your thoughts, your curiosity, and your smile. Let's sip cups of coffee or tea together and enjoy a lively discussion and warm fellowship.

In the meantime, during these "dog days" of summer, cool down and refresh your spirit by attending Sunday worship with us. Your presence is noted and cherished!

Blessings,  
Rev. Patricia

Note: You do not have to purchase this book to enjoy the discussion, but I encourage you get a copy for yourself for a richer experience. *Grounded* is available at most bookstores or online at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (\$9.84 paperback).



## Those who Serve in August



**ELDER:** Carolyn Anderson

**DIACONATE:** Bill Anderson  
Randy Loyd

**BREAD LIST:**  
August 6 Anna Sue Harmon  
August 13 Marilyn Thomas  
August 20 Jeanette Hudson  
August 27 Vicki Fritz

**SERVE Food Pantry item for the month of August: Canned Fruit**

Let's all let Shirley Martin know how much we love and miss her before her surgery August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please drop her a card or better yet, drop in and visit her. Her address is: 2012 Nifong Blvd., Columbia Manor, Columbia, MO 65201 Thanks!



Elaine explains how the children made their handprints and expressed what they were afraid of during VBS.



\*Prayers for Shirley Martin, who will undergo back surgery August 3.  
\*Sincere sympathy for Lee and Sharon Plank, on the death of Lee's sister, Helen Layton.  
\*Prayers of safety for Bill and Jeanette Hudson's grandson, Patrick, who is serving our country as a Green Beret.  
\*Prayers of healing for JoAnn Dinunzio, Stan Adams' sister.  
\*Prayers of JOY and healing for Kim Loyd, Randy and Marsha's daughter-in-law, who recently donated one of her kidneys to a young man so that he might live and both are doing awesome!  
\*Prayers for Mike Muckler, a friend of Stan and Rita  
\*Prayers for the family of Talon Leach, who was among those killed last week in the plane crash in Mississippi.  
\*Congratulations to Rev. Ron Farmer (Patricia's husband) who is the new minister at Oakland Christian.  
**Thank You** - Thank you so much for the food pantry donation to SERVE. Thank you for giving back to the community and for allowing SERVE to distribute those foods to those who desperately need it. - Marilyn Bartley & Yvette Cason - SERVE Team



A community bridal shower will be held at the church for Alyssa Cassidy and Kaleb Killingsworth Sunday, August 13 at 2 p.m. They will be married September 16, 2017 in Lebanon, MO. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Crate & Barrel and Target.

### **"Date Change"**

Since the Millersburg Preschool fireworks fundraiser is August 5, members of the Worship Committee are postponing their trip to Table of Grace Church in Jefferson City on that date.

## ***Your Missions Committee At Work!***

During July, we were to bring 3 cans of tuna, 3 cans of chicken and 3 boxes of macaroni and cheese. The items for August are a jar of peanut butter, 1 package of pasta and 1 can pasta sauce. These items are for the Missouri Food Boxes for the Festival of Sharing in October in Sedalia.

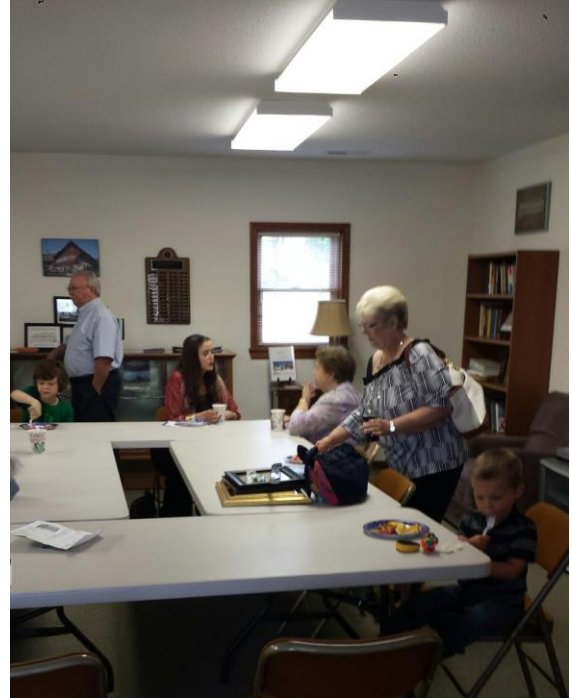
We donated 44 pounds of food to SERVE (see their note of thanks elsewhere in this newsletter) in June and have donated a total of 293 pounds of food to SERVE so far this year.

Check around the house for Best Choice UPC labels. We almost have our 1,000 labels.

### **First Sunday Social August 6**

Join us before worship, starting at 10:00 AM and enjoy some fruit and fresh baked goodies. All are welcome! Thanks to Vicki Fritz and Margaret Blattner who have signed up for the month of August to provide the fruit and baked items.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday social was made special with Rev. Patricia Farmer starting here ministry with us. Everyone got to chat with Rev. Patricia and visit and enjoy cake and fruit.



Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank show the following balances:

	<b><u>Checking</u></b>	<b><u>Savings</u></b>	<b><u>Special Money</u></b>
7/17/17	\$15,888	\$3,270	\$3,373
6/19/17	\$15,527	\$3,269	\$3,323
5/19/17	\$16,579	\$3,267	\$3,323
4/17/17	\$15,505	\$3,266	\$3,170



As of the first of June, with our new pastor in place, our estimated monthly income (including fundraisers) should roughly equal our estimated expenses. These estimates are from the fall of 2016 when we were preparing our 2017 budget. The current positive balance in our checking account gives us the flexibility to deal with some infrastructure issues (such as painting, and replacing the back door to the pastor's office), and we expect some expenses from those projects that will draw down our checking account balance. The third account, labeled "special money", at Callaway Bank, still includes the \$2,653 remaining from the Bridgeton Fund grant that we received last year. That grant money will go toward paying for painting of the exterior woodwork of the church, a project that we hope will be accomplished in the next few weeks. I also want to remind people that we have an electronic mechanism for making pledges and donations (or other payments) to the church: on the church website ([www.millersburgchristianchurch.org](http://www.millersburgchristianchurch.org)) is a "donate" button near the top of the home page. Clicking on that takes you to a secure PayPal page from which a donation to the church can be made either via a PayPal account or through the use of a credit/debit card. This was actually used during our recent rummage sale, and so we can verify that it does work! The convenience of using this technology may appeal to some of our members and friends.

I also want to remind committee chairs that budget askings for 2018 should be submitted to the Stewardship and Finance committee by the first of September.

Jeff Moran, Treasurer



## Vacation Bible School Memories



What is VBS without music?



The show at the end of VBS!



Brenda and Justus signing in



The Wild Weather Cave with Jeff Moran



Rev. Patricia in the Empty Cave



Randy has their attention in the Danger Cave



Our resident archaeologist, Ralph Rowlett, teaching the children how to "dig" in the Cave of Mysteries



The best cave of all? The Cave of Darkness – thanks Miss Sherri of MPS for letting us borrow such a cool cave! And yes, Brenda got in there with 5 wild kids!



Snack Time!



Slime Anyone?



Play Time!

## FREE MOVIE NIGHT!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>



Movie begins at  
6:30 PM  
FREE POPCORN  
& DRINKS!

## Movie Night Continues!

June Movie Night! - We had 6 adults and 4 children in attendance as we watched our selected monthly movie, "Monster Trucks". A very fun filled night was had by all, great movie and delicious popcorn.

## Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, October 28.

It's time to start making or think about items for the fall fundraiser. Will you make some oak shelves? Refinish a rocking chair? Paint a plant stand? Make some special salsa or jam? Bake brownies, cinnamon rolls, or bread? Provide garden produce such as watermelons, pumpkins, or squash?

How can we make the "Work of Our Hands" fundraiser better? Please share your ideas with Barbara Moran or come to the next Cabinet meeting on August 8.

## Child Care Provider Position

Lilly Lucas, one of our child care providers, is leaving this fall to attend college. If you know a responsible teenager that might be interested in caring for children on Sunday mornings, please contact Barbara Moran or Vicki Fritz.



Summer is moving at such a fast pace. I remember when time stood still as a child waiting for some new adventure approaching. Well, now I feel like I am on the fast train and events move by in lightning speed. Summer is well past ½ way when the 4<sup>th</sup> is past.....and Vacation Bible School.

I can't believe we are here! What an exciting event Bible School was and such wonderful kids and adults to work with. I hope they enjoyed it too. We went caving and learned to put our fears in the hands of God. He gives us all the mysteries of the world and He is in charge. When we learn about our fears.....they are less fearful (maybe not the snakes), but are a part of our world for a reason. We learned together....adults and young folk alike. A big thank you to all who made our time together so special. Come join us as we move from one adventure to another at MCC.

Blessings, Brenda

## Thank You!!

Thanks to John Wilkerson & Buddy Thomas for installing the new outside door to Rev. Farmer's office.

Thanks to the Millersburg Preschool for having more energy efficient and tinted windows installed in the entrance to the basement fellowship hall. The work was contracted out to HLW Builders and Rodney Latty helped with the prep & Koonse Glass installed the new panes.

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		MPS 8-5	Ashley Hackmann	MPS 8-5 Brent Moran Aimee Landrum Jennifer Baumgartner Hayden & Hollis Long		MPS Fireworks Event – 5:30 – 9:30 - at the Lion's Club  <b>Adam &amp; Michelle Hans</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
First Sunday Social – 10:00 a.m.	Linda Reed Brown	Pastor's cabinet – 7:00 p.m.  David Rose	Justin Bright		Rodney & Janet Latty	Bill Bright Randy & Marsha Loyd
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Community bridal shower for Alyssa Cassidy & Kaleb Killingsworth – 2:00 p.m.  Movie Night – 6:30 p.m. "Windstorm"	John McCray Brianna Force			Frances Bittle Esther Flaigle Shayla Rose & Scott Gesternecker	J. H. Long Brock Simmons	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	Newsletter Deadline  Solar Eclipse! <b>Shannon &amp; Jennifer Baumgartner</b>		Sherry Hoesch		Riley Simmons	
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
			Newsletter Assembly  Ava Bush	MPS 5-8  Madeline Hutchison		



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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.**

**Rev. Patricia Farmer, Minister**

Our telephone number is 573-642-2939

Our email address is: [mcc1836@socket.net](mailto:mcc1836@socket.net)

Find us on the web at  
[www.millersburgchristianchurch.org](http://www.millersburgchristianchurch.org)

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Rev. Patricia's normal office hours at MCC are Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. On Thursday afternoons, she is available for pastoral visits (home or office) by appointment. You can contact her at [pafarmer@aol.com](mailto:pafarmer@aol.com) or by phone/text (505-900-1553). The best times to reach her are Monday-Thursday during regular business hours. Fridays and Saturdays are her days off.

### Upcoming Events at MCC

**August 5** - MPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Festival and Pyro Musical - 5:30 - 9:30

**August 6** - First Sunday Social - 10:00 a.m.

**August 8** - Pastor's Cabinet

**August 13** - Community Bridal Shower for Alyssa Cassidy and Kaleb Killingsworth

**August 13** - Movie Night - 6:30 p.m. "Windstorm"

**August 21** - Solar Eclipse!!

**September 10** - Back to Church Fellowship Luncheon, Sunday School resumes at 9:30 am.

**November 5** - Recognition of Veterans

**December 3** - Advent starts with the Hanging of the Greens Service

**December 17** - Christmas Program during Worship service

**December 24** - special Morning Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve