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

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November, 2017



Millersburg Christian Church
BAZAAR &
CHILI/SOUP LUNCH



Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017



8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Bazaar Open
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch - \$6.00

**coffee *cinnamon rolls *pies *cakes *candies*
**breads *salsas *jams *jewelry *crafts*
**fall and Christmas décor,*
**vintage Christmas decorations *lots of other items!*

Taking orders for Mija Almond Toffee –
\$4 for 4 ounces
leave message on church phone: 573-642-2939

Fundraiser for the ministries of
Millersburg Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
Dark red brick church at 4527 State Road J, in western Callaway County

From the Desk of Rev. Patricia



These days, most ministers have more than one job, including me. My “other” job is writing on the topic of spirituality. I write for several websites, and am currently engaged in an exciting—and challenging —project called the “Spiritual Alphabet,” created by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat in their classic book *Spiritual Literacy*. The Brussats have asked me to write my own version of the spiritual alphabet for their website (spiritualityandpractice.com), and so my ABC skills are working hard these days in the service of the Spirit! From time to time, I will share with you excerpts from my essays on the Spiritual Alphabet. The letter “C” is particularly important for the Christian life:

“C” is for Compassion (excerpts)

Of all our practices, compassion lies at the heart of the spiritual life. It is the uniting theme running through every major world religion. The writers of the Gospels frequently described Jesus as being “moved with compassion.” In the Qur’an, the phrase “in the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful” appears 114 times. In Buddhism, compassion combined with wisdom—the “great compassion”—is the path to enlightenment.

I am particularly drawn to the favorite Talmudic name for God: *Rachmana*, “the Compassionate One.” The root of this Hebrew word *rchm* means “womb.” God has a womb. And in that womb, we are nourished and formed and loved. Compassion means “to feel with” and so divinity feels with us like a mother. . . .

. . . . The more we come to know this intimate companion, the more we know our practice of compassion as a divine calling. By entering the suffering of others, we move deeper into the very life of God, whose womb contains the whole world. . . .

Perhaps the unrelenting parade of catastrophes we are facing today offer us something besides exhaustion and sadness and anxiety; it also offers us countless possibilities for rebirthing fresh forms of compassion into the world

Peace, Rev. Patricia



Sunday morning, Oct. 22 was installation day for the Rev. Patricia Adams Farmer. Visiting clergy, a message from the Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, and great music from our congregation helped make the day one to remember!



Rev. Paul Koch installing Rev. Patricia

Those who Serve in November



ELDER: Ralph Rowlett

DIACONATE: Jeff Moran
Vicki Fritz

BREAD LIST:
November 5 Jeanette Hudson
November 12 Elaine Long
November 19 Sharon Plank
November 26

SERVE Food Pantry item for the month of November: Support our Thanksgiving family



- *Prayers of healing for Bill Gentsch, who was involved in a serious car accident recently
- *Prayers of safety for Jeff Moran's nephew who is in Puerto Rico, helping to restore their infrastructure
- *Prayers for speedy recoveries for Bill Anderson and Terry Fritz, who both received brand new knees recently!
- *Prayers of joy for Kamden Nolte after her recent successful heart surgery!
- *Prayers of healing for Lance Bethell, who underwent knee surgery recently
- *Henry Hoffer, a friend of Stan and Rita's.
- *Marika Tarver, who is recovering from hand surgery
- *Wilda Force, Kim Adams Force mother-in-law

Dear Rev. Patricia and congregation -

My appreciation and thanks to all who came to help me say goodbye to my precious husband, Robert.

Thanks for the wonderful lunch.

Thanks to Rev. Patricia for the beautiful service, I received many compliments on it.

Thanks for cards and words of comfort. There are no words to express my gratitude -

Marilyn



Our hearts were broken on October 22nd when Robert "Buddy" Thomas, 76, of Millersburg passed away unexpectedly while awaiting surgery at Boone Hospital. Robert will be forever missed by his wife Marilyn, twin sons David and Daren, stepchildren Jim Cupp and Kelli Sedig, sister Lillian Johnson and 4 grandchildren, David Cupp, Audrey Cupp, Anthony Longo and Heidi Downey-Miller and 1 great-grandson, Ezra Cupp. From his childhood, he was a member of Millersburg Christian Church. He continued his membership through his life, serving on various committees, including being an Elder and Property Chair at the time of his death. Visitation and memorial services were held October 26 at Millersburg Christian Church with inurnment with military honors held at Millersburg Cemetery immediately following the service. Memorial donations are suggested to Millersburg Christian Church or the Millersburg Cemetery, c/o Maupin Funeral Home, 301 Douglas Blvd., Fulton, MO 65251. Condolences may be left for the family at

www.maupinfuneralhome.com

News from the Missions Committee

With November a time of thankfulness we, at MCC are thankful for being able to reach out to others this year through Mission activities.

In February we supported Week of Compassion with a donation of \$320.

Our 1st quarter community outreach went to Thrive Hive at Fulton Middle School with a donation of \$408.75. The 2nd quarter community outreach went to the Fulton Soup Kitchen with an amount of \$434.40.

In June through August, MCC prepared for Festival of Sharing which was held on October 21st. Our goal was twenty units of Missouri Food Boxes, which we reached, worth \$560. Twenty-two school kits were put together that will reach children anywhere in the world worth \$330. Marilyn Thomas made two quilts that were donated to Festival of Sharing.

In September, a special offering for victims of Hurricane Harvey and Irma was sent for \$630. Also, in September, Brenda Rose organized a "Ryan's Case for Smiles" Workshop, which creates pillowcases given to children in cancer treatment. 129 pillowcases were constructed with 27 people from 7 churches participating. Estimated value was \$129.

In October we were part of the Callaway CROP Walk.

3rd quarter community outreach was Our House and 4th quarter will be SERVE. Each month we collect food for SERVE. So far, we have donated 324½ lbs. of food, estimated worth is \$542.

This month we will make a Thanksgiving food basket to donate to a member of our community. In December we have adopted four children for Christmas through SERVE.

Throughout the year we collect Best Choice UPC labels worth \$60. Also collected are Moser's receipts, worth \$120 so far.

Throughout the year we have two members that participate with PET, now known as Mobility World Wide. They just returned from a worldwide conference with this organization at Huntsville, Alabama.

Millersburg Christian Church is reaching out to others in our community and world-wide. This is what we have made possible for others this year. We give thanks for MCC members and friends for making it possible.

Minister Appreciation Sunday

Rev. Patricia was thanked for her loving care as our minister on Minister Appreciation Sunday, Oct. 8. She was ordained as a minister on Nov. 1, 1993 so we honored her a little early with a 25th anniversary ministry card. She was also given a special red and black glass eclipse pendant made especially for her by an artist at the Art House in Fulton.



Cookies & punch were enjoyed after Rev. Patricia's installation

Thanks to everyone who pledged a financial commitment to Millersburg Christian Church for 2018. These pledges help us to know of a certain amount of income for the year, as opposed to the more uncertain amounts of donations, offerings (unidentified bills and change in the collection basket), and use of the church (for example, the preschool) income, and thus helps us in planning programs and activities for the year.

Our accounts at Callaway Bank show the following balances:

	Checking	Savings	Special Money
10/23/17	\$13,928	\$3,273	\$8,821
9/17/17	\$13,916	\$3,272	\$6,261
8/20/17	\$15,139	\$3,271	\$6,260
7/17/17	\$15,888	\$3,270	\$3,373



As you can see, our account balances remain relatively stable, that is monthly income is about equal to our expenses for the last few months. The current positive balance in our checking account gives us the flexibility to deal with some infrastructure issues (such as replacing the back door to the pastor's office) and some one-time expenses (such as printing new business cards and stationery for Rev Patricia). The two expenses amounted to a little over \$900, and explain most of the reduction in our checking account balance between August and September. We still have the exterior painting to pay for, and that expense will come out of the "special money" account. The increase in the special money account is due to a couple of generous donations.

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) 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 September 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.

Jeff Moran, Treasurer



**Thanksgiving Sunday
November 19
Join us as we count our many
blessings!**

First Sunday Social November 5

Join us before worship, starting at 10:00 AM and enjoy some fruit and fresh baked goodies. All are welcome! Thanks to Patty Eggleston and Carolyn Anderson who have signed up for the month of November to provide the fruit and baked items.

Bazaar and Chili/Soup Lunch - Saturday, November 11, Bazaar 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Lunch served 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please sign up on the clipboard at the church for the various jobs – preparing chili, soup, serving, cleaning up, etc. There are opportunities for all to get involved. Thanks for joining the fun and fellowship while we raise funds for the ministries of our church!

Please bring your bazaar items to the church basement at 4:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday, Nov. 10. Make sure to label baked goods with ingredients. And please put a price on each item. We welcome pies, cakes, breads, cookies, jams, salsas, crafts, fall and Christmas décor, and vintage Christmas items in good condition. Many nice and creative items are being donated, and we look forward to seeing you at the fundraiser!

A special item this year is **Mija Almond Toffee**. We are taking orders ahead of time, and ask you to place your order on the order form list at the church, or call the church office, 573-642-2939, and leave a message. Cost is \$4 for 4 ounces.

Work Days are planned for 9 AM – Noon on Friday, November 3, Wednesday, Nov. 8, and Friday, November 10. Drop in and work on items you're making for the bazaar, or help make Mija almond toffee.

Contact Barbara Moran or Patty Eggleston if you have questions about the fundraiser.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT!
SUNDAY, November 12th!



“Wall” - Movie begins at 6:30 PM
FREE POPCORN & DRINKS!

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 19

Please plan to attend this very important meeting as a new board of directors will be elected as will a new budget be presented for the upcoming year.

The Nominating Committee (Vicki Fritz, Chair, Carolyn Anderson and Jeff Moran) met October 5, 2017 and will present the following slate of names for the congregation's approval at the Congregational Meeting November 19th, 2017. **Those in bold type accepted nomination to the Board.** Those underlined have accepted nomination for another term, an extension of their current service on the Board. On November 8th, 2016 the Board approved exception to the term limit described in the By-Laws.

Office	Name	Class
Elder	Elaine Long	2018
	Vacancy	2018
	Ralph Rowlett	2019
	Vacancy	2019
	<u>Carolyn Anderson</u>	2020
	<u>Barbara Moran</u>	2020
Diaconate	Jeff Moran	2018
	Brenda Rose	2018
	Joyce Schermerhorn	2018
	<u>Vicki Fritz</u>	2018
	<u>Bill Anderson</u>	2018
	Marsha Loyd	2018
	Randy Loyd	2019
	Gary Eggleston	2019
	Patty Eggleston	2019
	Anna Sue Harmon	2019
	Vacancy	2019
	Vacancy	2019
	<u>Rita Adams</u>	2020
	Vacancy	2020
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Property Committee Report

Everyone on the Property Committee and throughout the church would like to give our heartfelt thanks to Buddy for his leadership as the 2017 Property Chair, right up to his untimely death. Robert spent many hours this year considering the various drainage problems we are having a MCC and working to find solutions, some we are hoping to start on this fall and the other areas we had met about tackling in 2018. We can never adequately repay the dedicated members of the church for the countless hours spent to keep the church running; no one can ever be replaced, and Buddy will be missed on so many venues.

Thanks to Greg Luebbert, owner of Fulton's Mid-MO Carpet Cleaning for cleaning the carpets in the church recently. It had been a long time since it had been done and it looks so much nicer!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Newsletter Assembly	MPS 8-12 5-8 Todd & Tracy Guse'		Mike & Cindy Baumgartner
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
First Sunday Social – 10:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Ends!!	MPS 6-8 <i>Allison Hutchison</i>	MPS 8-5 <i>Andrew Romitti</i>		MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Hayden Bush Emma Bright</i>	Choir Practice 6:30	Fall Fundraiser 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Movie Night – “Wall” 6:30 p.m.		MPS 8-12 Elders 6:15 Board 7:00 <i>Pam Garrett</i>	Janna Rose & Gazi Islam <i>Roman Romitti Bryan Wiser</i>	MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Jordan Collins Lisa Cole</i>	Choir Practice 6:30 <i>Cole Czeschin</i>	<i>Lisa Bright</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship <i>Patty Eggleston David Wilkerson</i>	Newsletter Deadline Jimmy & Frances Bittle Mattie Arnold	MPS 8-12 Larry & Linda Reed Brown	Doug & Jo Ellen Milner Doug Milner	Happy Thanksgiving!  <i>Embry Woods</i>		<i>Kristen Cassidy</i>
26	27	28	29	30		
	<i>Arvid Rowlett Sharon Plank</i>	MPS 8-12 John & Cathy McCray Stan & Rita Adams Casey Baumgartner	Newsletter Assembly	MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Carol Terrell</i>		

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

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Please join us at Millersburg Christian Church every Sunday!

Morning Worship starts at 10:30 a.m.
1st 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

Find us on the web at
www.millersburgchristianchurch.org

"Like" us on Facebook!

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 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

November 5- Recognition of Veterans and Daylight Savings Time Ends!

November 11 - Bazaar and Chili/Soup Lunch - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

November 19 - Thanksgiving Sunday and annual congregational meeting

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

