



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

REV. PATRICIA A. FARMER, MINISTER

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February, 2018



Elaine Miriam Long passed away at her home on January 13, 2018. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 20, 2018. Burial was at the Millersburg Cemetery.

Elaine was born on December 10, 1942, in Waterbury, Connecticut, the eldest child of Leon Russell Stickney, Sr. and Winona Rawson Stickney. She was married to Gary Long on December 24, 1968, in Boulder, Colorado.

Elaine graduated from Litchfield High School, Litchfield, CT in 1960; received a B.S. degree from Central Connecticut State College in 1964; and a M.A. degree from the University of Colorado in 1968.

Mrs. Long began her teaching career in New Mexico. After obtaining her master's Degree, she continued teaching in Michigan before settling in Callaway County, MO. She was an elementary educator in the Millersburg Community for several years before transitioning to elementary schools in Fulton. Within the Fulton School District, she served 33 years as an elementary teacher and guidance counselor. In her successful teaching career, Mrs. Long worked tirelessly to educate generations of young minds.

Elaine was an active member of the Millersburg Christian Church where she served in many roles. Mrs. Long enjoyed membership in the Dixie Dames Club, the Millers Creek Community Club, and the Millersburg Book Club. She was an avid animal lover dedicating many hours a day to nurturing numerous animals, especially cats, birds, and her beloved Bernie, a Bernese Mountain dog.

Mrs. Long will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her two sons: Wayne Long (Casey) of Broadlands, IL, and Bruce Long (Sabrina) of Birmingham, AL; grandchildren: Allie and Landon Long of Birmingham, AL; brother Leon Stickney, Jr. (Carol) of Goshen, CT; aunt Evelyn King of Woodbury, CT; and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and uncle Lee King. In lieu of flowers, memorials were suggested to the Millersburg Christian Church.

Rest in peace, Elaine. Our hearts were broken the day God decided he needed you with him.

Sign Up Before It's Too Late!!!

Even in our sadness, the work of the church must go on – that is what Robert and Elaine would want. If you have not had a chance to sign up for one of our functional committees, please do so! It is an excellent way to get to know each other better plus it is such a good feeling – doing the work of the church. Figure out what your strong skills are and sign up! Thank you to the following people who have signed up so far: **Membership – Brenda Rose, Chair, Patty Eggleston and Anna Sue Harmon, members; Missions – Randy and Marsha Loyd, members; Property – Bill Anderson and Stan Adams, Co-Chairs, Rita Adams, member; Stewardship & Finance – Jeff Moran, Chair, Larry Strawhorn, member; Worship – Barbara Moran and Vicki Fritz, Co-Chairs.**

Patricia's Ponderings



"Grief is not a problem to be solved or resolved. Rather, it's a process to be tended and lived through in whatever form and however long it may take," writes Jane Brody. Many of us at Millersburg Christian Church are mourning the loss of two of our elders within three months of each other: Robert Thomas and Elaine Long. These two church leaders have been an integral part of the church and community for many years. Recently, at Elaine Long's service, poignant words of remembrances from her sons Wayne and Bruce, along with her lifelong friend Lois Long and former MCC minister Rev. Barbara Gulick, made me realize how much I did not know about this amazing woman.

Grief is a hard pill to swallow, but it is also the other side of love and belonging - and so we grieve with a sense of gratefulness, too, for the sheer privilege of having rubbed shoulders with these two great souls. As Brody suggests, we need to tend this process of grief in whatever form it takes, for however long it takes.

Gathering for a funeral, which I like to call a "service of grateful memory," is one of our most profound opportunities to express our sense of connection to one another. This connection is the source of both comfort and joy. If grief is the price we pay for love, then so be it. As the writer of the Song of Solomon (8:6) says, "Love is as strong as death."

Elaine's sons, aware of her tremendous commitment to the church, have given not only a memorial in her name, but also a unique gift in the form of a future bench that will be made from a fallen tree in Elaine's yard. We will cherish this bench, not only as a memorial to our beloved friend, but as a silent reminder of the power of compassion and community. Elaine, ever the teacher, taught us with her life how to embody both.

Peace,
Patricia

Pastoral Relations Committee

When a minister is called, a pastoral relations committee is formed to cultivate and maintain the most fruitful relationship possible between the congregation and minister. This committee shall carry the responsibility of fostering constructive communication between the congregation and minister and implementing the congregation's responsibility for the professional and personal well-being of its minister. Thank you to the following people who have agreed to serve in this capacity. Class of 2018 – Peggy Strawhorn and Larry Baumgartner. Class of 2019 – Brenda Rose and Anna Sue Harmon. Class of 2020 – Jeff Moran and Carolyn Anderson.

March 10 Music Show!

Jeff and Barbara Moran are leading a volunteer team to distribute mobility carts in Kenya in mid-April. They are raising funds to help defray team expenses with a fundraiser at Talking Horse Productions, Columbia MO, at 7 PM on Saturday, March 10. Come enjoy the songs of talented, local musicians, including our Dr. Chordate!

Those who Serve in February



ELDER: Barbara Moran

DIACONATE: Vicki Fritz
Brenda Rose

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

Please join us!

Worship Committee plans to meet after worship on Sunday, Feb. 11. Join us and share your ideas about enhancing our worship experience together.

Lunch with Rev. Patricia

1st and 3rd Thursdays

11:30-1:00

Let's do lunch! Join us in the new year for Brown-Bag Thursdays, a relaxing time for fellowship, reflection, and brainstorming. Rev. Patricia will get the ball rolling in January by leading us (between bites of egg salad) in a conversation about who we are as a congregation, and who we want to be as we move forward. Bring your sandwich, your imagination, and your enthusiasm. Maybe a joke to share?! Not a "committee." Not a "meeting." No reports. No pressure. Just brown bags and brainstorming. See you there!



*Sincere sympathy to the family of Elaine Long, who passed away January 13, 2018. Our hearts are broken.



Mark your calendar for a St. Patrick's Fun Raising on Saturday, March 17. More details will be coming but get ready for corned beef and cabbage! Let Barbara Moran know if you'd like to help plan the event.



Are you computer savvy? Do you have approximately 15-20 hours per month that you would like to earn a little extra money? If so, please contact Carolyn Anderson. She is the church secretary and is responsible for publishing the weekly bulletins, monthly newsletter plus several other occasional items. She would love to talk to you if interested. Contact her at her email – andersoncarolyn0113@gmail.com or feel free to call her 573-220-6769. Thank you!

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	1/20/18	12/17/17	11/18	10/23
Checking	\$13,671	\$14,763	\$13,323	\$13,928
Savings	\$ 3,277	\$ 3,776	\$ 3,274	\$ 3,273
Special	\$ 5,077	\$ 5,062	\$ 3,946	\$ 8,821



At this time, our financial situation seems healthy, with enough funds to be somewhat flexible about addressing some infrastructure issues (such as the ramp from the parking lot to the fellowship hall, etc.) and unanticipated expenses. But please remember: the budget approved by the congregation calls for about \$4,000 per month in regular monthly expenses, and our regular income from pledges and use of the church by the preschool is about \$3,000 per month. That means that we must make up about a thousand dollars a month in donations and from fund raisers. Over the last several months, we have been doing that, which is why we currently have a healthy financial situation. But it also means that we must remain faithful to our monetary pledges to the church and to our fundraising activities. Thanks!

Jeff Moran, Treasurer

First Sunday Social February 4

Join us before worship, starting at 10:00 AM and enjoy some fruit and fresh baked goodies. All are welcome! Thank you to all who have signed up so far to help with this year's activities.

February 4 – Brenda Rose, set up and drink; Joyce Schermerhorn, Fruit; Anna Sue Harmon, Baked Item

March 4 – Jeff Moran, set up and drink; Carolyn Anderson, Fruit; Patty Eggleston, Baked Item

April 1 – The men of the church will prepare Easter Sunday Breakfast!!

May 6 – Vicki Fritz, set up and drink; Rita Adams, Fruit; Vicki Fritz, Baked Item

June 3 – Lee & Sharon Plank, set up & drink; Lee & Sharon Plank, Fruit; Lee & Sharon Plank, Baked Item

July 1 –

August 5 –

September 2 –

October 7 –

November 4 – Carolyn Anderson, set up and drink; Brenda Rose, Fruit; Patty Eggleston, Baked Item

December 2 –



Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lent season, is February 14. A brief service of ashes will be held at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Join us for this solemn and meaningful start of Lent. Starting February 11 Lenten daily devotional booklets will be available from a basket in the narthex. Please pick up your family's copy.



Dear MCC Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, notes, phone calls and a special thank you to Margaret Blattner for her care and her home cooked meals during my recent shoulder injury. All is going remarkably well.

Thanks again – Karen Ackley

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MPS 8-12 5-8 Brown Bag Lunch 11:30- 1:00 <i>Alyssa Killingsworth</i>	2	3
4 1 st Sunday Social – 10:00 a.m.	5 MPS 6-8 MCC/MPS Board to Board Meeting 5:30	6 <i>John & Lynn Reynolds</i>	7	8 MPS 8-12 5-8 <i>Lance & Rose Bethell</i>	9 Shelly Bedsworth	10 <i>Karen Ackley Jim McCray</i> <i>Lee & Sharon Plank</i>
11 MPS 3-5 Worship Committee meets after worship <i>Marla Carlson</i>	12 <i>Larry Baumgartner Cooper Whitworth</i>	13 MPS 8-12	14 Ash Wednesday Service – 6:30 Pastor’s Cabinet – 7:00 <i>Errol & Hazel Pahl</i>	15 MPS 8-12 5-8 Brown Bag Lunch 11:30- 1:00 <i>Anna Sue Harmon</i> <i>Barbara Gulick Earl Bryant</i>	16	17 <i>Brian McCarty Jennifer McCarty Sara Stephens</i>
18	19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Lois Long</i>	20 MPS 8-12 <i>Rose Bethell</i>	21	22 MPS 8-12 5-8	23	24
25	26	27	28 Newsletter Assembly <i>Linda Cassidy</i>			

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**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

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Rev. Patricia's normal office hours at MCC are the 1st, 3rd and 4th 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.

Save The Date!

February 5 - MCC/MPS Board to Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

February 11 - Worship Committee Meeting

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Services - 6:30 p.m.

February 14 - Pastor's Cabinet - 7:00 p.m.

March 10 - Music Show by Jeff and Barbara Moran

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Fun Raising

March 25 - Palm Sunday

April 1 - Easter Sunday