



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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Time for an Update - and we need your input!

Do you enjoy our monthly newsletter? I certainly hope so! It is our way of communicating with many, many people and keeping everyone informed of what is going on here at MCC. However, we feel there is a better way of using our resources. The Membership Committee proposed to the Board that we **discontinue the bulk mailing of 200 copies of the newsletter**. We must mail 200 copies to take advantage of bulk postage rates. We will continue to mail (first class postage) to those that request a paper copy. Church members who regularly come to the church will be encouraged to pick up their paper copy at the church.

However, there are definite benefits to receiving the newsletter electronically. They include: 1) pictures in color, 2) capability for hyperlinks (click-on links) for events, other sites, etc. in digital newsletter, 3) save paper, toner, copier wear, and labor.

This is not just a way to save money!! It saves resources. We all agree that we want to continue our excellent newsletter which provides us with connection and communication.

So, we need to hear from you! How do you like receiving the newsletter - paper copy or electronically? We realize not everyone has electronic capabilities! And we are more than happy to continue to mail to you! Please let Carolyn know either by email -

andersoncarolyn0113@gmail.com or by calling her - 573-642-2948 or 573-220-6769 and let us know how you feel about this change! Your opinion is very important to us! Thanks!

Thanks to all you attended our ice cream social recently. It was a huge success and we appreciate everyone who attended and who helped in any way. It was our way to say “thanks” to all of you who have supported our fundraisers thru the years, either by helping and/or attending. Thanks again!



From our Board Chair –

I have always been proud of our church. It is a beautiful building with good folks inside. But since the latest upgrades have been done, I think our church has a WOW factor now when you walk up to it. Thank you so much to Jeff Moran for writing the grant that allowed us to finally repair the ramp to the basement. Thank you to the people who sent private donations which allowed us to add the much-needed handrails and they look awesome too! It could not look any nicer – thanks to our own Rod Latty of HLW Builders who did the ramp work and Mason Horstman who made and installed the handrails. Yes, we were a little bummed when we had a 6-inch rain that left us with water in the basement, but just a little bit – not a flood like we have experienced before. Thank you to the Property Committee who are still working to try to figure out the magic fix for this problem that has plagued us for as long as I can remember.

Yes, it is a lot of hard work for not a lot of people. But, as long as we are able, we will continue to take pride in our building and in our ministry. Because that is what we have always done. We are blessed to have each other. - Carolyn

Patricia's Ponderings



Did you know that a tree's growth accelerates with age? Scientists used to think that older trees were less productive, grew slower, and took up less carbon than younger trees. But as it turns out, the world's oldest trees actually grow faster and sweep up the most carbon in the atmosphere, playing the more important role in combating climate change!

Now, what if we think of people in terms of trees? The deep wisdom and "girth" of experience in older adults may just make them the most productive in the forest of humanity! Yes, those of us who remember the Beatles' first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show may have the greatest stored up contribution to offer our churches, our communities, and the world. Old trees may have expanded trunks, wrinkled bark, and receding leaves at the crown, but they are the ones best suited to protect us in the face of climate change. So, too, older humans may be the best resource for the future well-being of our communities, our churches, our world, and our planet.

Older adults often get short shrift in our culture, and I think it's high time we change this perception. Our church can be part of this change as we embrace who we are, wrinkles and all. After all, a church like ours, filled with amazing older adults, is especially blessed. We need to learn to see our age, not as a liability, but as a strength and blessing. We have many age-related gifts to offer our world, along with large reservoirs of experience that can lead to accelerated spiritual growth, if we only tap into it.

As we strive to focus on the positive aspects of aging, I am excited to announce that on Sunday, September 30, gerontologist and psychologist Jan Aerie will be offering a special workshop at MCC called " Aging: A Wisdom Journey."

Mark your calendars now for this exciting day! It's open to the community, so invite your friends and neighbors. Let us learn to celebrate age rather than bemoan its limitations. Let us be like the old trees in the forest and stand tall with dignity and grace.

Peace and Blessings, Rev. Patricia

Those who Serve in August



ELDER: Carolyn Anderson

DIACONATE: Brenda Rose
Vicki Fritz

BREAD LIST:
August 5 Peggy Strawhorn
August 12 Patty Eggleston
August 19 Marsha Loyd
August 26 Vicki Fritz

Dear Millersburg Christian Church family,

I wanted to send a big thank you for all the love and support given to me during my time in eating disorder treatment. Thank you for the love and prayers during this difficult time. Your support has been invaluable to me and has helped me during this journey.

I also really appreciate the cards, gifts and check-ins that were sent to me. I am now focusing on my recovery and leaning on God. God has showed me support through this Bible verse:

“You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you.” Song of Solomon 4:7

Thank you all again. Your encouragement has helped in my recovery.

-Brooke Monson



- *Continuing prayers for those who were lost and those who survived the tragedy on Table Rock Lake
- *Sincere sympathy to the family of Lewis and Janice Baumgartner, whose granddaughter Heather, age 20, passed away unexpectedly July 21, 2018. She was the daughter of Cliff and Kelly Baumgartner.
- *Sympathy to the family of Millersburg resident, Brandon Atteberry who passed away recently.
- *Joy for Joyce Schermerhorn, whose skin biopsy came back negative!
- *Prayers for Anna Sue Harmon, as she undergoes another surgery July 30.
- *Prayers of comfort for the family of Millersburg resident, Jerry Kinman, who passed away recently
- *Congratulations to Bernie and Vickie Roberts on the birth of their grandson, Slater Ray, July 24, 2018!
- *Congratulations to Nichole Adams and John Tutt, who were married July 20, 2018!



Save the Date!
100th Birthday Celebration
For Mabel Fischer
August 26, 2018
2-4 P.M.
Central Christian Church
No gifts, please!

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	3/10/18	4/9/18	5/15/18	6/16/18	7/23/18
Checking -	\$12,072	\$14,764	\$11,846	\$14,028	\$13,055
Savings -	\$ 3,466	\$ 3,467	\$ 3,468	\$ 3,470	\$ 3,471
Special -	\$ 7,220	\$19,514	\$19,082	\$20,207	\$20,732
PayPal -				\$ 525	\$ 1,058



The replacement of the ramp to the Fellowship Hall has been completed and we have received the bill for that work, so that account should go down by \$11,990 in next month's report. I have begun adding to the treasurer's report the amount of money in the church's PayPal account. While this amount is small compared to the church bank accounts, I want people to know that this account exists and that it is a mechanism by which people can make a pledge or other payments to the church. Just go to the church webpage (<http://millersburgchristianchurch.org/>) and click on the "Donate" tab at the top of the page. In general, that money is like the church checking account at Callaway Bank and will be transferred to that checking account from time to time. Putting most of the church's payments on "autopay" has reduced check writing to 4 or 5 a month.

Jeff



We are now a part of the Green Chalice Family! Thanks to the Green Team, who met after church on July 8 to work on our proposal, and for the support of the Board who voted to move forward on July 11. Below is the letter from the National Green Chalice Minister, Carol Devine

Rev. Patricia,

It is wonderful to hear about the wonderful things happening at MCC. Congratulations! And thank you all for living out your faith by caring for God's good earth and for modeling to others. Welcome to the Green Chalice Family!

You will be lifted up in this month's Green Chalice News and you will receive a certificate and letter in the mail in August.

Blessings and keep up the great work.

Carol Devine

Festival of Sharing September 22, 2018 Tipton, MO

Please help us as strive to collect paper items for the Missouri Paper Product Pack. Each pack will contain 3 packages of 4 double rolls of toilet paper, two rolls of quality paper towels, and two large rectangular boxes of facial tissue. Our goal is to provide

Aging: A Wisdom Journey Exploring Aging and Older Adult Ministry Models

Millersburg Christian Church

September 30

Worship begins at 10:30, followed by a luncheon

Program is from 1pm to 3pm

Join us and invite your friends for a lively discussion and thoughtful dialogue led by Jan Aerie. We will share compelling stories and examine the maze of aging, change and loss, while uncovering some of our greatest challenges and gifts.

We will:

- Explore biblical perspectives on aging
- Share tips on managing loss and balancing priorities
- Learn strategies for facing fears and anxiety
- Discover ways your congregation can serve older adults

A gift of the Disciples Mid-America Region's Rickman Legacy Leadership Development Fund

Jan Aerie, M.S. — Family Counselor and Gerontologist

Jan Aerie is sponsored by the Rickman Fund. She has spent a lifetime working with individuals and groups on the journey of aging. As a long-distance caregiver, Jan Aerie learned first-hand the unexpected ways aging can impact family and friends. Trained in community health planning, family counseling and gerontology, Jan has authored curricula on aging, founded and led elder service organizations, and trained service providers. She has presented hundreds of workshops on many aspects of aging and caregiving. Advocating for and empowering older adults and caregivers has been her passion through her work with community task forces, regional and national councils, interfaith coalitions, and hospice.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	[Grab your reader's attention with a great quote]	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Ashley Hackmann	Brent Moran Aimee Landrum Hayden & Hollis Long	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
First Sunday Social – 10:00 a.m. Adam & Michelle Hans		Election <i>Linda Reed Brown</i>	<i>David Rose</i>	<i>Justin Bright</i>		Rodney & Janet Latty
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Special Missions Worship <i>Bill Bright Randy & Marsha Loyd</i>		Cabinet – 7:00 p.m. <i>John McCray Brianna Force</i>		Board Officers meet – 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Relations – 10:00 a.m.	<i>Esther Flaigle Frances Bittle Shayla Rose & Scott Gesternecker</i>	<i>J. H. Long Brock Simmons</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Missions Committee meeting after worship	Newsletter Deadline			<i>Sherry Hoesch</i>		<i>Riley Simmons</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			Newsletter Assembly	<i>Ava Bush</i>	<i>Madeline Hutchison</i>	

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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

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Find us on the web at
www.millersburgchristianchurch.org

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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.

Upcoming Dates to remember!

August 26 – 100th birthday celebration
for Mabel Fischer

September 8 – Pillowcase Blitz

September 30 – Exploring Aging and
Older Adult Ministry Models
Workshop. Please plan to attend!

Happy belated birthday to Bowen Force
who celebrated his birthday July 18th
and happy belated anniversary to
Danny and Brenda Rose, who
celebrated July 19th! For some reason,
they were not included in last month's
newsletter!