



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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December 2 – First Sunday in Advent - Hanging of the Greens

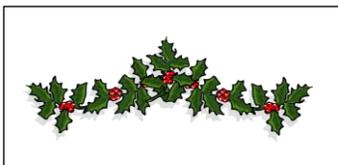
December 16 - Christmas Program and Potluck Luncheon. Worship Committee will bring meat dishes. Others please bring two dishes (salad, vegetable, dessert).

December 23 – Sunday morning Candlelight service. Come enjoy a special worship service with candlelight and night.

If you are interested in sharing your special musical talents (singing, playing an instrument, etc.) at the December 16 Christmas Program, please contact Barbara Moran. She has music for many Christmas carols and instruments.

Advent Meditations

Please volunteer with your family or a group of friends for a Sunday in December to read a meditation (provided by Rev. Patricia) and light the advent candle at the beginning of worship. Also, please enjoy the Advent booklet *The Father's Love* by Henri Nouwen. You can pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex.



If you would like to provide a poinsettia in honor or memory of loved ones, please let Carolyn know for whom they are donated, and she will publish the list December 16 and 23. Please have your poinsettia to the sanctuary by December 16.

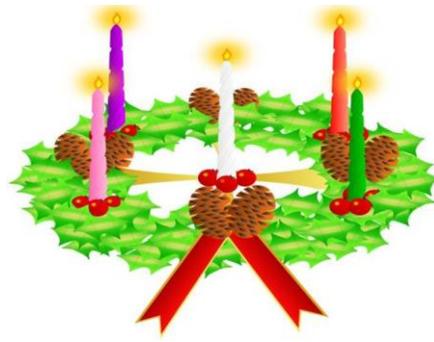


Please join Bill and Carolyn Anderson at their home December 10 at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas cookie exchange! Carolyn will provide soup and crackers – you bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookie. We will enjoy 1 dozen and then share the other 2! We have a wonderful time and hope you can join us! Our address is 5575 County Road 323. From the church, drive east towards Fulton on Route F and our road is about 3 miles and will be on your right. We are exactly one mile down the gravel road on the right side of the road. See you then!



What an awesome sign Bernie and Vicki Roberts have in their yard!

Patricia's Ponderings



During Advent, we wait for Christmas in the glow of burning candles: flames that stretch up into the darkness, as if in passionate plea. Our spirits burn, too, for we long for fresh manifestations of Christmas—tiny bursts of hope, swaddled in vulnerability and gentleness. Our waiting becomes almost an ache, a prayerful yearning for goodness and compassion to be reborn into our world of injustice, division, and fear.

We wait like Mary in her pregnancy, holding candles in the darkness. We wait together in our homes, our churches, our communities. This candle-bearing community—the Beloved Community—bears witness to a God who is *for* us and *with* us and *in* our very personal yearnings for peace and wholeness.

This is what the season of Advent is all about. Join us in worship during the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Experience the hope, peace, joy, and love that are ours to embrace together!

Peace be with you,
Rev. Patricia



Remembrance Services

On All Saints Day, we remembered Elaine Long and Robert Thomas during our service. We also wrote the names of recently lost loved ones on a white pumpkin and offered prayers of remembrance. Then, on Veteran's Day, we celebrated those in our congregation who have served in the military. Several in the congregation received remembrance tokens and gifts for loved ones who have served. Special thanks to Rita Adams for her interviews and detailed research on those who have served throughout the years at MCC.



Remembering Elaine Long

In honor of Elaine Long, beloved elder, friend, and missions chair, we now have a beautiful handmade bench with her name on it, graciously donated by her sons Wayne and Bruce Long. The bench was created out of a tree that had fallen in her yard. Thank you, Wayne and Bruce!

**First Sunday Social
December 2, 2018**

Join us for food, fellowship and fun at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly 1st Sunday Social. Thank you to Karen Ackley, Margaret Blattner and Brenda Rose for being our hostesses this month!



Those who Serve in December



ELDER: Randy Loyd

DIACONATE: Jeff Moran
Bill Anderson

BREAD LIST:
December 2 Jeanette Hudson
December 9 Sharon Plank
December 16 Bill & Carolyn Anderson
December 23 Patty Eggleston
December 30

SERVE Food Pantry item for the month of December: Support our Christmas family

Support Our House!!

The 7th annual Our House (Callaway County's shelter for homeless people) fundraiser is coming up on Tuesday, December 11, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm, at 54 Country (at the intersection of Highway 54 and F). As usual, this event will feature a silent auction of unique gift items and collectibles. A new thing this year will be a cash raffle, with the winner receiving \$500 Christmas cash. Appetizers are being provided by Beks. Tickets are \$15 for the silent auction, which includes the appetizers, and \$20 for the cash raffle. See Jeff for tickets and more complete information.

- *Prayers for **Patti Ann McCray Carr** as she recovers from a recent illness and subsequent surgeries. She is now in a rehabilitation center in Westminster, Colorado and hopes to be home by Christmas!
- *Prayers for **Brooke Monson** who is hospitalized in Chicago.
- *Sympathy for the **Loyd family** on the passing of their loved one, **Brenda**.
- *Sympathy for **Bob and Tammy Green**. Tammy's sister, Sherri passed away this week.
- *Prayers for **Terry Fritz**, who is at home (with his fabulous nurse, Vicki) after a 13-day hospital stay, recovering from an infection
- *Prayers for **John Gulick**, who is recovering from breathing difficulties
- *Sympathy for **Eric Holmes** and family. Eric's mother, Jessie, passed away recently
- *Sympathy for **Wendy Seip Coan**, whose husband passed away
- *Congratulations to **John and Cathy McCray** on the birth of their first great granddaughter, Mia Anne. Proud parents are **Lucas and Miranda McCray**.
- *Prayers for **Stan Adams**, who has not been feeling well.
- *Joy for **Emmett Crane** who is no longer allergic to peanuts!

We want to say a BIG thank you for the phone calls, cards, food and prayers. It's a slow go but we are fumbling along the best we can. I have always said this is the best place with the best people. Thanks again,

Terry and Vicki Fritz



Because of the hard work and generosity of so many people, our fundraiser this year was a huge success with a grand total of \$1,200 earned for the ministry of our church. A very special thank you to Barbara Moran and Brenda Rose who spent countless hours not only making crafts, candy, etc. but hauled it all to Columbia to sell and then hauled it back. Thank you to Bernie and Vicki Roberts who helped haul to and from also! To God Be The Glory!



Worship Committee member Rita Adams remembered and honored the veteran's in our congregation, our community, their relatives and some who have passed away. She shared a very moving tribute that was published in the Hazen Star following the death of Gilbert Bargmann from North Dakota; it was written by one of Gilbert's teachers. Gilbert and another comrade, David Deitch from New York were 2 of Stan Adams comrades from Vietnam who were killed in action June 19, 1969.

Red, white and blue peanut M&M's along with a Thank You tag were given as a small token of our appreciation for their service. The following veterans were remembered:

WWII: Army: Russell Cleveland (Marsha Loyd's father), Fred Moran (Jeff Moran's father), Myron Adams (Rev. Patricia's father) and Clyde Farmer (Rev. Ron Farmer's father).

Korean War: Army: Jay Harmon (Inf./Medic), Charlie Blattner (Infantry, Margaret's husband) Ralph Rowlett: Army 1956-1963; John Gulick: Air Force, 1960-1968

Vietnam War Era: Army: (MO Nat'l. Guard), Larry Baumgartner, Bill Hudson & John McCray. Marvin Bond: Army, Germany (Marsha Loyd's brother); Air Force, JH Long.

Vietnam War: Navy: Robert Thomas (Marilyn's husband); Army: Danny Rose (Helicopter Gunner), Terry Fritz (Inf./Dog Handler), Stan Adams (Infantry), Bruce Loyd (Randy's brother), Harold "Peanuts" Bond (Marsha Loyd's brother), Richard Vaughan (Vicki Fritz's brother), Terry Craighead (Kathy Craighead's brother who was killed in action 8/2/66) and Ronnie Mengwasser (Patty Eggleston's brother who was killed in an automobile accident after he got back from Vietnam).

1980's and Beyond: Army: MO Nat'l. Guard: Gary Eggleston; Patrick Harris: Green Beret (Jeanette Hudson's grandson); Air Force: John Tutt (Nichole Adams' husband) and Marines: Shannon Baumgartner and Tyler Huffman (severely wounded close friend of Jeanette & Bill Hudson's).

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	<u>7/10/18</u>	<u>8/13/18</u>	<u>9/11/18</u>	<u>10/15/18</u>	<u>11/18/18</u>
Checking -	\$12,706	\$11,837	\$9,985	\$9,828	\$9,842
Savings -	\$ 3,471	3,472	3,473	3,475	3,476
Special -	\$20,732	8,817	9,067	7,803	7,803
PayPal	1,058	495	495	1,076	1,095
Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension)					4,742



The "special" account has gone down in recent months due to paying for the ramp work (thanks, Bridgeton Fund!), and more recently the guttering and trenching on the highway side of the roof (which we hope will eliminate water coming into the basement during heavy rains). The check has been issued but not yet cashed for the new sidewalk railings (about \$5,300). The checking account is down also due to: second quarter mission payments (\$850 divided equally between SERVE and the Christian Church denomination), paying Warren Gilbert for mowing (\$1,260), and the quarterly insurance premium to Brotherhood Mutual (\$787). Just a reminder: we need roughly a thousand dollars a month via unscheduled donations and/or fundraisers in order to meet our approved budget. The November crafts fundraiser has netted about \$1,300. I have added our Flex Fund account to the monthly report. This account currently pays about 2% interest, paid twice a year, so the "report" number will change only twice a year.

The congregation approved the 2019 budget calling for an estimated \$51,185 in expenses.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
First Sunday Social – 10:00 a.m. Terry & Vicki Fritz	MPS 6:30-8:00 <i>Barbara Moran</i> <i>Jerry Landrum</i>	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 <i>John Gulick</i>	MPS Holiday Party 5-9 <i>Joe Ed McCray</i>	<i>Larry Brown</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Todd Guse'</i> <i>Carol Cox</i>	Christmas Cookie Exchange at Bill & Carolyn's – 6:00 p.m.	MPS 8-12 Board Caucus – 6:30 p.m. Our House Fundraiser	Bill & Carolyn Anderson	MPS 8-12 <i>Melanie Czeschin</i> <i>Michael Smith</i>	Decorate for Christmas Luncheon – 9:30 a.m. <i>Vicki Fritz</i>	<i>Jon Bright</i> Jason & Shelly Bedsworth
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Christmas Program and Potluck Luncheon	Newsletter Deadline <i>Randy Loyd</i>	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 <i>Zach Gamet</i>		<i>Alexzander Mielke</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Morning Christmas Candlelight Service <i>Cheryl Pardue</i>		<i>Lexi Begemann</i>	Newsletter Assembly			
30	31					
<i>Tom Haas</i>						

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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.**

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Find us on the web at

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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.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

3rd Tuesday of Each Month

11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

First Presbyterian Church Library

Facilitators: Rhonda Cundiff and Lois Long

An Alzheimer's caregiver support group is an opportunity to find comfort and reassurance about feelings of guilt, frustration and fear. Learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Make new friends. Join us!



**A Blessed Christmas To All of You from All of Us Here at Millersburg Christian Church!
Please join us anytime!**