



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, 2019

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser

Saturday, March 9, 2019
5:00 – 6:30 PM



MENU

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Irish Stew, Hot Dogs

Vegetables

Rolls

Tea, Coffee & Green Lemonade Desserts

Adults: \$10.00

Children ages 6-12: \$5.00

Children 5 and under: Free

Silent Auction (Auction closes at 6:30 pm)

Restaurant Certificates, Baked Goods, Collectibles & Crafts

Proceeds support the ministries of Millersburg Christian Church

<http://www.millersburgchristianchurch.org>

We're also on Facebook

Come Join the Fun!!



Look for Millersburg's Leprechaun

VACATION DREAM!

Help support Millersburg Christian Church and have a dream Florida vacation as well! A wonderful donation is being auctioned off to highest bidder. 1 week stay in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida (September thru May only; dates subject to availability) Lovely 2 story house with 4-bedroom, 4.5 bath with full kitchen Shared neighborhood pool and easy walk to beach -3 blocks walk to shops and restaurants and enjoy the area attractions. (for house pictures go to [#490444](http://www.vrbo.com)) Bid at Millersburg Christian Church on Saturday, March 9, 2019 5-6pm in person or extended bid time on this one item until April 1, 2019 by mail (value \$2300 for week stay) \$250 **refundable** damage deposit due with acknowledgement of award

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MCC MINISTRIES

Patricia's Ponderings



We had an awesome time while doing good work at The Central Missouri Bank!

This month, we are putting together our annual church report for 2018. It seems odd to go back and look at the old year when the new one begs for our attention. And yet, sometimes, taking stock of the previous year can help us move forward with greater clarity. It's that way in our personal lives, too. During the cold, winter months when we tend hibernate indoors, we might consider gathering up the threads of the past year on a page, a notebook, a journal. We might grieve again over a loss, but we might also find warmth in the joys that almost got away in "real time" when we were too busy to notice and give thanks.

While writing my report (during our historic snowfall!), I felt the pang of loss in losing Elaine Long about this time last year. She was a central figure in our church. But then I felt a swell of joy—feelings of immense gratitude—that almost got away if I had not gathered them up on paper. In these excerpts from my report, I hope you will share in the joy, too:

"The year ended with the addition of a beautiful walnut bench to our narthex, crafted out of a fallen tree from Elaine's yard . . . And so, dear Elaine has surely watched over us this year as we worked together to continue her legacy in all the areas of her influence . . .

"We were blessed during this year with six new members, four of whom already attended our services regularly, but made public commitments of their membership, which has helped the spirit of the church tremendously. We were thrilled to receive two new members who have recently moved to Millersburg for retirement. . . .

"As the worship leader and preacher, I have had the privilege of working with talented musicians who offer heart-lifting music week after week as a gift. . .

"We have added one more interesting aspect to our church this year. We have become an official Green Chalice church! This commitment suggests that we are intentional stewards of God's creation and work to lessen our carbon footprint on this beautiful planet. . . .

"This past year, we have laughed together, cried together, and worked together in creative ways to make a difference in the lives of one another, in the community, and in the larger world. The outstanding successes of our mission projects, fundraising events, and social gatherings, are primarily due to the enormous talent and unflagging dedication of a core group of women and men who live out their faith in God and love of community. . . .

"As for my part, I continue to be amazed and grateful for this thriving congregation—small but mighty—a church that continues to bless God and the world by living out its motto: 'at the heart of the community, with the community at its heart.'"

"And don't forget those gorgeous new handrails that grace the walkways to our church!"

Yes, we can savor these joys— feelings of gratitude that warm our spirits and light our path during the dark winter days ahead.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Patricia

**First Sunday Social
February 3, 2019**

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



Those who Serve in February



ELDER: Barbara Moran

DIACONATE: Vicki Fritz
Brenda Rose

BREAD LIST:
February 3 Patty Eggleston
February 10 Jeanette Hudson
February 17 Marsha Loyd
February 24 Anna Sue Harmon

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

*Continued prayers for **Bryan Wiser**, who fell December 31 and broke his ankle.

*Prayers for **Pat McGrath**, who has returned home

*Congratulations to **Wayne and Casey Long** who are expecting their first child in April!

*Congratulations to **Schuyler and Kristen Blevins** who are expecting their first child in July!

*Prayers for **Courtney Moran** and all others whose lives are being affected by the government shutdown.

*Prayers of comfort for **Kathy Craighead**, whose friend passed away recently.

*Prayers for **Barbara Moran's sister, Betty**, who had back surgery recently.

*Prayers of relief for **Amanda Nolte**, who had a pain simulator inserted recently.

*Sympathy extended to the family of **Shirley Laux**, who passed away suddenly January 14.

*Sympathy to the **McCray family on the passing of Bill McCray**, January 9.

*Prayers of joy to have **Larry Strawhorn** back among us!

*Prayers of joy for **Lee and Sharon Plank, whose nephew, Kenny**, has returned home after a lengthy hospital stay recovering from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident

*Sympathy extended to the family of **Cliff Collar**, one of Stan Adams' Manchu buddies who passed away recently and to the family of **Margaret Bargmann**, who passed away January 7 at the age of 98. Her son, Gilbert, was also one of Stan's buddies that did not make it home from Vietnam.

CRAFTING AT MCC

Last fall Barbara Moran and I encouraged anyone to join us to do some crafts for the fall fundraiser. With several folks joining us on an individual project basis, we spent a good amount of time doing some wood pallets, some vintage quilt remakes, bottle painting, etc. What we know is we enjoy this! It is a great creative outlet and fun to visit and plan together. Soooooo, we are going to continue that tradition into the new year, inviting anyone, community wide to join us on the first Monday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We might be sewing or painting or "whatever floats your boat". Maybe all at the same time. We may make some things for future MCC fundraisers or just for ourselves or charities. Come join us. You don't have to be a member of MCC, but just looking for a creative outlet, just curious or want to watch and visit. Love to have you. If you want to discuss anything or have more questions, call me at 642-4912 or email at brendarose344@msn.com or Barbara Moran at 220-9112 or email bvg.moran@yahoo.com Looking forward to seeing you. Brenda



Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:



	9/11/18	10/15/18	11/18/18	12/17/18	1/21/19
Checking	\$9,985	9,828	9,842	9,818	8,099
Savings	\$3,473	3,475	3,476	3,477	3,478
Special	\$9,067	7,803	7,803	2,753	2,753
PayPal	495	1,076	1,095	1,145	1,145
Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension)					4,789

The checking account total is down due to recent paying of quarterly amounts for both our mission obligations and our insurance with Brotherhood Mutual. The “special” account has gone down in recent months as we have paid for special projects (the railings and the guttering and trenching on the highway side of the roof). Those projects are completed, and so that balance should remain the same for a while. The Flex Fund account has been added to this report. This account currently pays about 2% interest, paid twice a year, so the “report” number will change only twice a year. Just a reminder: we need roughly a thousand dollars a month via unscheduled donations and/or fundraisers in order to meet our approved budget, and so it is important to support our fundraiser coming up on March 9. The congregation approved the 2019 budget calling for an estimated \$51,185 in expenses.

“MOKANE TO MOLE CITY”

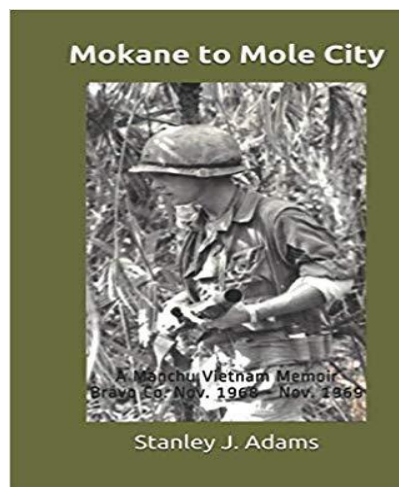
by Stan Adams, (lovingly edited by daughter Kim Force)

Knowing nothing about writing or publishing a book, after three years of long hard and many days of stressful work, Stan’s Manchu Vietnam memoir is finally ready. Our oldest daughter Kim has worked hand in hand with her Dad and me to make his book *Mokane To Mole City* a reality. The book is 271 pages long and has over 270 color pictures of him and the men he served with. Stan grew up in the small rural town of Mokane, Missouri. He was drafted in late May 1968 and spent a year as a combat infantryman on the front lines of the Vietnam War from Nov. ’68-Nov. ’69. Fifty years later, he shares his story of what it is like to fight—and not die—for your country. In recent years, Stan has been reunited with many of his fellow soldiers and together they have reached out to the families of many men who paid the ultimate price in Vietnam. *Mokane to Mole City* is a photographic history of these Manchu warriors, who became brothers in a faraway land, and their unbreakable bond that has endured for half a century.


Join us Sunday, February 3, for a "Book Blessing" and book signing, celebrating the recent publication of *Mokane to Mole City*, a compelling war memoir (filled with color photos) by our own Stan Adams. If you wish to purchase a book, the cost is \$30.00 (cash or check). Books will be available during our 1st Sunday Social time at 10:00-10:30 and after the service as well. You can find the book at their daughter Kim Forces’ small family business www.luckysnipe.com and also their grandson Huston’s part-time job where you will see several reviews, including one by Rev. Farmer. Here’s part of her review. “Sometimes a memoir will make you laugh or cry, but rarely will it take your breath away. This one does. This book offers the assurance that the human spirit, despite everything life throws at it, can survive any trauma—even find a way home again. And in the re-telling, perhaps even heal.” So, join us, and help us bless the book!

If you’re unavailable to join us at church on Feb. 3, we hope you can join us at one of Stan’s other upcoming Book Signing Events while supporting these other not-for-profits

1. March 1 (Fri): Fulton VFW fundraising dinner, (full meal including drinks & desserts \$12/each) 4:30-8:00pm. Book Signing Reception with celebratory cake provided by Stan’s family.
2. March 29 (Fri), Columbia Elks Lodge, 4747 E. Elk Park Dr. 5:00-8:00 pm-Dining room available for cash dinner but an Open House/Book Signing Reception with celebratory cake provided by Stan’s family.
3. April 20 (Sat): Fulton Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society, 513 Court: 10:30am-12:30pm (Book Signing/Cookie Reception)
4. June 8 (Sat): Strawberry Festival (Fundraiser for the Central MO Honor Flight) at Serenity Valley Winery, 1888 County Road 342 (south of Millersburg on Rt. J) 4:00 pm-8:00pm \$40/Booth Space is available through the event sponsor, Gamma Eta in Columbia. It’s an adult philanthropic organization. Contact Annette Kemble for a booth rental application: AKemble12@gmail.com



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Stan Adams, a Vietnam War veteran decorated for combat action and heroism, experienced firsthand the hardships and terrors of battle in the dense jungles of Vietnam. He returned to the United States with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Back at home, he put the war behind him and readjusted to civilian life, working in the electrical field until his retirement in 2004. He lives in the small community of Millersburg, Missouri with his wife Rita, of 44 years. They have two daughters, Kim & Nichole, and two grandsons, Huston & Bowen.

Drafted in late May 1968, Adams, barely 20 years old, was quickly transformed into an infantry rifleman on the front lines of the Vietnam War, where he survived a year of combat with the famed “Manchu” Regiment, 25th Infantry “Tropic Lightning” Division. Sent in as replacements for those Bravo Co. soldiers who were killed in the Thanksgiving Day Battle of 1968, Adams and his fellow soldiers were charged with building “Mole City,” a combat patrol base camp near the Cambodian border, to purposely bait the NVA and disrupt their supply lines through the region. He had been “in country” for less than a month when the NVA attacked Mole City during a Christmas truce, just before midnight on December 22, 1968. The Manchus fought valiantly through the night as their ammo supplies dwindled, and as a last resort, artillery was called in on Mole City. In 2003, Adams began reaching out to the families of fallen comrades and reconnecting with his fellow Manchus – many of whom suffer some form of PTSD as a result of the horrors they experienced in Vietnam. As these surviving warriors age, they are now burying their Manchu Brothers. Fifty years later, through a photographic history featuring 250+ color pictures, Adams recounts his journey from a rural Midwestern town to the jungles of Vietnam, sharing what it’s like to fight – and not die – for your country.

“Adams has achieved in this memoir a powerful testament to what he and thousands of others went through when their country sent them to war. Written in plain, understated prose, it is both a compelling description of combat and proof of the unbreakable bond shared by those who go to war together. It is not easy to read but everyone should.”

- Larry James, author, *Unfortunate Sons: A True Story of Young Men and War*

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					<i>Alyssa Killingsworth</i>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
First Sunday Social – 10:00 a.m. Stan Adams' Book Blessing and Signing	Crafting 9-12 MCC/MPS Board to Board meeting 5:30	MPS 8-12 Ralph & Magda Rowlett	 John & Lynn Reynolds	MPS 8-12 4:30-6:30	 Lance & Rose Bethell	 <i>Shelly Bedsworth</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Jim McCray</i> <i>Janet Landrum</i> <i>Mike Baumgartner</i> Lee & Sharon Plank	 <i>Marla Carlson</i>	MPS 8-12 Pastor Cabinet 6:30 <i>Larry Baumgartner</i> <i>Cooper Whitworth</i>		MPS 8-12 4:30-6:30 Errol & Hazel Pahl	 <i>Anna Sue Harmon</i>	 <i>Barbara Gulick</i> <i>Earl Bryant</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick fundraiser meeting after church <i>Karen Ackley</i> <i>Brian McCarty</i> <i>Jennifer McCarty</i>	Newsletter Deadline	MPS 8-12 <i>Lois Long</i> Art & Amanda Smith	 <i>Rose Bethell</i>	MPS 8-12 4:30-6:30		
24	25	26	27	28		
		MPS 8-12 Book Club 6:30 <i>Linda Cassidy</i>	Newsletter Assembly (Anna Sue & Larry B.) <i>Larry Strawhorn</i>	MPS 8-12 4:30-6:30		

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!

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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

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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.



This is why we are a Green Chalice church!



Thank you, Brenda Rose, for taking care of Elaine Long's bulletin board. She would be proud.