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

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December, 2019

Christmas in Millersburg....



Advent Meditations. Each Sunday in Advent, a family or group of friends will provide a special advent meditation.



December 1
First Sunday in
Advent
Hanging of
the Greens
service



December 22
Sunday morning Candlelight
service.
Come enjoy a special worship
service with candlelight.



December 15
Christmas Program during worship and
Potluck Luncheon
Worship Committee will bring meat
dishes
Others please bring two dishes (salad,
vegetable, or dessert).



If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas, please bring a poinsettia or other Christmas flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one and give their names to Carolyn. She will publish in bulletin December 15 & 22

Patricia's Ponderings

Thanksgiving is not "Turkey Day." It's a time to revisit the spiritual practice of gratitude, a practice that can help us find true joy during the often difficult Christmas Season. Gratitude practice can even help ward off depression during the dark winter months ahead. In other words, if we do Thanksgiving right—that is, focus on the practice of gratitude rather than stuffing ourselves silly—we can change the rest of the holiday season, and maybe even our entire outlook on life. But you may be reading this after the fact, chewing on Tums from over-indulging, and that's okay too. Sometimes, we need to just celebrate food! But don't forget the gratitude.



Last week at church, a lovely woman in our congregation gave me a beautiful, lavender colored journal filled with uplifting stories and Scripture and blanks for journaling. What am I going to do with this gift? I'm going to write down everything I'm grateful for in this beautiful journal—every single day during the holiday season. I'm going to let the benefits of gratitude flow through my body and mind, not just for my own benefit, but for the sake of the world. Gratitude creates the kind of happiness and joy that radiates far beyond our skin and affects everyone we meet. Join me this season in starting or renewing your own gratitude journal. In this way, you'll be indulging in something besides food this season. You'll be treating yourself to the overflowing happiness and deep joy expressed by the Psalmist: *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever"* (Psalm 136:1).

Winter Retreat Online Course

In February, Rev. Patricia will be teaching an online course called "[Living with Beauty](#)," hosted by Spirituality & Practice. If you are interested in learning more about the course or would like to give as a gift during the holiday season, contact Rev. Patricia (pafarmer@aol.com) or go directly to www.spiritualityandpractice.com and put "Living with Beauty" in the search box.



Devotional Opportunities for Advent

Your Advent Daily Devotions are now available! Also, you are invited to join a lively group called "Morning Devotions with Rev. Patricia" that meets each Sunday morning (except for the First Sunday Social) at 9:30 a.m. (Note the new time!) This is an ongoing group that has lately been discussing the topic of spirituality for older adults. In December, we will be discussing Advent themes. Join us!



Merry Christmas

Those who Serve in December



ELDER: Randy Loyd

DIACONATE: Rita Adams
Jeff Moran

BREAD LIST:

December 1 Peggy Strawhorn
December 8 Marsha Loyd
December 15 Vickie Roberts
December 22 Vickie Roberts
December 29 Patty Eggleston

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

Sing Unto the Lord! Make a Joyful Noise!

The JOY Choir started practices for special music and the Christmas Program, which will be December 15. Jeff Moran has written a Christmas program that plays to our congregation's strengths! If you want to join us in the fun, please contact Jeff or Barbara Moran. We will have a meeting at 6 pm Monday evening, December 2, after choir practice, to discuss the play and future rehearsals. We need help with costumes, music, readings, and acting! No memorization necessary as we carry our scripts. But you can memorize as much as you want!

Advent Booklet - Please pick up your family's copy of the Advent Devotion booklet, *Hope-Full Living, Celebrate the Advent Season*. Copies can be found in the narthex.

First Sunday Social is just that – we gather 30 minutes early the first Sunday of every month and enjoy food, beverages but mostly fellowship. Thank you to Barbara, Jeff and Courtney Moran and Vickie Roberts for being our hosts. Please join us December 1!



- *Prayers for Karen Ackley, who had a test/procedure on her heart Tuesday.
- *Prayers for Randy and Marsha Loyd's great nephew, Tyler, who was born October 31 and is undergoing some tests.
- *Prayers for safety for Brent and Crystal who are currently in Hong Kong.
- *Congratulations to Brent Moran who has started a new job!
- *Prayers for Michael Roberts, who had minor surgery Monday.
- *Prayerful consideration to support the upcoming Our House Fundraiser with your donation.



Stan Adams was honored November 16, along with fellow 4th Battalion/9th Infantry Division Manchus at the Mizzou football game. Thank you to Stan, who recently donated a signed copy of his book "*Mokane to Mole City: A Manchu Vietnam Memoir Bravo Co. Nov. 1968 to Nov. 1969*" to our church library.

A note from Missions...

So far, we have had a generous 2019. Every time the Missions committee comes up with an organization in need, our congregation answers the call. It does seem like we have something going on all the time where we are collecting food, money, Moser's receipts, hats, scarves, old glasses, toner cartridges, It seems that way because we do have something going on all the time. When you stand on the other side of this, there is a much different view. The only reason we need to do this is to answer such a great need in our own community, our county, our state, our country, and our world. So, THANKS for the continued unquestioned support. It is God's work we are doing.

Randy
Missions Committee

Thanks to all who donated items, worked at the Bazaar, and came to eat lunch! We raised over \$1,600 for the ministries of our church.



Thank you to the nominating committee, consisting of Larry Strawhorn, Barbara Moran and Brenda Rose for their work in securing the following 2020 Board of Directors. And thank you to all who have agreed to serve!

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Elder	Carolyn Anderson	2020
	Vacancy	2020
	Barbara Moran	2021
	Vacancy	2021
	Bob Green	2022
	Randy Loyd	2022
Diaconate	Vicki Fritz	2020
	Rita Adams	2020
	Jeff Moran	2020
	Vacancy	2020
	Vacancy	2020
	Vacancy	2020
	Brenda Rose	2021
	Bill Anderson	2021
	Larry Strawhorn	2021
	Vacancy	2021
	Vacancy	2021
	Vacancy	2021
	Patty Eggleston	2022
	Bernie Roberts	2022
Vickie Roberts	2022	
Vacancy	2022	
Vacancy	2022	
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Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	<u>6/21/19</u>	<u>7/21/19</u>	<u>8/19/19</u>	<u>9/16/19</u>	<u>10/21/19</u>	<u>11/17/19</u>
Checking	\$14,078	13,259	11,845	13,339	10,753	11,177
Savings	\$3,484	3,485	3,846	3,488	3,489	3,490
Special	\$3,111	2,800	2,800	3,450	3,515	3,515
PayPal	\$1,409	1,485	1,485	1,506	1,506	1,593
Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension:						4,837



At the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 17, the members present approved the proposed 2020 budget for MCC. This budget has askings of \$52,860 and an estimated income of \$52,240, a \$620 shortfall. We think that all or most of that difference will be made up in postage (we are only mailing 60 copies of the newsletter rather than 200 copies) and office supplies (because we are printing fewer copies of the newsletter, we will use less paper, etc.) The November 9 Bazaar and Chili/Soup Lunch earned more than \$1,600 to support our ministries.

Jeff Moran, Treasurer



December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 st Sunday in Advent 1 st Sunday Social Hanging of the Greens	MPS Parent Meeting 6:30 Choir – 4:45 Terry & Vicki Fritz	MPS 8-12 <i>Barbara Moran</i> <i>Jerry Landrum</i>		MPS 8-12 4-7	MPS Christmas Party 6-8 <i>John Gulick</i>	<i>Joe Ed McCray</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2 nd Sunday in Advent New Board Caucus after worship <i>Larry Brown</i>	Choir – 4:45 Christmas Cookie Exchange at Anderson's – 6:15 <i>Todd Guse'</i> <i>Carol Cox</i>	MPS 8-4		MPS 8-12 4-7 Bill & Carolyn Anderson	Set up for Christmas Luncheon – 10:00 a.m. <i>Melanie Czeschin</i> <i>Michael Smith</i>	<i>Vicki Fritz</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3 rd Sunday in Advent Missions Committee meets Program & Lunch <i>Jon Bright</i> Jason & Shelly Bedsworth	 <i>Nicholas Forsee</i> <i>John Reynolds</i>	MPS 8-12 <i>Randy Loyd</i>		MPS 8-12 4-7	 <i>Zach Gamet</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4 th Sunday in Advent Candlelight Worship <i>Tina Arnold</i> <i>Alex Mielke</i>	Newsletter Deadline <i>Cheryl Pardue</i>		 <i>Rhad Baker</i>			
29	30	31				
	<i>Tom Haas</i>					

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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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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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.

Congregational Meeting Millersburg Christian Church November 17, 2019

Board President Carolyn Anderson called the meeting of the congregation to order at 11:30 am. Present were Randy and Marsha Loyd, Carolyn and Bill Anderson, Jeff and Barbara Moran, Brenda Rose, Margaret Blattner, Peggy and Larry Strawhorn, Kathy Craighead, Bernie and Vickie Roberts, and Rev. Patricia Farmer.

Larry Strawhorn presented the slate of board members for 2020 (see attached). President Anderson call for the vote.

2019-11-17 #1: The congregation approved the slate of board members for 2020.

Jeff distributed the proposed budget for 2020, with 2019 on reverse of the page for comparison (see attached). He presented it to the congregation for their approval. The projection is for a deficit of about \$500, and Stewardship and Finance Committee recommends that the congregation approve the budget. Carolyn pointed out that we're not using as much postage or paper with the new newsletter procedure, so the deficit should be negligible.

2019-11-17 #2: The congregation approved the budget for 2020 as presented.

Two people from Diaconate (Jeff Moran and Larry Strawhorn), and one from the Elders (Randy Loyd) volunteered to serve as Nominating Committee for board officers. They will prepare a slate of officers which will be voted on at the Board Caucus, Sunday, December 8. Announcements: Barbara Moran announced that Advent Devotion Booklets are available in the narthex. Carolyn announced that the cookie exchange will be at Anderson's home on Monday, December 9. Meeting adjourned 11:45 AM.