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

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February, 2020



SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**



Celebrate with MCC at our St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser

March 14, 2020 - 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Corned Beef and Cabbage and More!!

Watch for details in next month's newsletter!

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

| | <u>7/8/19</u> | <u>8/13/19</u> | <u>9/10/19</u> | <u>10/8/19</u> | <u>11/2/19</u> | <u>1/17/20</u> |
|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Checking - | \$11,808 | 11,123 | 14,528 | 11,793 | 9,128 | 10,631 |
| Savings - | \$3,485 | 3,486 | 3,488 | 3,489 | 3,490 | 3,493 |
| Special - | \$2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 3,575 | 3,515 | 3,710 |
| PayPal | \$1,409 | 1,458 | 1,506 | 1,506 | 1,554 | 689 |



Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension) 4,837

So far this month, we have paid our quarterly insurance premium (\$870) and quarterly missions payments (about \$770 total). Our current monthly electricity payment is \$250. I transferred \$1,000 from our PayPal account to the Callaway Bank checking account and transferred \$195 from that checking account to the special account (a portion of the Millersburg Preschool use of the church payment).

Jeff Moran, Treasurer

Patricia's Ponderings

The season of Epiphany, which falls between Christmas and Lent, is one of my favorite seasons. Why? Because it's all about light! Epiphany means "shining forth." So it's a season for light, something we surely crave in February. But light is easier to follow when it's dark, and when it comes to thinking about this new year, we need all the light we can muster.



The future is a mystery—what will happen to us this year? What will happen to our country in our upcoming election? What will happen to the geo-political machinations in the world? What will happen to the planet as we face more climate change challenges? All this is enough to darken our days with worry. That is why we must follow the light that we see and not worry about what's ahead. Epiphany means shining forth, not shining all the way to the West Coast. The writer Anne Lamott describes it this way: "E.L. Doctorow said once said that 'Writing a novel is like driving a car at night. You can see only as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.' You don't have to see where you're going, you don't have to see your destination or everything you will pass along the way. You just have to see two or three feet ahead of you. This is right up there with the best advice on writing, or life, I have ever heard."

Two or three feet ahead of you—that's all you need! May the light of God be with you.

Blessings,
Rev. Patricia

Rev. Dr. Larry Brown chosen to speak

This year's C.S. Lewis Legacy Lecture will focus on the legacy of martyred German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Storyteller and former pastor of MCC, the Rev. Dr. Larry Brown will deliver Westminster College's eighth annual lecture at 11 a.m. February 6 in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury.

Brown is famous for infiltrating and writing about racist, white nationalist groups throughout the United States. He frequently appears on PBS. Bonhoeffer famously opposed Adolf Hitler and vehemently protested Nazi treatment of the Jews during World War II. Brown's lecture will commemorate the 75th anniversary of Bonhoeffer's death. He was executed April 9, 1945, at Flossenburg, a Nazi concentration camp in Flossenburg, Germany.

The C.S. Lewis Legacy Lecture is a well-established event at Westminster that honors the legacy of British writer and thinker C.S. Lewis. Through the annual lecture, the college seeks to bring to campus people who speak to themes, topics and issues Lewis regarded highly. Brown is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister and a professor emeritus of human geography at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Those who Serve in February



ELDER: Randy Loyd

DIACONATE: Rita Adams
Brenda Rose

BREAD LIST:
February 2 Vicki Fritz
February 9 Jeanette Hudson
February 16 Anna Sue Harmon
February 23 Vicki Fritz

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

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 Moran and Vickie Roberts for being our hosts in February. See you February 2!



- *Prayers for Bill Hudson, who has been ill.
- *Prayers for Terry Fritz, who is recuperating from knee surgery.
- *Prayers for safety as Jeff Moran travels to Kenya with the Mobility Worldwide Program.
- *Prayers for Naomi Von Gunten, Barbara Moran's mother, who suffered a fall recently and is recuperating in an Oklahoma City hospital. Prayers for safe travels for Barbara.
- *Prayers for Ralph Rowlett
- *Prayers for the Gentsch family – Bill is in the hospital for evaluation and his sister, Judy, passed away Wednesday, January 22.
- *Prayers for Gary Eggleston, who fell and injured his elbow recently
- *Continued prayers for the Kaley family
- *Prayers for Dick Hansen, Alice Gamet's significant other, who is seriously ill in University Hospital
- *Continued prayers for Jerry DiNunzio



Congratulations to Aidan Whitworth, son of Steve and Meghan and grandson of Danny and Brenda Rose. He was voted the most improved marcher by his peers recently at Francis Howell High School. Way to go Aidan!

Thank you for the Christmas gift. It is truly appreciated. Thank you also for all of your kind words and prayers during the illness and death of my brother. Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year. - Lisa



The family of Ariel Montague acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you from James and Sara Kaley and family

In case you didn't already know it – there are several people in our congregation heavily involved in global mission work. Jeff and Barbara Moran travel extensively with the Mobility Worldwide project and Danny Rose is a regular volunteer in the Columbia office. We all know about Brenda Rose's work with the Ryan's Case for Smiles pillowcase project but here is something that she participated in recently. Very proud to call all of these people my friend.

“Beginning in March 2018 local sewists began working with Dr. Bob Hansen, President of Humanity for Children to support the organization's effort to provide safe birthing kits for East African countries of Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya. The receiving blankets make up one piece of the kit in an effort to dry newborns and wrap them to keep warm. Along with other components and training for birthing attendants this effort has lowered the infant mortality rate among villages. Many individuals and groups, such as the Fulton Presbyterian Church and Central Christian Church and individuals in Millersburg and Olivet Church have contributed time, fabric and labor to these blankets. Over two years there have been 5 "blanket blitz workshops" resulting in over 874 receiving blankets made, rolled and tied to make their way to Africa.

In October Israel Kioki, a Masai and HFC's only paid employee on the ground in Africa, visited the United States. He, along with Bob stopped by Brenda's home to say thanks for her efforts in coordinating some of the activities for making the blankets. It was a wonderful visit and great to meet the partners in making a difference in lives of babies.

The good news is the blanket makers have put themselves out of business. The Faultless Starch Company also provides linens to hospitals will begin providing the hospital receiving blankets, with the idea that more fabric will be obtained along with sewing machines. This effort will lead women to create a small business industry to make blankets, school uniforms, etc. in their own village to sustain their own needs. Brenda said this is such wonderful news and gives great satisfaction in the efforts given in love. Now we can move on to helping in other ways.



Birthing attendants with birthing kits



Bob & Linda rolled 250 blankets for Africa trip December 18, 2019



Ginger Beasley, Glenda Fitch, Mary Osburn & Brenda Rose – July workshop at 1st Presbyterian Church



Israel & Bob stopped by Brenda's home to say thank you!



February

Happy Valentine's Day

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | <i>Alyssa Killingsworth</i> |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 st Sunday Social | MCC/MPS Board to Board Meeting – 5:30 MPS Parent Meeting – 6:30 | MPS 8-12 | <i>Ralph & Magda Rowlett</i> | MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>John & Lynn Reynolds</i> | MPS Valentine Making 4:30-6:30 | <i>Lance & Rose Bethell</i> |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Pastor's Cabinet after worship <i>Shelly Bedsworth</i> | <i>Jim McCray</i> <i>Janet Landrum</i> <i>Mike Baumgartner</i> <i>Lee & Sharon Plank</i> | MPS 8-12 <i>Marla Carlson</i> | <i>Larry Baumgartner</i> <i>Cooper Whitworth</i> | MPS 8-12 4-7 | <i>Errol & Hazel Pahl</i> | <i>Anna Sue Harmon</i> |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| <i>Barbara Gulick</i> <i>Earl Bryant</i> | Newsletter Deadline <i>Karen Ackley</i> <i>Brian McCarty</i> <i>Jennifer McCarty</i> | MPS 8-12 | <i>Lois Long</i> <i>Art & Amanda Smith</i> | MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Rose Bethell</i> | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | MPS 8-12 | Ash Wednesday Services – 4:30 Newsletter Assembly <i>Linda Cassidy</i> | MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Larry Strawhorn</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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1st Sunday Social is the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

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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.

Important Dates To Remember!

February 2 - 1st Sunday Social

February 9 - Pastor's Cabinet meets after worship

February 17 - Newsletter Deadline

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Service, 4:30 p.m.

March 1 - 1st Sunday Social

March 8 - Board of Directors Meet

March 14 - St. Patrick Fundraiser