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

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Everyone is invited to see Susan McCarty's program of her trip to Africa last year.
Millersburg Christian Church Saturday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Please let her know if you plan to attend by emailing her at appointment@millersburgveterinaryhospital.com or calling her at 642-8723

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Thank you to all who attended the 2019 Christmas Cookie Exchange. We had a record number of people attend and missed those who couldn't make it!



Patricia's Ponderings

The Advent candles in our sanctuary shone with extra brightness this year. I particularly enjoyed the many children in worship, and I'm sure you did, too. What joy to see them participate! I am grateful for the intergenerational love we share—old and young—coming together to worship, creating bonds of friendship and support that will last for years to come.

The Cookie Exchange at the Anderson home buoyed our spirits with warm soup, beautiful cookies, and fun (thank you, Bill and Carolyn). The Christmas play called "Christmas at the Church" was a wonder to behold—and also made us laugh (thank you, Jeff Moran). The JOY choir sang throughout the holidays, adding glorious music to our worship services (thank you, Barbara Moran, for directing). Everyone worked together, performing different tasks "behind the scenes" to make this Advent season one of the best ever.

I am grateful for each of you. I am grateful for our church, an oasis of love and belonging in the midst of a world in turmoil and division. I have faith in the future because there are little churches like this one, caring for one another, laughing together, respecting our differences, using our talents to enrich the whole, and reaching out to those in need—both near and far.

I am especially proud of our church for its spontaneous and generous response after a Millersburg family tragically lost their daughter. When the worst happens, MCC is there.

Let us begin the new year as we have in the past, with hope and generosity of spirit. No matter what this year brings, we have each other. We have our faith in a loving God. We do not walk alone.

Blessings and Peace for the New Year,
Rev. Patricia



Rev. Patricia welcomes Kathy Craighead into our congregation on December 29! We are thrilled to have you, Kathy!



Rev. Patricia Invites You to Her On-Line Course!

In February, Rev. Patricia will be teaching an e-course called "[Living with Beauty](#)," hosted by Spirituality & Practice. This month-long course will focus on beauty as a spiritual practice, inspired by nature, art, music, religious ritual, and daily life. For more about this course, click on the link above or visit Rev. Patricia's website at www.patriciaadamsfarmer.com.

Those who Serve in December



ELDER: Barbara Moran

DIACONATE: Bill Anderson
Vicki Fritz

BREAD LIST:

January 5 Bob Green
January 12
January 19
January 26 Patty Eggleston

SERVE Food Pantry item for the month of January: Household and Personal Products



On December 15, our church took up an offering to help with funeral expenses for Millersburg residents, James and Sara Kaley, who lost their 14-year-old daughter, Ariel Montague December 14. The family is grateful. You can also contribute at the Short Stop, where Sara works. If you wish to send a card, their address is: James and Sara Kaley, 1626 County Road 340, Fulton, MO 65251. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

*Congratulations to Charlotte Bethell, who was chosen as the December Student of the Month at McIntire School! Prayers of encouragement for Miles Bethell, who broke his wrist recently.

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 Brenda Rose and Carolyn Anderson for being our hosts in January. See you January 5!



Prayer Requests

*Belated sympathy to Lisa Landrum and family on the recent death of her brother.

*Prayers for Anna Sue and Jay Harmon. Jay is now living at Parkside in Columbia, receiving around-the-clock care.

*Prayers for Terry and Vicki Fritz who will be traveling to St. Louis to meet with doctors there about treatment for Terry's knee.

*Sincere sympathy to the family and those who care for Fred Baysinger, who passed away December 20. He attended many of our fundraising events here at MCC and will be greatly missed.

*Prayers of gratitude for Karen Ackley, who is doing well after her recent hospitalization with heart issues.

*Sincere sympathy to the family of Ariel Montague, who passed away December 14.

*Prayers for Jerry Dinunzio (Stan & Rita Adams brother-in-law) who is undergoing chemo treatments.

*Prayers for Oliver Jones who suffered a slight stroke but is doing well!

*Prayers of gratitude that Huston and Bowen Force (Stan and Rita Adams grandsons) weren't injured when Huston's truck overturned recently.



Congratulations to Huston Force, sophomore at Boonville High School was 1 of 8 students who received a Pirate Award from his Spanish teacher



Camp Jelly Bellies given to veterans during Veteran's Day Recognition service.

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. Also, thank you to all who cover for me when Bill and I are out of town. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. – Carolyn



Veteran's Recognition

In honor of Veterans Day, Rita Adams shared the story of "Exercise Tiger". What began as a top-secret naval operation to prepare US Army and Naval forces for the June 6th D-Day Invasion, would end with one of the highest losses ever suffered in combat by the US Army and Navy in WWII. On the morning of April 28, 1944, eight Tank Landing Ships (LTS's) and their lone escort, the British corvette HMS AZALEA were enroute to the landing area. Slapton Sands was selected because its beach looked like the beaches at Normandy that would be code named Utah and Omaha by the allies. Sadly, there were several problems and over 700 Navy & Army men lost their lives, 200 of them from Missouri & several from Audrain County. There is a portion of Highway 54 from Kingdom City to Mexico that was renamed Exercise Tiger in these men memory and a commemorative plaque in front of the Court House in Mexico.

14 Veteran's affiliated with MCC recognized & remembered this year were: Stan Adams, Larry Baumgartner, Charlie Blattner (Margaret's late husband), Gary Eggleston, Terry Fritz, John Gulick, Jay Harmon, Bill Hudson, Tyler Huffman, John McCray, Ralph Rowlett and John Tutt. Russ and Julie Jones daughter Eryn recently joined the Army Reserves, completing her basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and is in TX for medical training. Each was given a bag of Jelly Belly Camo Beans as a small token of appreciation for their service and sacrifices given.

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	<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>	<u>12/21/19</u>
Checking -	\$13,259	11,845	13,339	10,753	11,177	10,972
Savings -	\$3,485	3,846	3,488	3,489	3,490	3,492
Special -	\$2,800	2,800	3,450	3,515	3,515	3,637
PayPal	\$1,485	1,485	1,506	1,506	1,593	1,641
Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension)						4,837



At the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov 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.) Our "end-of-year" financial situation looks good as long as we are faithful to our pledges of financial support for the church and continue to have successful fund-raising events. We have a small "cushion" in the event of unexpected major expenses.

Jeff Moran, Treasurer

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Christmas pageant - Jeff and Barbara Moran, Margaret Blattner, Bob Green, Brenda Rose, Patty Eggleston, Vickie Roberts, Peggy Strawhorn, Gage and Ella Baker. We had a lot of fun and hopefully it had a meaningful message for the audience. A special thank you to Jeff Moran for writing the pageant. I believe it was his best one yet!



Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch hosted by the Worship Committee immediately after the worship service. Thank you to all who helped with the preparation of food, decorating and cleaning up afterwards!



A Message from the Board Chair (and the church secretary)...

What an awesome and uplifting holiday season it has been at MCC. I really don't know how people truly enjoy Christmas if Christ isn't part of their celebration. We are blessed to have so many talented and willing people in our congregation to make the holiday events so special. Thank you!

As the new year begins, our new board will meet January 19 after worship. At this meeting, we will begin the work of the church for another year. Please consider which committee you would like to serve on. If you are a member of the board, which committee would you be willing to serve as chairman? Our functional committees are: Property, Worship, Membership, Stewardship & Finance and Missions. Pastoral Relations is another committee that is appointed by Rev. Patricia and me. If we call you, please consider serving on this committee! Committee work is an excellent way to learn how the church operates and meet your fellow parishioners.

Switching hats now – a new and updated Members and Friends booklet and phone tree will be published (hopefully) in January. If your information has changed in anyway, please let me know ASAP!

2019 Committee Chairs – Let's try to have our annual reports done by March 1 this year. I will be gone most of January and February, searching for warm weather somewhere but would like to publish when I return.

Happy New Year! - Carolyn



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Happy New Year!	<i>Joshua Bright</i>	<i>Amanda Smith</i>	<i>Randy Pahl</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1 st Sunday Social	MPS Parent Meeting – 6:30 <i>Hazel Pahl</i>	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Justin Collins</i>		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Brenda Rose</i>	<i>Carolyn Anderson</i> <i>Steve Whitworth</i> <i>Kamden Nolte</i>	MPS 8-12 <i>Brad Weiss</i>		MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Kathy Craighead</i>	<i>Lance Bethell</i> <i>Terri Collins</i>	<i>Gabriella Loyd</i> <i>Debbie Owens</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Board Meeting after worship	Newsletter Deadline	MPS 8-12 <i>Sandy Brock</i>	<i>Cindy Quick</i>	MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Tara Murray</i>		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<i>Cathy McCray</i> <i>Kali Eggleston</i>	<i>Stacy Bryant-Wimp</i> <i>J. D. & Letha Baumgartner</i>	MPS 8-12	Newsletter Assembly <i>Coralie Forsee</i>	MPS 8-12 4-7	<i>Megan Kukal</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.

