



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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Patricia's Ponderings

On Father's Day, our church experienced a special moment. Each member present offered a story about their father - some funny, some heartbreakingly honest, and all of them deeply moving. We shared pictures of our dads from times long past. There were tears and laughter, and before you knew it, the normal hour set aside for worship had passed by. And nobody cared. I preached after that, but it seemed a bit unnecessary. We had just heard a sermon about love and forgiveness and gratitude from our members.

Following the celebration of our dads, one of our fathers, Jeff Moran, offered a song he wrote a song called "This," which was recently featured on KOMU TV. His two children were present to hear it. One lives in Washington D.C. and the other in Germany. Only through our Zoom worship could such an international gathering be possible! I am grateful for these special moments in the life of our church family - moments that will be remembered for years to come.

Below are the words to the song "This," which reminds us of the values of caring for one another - the very reason we are a church in the first place. Most of our shared memories of our fathers included lessons about caring. Jesus said, "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12). This song reveals such values, the very ones our dads taught us.



Join the Zoom!

During the time of the covid-19 pandemic, church members and friends have been meeting each Sunday by Zoom to visit and worship. On Father's Day we shared memories of our fathers, including photos and wonderful stories of our dad's and their influence on our lives.

You can join the fun by sending a request to Rev. Patricia so she can add you to the list that receive the Zoom meeting email invitation each week. It is easy to click on the link within the invitation email, and poof! you join the meeting!

Or if you do not have email connection, one of the members can call you on your phone, and you can participate in the visiting and worship by speakerphone! We look forward to zooming to keep us connected and to find those silver linings that always exist with the grace of God.

Listen to and participate in the worship experience until the end of the session, about 11:30. If you have questions about any of this, call Jeff Moran at 573-642-9749 or email him at scimusic@tranquility.net.



"This": A Covid-19 Song by Jeff "Dr Chordate" Moran

Every now and then, something like this
Comes along, disrupting lives and days.
Stay at home, wear masks and gloves, no hugs.
Still, some folks have to work anyway.

This, like nothing ever seen.

But, we will not be dragged down by Covid-19.

So, here's to the doctors and the nurses, working 90-hour weeks.

And here's to the preachers who remind us of the least of these.

Here's to the checkers and stockers in the grocery stores, working for 8 bucks an hour.
The police and fire departments, the public service folks making sure there's water and
power.

And here's to the farmers, the bakers, and the butchers, the food bank workers who keep
our families fed.

And here's to the migrant worker, picking fruits and veggies and sleeping six to a bed.

And here's to the truckers who bring us everything.

Here's to the janitors who clean up our messes,

And here's to the teachers who still provide the lessons.

And here's to the guys and gals picking up the trash, the lady who delivers mail,
The people checking neighbors, especially the old and frail. And we say to every one of you
Here's our promise: We'll be there for you (through) . . . (and) on the other side of this.

They say there's a new day coming after this. Not sure when we'll be there.

Not sure we'll even recognize it.

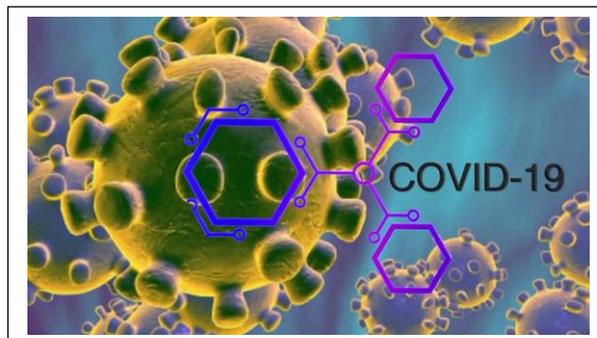
But step by step we'll climb the stairs . . . together.

To hear Jeff perform "This," you can find it at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jQXigp01QM>

To hear my sermon for that day, you can find it here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y99yOL4FfY4&t=5s>



Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	<u>1/17/19</u>	<u>2/17/20</u>	<u>3/16/20</u>	<u>4/20/20</u>	<u>5/19/20</u>	<u>6/22/20</u>
Checking -	\$10,631	11,605	11,603	13,367	9,080	9,121
Savings -	\$3,493	3,494	3,495	3,496	3,497	3,499
Special -	\$3,710	3,590	4,004	4,079	1,260	1,335
PayPal	\$689	737	786	1,634	1,216	1,895
Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension)						4,889



In general, our church finances look good despite not meeting physically during the coronavirus pandemic. People have generally remained faithful to their financial commitments to the church, and we have received some donations. However, our checking and special accounts have decreased due to the cost of the handicap parking pad and sidewalk in the back of the church and some of the plumbing and sewage system work needed to address the recent flood in our basement. We need to remain conscious of our church finances and try to attract new people to our Zoom church services. Thanks!

Jeff Moran, Treasurer



- *Our hearts were broken with the news of **Jay Harmon's** passing, June 7th, Anna Sue's "Jaybird". Sincere sympathy to Anna Sue and all her family. The family is creating a memory book. If you have a special memory of Jay, please share it with the family.
- ***Hazel Pahl**, who is hospitalized in Jefferson City in critical condition.
- *Sincere sympathy to the family of **Sterling Craig**, who passed away, June 10 at the age of 101!
- *Continued prayers for **Bill Hudson**, who is still undergoing tests. He and Jeanette would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, and prayers.
- *Prayers for **Terry Russell**, brother of Rita Adams, who is ill.
- * Prayers of thanksgiving that Barbara Moran's mom, **Naomi Von Gunten**, is doing well following her surgery and has returned to her retirement village apartment.



On June 9, the Board officers, Rev. Patricia, and committee chairs met to discuss among other things how and when to reopen our church. It was suggested that all active members and attendees be contacted to get their opinion on how they would like to see us proceed. The following suggestions were emailed to them followed with a phone call.

1. Continue as Zoom church until we see how the Covid-19 progresses the next month - it has been very well attended but has also left several of our members out of the loop.
2. Open our church building for those who wish to be in the church and still have a Zoom worship with Rev. Patricia on the large screen in the sanctuary. This would involve several of us to make sure the computer and TV are hooked up, enforcing social distancing in the pews, wearing masks, etc. but Rev. Patricia would still be with us - just not in person. We would have to figure out communion also. There would be no singing.
3. Begin outdoor worship with everyone wearing masks and 6-foot social distancing. Rev. Patricia is not comfortable doing this however until cases of the virus goes down 2 weeks in a row.

26 people were contacted, and the poll went like this. 14 voted for #1; 8 voted for #2; 1 voted for #3 and 3 did not have an opinion. We will revisit this situation again on July 14 – our regular scheduled board meeting – and see where we are. I will keep you posted as best as I can. Stay healthy - Carolyn



Grace Loyd, daughter of Lance and Kim Loyd, granddaughter of Randy and Marsha Loyd graduated June 19, 2020 from Fulton High School, Magna Cum Laude, National Honor Society and Chamber Choir. Congratulations! She plans to attend Columbia College in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing.



Vanessa Green, granddaughter of Rev. Bob and Tammy Green graduated from Northeast High School in Wichita. She is certified as a nurse aide and plans to become a hairdresser also. Congratulations!



Savannah Bethell, daughter of Lance and Rose Bethell, granddaughter of Bill and Carolyn Anderson and the late Michael Bethell, graduated June 19, 2020 from Fulton High School, Magna Cum Laude, National Honor Society, Student Council, Cheerleader. Congratulations! She plans to attend Drury University in Springfield in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing.



Amira Harris, Cum Laude. She is the great granddaughter of Margaret Blattner. She plans to attend Columbia College in the fall. Congratulations!



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Rita Adams			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Remi Giofre Braxton O'Bryan		Bill Hudson Amiria Harper- Rose Cindy Baumgartner	Kennedy Blevins Stephen Bryant Jeremy Czeschin	Beau Landrum Tom & Beth Haas	Craig Latty Paul Schmidt
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Kim Loyd Emmett Crane Gary Hackmann	Billie Woods Jennifer Weiss	Kate Bedsworth	Bowen Force
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Dan & Brenda Rose	Huston Force Janna Islam- Rose John & Nichole Tutt		David & Cheryl Rose	Revs. Ron & Patricia Farmer	Slater Roberts	Chris & Kim Force
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Bill Anderson Bernie & Vickie Roberts						



Happy July 4th

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**ALL SERVICES AND EVENTS ARE CANCELLED AT THIS TIME! OUR
EMAIL AND PHONE MESSAGES ARE STILL BEING CHECKED
REGULARLY! JOIN US ON ZOOM!!**

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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You can contact her at pafarmerecuador@gmail.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.