



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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Patricia's Ponderings

"God gave us memories so that we might have roses in December."

--James Barrie

I invite you read Psalm 103, a hymn of praise and thanksgiving that is tied specifically to memory. This beautiful Psalm is a hymn that reminds us that memory is a gift from God. We are exhorted remember the good that has happened to us and know that this good is evidence of the outpouring of God's grace and mercy. Remembering the good is a spiritual practice tied to the practice of gratitude and praise. Yes, we are told in essence: remember to remember!

This Psalm reminds us that memory can be a source of joy and praise-- and the foundation of psychological and spiritual well-being. This kind of remembering does not discount our tragedies but remembers the way God has seen us through and helped us transform the darkness.

Close your eyes for a moment and remember a time when you were filled with a special happiness, a time when you felt deeply loved, forgiven, or simply filled with joy at being alive. Remember the carefree feeling of childhood play or your first teenage love. An anniversary perhaps, or a family gathering. Do you remember holding your child in your arms for the first time? Or maybe a time when you accomplished something you were really proud of.

These are moments that bear re-visiting—maybe even writing down in a memoir or letter. That is what the Psalm offers us when it says, "Do not forget." All the things that you hold dear are gathered up and saved in a reservoir of memory. Drinking from this well often buoys and sustains us in difficult times.

The point of the Psalm is that these memories are tinged with divinity for they are part of God's love and mercy at work in your life. Now, offer a silent thank you to God, or as the Psalmist says, "Bless the lord O my soul and all that is within me." Do not forget all God's benefits, says the Psalmist—the God who forgives and heals and redeems and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. Do not forget.

--excerpt from Rev. Farmer's Zoom sermon, "Remember to Remember."

You can catch up on all her video sermons by visiting our website at www.millersburgchristianchurch.org. Choose the tab "sermons" where all sermons preached during the pandemic are available.



Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	<u>4/20/20</u>	<u>5/19/20</u>	<u>6/22/20</u>	<u>7/19/20</u>	<u>8/20/20</u>	<u>9/17/20</u>
Checking -	\$13,367	9,080	9,121	8,647	7,491	7,770
Savings -	\$3,496	3,497	3,499	3,500	3,501	3,503
Special -	\$4,079	1,260	1,335	2,270	4,525	4,710
PayPal	\$1,634	1,216	1,895	549	1,083	1,858
Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension)						4,939



In general, our church finances still look fairly good despite not meeting physically during the corona virus pandemic. People have generally remained faithful to their financial commitments to the church, and we have received some donations. However, due to a lack of fund-raising events, our checking and special accounts have decreased from paying for a couple of infrastructure improvements that were scheduled prior to the pandemic, and we still have some sewage system work needed to be done and we are in the process of purchasing an air purifying system. To address these last two items, we received a grant of \$2000 (hence the increase in the “special” account) and will apply for additional grant money. We need to remain aware of our church financial situation and try to come up with creative ideas for fundraisers, such a Bob Green’s “challenge”, as well as try to attract new people to our Zoom church services. Thanks!

Jeff Moran, Treasurer



Sincere sympathy to **Vicki Fritz** and family on the passing of Vicki’s mother, **Jessie Vaughn**, September 22.

Prayers of recovery for **Anna Sue Harmon**, who suffered a mild stroke recently. She would love to hear from you! Her address is: 1990 West Southhampton, Columbia, MO 65203. Her phone number is 573-310-7010

Sincere sympathy to **Marilyn Thomas** and family on the passing of her dear daughter-in-law Debbie Cupp on August 29. Our deepest condolences to Marilyn, her son Jim and his children David and Audrev.

Kim Adams Force on the death of her legal mentor and colleague Attorney Bill Rotts who passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on August 21. Kim worked with Bill in his legal practice for 15 years

Prayers for **Jessie Vaughn**, mother of Vicki Fritz

Prayers for **Charlie Hellinger, Jerry Powles, Freddie Copeland and Charlene Figueroa** (Vietnam Vet friends of Stan & Rita Adams) who are battling illness and recovery from illness.



Help Stop the Spread “Mask A Vet today”

The United States Tiger Foundation, located at 1001 E. Walnut Street in Columbia is providing free cloth masks to veterans and their families. This is a joint task force with the State of Missouri, Exercise Tiger having received 50,000 masks from the State Emergency Agency. If you are a veteran, please call the office at 573-356-0529, masks come 5 to a package and they can be picked up on Monday or Wednesday from 10-4, the other days the staff is out delivering larger requests. If you know of a veteran service organization who is need of masks, there are 500 masks in a box. Susan Haines, the Executor Director is also the secretary for the Fulton Pilots Association. Recently 3 pilots from the Kingdom Pilots Association flew boxes of masks from Fulton’s Elton Hensley Memorial Airport to Hannibal, Kansas City and Poplar Bluff, their goal was to deliver 150,000 reusable masks. Exercise Tiger hopes to distribute masks in the Millersburg area at JONES Farm*Home * Auto, stay tuned for future details. Until then, you may contact Stan or Rita Adams at 642-5250, they are helping coordinate distribution of the masks too. If you care to make a donation to Exercise Tiger to help with the cost of their gas, you may do so on their website www.exercisetiger.org

Dear Millersburg Christian Church Family,

To aid the Stewardship and Finance Committee in developing a proposed general operating fund budget for the year 2021, each church committee submitted their anticipated financial needs for the coming year. At its September meeting, the church Board of Directors approved presenting the attached proposed budget to the congregation for consideration at the annual meeting in November.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee has assembled the enclosed information to help church members and friends understand how the general funds support our church. This money is separate from "special" money that we might receive via grants, memorials, and unanticipated donations. Special money may be used to finance projects such as the repair of the sewer system and/or a whole building air purification system for the church building so that we can safely reopen the church for worship services, meetings, and other events.

Everyone has an opportunity to share in the fulfillment of the duties of the various committees and enjoy the satisfaction of the accomplishments and blessings received in work with our fellow Christians. We have the privilege of giving a portion of our time and energy by joining a committee (those committees are listed below) and also financially supporting the general operating fund of the church. By indicating your anticipated financial support on the attached form, you are helping the church Board of Directors plan church programming based on both needs and anticipated contributions. Please know that making a pledge does not bind you to a particular level of support. While one makes a pledge based on what one can reasonably expect to happen, we understand that things change during the year and it may be appropriate to alter a pledge to reflect those changes. Please return the pledge form attached to this letter to the church by Monday, October 5th, either by mail addressed to Millersburg Christian Church, 4527 State Road J, Fulton Mo 65251 Attention: Lisa Landrum, or by email at gmalisal@gmail.com.

This stewardship letter normally includes a personalized form indicating each member/friends' total giving for the present year through the end of August. We are not doing that this year because the budget information is being distributed primarily electronically to everyone in a single bulk email. If you want/need that information, please contact Lisa directly.

Thank you for your support. In these different and difficult times, it is incumbent upon each of us to remain faithful to our commitments to Millersburg Christian Church. We continue to worship each Sunday morning on Zoom and hope to return to meeting in our beautiful church building in the near future.

Stewardship and Finance Committee

Other church committees: Membership, Worship, Property, Missions. Please choose one or more committees to participate on.

2021 Estimate of Giving

In grateful response to God's love and mercy, I/we estimate my/our giving to Millersburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) during 2021 will be*:

\$ _____ per week, or

\$ _____ per month, or

\$ _____ per year, or
a one-time donation of \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

*I understand that if my circumstances change, my level of giving can be changed by notifying the church treasurer of my new adjusted estimate of giving.



Millersburg Christian Church - Proposed Operational Budget: Summary of Askings for 2021

Administration (see below)	\$27,660
Christian Education (Sunday School curriculum, VBS)	\$ 200
Membership and Evangelism (funeral memorials, fellowship, miscellaneous)	\$ 300
Missions (emergency discretionary fund, mission work)	\$ 200
Property (see below)	\$17,365
Stewardship and Finance	\$ 0
Worship (supply ministers, childcare, musicians, supplies, miscellaneous)	\$ 1,500
Subtotal:	\$47,225
Missions (10% of total estimated income) estimated:	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Grand Total:	\$52,225

Administration: Askings for 2021

Pastoral Compensation	\$22,340	
Secretarial Services	\$ 2160	
Bookkeeper	\$ 2160	
Office Supplies	\$ 500	
Postage	\$ 500	
Total:		\$27,660

2021 Property Committee Budget Askings

1. Electricity (Callaway Electric Cooperative, Fulton)	\$3,500
2. Water (Public Water District #9, Columbia)	240 (about \$20 monthly)
3. Trash pick-up (Republic Services)	240 (about \$20 monthly)
4. Telephone (Socket)	480 (about \$40 monthly)
5. Insurance (Brotherhood Mutual)	3,800
6. Copier (DaCom)	1,000 (about \$85 monthly)
7. Mowing (Warren Gilbert)	2,500
8. Janitorial service (David Thomas)	1,820
9. Cleaning supplies for janitor	200
10. Piano tuning	100
11. Safe Deposit box (Callaway Bank)	35
12. HVAC Spring and Fall Service (Reed)	900
13. Pest Management (Atkins)	450
14. Annual termite inspection (Atkins)	100
15. Snow removal	200
16. Fire extinguisher inspection/recharging (Cintas)	300
17. Miscellaneous supplies/unexpected expenses	1,500

TOTAL PROPERTY ASKINGS: \$17,365

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The pandemic of 2020 is still ravaging our world. It has caused untold suffering both physically and economically. We remain prayerful for all those who have lost loved ones and for all who remain vulnerable to this terrible virus. I do not believe God is the source of such terrible suffering; rather, I believe that "God is the great companion—the fellow sufferer, who understands" (Alfred North Whitehead).

I also believe that, as the church, we are God's hands and feet in the world to relieve suffering, promote justice, feed the hungry, and share the good news of God's steadfast love for *all* people. The pandemic makes our task even more urgent!

But churches around the globe have had to change the way they do things, and that includes Millersburg Christian Church. In March, we moved our worship services from a physical space to a virtual space in order to protect the most vulnerable and follow the guidelines from our health professionals. Our attendance on Zoom worship has been good—even better than usual in the summer! We are making the best of a bad situation. But we all look forward to the day when we can safely return to our beautiful church building.

One of the worst impacts COVID-19 has had on our church is the inability to offer community fundraisers—rummage sales, dinners, ice cream socials, etc. Not only do we enjoy such events, but these fundraisers are necessary to meet our budgetary needs. Because of this shortfall, I am planning to give just a little more to the church this year, and I hope you will consider doing the same.

This is not the first pandemic our church has endured. Because we were founded in 1836, there is no doubt that the 1918 Spanish flu impacted services, too. But the church survived that pandemic—even without Zoom!—and it will survive this one, too. Let us work together in 2021 to make that happen.



Blessings,

Rev. Patricia Farmer



**The Cane Ridge Meeting House Spring
2020 Bulletin**

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Submitted by Rita Adams

In Curator James H. Trader II's **Notes from the Ridge "On the Pandemic and History"** he relays news of earlier pandemics that have been wiped out and treatments have been developed for those that persist. He shares excerpts from Henry Everman's History of Bourbon County 1785-1865; J. Winston Coleman's The Springs of Kentucky; and The Filson Club History Quarterly, Vol. 48, No. 3, July 1974, "Asiatic Cholera's First Visit to Kentucky: A Study in Panic and Fear" by Nancy D. Baird. Curator Trader includes the comparisons to the Spanish Influenza Pandemic (1917-1919); 1903 Typhoid Fever, 1902 Small Pox, 1874 cerebral meningitis, Yellow fever in 1855, in the 1800's, there were four cholera epidemics (1833,1835,1852 and 1873) that affected Bourbon County, Kentucky. I hope you will take the time to look up the entire article on Cane Ridge's website www.caneridge.org.

With our Millersburg Christian Church being founded in Millersburg, MO which is also located in Bourbon Township; it's a little eerie, yet comforting to know that with time the Coronavirus will be in the past just like the other pandemics. Like most churches and charitable organizations, the coronavirus pandemic is affecting visitation and donations to Cane Ridge. They were closed during April and May and postponed or cancelled the annual Cane Ridge Day in June. They opened again in June on a modified visitation schedule .

Like MCC, contributions have been adversely affected yet utilities, insurance and maintenance are still necessary. Donations, including In Honor Of/In Memory Of are welcomed at: Cane Ridge, P.O. Box 26, Paris, Kentucky 40362. If you prefer to make your donations online, you may go to www.Givelify.com and search for: Cane Ridge Meeting House. You may make a secure donation through the Givelify site. In addition to monetary donations, they covet our prayers for the ministry of Cane Ridge in this trying time.

With the passing of Elder Ralph Rowlett earlier this year, who was from Kentucky originally and loved talking about Cane Ridge, perhaps you would enjoy making a memorial donation in Ralph's name.



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Marsha Loyd</i>	<i>Rhad & Leah Baker</i>	<i>Lauren Fritz</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	MCC/MPS Board to Board 5:30 - Zoom <i>Cody Baumgartner</i>	MPS 8-12	<i>Jeff Moran Chris Cole</i>	MPS 8-12 4-7	<i>Fred Erickson Kinleigh Rose Mason Rose</i>	<i>Tammy Green Kerry Bush</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>Rodney Latty Nick Arnold</i>		MPS 8-12 Cabinet 6:30 <i>Ken & Susan McCarty</i>		MPS 8-12 4-7	<i>Ella Baker</i>	<i>Matt Rose Finn Hutchison Jeff & Barbara Moran</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Art Bedsworth Steve & Meghan Whitworth</i>	Newsletter Deadline <i>Stan Adams Paige Bedsworth</i>	MPS 8-12	<i>Laden Force</i>	MPS 8-12 4-7	<i>Gage Baker Susan McCarty</i>	<i>Alice Gamet Bob & Tammy Green</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>Nichole Tutt Lola Weiss</i>	<i>Grace Loyd</i>	MPS 8-12	Newsletter Assembly	MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Nolan Bush</i>	<i>Jessica Kukal Roger Harmon</i>	

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Return Service Requested



Missions

Just a few reminders....

*The deadline to contribute to the 2020 Festival of Sharing is October 10th. Please make checks payable to Millersburg Christian Church with FOS in the check memo line. Drop off or mail your check to the church.

*The deadline to contribute to the 2020 Crop Walk is October 4th. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Drop off or mail your check to the church.

*The SERVE food item for September is beans, canned or dry. Or, any other food item you prefer.

Most important - Thank you for your continued support to help those less fortunate. We are all feeling the effects of Covid, yet we keep moving forward with our commitment to be kind and helping our "neighbors", near and far away.

Randy

**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

Our telephone number is 573-642-2939

Our email address is: mcc1836@socket.net

Find us on the web at

www.millersburgchristianchurch.org

"Like" us on Facebook!

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.

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.