



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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Patricia's Ponderings



In one of my recent books, I highlighted the work of Australian composer and Theologian Robert Burrell. He happened to read the book and contacted me with his thanks and a piece of music, a little song he wrote for students and teachers during the pandemic. While this composer's work has been celebrated with choirs, symphony orchestras, chamber groups of ancient instruments—and even saxophone ensembles—this humble song of encouragement, first composed as a round, speaks to me of a simple truth. The words are from an old proverb:

Water wears away the stone,
not because it is stronger.
But because it persists.
(The refrain is a light-hearted "drip, drip, drip.")

When I think of the immense suffering our country is going through, the image of the drip-drip persistence struck a chord with me, and not just a musical one. I imagine each drip landing with a plunk on the stone and sliding off with the kind of glee that children feel careening down a water slide. After all, the drip knows that eventually, when all is said and done, the water will win. Because it persists.

When we feel as small and weak as a droplet of water against the hard things of life—tragedies, injustices, grief, and pain—we can imagine being a part of an unending flow of the strongest force in the world. That force is love. Love never gives up. Love never ends. Love persists.

God is love (I John 4:8). So, let us *drip, drip, drip* tiny acts of love against the hardness of life, smoothing out the rough and sharp places. For in the end, love wins. And that's a song worth singing every day in the coming year.

Happy New Year!
Peace,
Rev. Patricia

What a joy to receive the Congregation's generous gift this year! Your thoughtfulness, kindness and love inspire me daily. I am grateful.



Friends at Millersburg Christian Church:

While decorating our Christmas tree, I again came across a fabric ornament -- a picture of Santa adding the star to the top of the tree. I put this one on every year, as well as some simple paper ornaments created by our kids -- David and Laura -- when they were in kindergarten and preschool. And this year I remembered that Hazel Pahl had sewn this ornament -- she had made fabric ornaments for each child in her care at the MCC nursery.

Our children always felt welcomed at the church and especially in the nursery. David Tucker and his wife Mary and their children Jennifer and DJ were a vibrant part of MCC when they lived in Millersburg. Mary was the youth group sponsor and David could always be counted on to do whatever needed to be done.

Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of the contributions made by both Hazel and David to the life of Millersburg Christian Church. We continue to appreciate the many ways the people of Millersburg Christian Church continue to share love and compassion in the community and around the world.

Dennis and Marilyn Bettenhausen

To my dear MCC friends – Thank you so much for remembering me at Christmas time with your generous gift. I have enjoyed being the secretary for MCC for many years – several times. It is now time for me to step away and officially “retire”. I look forward to working with Brenda Williamson, our new secretary. I am so blessed to be a part of Millersburg Christian Church. – Blessings, Carolyn

Dear MCC Family,
I appreciate your kindness of the gift and lovely words added to the ornament. I pray for God's Blessings for MCC and the MCC family.
Thanking you with a grateful heart,
Lisa

"Dear Millersburg Friends - When counting my many blessings, at the top of the list is my good luck to be spending the end of my life here among caring friends. Thank you for that, and thank you too for the special, tasty goodies that I received from you.

love from Dolores Tennenbaum".

Thank you for the generous gift card! We also received many kind and sweet thank you notes, and we thank you for all of them. The gift and thank you notes touched our hearts and are much appreciated. One of the notes was from Bob Green who is a poet and we didn't know it; we modestly share it: From Barbara & Jeff Moran

With little forethought and of sound mind,
I'm reminded you two are one of a kind.
Each Sunday the music you play and sing
Brings us together – in our ears they ring.
Commitment to good comes in a natural way
To engage others – and without delay.
When I'm with you the smile on your heart
Remains with me long after we depart.
If you ever want or need my care,
Without hesitation, I'll be there.
May God bless you and add to your pleasure
May this season of love be your treasure.

Robert W. Green

Auction Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our online auction, either through bidding or with donations. Because of your generosity, we raised \$850 to contribute to the ongoing work of the church! Thank you to Patty Eggleston for obtaining all of the items for the auction!

Prayers of recovery for the following who are suffering with Covid-19:

Mike Loyd

John, Cathy and Patti Ann McCray

Jamie Hudson's mother-in-law and father-in-law

Will, Samantha and Alex Mielke

Kali Eggleston

Nicole Tutt

Kenny and Janet Eastwood

Jennifer Baumgartner

Teri McGrath

Prayers for:

Bernie and Vickie Roberts grandson, **Patrick**, who fell and broke his leg

Kamden Nolte who has been hospitalized while trying a new heart medication

The members and friends of the **Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church**

The Montgomery family, friends of Randy and Marsha Loyd

Our friends at the **Wiley House**

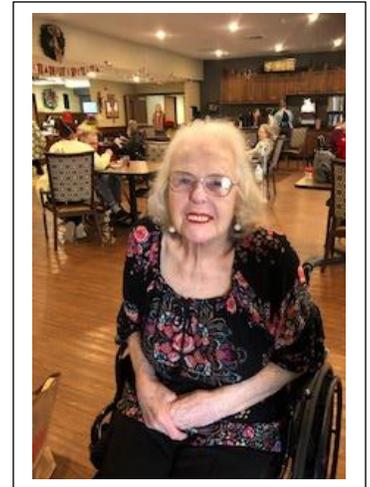
Larry and Peggy Strawhorn's friend, **Rodney**

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Bob Green's son, Ryan, who is ill

Cookies delivered

Thank you to all who provided cookies, fruit, snacks, etc. for Brenda, Carolyn and Barbara to deliver to our shut-ins December 18. Plates of goodies were given to Dolores Tennebaum, Margaret Blattner, Bryan Wiser, Errol Pahl, Shirley Martin, Esther Flaigle, Anna Sue Harmon, John and Barbara Gulick and Bill and Jeanette Hudson.



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Our hearts were broken Sunday, December 27 when Bill Hudson passed away. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Jeanette, son, Jamie and his wife, Robin, daughter, Beth and her husband, Ron and grandchildren, Nickolas, Brooke, Matthew, Patrick and Lacey and two great-grandchildren, Erin and Josephine.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Bill Gentsch who passed away December 16, 2020. He is survived by his daughter, Shea, and many friends.



Congratulations to:

Nathan and Courtney Roberts who are expecting their second child in July! New grandbaby for Bernie and Vickie and sibling for Slater!

Anna Sue Harmon who has a new great-great-granddaughter.

Jim McGrath whose 11th grandson was born

Sincere Sympathy for Beth Ann (Plank) Jones whose husband, Tim, passed away Monday, January 4 2021 from surgical complications. Beth Ann is the daughter of Lee and Sharon Plank.

Sympathy to Stan Adams whose first cousin, June Kimball, passed away recently due to complications of Covid

Sympathy to Ashley Tucker wife of D. J. Tucker, whose grandpa passed away recently

Sympathy for Bob Green's son, Austin, whose roommate passed away recently

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	<u>7/19/20</u>	<u>8/20/20</u>	<u>9/17/20</u>	<u>10/19/20</u>	<u>11/16/20</u>	<u>12/24/20</u>
Checking -	\$8,647	7,491	7,770	9,987	8,653	9,007
Savings -	\$3,500	3,501	3,503	3,504	3,505	3,506
Special -	\$2,270	4,525	4,710	4,845	2,654	4,106
PayPal	\$ 549	1,083	1,858	488	1,046	1,858
Flex Fund (account with Disciples of Christ Board of Church Extension)						4,939

In general, despite the problems associated with the pandemic, our church finances at the end of 2020 still look fairly good. People have remained faithful to their financial commitments to the church, and we have received some donations and grant funding, including an expenses reimbursement grant from the Callaway Commissioners for the recently installed air ionizers and other items for sanitizing the church. Some people are taking advantage of the secure PayPal online method of donating/pledging to the church. And our recent on-line fundraiser netted about \$800. However, we need to remain aware of our church financial situation and try to come up with other creative ideas for fundraisers, as well as try to attract new people to our Zoom church services. Hopefully we will be able to reopen our church for in-person services soon. Thanks!

Thank Goodness! 2020 is over and we begin 2021! This is a new beginning for me especially as I turn the reins of church secretary over to Brenda Williamson and board chairman to Rev. Bob Green. I have served as church secretary for 10 years - this time - and board chairman for the past 3 years - this time. I look forward to working with Brenda as we learn new things together. This is the first time we have had a non-church member serve so please, please be diligent in keeping her in the loop! Brenda has been an active member of Central Christian for her entire life so is a tremendous asset for our church! Her email address is: blouwilliamson@yahoo.com and her phone number is 573-544-3360.

How fortunate we are to have Rev. Bob Green serve as our board chair. Please sign up for the committee of your choice as we start our new year.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and Christ. I am so blessed. - Carolyn



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<i>Joshua Bright</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Amanda Smith</i>	<i>Randy Pahl</i>					<i>Justin Collins</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		MPS 8-12 Board meeting 6 <i>Brenda Rose</i>	<i>Carolyn Anderson</i> <i>Kamden Nolte</i> <i>Steve Whitworth</i>	MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Brad Weiss</i>		<i>Kathryn Leonard</i> <i>Kathy Craighead</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Lance Bethel</i> <i>Terri Collins</i>	<i>Gabriella Loyd</i> <i>Debbie Owens</i> Newsletter deadline	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Sandy Brock</i>	<i>Cindy (Pahl) Quick</i>	<i>Tara Murray</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>Yolanda Sosnowski</i>	<i>Kali Eggleston</i> <i>Cathy McCray</i>	MPS 8-12	<i>Stacy Bryant Wimp</i> Newsletter assembly	MPS 8-12 4-7	<i>Coralie Forsee</i>	
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<i>Megan Kukal</i>						

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Morning Worship starts at 10:30 a.m.

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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.

**The Church is not a building;
The Church is not a steeple;
The Church is not a resting place;
The Church Is Its People!!**

**Join the people of
Millersburg Christian Church
For worship services via Zoom App
at 10:00 am on Sundays**

**Send an email to MCC1836@socket.net,
Put "Zoom Church" in the Subject line.
You will be sent an email the Saturday
before the service with a link
by which you can connect by Zoom App on
your laptop, tablet, or smartphone.
You will be able to see video and hear audio
of others at the worship service.
You can also join to just listen to the service
by non-smartphone.
Join at 10 am to visit with others. Service
starts at 10:30 am.
Previous sermons are posted at our website:
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