



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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APRIL 2021



Hallelujah!



**Join us in the Sanctuary of
Millersburg Christian Church
for Celebration of Easter**

or join us via Zoom

at 10:30 am on

Sunday April 4 and beyond!

CDC recommended protocols will be followed.

Please bring a mask and socially distance.

To join us by Zoom, 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

on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

As in years past, please feel welcome to share a flowering plant –
Easter lily, tulips, flowers from your garden, etc. – in memory or
honor of a special person in your life.

Patricia's Ponderings

The Earthquake of Easter



As we return to "in-person" worship on Easter morning, I am reminded of another Easter morning—the first time I met all of you! On April 16, 2017, I introduced myself and preached a sermon called "The Earthquake of Easter." The words resonate once again as we have just gone through an earthshaking year together. Here is an excerpt:

"And suddenly, there was a great earthquake." The ground quaked, the rocks erupted, the earth cracked. The olive trees in the garden waved their twisted limbs. Nature was aroused.

Welcome to Easter morning!

On that first Easter morning, transformation on a scale no one had ever seen began to shake, rattle, and roll its way into world. Resurrection. It is an earthquake, an upheaval, revealing a brand-new world of possibility, hope, and new life. . .

The women went to the tomb that Sunday morning with heavy hearts, expecting to anoint a dead body with spices. Instead, they experienced the shaking of the earth, the snow-white brilliance of an angel, and the amazement of an empty tomb. "They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy." Pure astonishment.

We need to be astonished once in a while. Astonishment is a rare and beautiful gift for those with spiritual eyes—eyes that allow us to see another world.

In C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, there is a description of the resurrection of Aslan, the Christ-lion. Lewis speaks of Aslan's resurrection as "a Deeper Magic" embedded in the universe since before the dawn of time. This deeper magic is not contrary to the laws of nature, but a deeper, more energetic reality that gives birth to our own personal resurrections and the power of life to overcome death.

The deeper magic of the universe rocks our world with the good news: Christ is alive, hope is alive—and love is stronger than death!



Happy Easter 2021!

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Patricia





EASTER
April 4 2021 and Beyond
Following CDC Guidelines

1. All three doors of the church (front, back, and mezzanine) can be used for entry. A member of the diaconate will be stationed at each door to offer masks and hand sanitizer. **Face masks required for entry.**
2. Diaconate will ask each family/group to socially distance (6 feet) from others in the sanctuary. With our small congregation we should be able to seat one person/family per pew, then skip a pew, etc. to remain socially distanced.
3. Prepackaged communion sets will be used on Easter Sunday. We will see how we like them. Later, if we choose, a member of the diaconate can prepare communion sets by placing an oyster cracker in a cup with a cup of juice placed on top of that. Place sets in a silver tray.
4. Members of the diaconate will carry the offering plate to each person in the congregation. Baskets will not be passed by the congregation.
5. We will have piano music, but no singing, humming, or response to liturgy.
6. The HVAC systems will be placed on continuous fan for air circulation through the ionizers. Diaconate, please remember to turn fans off.
7. Only one person at a time in the restrooms, so lock restroom outer door when entering.
8. We will offer a zoom option to those who choose not to come to the church.

To God be the Glory!
Worship Committee



Mary Belle Streit, 77, of Millersburg passed away on Friday, November 20, 2020. Mary Belle attended MCC as she was able and she is survived by daughter Cindy Baumgartner and husband Mike, grandchildren Casey and Cody. A Celebration of Life will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday April 11, 2021 at 54 Country, 400 Gaylord Drive in Fulton.

Mary Belle was talented making silk floral arrangements and her family donated some of her beautiful arrangements to the church. We appreciate their generosity and it will be nice to have them as keepsakes too. The Worship committee chose Mary Belle's spring floral creations to be used for our first in person worship on Easter. They will greet us coming in the front doors! Memorial suggestions are suggested to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America at www.mymsaa.org





- *John Gulick would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and phone calls during his recent stay at Rusk Rehabilitation.
- *Prayers for Neal Roberts who injured his knee that required surgery.
- *Prayers of healing for Caleb Adams, nephew of Stan and Rita Adams
- *Prayers of healing for Lance Loyd, who fell and dislocated his ankle.
- *Sympathy to Bob Green whose cousin passed away recently in Stuttgart, Arkansas.



Congratulations and thank you to **Kamden Nolte**, who helped make almost \$2,000 for the American Heart Association.

Congratulations to **Aidan Whitworth** who was nominated by his teacher for the Silver Shield Award at his high school. Check out this link to hear what his teacher had to say about this fine young man <https://youtu.be/JSbZ00jrbeq>. Aidan is the son of Steve and Meghan Whitworth and grandson of Dan and Brenda Rose.

Check out this link to see Anna Sue Harmon being interviewed on KOMU.com!
https://www.komu.com/news/video-mill-creek-village-to-start-allowing-visitors-again-next-week/video_b0666ddd-eb02-55d5-8584-c2d4f559cfff.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	10/19/20	11/16/20	12/24/20	1/11/21	2/15/21	3/22/21
Checking	9,987	8,653	9,007	8,692	9,649	12,510
Savings	3,504	3,505	3,506	3,507	3,508	3,509
Special	4,845	2,654	4,106	4,011	5,731	5,845
PayPal	488	1,046	1,858	1,931	1,071	2,159
Flex Fund						4,940



If resetting electronic clocks for daylight savings time gave you a problem, this brief discussion of electronic funds transfer won't thrill you. I had such problems, so read this discussion carefully and know that I'm often wrong but never in doubt!

The Disciples of Christ headquarters has a Center for Faith and Giving. See web site: Centerforfaithandgiving.org/2016/01/electronic-giving/ This Center doesn't facilitate electronic funds transfers but it offers guidance on giving via credit cards and PayPal type organizations. It notes that there is a significant trend among younger worshippers to use credit cards and/or facilitators like PayPal, to make their donations. Parishioners appreciate, and sometimes expect, these means to handle contributions. In fact, folks can and some already do contribute to Millersburg Christian Church via PayPal.

The downsides to the church are the costs involved with electronic fund transfers. PayPal, for example, charges the church about 3% to handle a transaction. If a person uses this service to contribute \$100, the church will receive about \$97. However, there is reason to believe that if the donor clicks on "friends and family" prior to sending the funds, PayPal will not deduct the 3%. There are things to learn about both facilitators and card readers, which also take a portion of any donations.

Electronic fund transfers via PayPal are a fairly new way of receiving offerings for Millersburg Christian Church and we don't have card readers. The Board of Directors would like anyone with comments or concerns about these ways of donating to please make them known.

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				MPS 8-12 4-7	Good Friday Service via Zoom – 7:00 p.m.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
His is Risen!! <i>Violet Elizabeth Woods</i>	MPS Parent Mtg 6:30-7:00 <i>Allison Milner Michelle Hans John & Barbara Gulick</i>	MPS 8-12 <u>Election Day</u> Pastor Cabinet – 6:30-7:00 <i>Miles Bethell Jack Patrick Hatchett</i>	Brad & Jennifer Weiss	MPS 8-12 4-7	<i>Eddie Forsee</i>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		MPS – 8-12 <i>Brent Long</i>		MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Amanda Loyd</i>	<i>Bailey Baumgartner</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Eva Landrum</i>	Newsletter Deadline <i>Terry Fritz Kristen Bright</i>	MPS 8-12 <i>Nicole Latty Hatchett Raleigh Huffman</i>		MPS 8-12 4-7		<i>Joyce Schermehorn</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		MPS – 8-12 <i>Charlotte Rose Bethell</i>	Newsletter assembly	MPS 8-12 4-7	<i>Blake Latty</i>	

SAVE THE DATE!!
MCC ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!
JUNE 4-5, 2021
DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Millersburg Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Return Service Requested



from the Green Chalice newsletter...

"Spring Equinox"

By Agnes Krampe

The balance tips toward the light.
Now is the time to start
A journey or a garden bed;
Plant with a happy heart
The seeds of dreams. Wake, senses, wake!
Smell the moist soil that brings
Forth juicy green from its dark depth.
Hear how the river sings;
The waters nourish and renew.
Feel gentle balmy breeze
Caress your skin. See sun's bright light
Awaken grass and trees.
Now taste the joy. And like the earth
You are refreshed and new
And full of energy to plant,
Begin, create, and do.

10:00 a.m. Visiting

10:30 a.m. Worship Begins

Rev. Patricia Farmer, Minister

Our telephone number is 573-642-2939
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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. Rev. Patricia will begin having office hours on Sunday immediately after worship. Please call her at the church number or her cell number to make an appointment to visit with her!

