



**MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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"In the heart of the community, with the community at heart."

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**MAY 2021**

# ***RUMMAGE SALE***

**Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>--7:00 AM – 5:00 PM**  
**Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>--7:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Lots of treasures for sale!**

**Cookbooks/Books**  
**Jewelry/accessories**  
**Clothing**  
**And lots, lots more**

*Check our website: [www.millersburgchristianchurch.org](http://www.millersburgchristianchurch.org)  
for more information*

**Friday**  
**7:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Saturday**  
**7:00 - 11:00 AM**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Half Price)**  
**1:00 - 2:00 PM (\$1 per Grocery Bag)**

**Donations (with prices on them) may be brought to the church between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let a church member know if you would like someone to meet you at another time. This fundraiser gives us and our community the opportunity to spring clean and recycle and re-use untold treasures!**





## Patricia's Ponderings

*"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts." –Rachael Carson*

As Spring draws us into its loveliness, we contemplate its beauty. The vibrant redbud trees and yellow daffodils waylay us first. Then pops up the brilliant red tulips and the promise of summer roses and a million shades of pink, orange, and fuchsia. But gorgeous color is only one gift of Spring.

My own humble garden is bursting with lilac blossoms. With their striking color comes an effusion of scent that can never be exactly replicated. Not in candles, not in perfume, not even in essential oil. The heady aroma must be inhaled in Spring, in the lilac blossom itself.

Scent is tied closely with memory, so if we want to hold on to the moment and tuck it away in memory, we need to stop, take a deep breath, and inhale the fragrances of Spring. If we miss this moment through distraction or worries or busyness, we lose a slice of paradise meant just for us. God works through beauty and scent and fresh crisp air to lure us out of ourselves and into a realm of joy—offering tantalizing hints of heaven itself.

We have all gone through a terrible winter of Covid combined with crushingly cold temperatures. Some of us have lost loved ones; others have lost a sense of vital connection. Many of us barely remember what it feels like to not be living in fear. But now it is Spring, and we are lured outside, not only outside of our houses, but outside our prisons of worry and anxiety. Spring is a healer. It gives reassurance that, in the words of the Christian mystic Julian of Norwich who survived the Black Plague, "All shall be well; and all shall be well; and all manner of things shall be well."

As we live out the season of Eastertide in May, I hope we will remember the power of resurrection in our world, not only in nature, but in our faith and in our hearts. The Easter season is here to remind us that the risen Christ is alive in me, in you, in the redbud tree, and in the sneaky squirrels that eat our birdseed.

So, let us look for the risen Christ wherever there is beauty, wherever there is joy, wherever there is healing. Lilacs and Dogwood and tiny green shoots on brown sticks that once looked dead are all divine messengers of hope and resilience. Contemplate this and you will discover "reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts."

Shalom,  
Rev. Patricia

### **Celebration of Life Service for Dave Tucker, Sat. June 19**

A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Dave Tucker, Saturday June 19 at Woodcrest Primitive Baptist Church, 406 Henry Clay Blvd. in Ashland. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 with the Celebration following at 11:00. [Friends and family are invited to share a favorite memory of Dave.](#) Our MCC family has been praying for Mary, Jenny & DJ and their families since Dave passed away November 16, 2020, he and Mary celebrated 44 years of marriage. MCC received many donations in memory of the contributions Dave and Mary made to our church until they moved to Ashland. We thank their family for remembering our church during their time of grief and we are glad we'll be able to show our love and support to them in person.

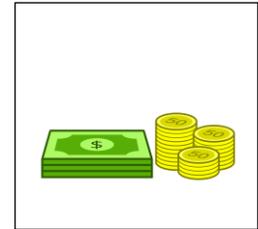
Olivet's Sustainable Living Team is sponsoring a 2-part program this month: folks can view the film, *Kiss the Ground*, free of charge, on their own, per the instructions in the invitation and then join us for a Zoom discussion on Sunday evening, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM. As part of the discussion, we'll have a guest who has been using sustainable farming practices here in Boone County – particularly rotational grazing.

*Kiss the Ground* explores several ways to sequester carbon in the soil and not all of these ways will necessarily be as effective as hoped for, but we hope they are worth exploring and researching. Since MCC is a Green Chalice congregation, we thought there might be some folks especially interested in this.

If people have problems accessing the film or Zoom link, they can call our Olivet Church office at 442-0336.

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church accounts at Callaway Bank:

	<u>11/16/20</u>	<u>12/24/20</u>	<u>1/11/21</u>	<u>2/15/21</u>	<u>3/22/21</u>	<u>4/15/21</u>
Checking	8,653	9,007	8,692	9,649	12,510	14,626
Savings	3,505	3,506	3,507	3,508	3,509	3,511
Special	2,654	4,106	4,011	5,731	5,825	12,748
PayPal	1,046	1,858	1,931	1,071	2,159	159
Flex Fund (Disciples Church Extension Fund)						4,990



Not so long ago it was said that a person knowing three languages is trilingual and one knowing two languages is bilingual, while one knowing just one language is American. Perhaps so but knowing our style of English is a significant feat. We say confusing things like: we drive on parkways and park on driveways. Furthermore, we have garage, lawn, and rummage sales but they don't involve selling either a garage, lawn, or a rummage (whatever it may be).

As we knew from the outset, pledges alone won't cover all the church's expenses. We need roughly \$1,000 a month via unscheduled donations and/or fundraisers in order to meet our approved budget. Don't take this to mean that we are lax in making our pledges, we are doing a wonderful job of meeting our commitments. However, we must supplement them and one way to do this is the church rummage sale. Plans are now being discussed for having such a sale in mid-June. So, take a look around and set aside any "rummages" that you find to help make the sale a real budget booster.

We received a grant from the Bridgeton Fund for \$8,600. The grant was written to get funding to black top the church parking lot. The trustees of the fund commented: "Safety should be a priority for an aging congregation and leaders are attempting to address it with work on drainage issues. While this appears to be an ongoing issue rather than something unexpected, it does come close to meeting guidelines of the grants."

Note that the bid for black topping the parking lot is around \$30,000, so while the Bridgeton Fund grant is helpful and greatly appreciated, it is just a start toward full funding of the project.

Jeff Moran

The Millersburg Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting Sunday, May 23rd at the Millersburg Baptist Church. A carry-in luncheon will begin at 12:30 and the business meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m.



Thank you for your generous donation of 85.1 pounds of food which was made during the first quarter of 2021. - Courtney Harrison, SERVE Executive Director



Prayers of healing for Lewis Baumgartner who suffered a recent fall  
 Continued prayers for John Gulick who is recuperating from surgery  
 Prayers for Robert Green's son, Ryan, who has been hospitalized in  
 Springfield

Prayers of safety for Brent and Crystal Moran who are moving to Hong Kong.

Congratulations to Leah Baker on her re-election to the Fulton School Board.

***Those who Serve in May***



**ELDER:** Carolyn Anderson

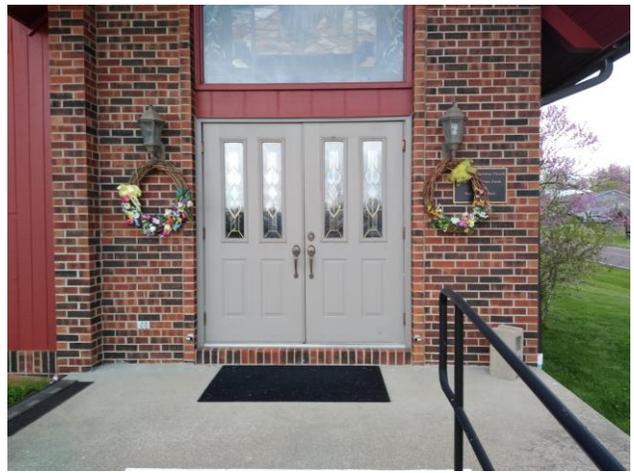
**DIACONATE:** Rita Adams  
 Brenda Rose

**Food Pantry item for the month of May:  
 Macaroni & Cheese**

Thank you [Jeremy Paul Amick](#) for the recently published article you wrote about Stan's service in Vietnam with the Manchus. We are also honored that Stan's story will be featured in your upcoming book "Show-Me Veterans" Military Heroes of Missouri by Yorkshire Publishing. We can't wait to get an autographed copy when it comes out this summer!

For those who don't know Jeremy, he is a former MO National Guardsman, local military historian/public affairs officer with the Silver Star Families of America. He has written hundreds of articles and several books chronicling the service and sacrifice of United States Veterans, past and present. Jeremy; Stan, all veterans and their families salute you for the good works you are doing preserving these lasting legacies! Follow this link to read the article:

<https://www.facebook.com/1373107149/posts/10219126460257049/?d=n>



Thanks again to the family of Mary Belle Streit for sharing her beautiful flower arrangements with our church!



We are proud to be able to share the blessing box on our property with those in need.

Thank you to Jennifer Perry for providing this to our community!



# MAY



A special celebration of mothers will take place on Sunday, May 9. Please join us!

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
						<i>Dan Cassidy Allen Bright Amy (Anderson) Simmons</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	<i>Heather Forsee</i>	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 4-7		<i>Dusty Baumgartner</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Happy Mother's Day</b>		MPS – 8-12  <i>Chris Force</i>  Church Board 6:30		MPS 8-12 4-7  <i>Adelia Marie Hans</i>	<i>Dillon Baumgartner</i>	<i>Sandi Bernard</i>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	Newsletter Deadline	MPS - 8-12  <i>Angie Crane</i>	<i>Megan (Rose) Whitworth Art Smith</i>	MPS 8-12 4-7 <b>Earl &amp; Kathy Bryant</b>	<i>Shannon Baumgartner</i>  <b>Jay &amp; Anna Sue Harmon</b>	<b>Jana &amp; Kerry Bush</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Millersburg Cemetery Association Mtg – 12:30 Millersburg Baptist Church	<i>Jason Hatfield Lauren Rose</i>	MPS – 8-12	Newsletter assembly	MPS 8-12 4-7 <i>Jana (Fritz) Bush Shirley Martin</i>	<i>Stanley McCray</i>	<b>Larry &amp; Peggy Strawhorn</b>  <b>Jerry &amp; Tina Arnold</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
	<i>Tim McCarty</i>					

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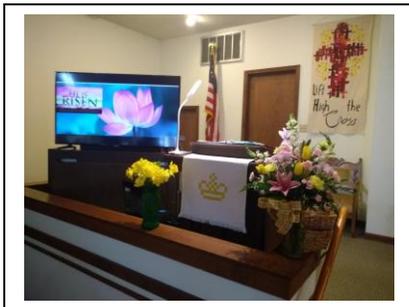
*(Disciples of Christ)*

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Fulton, MO 65251

Return Service Requested



Thank you to Brenda Rose for preparing these welcome back bags on Easter Sunday!



10:00 a.m. Visiting

10:30 a.m. Worship Begins

Rev. Patricia Farmer, Minister

Brenda Williamson, Administrative Assistant and  
Bookkeeper

Church telephone number is 573-642-2939  
Church email address is: [mcc1836@socket.net](mailto:mcc1836@socket.net)  
Brenda telephone number: 573-544-3360  
Brenda email: [blouwilliamson@yahoo.com](mailto:blouwilliamson@yahoo.com)  
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[www.millersburgchristianchurch.org](http://www.millersburgchristianchurch.org)

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You can contact her at

[pafarmerecuador@gmail.com](mailto: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 steeple;  
The Church is not a resting place;  
The Church Is Its People!!  
Millersburg Christian Church  
For worship services via Zoom App  
at 10:00 am on Sundays

Send an email to [MCC1836@socket.net](mailto: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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