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

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PATRICIA'S PONDERINGS

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen,
slow to speak, slow to anger. -- James 1:19

Listening may be the key to unlocking the doors that separate us, to gaining wisdom, to communing with birdsong, and finding intense joy in music -- but make no mistake: listening is hard work. I preach sermons every Sunday, and I am well aware that if I go over 12 minutes, no matter how scintillatingly or profound I imagine my words to be, my flock will (if still awake) become restless and dreamy, some playing with lunch possibilities or recipes in their heads. How do I know this? Because when I am in the pew, that's exactly what I do -- food taking up an excessive amount of space in my head.

Once, after fifteen minutes of listening to a preacher, I began getting restless and strategizing how to get to the dark chocolate bar in my purse, unwrap it, break off a square, and slip it discreetly into my mouth without making any noise. The sermon ended before I could complete my covert operation, leaving me with chocolate melting in my hands as I stood awkwardly to sing the last hymn. Attention spans vary, but the fact is, we love the sound of our own voices (especially those of us in the clergy), so we have to actively cultivate our capacity for closing our mouths at the right time and paying attention to the voices around us.

In the [Alphabet of Spiritual Literacy](#), "L" is for listening as well as for love, but listening is listed first, which is only right because there is no love without listening. I preach the words of Jesus, "love your neighbor as yourself," but how can we do that without first sitting down with our neighbor with open ears? Even if it's hard. Even if I want to correct them rather than listen to them. Even if I'd rather be chatting over tea and muffins with a friend who feels exactly like I do. Listening is hard work in the best of circumstances. But compassionate listening to people spouting difficult words stretches the soul beyond its comfort zone and takes us into the realm of true spirituality.

Claude Debussy said, "music is the space between the notes." If we can expand our capacity for listening, we might catch something more important between the words, under the words, beyond the words -- a place of unacknowledged fear that needs to be heard. Then, we might strike the right chord in our response. Returning to imagery from my food-fevered mind, maybe deep listening -- *holy* listening -- is the act of expanding our souls like bread dough rising quietly on a sunlit table, offering the promise of nourishment and the feeling of home. If we could help our "adversaries" feel heard beyond their words, they might start feeling less embattled and more at home in the world. We might even get a delicious taste of what it means to love our neighbor.

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" Thanks to everyone for remembering me during Clergy Appreciation Month with a card and gift certificate. I am so blessed!" **Rev. Patricia**

I want to thank everyone for all the phone calls, texts, prayers and food sent to us during time with Covid. If you haven't already, please get your shot. I truly believe that kept us out of the hospital. Thanks again. **Terry and Vicki Fritz.**

Thank You To My Church Family! I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards and food following my arthroscopy surgery to repair the 2 torn tendons in my right rotator cuff. There's nothing better than concern & help from church friends to speed our recoveries! And an extra big Thank You to my husband Stan for taking such good care of me which continues now with doing my physical therapy 3 days a week for 8 weeks before I go for my follow-up appointment Nov. 29. And to my daughter Nichole (Nikki) for her excellent medical help at Columbia Orthopedic Group and at our home. God Bless each of you. **Rita Adams**



Fulton Public Schools recently recognized junior, **Kamden Nolte**, for her outstanding Support and dedication to the American Heart Association! ♡ □

Kamden was nationally nominated for the Young Heart Leadership Award and was Recognized at the virtual Kids Heart Challenge & American Heart Challenge National Awards Ceremony. Kamden is the granddaughter of **Randy and Marsha Loyd.**



Prayer Concerns:

Anna Sue Harmon who has been hospitalized with Covid and pneumonia. She's responding well to treatment and we pray she's back home soon!

Danny Rose who is having surgery to repair or replace his rotator cuff Thurs. Oct. 21.

Kim Adams Force who will have arthroscopy surgery to repair a partial tear in her right rotator cuff Nov. 2.

Treasurer's Report

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) accounts :

	5/14/21	6/21/21	7/19/21	8/21/21	9/20/21	10/17/21
Checking	13,789	15,166	13,440	12,253	11,065	11,462
Savings	3,512	201	202	203	204	205
Special	14,082	17,289	19,064	13,591	13,941	14,416
PayPal	209	308	308	356	356	455
Flex Fund (Disciples Church Extension Fund)					\$5,042	



The total cost for MCC's HVAC and north roof repairs is \$17,141.43. Funds to pay these bills came from the church's Savings and Special accounts. Church members and friends stepped in to reimburse these accounts and this activity is going well. Presently \$13,200 of the total costs are restored, leaving \$ 3,941.43 to go. Contributions to return these accounts to the levels existing prior to the repair bill payments are always welcome.

There is a call for pledges to fund all of the church's general accounts in 2022. Many completed pledges were turned in both on October 3rd, Commitment Sunday, and at other times. Heartfelt thanks are given to those who made these commitments. Additional declarations of support for the church's programs and expenses are greatly appreciated. Don't be like the fellow found in the middle of a street crying and holding a lead rope. Asked what the problem is, he explained that he couldn't remember if he lost his horse or found a lead rope. Make a pledge and be certain that you are supporting MCC's 2022 operations. Keep in mind that during the November 21 congregational meeting you have a chance to discuss, alter if necessary and approve the 2022 Budget developed by the Board of Directors. After the congregation approves a final 2022 budget, a determination will be made of how all income sources match up to the budgeted expenses. There will be a report on this in the next Newsletter.



NOVEMBER



	1	2	3	4	5	6
		MPS 8-1 <i>Leah Baker</i> Todd & Tracy Guse'		MPS 8-1 4-7 Mike & Cindy Baumgartner		<i>Allison Hutchison</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1 st Sunday Social – 9:45 <i>Andrew Romitti</i>		MPS 8-1 <i>Hayden Bush</i> <i>Emma Bright</i>		MPS 8-1 4-7		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Board of Directors Meeting following worship	Roman Romitti Bryan Wiser Gazi Islam & Janna Rose	MPS 8-1 <i>Jordan Collins</i> <i>Lisa (Plank) Cole</i>	<i>Cole Czeschin</i>	MPS 8-1 4-7 <i>Lisa Bright</i>	<i>Patty Eggleston</i> <i>David Wilkerson</i>	Jimmy & Frances Bittle
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Congregational Mtg following worship <i>Larry & Linda Reed Brown</i>	Newsletter deadline <i>Doug Milner</i> Doug & Jo Ellen Milner	MPS 8-1 <i>Embry Woods (Billie Jean Anderson's Daughter)</i>		MPS 8-1 4-7 <i>Kristen Cassidy Blevins</i>		<i>Sharon Plank</i>
28	29	30				
<i>Casey Baumgartner</i> John & Cathy McCray Stan & Rita Adams		MPS 8-1 Newsletter assembly <i>Carol Terrell</i>				

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Return Service Requested



Upcoming Special Worship Events:

October 31 – All Saints Day celebration

Nov. 7 – Veterans' Recognition Sunday

Nov. 28 – 1st Sunday in Advent, Sunday after Thanksgiving

December 5 – Hanging of the Greens – contact Vickie Roberts if you want to participate in decorating the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season.

December 12 – Christmas Dinner after worship service. Please bring a large salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Worship Committee members will bring meat dishes.

December 19 – Lessons & Carols and Christmas Candlelight service at end of worship.

Each Sunday in Advent, Rev. Patricia will incorporate the theme from our Advent booklets, "How Do They Celebrate Christmas?" which describes customs from around the world. Each Sunday in Advent will feature a different country. The booklets will be put on the table in the northex before Thanksgiving. Advent starts November 28.

10:00 a.m. Visiting

10:30 a.m. Worship Begins

Rev. Patricia Farmer, Minister

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The best times to reach her are Monday-Thursday during regular business hours. Friday is her day off.

THOSE WHO SERVE:

ELDER: **Randy Loyd**

DIACONATE: **Rita Adams**

Brenda Rose



SERVE Food Pantry item for **November:**
Support our Thanksgiving families

You are welcome to join us in person to worship in the sanctuary at 10:30 am on Sundays. To join our worship service by zoom, send an email to MCC1836@socket.net, and 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. You can also join to just listen to the service by non-smartphone. Join by 10:20 am. Service starts at 10:30 am. Previous sermons are posted at our website:

www.millersburgchristianchurch.org.