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

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PATRICIA'S PONDERINGS

Lenten Light

The word "Lent" refers to the "lengthening" light, the return of life and beauty all around us—sunflowers, wheatfields, purple Irises in bloom. What better companion could we ask for during Lent than the artist whose paintings encapsulate the light returning to all these points of beauty: Vincent van Gogh. This year, on four Sundays in Lent (see below*), we will gather before the services at 9:30 in the sanctuary to meditate on the beauty of Lent with images of van Gogh's paintings and Scripture.

The booklet, "Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent" (The SALT project), which will accompany our viewing, describes the artist this way:

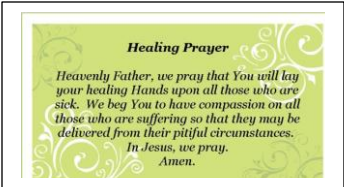
"Vincent van Gogh devoted his life to light. The light of creation, the light of painting, the light of God's grace—and the light in humanity, mind, body, and soul. The son of a Christian pastor, Vincent fervently set out to be a preacher and missionary himself, but his ministry eventually took the form of brush strokes and canvases: in just ten years of his short life, from age 27 to 37, he created more than 2,000 luminous works of art—including nearly 900 paintings—shimmering with vitality and passion, and above all, with light."

During Lent, you will also receive a meditation booklet for every day of the week, with the words of the great theologian Henri Nouwen to accompany you. In other words, we've got you covered for Lent!

May the growing light of Lent find its way into the cracks and crevices of your soul this season. Let us grow in light together as we journey toward Holy Week and the resurrection of our Lord.

Blessings,
Rev. Patricia

*"Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent," 9:30 a.m. March 13, 20, 27 & April 10 in the sanctuary. (We will continue with our First Sunday Socials at 9:45 on March 6 and April 3.)

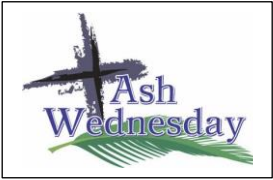


Prayer requests include:

John McCray's niece, **Brooke Folk**, who has cancer.
Errol Pahl, who was in a car accident on February 19th, but is doing well.
 Karen Ackley's son, **Robert**, who has cancer.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Ash Wednesday services will be on **March 2nd**, at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a brief service of ashes. Rev. Patricia will send out an email invitation to the virtual service on Zoom. Just Click on the link in her email. If you don't usually receive a zoom invitation to worship with us, just send Rev. Patricia an email (pafarmerecuador@gmail.com) and she will send you a link. Also, try to find a small bit of ashes for this meaningful service, such as from the wick of a burned candle, or maybe a fireplace.



Lenten Booklets will be placed on the back table in the narthex. We have adult and children's booklets. This is a daily devotion during the 40 days before Easter. This is a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter. The first Sunday of Lent is on March 6th.

Other Dates to remember:

March 6 – Return Week of Compassion Boxes

April 10th – Palm Sunday – We will gather together for an enjoyable meal after services. The Worship Committee will furnish the meat dishes. The congregation is asked to bring a large salad, vegetable or dessert dish.

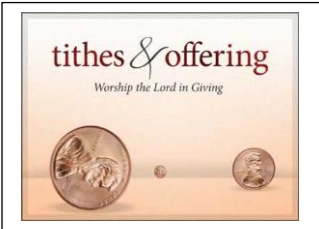
April 15th – Good Friday/Tenebrae Services – Service will be by Zoom, and start at 7:00 pm

April 17th – Easter Sunday

Treasurer's Report

Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) accounts :

| | 9/20/21 | 10/17/21 | 11/22/21 | 12/20/21 | 1/17/22 | 2/19/22 |
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| Checking | 11,065 | 11,462 | 12,846 | 12,217 | 13,220 | 11,489 |
| Savings | 204 | 205 | 206 | 207 | 208 | 209 |
| Special | 13,941 | 14,416 | 14,491 | 14,651 | 14,801 | 15,256 |
| PayPal | 356 | 455 | 455 | 551 | 551 | 602 |
| Flex Fund (Disciples Church Extension Fund) | | | | \$5,090 | | |

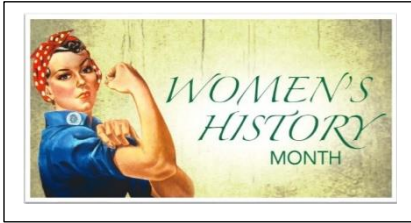


Here I am composing this in February for the March Newsletter. I'm surprised that I can do so, because I'm so far behind that I'm still writing 2021 for the year. In fact, 2020 still sneaks in if I'm not careful. Partly, there is a memory problem.

You may have noted that the checking account balance took a dip in the past month. Dips are normal and happen for many reasons, one being when old man winter causes us to ZOOM into church, instead of actually, showing up bodily in the sanctuary. Unfortunately, there is just no way to physically collect donations using ZOOM and, as a result, the checking account dips. However, folks typically rectify this the next time they attend an in-church service by tailoring their donation to cover the missed weeks. Millersburg Christian Church is blessed with conscientious members who do their best to help the church meet its obligations. There is no memory problem here.

Lots of red for Valentine's Sunday 1st Sunday social





MARCH



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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1st Sunday Social – 9:45 Pick up Lenten books <i>Justin Bedsworth</i> | <i>Gary Eggleston</i> <i>Jenny Tucker Cummings</i> | MPS 8-1 <i>Manning Weiss</i> | <i>Hana Brown</i> | MPS 8-1 4-7 <i>Jackson Gulick</i> David (DJ) Tucker, Jr. | <i>Rachel Landrum</i> | Brent & Tracy Long |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Church Board Meets after Worship Lenten Meditation- 9:30 am <i>Jamie Hudson</i> | <i>Kim (Adams) Force</i> | MPS 8-1 <i>Beth (Hudson) Monson</i> <i>Ari Moran</i> <i>Lee Plank</i> <i>Lauren Anderson</i> | <i>Jimmie Hoesch</i> <i>Aidan Whitworth</i> | MPS 8-1 4-7 | | <i>Rhyan Murray</i> |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Lenten Meditation – 9:30 am | <i>Jimmie Schafer</i> | MPS 8-1 | <i>Hunter Bethell</i> | MPS 8-1 4-7 <i>Madelyn Jo Hackmann</i> | | <i>Brady Parker</i> |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| Lenten Meditation 9:30 am | | <i>Jason Bedsworth</i> <i>Patti Karr</i> | <i>Errol Pahl</i> <i>Jon Schmidt</i> <i>Brenda Williamson</i> | | | |

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Return Service Requested



More pics of our February social Sunday

We enjoyed donuts and fruit, equally delicious, provided by Bob Green.



THOSE WHO SERVE:

ELDER: Bob Green

DIACONATE: Bernie Roberts
Vickie Roberts



SERVE Food Pantry item for March:
Canned Fruit

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

Brenda telephone number: 573-544-3360

Brenda email: blouwilliamson@yahoo.com

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. Friday is her day off.

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.