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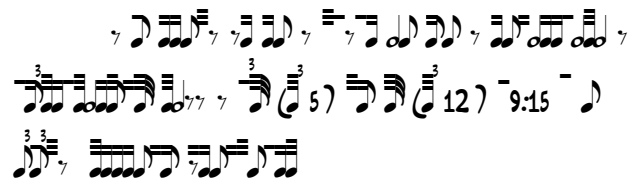
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**April, 2009**

**PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2009**

Come join us on Sunday, April 5, for a procession of the Palms and special music. Following worship, you are invited to a pot-luck dinner. Each family is asked to bring two dishes (meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert) to share and a bag of Easter candy, stickers, etc. to use to make treat bags for the Easter Egg hunt that follows lunch. Table service and drinks are provided. Family, friends, and community are all welcome!



**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 12  
Celebration of the  
Resurrection!**

Come join your brothers and sisters in Christ at an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM, Easter Baptismal Service at 7:30 AM, Easter Breakfast served by the men of the church at 8:00 AM, Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 AM, and Easter Worship with special music at 10:30 AM. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
April 9 at 7:00 PM**

Everyone is invited to the Maundy Thursday service on April 9 at 7:00 PM. This communion service is open to all believers and includes a dramatic reading of the “Living Last Supper.”

Reflections  
Rev. Barbara Gulick



This year, much to our delight, our nine-year-old granddaughter, Cassie, from Carbondale, KS, chose to spend spring break in Jefferson City and Millersburg. As can be imagined, it has been a fun, if somewhat exhausting week. Even the dogs are worn out. Toward the end of the week, as time and energy waned, Cassie has learned a new word and skill: prioritization—choosing the most important of many options, choosing that which matters most. We can't *do* everything we want. Perhaps that's a skill to be learned from our dismal economic times as well. We are reduced to choosing that which is most important and letting the frivolities and trivialities go. We can't *have* everything.

Priorities--putting first things first. In William Willimon's provocative book, "Sinning Like a Christian," the basis of our Lenten Bible Study, he points out that the first thing Jesus did after his triumphal Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem was to cleanse the temple, throwing out the cheating money-changers and all that distracted from God's purposes of worship and saving people—body and soul; throwing out all that stands between us and our full relationship with God and one another.

As we enter Holy Week, let us learn again the lesson of prioritization. Let worship and Godly relationships be first and last on all our lists. Let Holy Week and all the weeks thereafter begin and end in worship; and all our days begin and end in prayer—remembering that now and evermore, we are God's own beloved, *number one* priority.

I look forward to seeing each of you at each of our Millersburg Christian Church Holy Week gatherings:

- Palm Sunday, April 5th—"if the people were silent, the stones would shout out." Sunday School for all ages is at 9:15; Palm Procession and Worship with special music is at 10:30. Pot-Luck Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11:45.
- Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00. Join us as we share communion with the disciples in the Living Last Supper, then claim our own nail on the cross. As we acknowledge Jesus' passion, we prepare ourselves for the amazing celebration of the glory that is to come on Easter morning.
- Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>—7:00 A. M. Sunrise Service Outdoors or in the Mezzanine; 7:30 Baptismal Service in the Sanctuary. 8:00 Men's Breakfast. 9:15 Sunday School for all ages. 10:30 Easter Celebration Worship with special music. Christ is Risen!

**WITH SYMPATHY**

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rev. Dean Graft (1921-2009), pastor of Millersburg & Central Christian Churches from 1966-1967. Rev. Graft's wife, Ruby, preceded him in death in 1995, after having celebrated 50 years of marriage. He is survived by their four children - sons Greg & Phil Graft & daughters Marilyn Tackitt & Paula Weise. Rev. Graft's service will be March 28 at Aldan Wagner Chapel in Fruitland, Ohio.

**PRAYERS**

Please keep Hazel Pahl, Beth & Tom Haas, Ken Bright, Jack Brugler, and John Carleton (friend of Stan & Rita Adams) in your prayers.

**THANK YOU**

Errol and Hazel Pahl would like to thank everyone who attended their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reception and/or sent a card. They really enjoyed seeing everyone and appreciated all the well wishes given by all.

**THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL:**

**Elders:** Elaine Long & John Gulick

**Ushers:** Rita Adams

**Preparation:** Beth Haas

**Bread:** April 5, 2009 Anna Sue Harmon

April 12, 2009 Elaine Long

April 19, 2009 Lynn Reynolds

April 26, 2009 Karen Ackley

**SERVE Food Pantry for April:** Tuna

## President's Ponderings

We have a wonderful Holy Week coming up, a time when we remember what Christ did for us. We hope everyone will participate in all the events of Holy Week.

Following Easter, we will begin a series of Financial Planning seminars. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details about these. I am scheduled to present the first seminar, so I have been studying things I find on the internet and elsewhere, particularly some "faith-based financial principles." Invariably, those faith-based materials say that the first thing you should do with any income you receive is to give 10% of it away. (Naturally, as President of the Board of MCC, I would hope that a large portion of that 10% would come to the church . . .)

Why is giving away this 10% so important? God certainly does not need it, as everything already belongs to God. All of the faith-based financial material seems to imply that the importance of this 10% is "discipline" – and we are, after all, disciples. Discipline in this case refers to the ability to get along on less than you actually earn; and the discipline necessary to help provide for those less fortunate than ourselves.

It remains important in these times when the media bombards us with news of economic meltdowns and the decline of most economic indicators to remember our commitment to our faith and to our neighbors in our community. Please plan to come to the financial planning seminars and learn about achieving and maintaining financial health.



Jeff Moran

### **MISSIONS**

During this Easter season, on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, and Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting the Easter Offering.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, after worship at 11:45 AM.

Our SERVE Food Pantry donations for the month of April will be tuna.

Elaine Long



### **Membership**

**Clean Up Millersburg~ Sat., April 18**, please join us to clean up Missouri and work toward a litter-free state. In 2008, thousands of Missourians picked up more than 84,000 bags of trash. Picking up litter is a great way to make a difference in the appearance of our community, as well as take care of the environment. Please sign up for the section you wish to adopt. If you aren't available to pick up on Saturday, you may pick up your assigned area anytime the week before as long as it's done by Sunday. Large yellow trash bags and orange reflective safety vests are provided.

Fulton Parks & Recreation is hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fulton Pride Day with families, businesses, clubs, churches, and individuals participating in a city-wide clean up event the same day, beginning at 9 am in the city park. This is a fun, family-friendly event with lunch and drinks provided for all who help. We've been invited to join them for lunch and music beginning at 11:00 in Veteran's Park. Last year they removed 6,000 pounds of trash from Fulton's streets!

Also, please continue to recycle your empty ink cartridges at MCC, since we get a \$3 credit at Staples to apply to purchases for each one turned in. You may also recycle electronic items at Best Buy. Visit [BestBuy.com/Recycling](http://BestBuy.com/Recycling) to learn more about their easy, affordable recycling options.

Rita Adams

### **MCC Pictorial Directory**

Plans are being made to have a new pictorial directory made this year. (Our last directory was done in 2003.) With Rev. Gulick becoming our new minister and having just celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year, it's time. Stay tuned for further details!





Friends hosted a baby shower at Millersburg Christian Church for Allison and Jesse Hutchison on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>!



Pictured here are (left to right) Jesse, Maddie, and Allison Hutchison opening shower gifts from members of Millersburg Christian Church.

**SECOND ANNUAL PIE AUCTION  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7  
MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pie Auction A Success!**

Thanks to everyone who baked or bought a pie, donated or purchased an auction item, or just came for a fun evening out with fellowship and pie. Bill Hudson paid the top price of \$25 for a beautifully decorated angel food cake with pink frosting and fresh strawberries! The only problem was that Bill bid the entire time against 2 ½ year old Maddie Hutchison. Our question was, “Why a grown man would outbid a little girl at her first pie auction?” Well, it turns out that Jeanette Hudson had made that “special” cake, and Bill wanted to give it to Larry Baumgartner for his hard work auctioneering. That beautiful cake was actually an iced piece of Styrofoam, which Larry didn’t find out until he tried cutting it! We all had a good laugh and appreciated Bill outbidding Maddie for a good cause!



We especially want to thank the many businesses or individuals who donated items for our auction. It was our largest yet! The next time you are in a business that donated their service, please thank them for their support of MCC. Forty-six people attended, with \$840 raised. A special thank you goes out to Larry Baumgartner for serving as our auctioneer and also to Patty Eggleston for her hard work in securing many of the auction items!



# APRIL, 2009

\*Birthdays in *Italics*

\*Anniversaries in ***Bold Italics***

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> Lenten Study/Prayer Group 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>2</b> MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8	<b>3</b>  <i>Matt Golub</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> PALM SUNDAY 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Dinner & Easter Egg Hunt <i>Allison Milner</i> <i>Michelle Hans</i> <b><i>John &amp; Barbara</i></b> <i>Gulick</i>	<b>6</b> JOY Choir 6:30- 7:30 pm  <i>Miles Bethell</i>	<b>7</b> MPS 8-12  <b><i>Brad &amp; Jennifer</i></b> <i>Weiss</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8  <i>Eddie Forsee</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> EASTER Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am Baptism 7:30am Breakfast 8:00am 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship <i>Jim Baumgartner</i>	<b>13</b> JOY Choir 6:30- 7:30 pm  <i>Brent Long</i>	<b>14</b> MPS 8-12 MCC Elders 6:15 MCC Cabinet 7:00 pm	<b>15</b>  <i>Amanda Loyd</i>	<b>16</b> MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Trash Pick-up
<b>19</b> 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship PreSchool Sun. Missions Committee 11:45 <i>Terry Fritz</i> <i>Kristen Bright</i>	<b>20</b> JOY Choir 6:30- 7:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due  <i>Nicole Latty</i> <i>Rleigh Huffman</i>	<b>21</b> MPS 8-12 CWF at Barbara Moran's 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8	<b>24</b>  <i>Joyce</i> <i>Schermerhorn</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship	<b>27</b> JOY Choir 6:30- 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> MPS 8-12	<b>29</b> Newsletter Assembly 5:15 pm	<b>30</b> MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8  <i>Blake Latty</i> <b><i>Richard &amp;</i></b> <b><i>Patricia Shores</i></b>		

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

### April 5, 2009

Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
Psalm 31: 9-16  
Philippians 2: 5-11  
Mark 14: 1-15, 47

### April 8, 2009

Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12: 1-3  
John 13: 21-32

### April 11, 2009

Job 14: 1-14  
Psalm 31: 1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4: 1-8  
Matthew 27: 57-66

### April 6, 2009

Isaiah 42: 1-9  
Psalm 36: 5-11  
Hebrews 9: 11-15  
John 12: 1-11

### April 9, 2009

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14  
Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

### April 12, 2009

Acts 10: 34-43  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
John 20: 1-18

### April 7, 2009

Isaiah 49: 1-7  
Psalm 71: 1-14  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-31  
John 12: 20-36

### April 10, 2009

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10: 16-25  
John 18: 1-19:42

### April 19, 2009

Acts 4: 32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1: 1 - 2:2  
John 20: 19-31

### April 26, 2009

Acts 3: 12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3: 1-7  
Luke 24: 36b-48