

MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Fun Night!!!

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 15

Talent Show, Games, Fellowship, & Food
Millersburg Christian Church

Celebrate the end of summer at Millersburg Christian Church

with a community fun night for all ages!

Invite your neighbors and friends for

free food and lots of games for the young and old!

Fun for everyone!

Bring your lawn chairs,

swimsuits for the kids (wading pool),

and be ready for an evening

with old and new friends.



Millersburg's Got Talent! Contact Beth at 592-7835

if you would like to be in the Talent Show!



Reflections
By Rev. Barbara Gulick

“As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd and he had compassion for them...”

Mark 6:34

In these few words, the Gospel writer lifts up a basic core value of Jesus’ ministry and of the ministry to which he still calls us. It is compassion that tugs at our hearts when we witness a neglected child on television, brings a tear to our eyes when we hear of an unimaginable tragedy, and overwhelms us when we learn of yet another natural or human disaster in the world. It was compassion that made our Lord weep.

Yet Jesus does not expect us to do it all, but he does expect us to do something—to take action, even in a small way. Jesus calls us to turn the lump in our throats or the nagging sense that “somebody ought to do something” into a compassionate act. At Millersburg Christian Church it is compassion that has driven our passion for mission for more than 150 years. It is compassion that drives our support of the efforts of “Our House: Caring for Callaway Homeless,” the newly re-organized group that provides service to the homeless through Haven House and Wiley House. It is compassion that is moving us to organize a new Millersburg Community Blood Drive. It is compassion that inspires us to reach out to our community with a Family Fun Night to foster community spirit. It is compassion that leads us to fill back packs for abused children, provide food for SERVE and to support the work of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) throughout the world. The needs are great and our resources are meager. Yet in God’s economy, it makes all the difference. To God be the glory. Amen.

P.S. Thanks to Jeff Moran and our elders for filling in for me on August 2nd, as I was away with family celebrating my mother's 90th birthday. God is good!"

JOYS

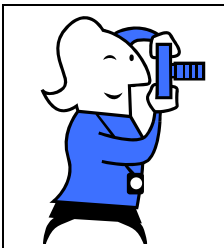
Joys: It was a special joy to have Jim Baumgartner in worship with us following his recent surgery. Continued prayers of healing for Jim!

PRAYERS

Prayers of safety are needed for all those serving in the military, law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dr. Jerry Kennett, who was announced as the new Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Boone Hospital Center on May 4, 2009. Dr. Kennett has served on the Boone Hospital Center Medical Staff for 30 years and will continue to practice at the Missouri Cardiovascular Specialists while serving in his new Boone Hospital role.



OLAN MILLS PICTURE MAKE-UP DAYS

Make-up dates are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 12-14, from 3:00-9:30 PM and Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 700 Highway Z, in Fulton.. Please call Eric Miller (573) 881-5929 to make an appointment. Reminder: Everyone who gets their picture taken receives the new church directory and a free 8 x 10 photo. Be sure to sign up!

President's Ponderings

We are a little more than halfway through the year, and it has been a *wonderful* year: we enjoy great sermons each Sunday, we had inspirational Holy Week activities, fellowship events, the Financial Planning workshops, the Abbey Road concert, and good mission projects that we all participate in. And we have a lot to look forward to during the remainder of the year: resumption of Sunday School in September, a new baby on the way, more fellowship events, and the Christmas season.

Of course it would be nice to say that every thing is ideal at MCC. But it's not. We would like to have increased church attendance, especially more children so that we can have more Sunday School classes and restart our Youth Group. And like many churches, when attendance drops during the summer months, offerings also decline. Please remember to keep up your pledge commitment, even if you are not in Sunday attendance (although we would love to have you in church each Sunday.) A consistent income just makes planning and supporting the various church programs a whole lot easier.

Please keep aware of the many opportunities (see elsewhere in this newsletter) to serve and participate in the activities of MCC, and keep the church in your prayers.

Jeff Moran

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We've completed backpacks for 4 and 5 year olds. We're finishing ones for 6 and 7 year olds. In August we will put together one for an 8 and 9 year old girl and boy. Again, these will be given to children when they are taken from their home and put in foster care within Missouri.

The Mission Committee will meet August 9th after church. We will be discussing the CROP Walk and Festival of Sharing. In addition, at the July 14th Board Meeting, two other items were discussed: sponsoring a Blood Drive and changing the 12% of all pledges, offerings, and donations to 10%. Now that "Our House: Caring for Callaway Homeless" (formerly Ecumenical Ministries) will be

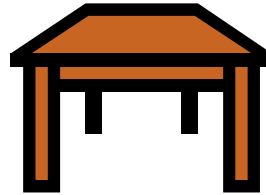
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MISSIONS COMMITTEE Cont.

supporting the homeless, should we continue giving individually to HAVEN House, Wiley House, and Our House? We need all committee members there!

Summer School finished on July 17th and school does not start until August 19th. There were many, many children getting free breakfast and lunch during Summer School. SERVE will now need our support this month to provide the extra that will be needed to help feed these children. The item for SERVE in August is canned fruit, but anything you can provide will be very much appreciated.

Elaine Long



Church Banquet Tables

The Property Committee will be purchasing six new tables to replace some of the older tables located in the church basement. The existing tables are very heavy and have become difficult for most of the church members to set out during events. New tables will be purchased when money becomes available from fundraising events, donations, or the sale of old tables.

We presently have enough money raised to purchase six new tables from the proceeds of the garage sale, so six of the older tables will be for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of the used tables, please let Patty Eggleston know what size you would be interested in. Patty can be contacted via email at egglestonp@missouri.edu or by phone at 642-3288. We have a few six-foot and several eight-foot tables. Remember that some of these tables are in better condition than others, and we will be replacing these hopefully throughout this year and next. The six-foot tables are \$20.00 and the eight-foot tables are \$25.00.

Anyone interested in donating money towards the purchase of a new table(s), please earmark your check for "tables" and mail to Lisa Bright, Treasurer, at the church. The cost of an eight-foot table is \$87.00, and the cost of a six-foot table is \$49.00. Thank you!

Property Committee Members

Ecumenical Ministries Update

Ecumenical Ministries Is Now

“Our House: Caring for Callaway Homeless”

The transitional board for “Our House” continues to meet, reforming the former Ecumenical Ministries into a new organization with a broader community base and focusing entirely on homelessness issues in Callaway County. Ecumenical Ministries, after many years of serving the community, was being stretched to greater response to homelessness issues with fewer participating churches. The new organization continues to support Haven House and is working toward opening Wiley House in the near future. Greater community participation, as well as continuing strong representation from the faith community, is anticipated. Millersburg Christian Church continues its strong support and participation in the work of the new organization. Rev. Gulick serves on the transitional board. Stay tuned for further information and more volunteer opportunities. In the meantime, continue to pray for our on-going ministry to the homeless.

Fall Worship Schedule

Our fall worship and Sunday School schedule will change on Sunday, September 13th, with Sunday School for all ages beginning at 9:15 AM and worship at 10:30 AM!



Community Baby Shower

A community baby shower will be held for Sarah and Doug Gehring on **Sunday, August 30, at 2:00 pm** in the church basement. Come enjoy fellowship and refreshments as we celebrate the upcoming birth of their baby. Contact Barbara Moran if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Aimee Landrum Spends a Week Camping at Rickman Center

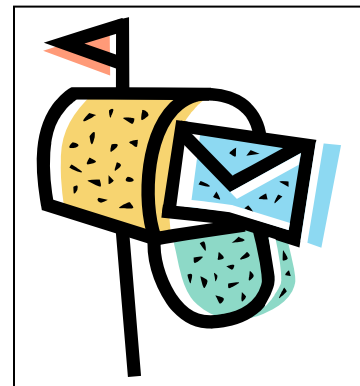
During worship on Sunday, July 19th, Aimee Landrum was commissioned as an ambassador of Christ and of Millersburg Christian Church to Rickman Camp and Conference Center. Aimee left on July 20th and returned on July 25th. We are delighted to have Aimee's participation in the life of the congregation and in the activities of the Youth Programs of the Area Church. Aimee will be sharing her experiences in the near future.



THANK YOU!

Donation Received to Help with Cost of Mailing Newsletter

Thanks to Albert Kennet and family for sending a donation to help cover the cost of mailing out our church newsletter each month. We appreciate their thoughtfulness!



WEDDING HELD JUNE 20, 2009



Marshall, Hatfield

Rebecca L. Marshall and Justin K. Hatfield were married on June 20, 2009 at the Churchill Memorial in Fulton. Parents of the couple are A.J. & Margaret Marshall of Columbia and Marla Carlson, formerly of Millersburg and Walt Carlson of Columbia, and Kent & Jan Hatfield of Columbia. Justin is also the grandson of Wayne Latty. The bride is employed as a registered dental hygienist for Drs. Foote and Riley in Columbia. The groom is employed as an electrician for Mid-Missouri Electric, Inc. in Columbia.

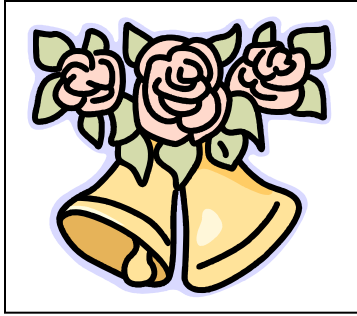
Thank You

The following thank you note was received from Zach Gamet and Abby Wasem following his baptism at Millersburg Christian Church. It reads: "We wanted to thank you all for Zach's beautiful Easter Baptism. It was such a special day, and everyone's hard work and delicious breakfast were much appreciated. Special thanks to Rev. Barbara Gulick and to all who attended and made this such a wonderful and joyous Holy Day. Thank you and God bless!"

Zach & Abby

Children's Names in the MCC Newsletter

At the May Board Meeting, discussion was held concerning whether or not to list the full names of children in captions beneath their photographs in our newsletter since the newsletter is also online. After reviewing the historical importance of gathering names, along with the privacy policies at Fulton Public Schools, the Board decided to continue putting first and last names of all those pictured, unless a parent contacts us and feels differently. Parents who have concerns about the policy are urged to contact Rev. Gulick or our church secretary, Shirley Dixon. Thank you!



Wedding Shower for Billie Jean Anderson & John Woods, August 16th, at 2:00 PM!

Friends of Billie Jean Anderson are hosting a community wedding shower for Billie and her fiancé John Woods on Sunday, August 16, at 2:00 PM at the church. Billie is the daughter of Bill Anderson and Sandy Langewisch. Billie is registered at Target, Crate & Barrel, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. They will be married on September 6, 2009 in Kansas City, Missouri. If you would like to help host Billie's shower, please contact Rita Adams at 642-5250 or e-mail her at theadamsfamily@ktis.net.

Don't Forget to Recycle!

Please remember to recycle your used ink cartridges at church - we receive a \$3 credit for each cartridge at Staples, which really adds up to a tremendous savings! Thank you!

Family Camp at Rickman Conference Center

What better way to cap off a great summer than with a weekend of Sabbath time at camp? **Family Camp** for families of any shape and size will take place on September 4-6! Come enjoy swimming, crafts, worship, hiking, great food, and time to relax with the whole family. For more information about this great opportunity to deepen your faith with summer church camp at Rickman Conference Center in Jefferson City, please contact Leslie at office@nearea.org or call her at 573-442-5815. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Information about "Pepper & Friends"

After nearly three decades on the air, KOMU's variety-talk show, "Pepper and Friends" with Paul Pepper and James Mouser, is being cancelled because of financial constraints. In more than 6,000 shows, "Pepper and Friends" has served as a platform for countless charities and small businesses. (Rev. Barb, Peggy Rose, and Jeff Moran were guests last year when we were promoting our 150th Anniversary celebration. Our former minister, Larry Brown, is a regular on the "Kid's Corner," sharing his stories as well as singing and playing his guitar. Lois Long has also appeared on a regular basis promoting Elder Care.) If you are concerned over losing this community treasure and resource, please call the station at 573-882-8888 or e-mail KOMU Manager Marty Siddall at siddallm@missouri.edu and/or his boss Jackie Jones at jonesjk@missouri.edu. (Be sure to cc Ms. Jones in the e-mail to Marty.)

Rita Adams

THOSE WHO SERVE IN AUGUST:

Elders: John Gulick & Lynn Reynolds

Ushers: Ralph Rowlett

Preparation: Jeff Moran

SERVE Food Pantry for July: Canned Fruit

Bread: August 2, 2009 - Lynn Reynolds

August 9, 2009 - Elaine Long

August 16, 2009 - Rita Adams

August 23, 2009 - Vicki Fritz

August 30, 2009 - Pat Baumgartner

AUGUST, 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>*Birthdays in Italics</i> <i>*Anniversaries in Bold Italics</i>						1
2 9:30 Worship Ashley Bethell	3 Brent Moran Hayden Long Hollis Long	4	5 Harold Reisch Glenn Stiers Adam & Michelle Hans	6 Sally Erickson	7 Linda Reed Brown	8 David Rose
9 9:30 Worship Mission Committee Mtg. After Church Justin Bright	10	11 6:15 Elders 7:00 Cabinet Rodney & Janet Latty	12 Bill Bright Randy & Marsha Loyd	13 Mary Alice Bowser	14 John McCray Brianna Force	15 Community Fun Night 4:00-7:00 PM Peggy Rose
16 9:30 Worship Anderson & Woods Shower 2:00 PM at MCC	17 Frances Bittle Esther Flaigle Shayla Rose & Scott Gusternecker	18 J.H. Long	19	20 Walt & Marla Carlson	21	22
23 9:30 Worship Sherry Hoesch	24	25	26	27	28	29 Danny Forsee Larry & Pat Baumgartner
30 9:30 Worship Gehring Shower at 2:00 PM at MCC Ava Bush	31 Madeline Hutchison					

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 2, 2009

2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a
Psalm 51: 1-12
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

August 16, 2009

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5: 15-20
John 6: 51-58

August 30, 2009

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9
James 1: 17-27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August 9, 2009

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2
John 6: 35, 41-51

August 23, 2009

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 56-69