



Millersburg Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Sesquicentennial
“Homecoming Reunion”
and Community Celebration

1858-2008—From the Frontier to the Future
Come Join Us as We Celebrate 150 Years Serving God and Community!
“Childcare provided for each event”

Friday, August 22nd—Make a Joyful Noise!

- 6:30 Fellowship and Reminiscing**--Open House with Historical Displays.
7:30 Raise the Roof as we sing-along to the beloved old Gospel Songs.
Special Old-Time Entertainment with former minister Rev. Larry Brown and other guest musicians.
Refreshments Served

Saturday, August 23rd—Revive Us, Again!

- 4:00-6:30 Games for Children**
4:00-6:30 Living History--Historical Displays by John & Cathy McCray,
“Who We Were and Who We Have Become,” DVD of photographs, by Barbara Moran,
“History of the Millersburg Christian Church” by Dr. Jeff Moran (DVD & book will be available for sale) and Dr. Ralph Rowlett speaking on the Millersburg archeological dig.
5:00-6:30 Old Time Dinner--BBQ with all the fixin’s. **(RSVP for meal)**
Reservations not required, but greatly appreciated. Free will offerings will be accepted to help offset the cost of the celebration.
7:00 Revival in Word, Song, and Spirit--featuring a portrayal of Evangelist Raccoon John Smith (Rev. Larry Brown), Rev. Harold Reisch & his “Tator Family,” MCC Reunion Choir, local vocalist, Roanne Lane Dean, along with special guest musicians.

Sunday, August 24th—Worship the Lord with Gladness!

- 9:30 am Community Wide Celebration Worship.** Former ministers, representatives of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and local officials will join us. Communion at Millersburg Christian Church is always open to all believers.
11:00 Group Photograph and Reception

Millersburg Christian Church shares a rich heritage with the community including: Millersburg Pre-School, Millersburg 4-H Club, Miller’s Creek Extension Club, Millersburg Baptist Church, American Red Cross Blood Drives, Robyn’s Aerobics, Cub Scouts, Rainbow Girls, Bourbon Township Election Precinct site, etc.

A special invitation is extended to all former members of MCC and the community is cordially invited to any and all events!

(The church is located between Columbia and Fulton near the Junction of Routes F and J)

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Reflections

by

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

Don't you just love it when God's plans come together? It's an awesome thing to behold, indeed! And God's been mighty busy in our midst lately, not to mention the last 150 years or so. Seems like we're either waiting on God or hurrying to catch up. But I have the strong sense that at Millersburg CC, the waiting is over and it's time to catch up with God's doings.

The sesquicentennial celebration is less than a month away and the next 150 years is already upon us. I recently shared my dream that we had more people show up for our celebration than we could ever have imagined and I woke up frantic with a huge to-do list racing around in my head. What I neglected to mention is that in my dream, they showed up a week early—on an "ordinary" Sunday. I think God is trying to tell us something about the nature of God's plan. While our 150th anniversary looms large on the near horizon, God expects us to be ready to welcome crowds of people hungering and thirsting for the good news every Sunday. It means being company-ready with our Sunday best for God every week. It means relevant worship which includes beloved music for all ages. It means signing up for responsibilities on the Sesquicentennial sign-up sheet and on our regular "ordinary" Sunday sign-up sheets as well. It means, spreading out the work among all of us. And it means witnessing to our love of God with our attendance every Sunday. God truly has big plans in mind for Millersburg Christian Church.

Speaking of the next 150 years, as we are preparing our special "Sesquicentennial Program" to include schedules and bulletin information for all three days, we plan to include a calendar of upcoming opportunities for fellowship, worship, service and Christian education for all ages at least through the end of the year. We already have plans for a float trip, a hayride, and special worship opportunities. I am asking each committee to submit their calendars as soon as possible to be included in the program as well. We especially need your ideas.

Finally, I want to thank you for calling me to be your minister. I am grateful and humbled. Truly, our God is a God of surprises. As I said on a recent Sunday morning, "I'm not sure how we got here, but we are where God wants us to be. And I thank God for calling us together in this time and in this place—right where God wants us to be." To God be the glory. Amen!

Youth Group News!

The annual Back-to-School Youth Group Picnic will be Sunday, September 7, from 4 to 7, at the Moran's. Bring your swimming suit and a friend. We will

have a bonfire and roast hotdogs. Look for more info in the next newsletter.

Those Who Serve in August

Elders

Ken Bright
Lynn Reynolds

Ushers

Barb Moran

Preparation

Jeff Moran

Bread

August 3	Linda Stiers
August 10	Anna Sue Harmon
August 17	Linda Stiers
August 24	Elaine Long
August 31	Karen Ackley

Prayers:

Aidan Whitworth, son of Steve & Meghan Whitworth
Shelby Hanson, daughter of Keith & Nancy Baumgartner Hanson
Richard Shores
Barbara Dexter
John Carleton, good friend of Stan & Rita Adams who was diagnosed with cancer & is undergoing radiation & chemotherapy
Willy Towner, editor of The Cacklebur Chronicle who is experiencing medical problems
Those Serving in Law Enforcement & the Armed Forces

Joys:

Chris and Kim Adams Force on the birth of their son, Bowen Ripley Force, Friday, July 18. Bowen weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 ¾ inches long. His big brother, Huston is very happy and proud as are his grandparents, Stan and Rita Adams and great-grandparents Rip and June Russell!

Warren Gilbert has recuperated from his heart valve replacement and is able to resume his mowing business. It's good to see you doing so well Warren!

Children's Church:

Tina Arnold, our Children's Church teacher, is excited about our new children's curriculum. "One Room Sunday School," for ages 3 through 10. Children's Church meets after the Time for Young People during our 9:30 summer worship service. Tina and her daughter, Mattie, are looking forward to sharing the joy with more children. Check it out! Baby sitters continue to be available each Sunday for infants and toddlers.

Sympathy to:

Harold Case, whose sister in Oklahoma passed away
Rev. Barb Gulick, whose cousin passed away
Family of former member Harold Duncan, who passed away
Shirley Martin's sister Billie passed away June 17th
Vicki Fritz, whose Uncle Earl Jatho died in a motorcycle accident July 13th.
Peggy Rose, whose nephew Mark Douglas died unexpectedly July 16th of a heart attack.



Millersburg Christian Church Parade Float Received 1st place in the Millersburg Parade!

In addition to the recognition, we received a nice plaque too. We appreciate Danny Rose for driving us on his wagon and tractor. And we especially want to thank everyone who rode the float (MCC family and Millersburg Preschool Families). Under Barbara Moran artistic director, colorful signs were made with various uplifting words: (Joy, Worship, Music, Youth, Hope). We also had our new MCC anniversary t-shirts sporting the redesigned church logo by Matt Rose so many of us wore those. Jeff, Beth and Rita walked the parade route and handed out our anniversary flyer and MCC brochure stapled with a wrapped crème mint with a cross and bible verse on it inviting ALL to join us in worship and for the Anniversary Celebration. The kids loved playing the kazoos and everyone had a good time!

Reunion Choir to Sing at Celebration!

We sent over fifty postcards to former choir members inviting them to join the Reunion Choir. We welcome all singers! We'll practice a couple of anthems in the sanctuary at:

7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 13

7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 20

4:00 PM, Saturday, August 23 (barbeque at 5:00 PM)

and in the basement at 8:45 AM, Sunday, August 24 (worship at 9:30 AM).

Call Barbara Moran, 642-9749, if you have questions.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS!

September 19-20 Outing

Interested in getting away with your church family for a weekend to canoe and camp? Talk to Jeff or Barbara Moran.

October 26 Hayride and Picnic

We'll meet at the church parking lot at 3:00 PM to ride on hay wagons to roast hotdogs and picnic. Since it's a school night (Sunday) we'll end by 7:00 PM. Stay tuned for more details.

Our Committees At Work!!

Property Committee:

Repairs and replacements continue being made getting the church ready for the company coming to help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary. This month, Stan Adams purchased 2 new lights to replace the broken ones on the retaining wall.

Tom Haas, Robert Thomas and Stan tore out the water damaged paneling and sheetrock under the windows in the basement which will be repaired soon. Five loads of gravel were delivered for the back parking lot and lower driveway. This area had not been entirely re-graveled since the sanctuary was built in 1976 and the grass had over taken the entire parking lot other than 1 path. Merten's Quarry once again gave us a 10% discount for our anniversary and charged a reduced flat fee for delivery. Thanks Tom, Jay, Larry and Stan for helping spread out the gravel but with it being such a large amount, Brian King was hired to finish the job since he has the equipment.

To help lower the humidity in the basement for the preschool during their summer session we began running a dehumidifier because this area is not air-conditioned. We have solicited another bid on replacing the crumbling bricks on the retaining wall. We need to replace the mailbox because the support brace has rusted out and the box is in disrepair.

Staples Reward Recycle Program: Please bring your used printer cartridges to MCC and place in the collection box on the shelf. We receive a \$3 credit to help with future purchases for each one returned.

Membership Committee:

Welcome New Members~ Jesse and Allison Hutchison joined the church on June 29 by transfer of membership, Jesse from Holland Community Church in Holland, IL and Allison from an Episcopal church in Westport, CT. Jesse works for Ameren UE at the Callaway Nuclear Plant and enjoys golfing. Allison is a stay at home Mom to almost 2-year-old daughter, Madeline. In addition to being a great Mom, Allison was a theatre and arts major at MU so that's a passion of hers! She works Wednesday evenings for Dr. Susan McCarty and they live in Lake Breeze. We are glad you are a part of our family!

Rev. John Gulick transferred his membership from 1st Christian Church in Jefferson City to Millersburg Christian on Sunday July 13. We've enjoyed getting to know Rev. John since he and Rev. Barb graced our doors in November. In addition to their involvement at MCC they are both getting involved in the various activities and organizations in the Millersburg area that we really appreciate!

Sesquicentennial Committee:

By the time you receive your next newsletter in September, the Sesquicentennial celebration will be over. However, between now and August 22, 23, and 24, much remains to be done. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the schedule of Sesquicentennial events, and we still need help for those events (a sign-up sheet is at the church). But mainly we need everyone to be at MCC on that weekend in August to participate in and enjoy the hymn sing (and other entertainment), the old-fashioned camp revival starring Rev. Larry Brown as Raccoon John Smith, and the church service Sunday morning. Watch for more information as those dates draw closer. Thanks!

The book and DVD of church history are also available. The book, "The History of the Millersburg Christian Church", may be purchased for \$12; the DVD of photos is \$5; the book and DVD purchased together are \$15. If someone would like have the book/DVD mailed to them, please add \$5 for shipping and handling. Make checks payable to "Millersburg Christian Church".

Sign-Up For Volunteers for Sesquicentennial Celebration-Please sign up for the various jobs to be done over our anniversary weekend. We need help with display set up Thursday night, tables set up outside Saturday morning, clean up crews for each night, sell logo cups, history books, etc., help with children's old time games, servers for the dinner and reception, parking lot attendants, someone to lock up the church each night. We also need someone to format and copy our program for the weekend's events.

Cookie & Pie Bakers needed for Anniversary Receptions & Dinner!!-For the Friday night reception we need each family to bring 3 dozen cookies. For our Saturday meal we will need **lots and lots** of home-baked pies (fruit or pecan only) on hand for the many who come to eat with us. Each family is requested to please donate at least 2 pies or 1 large cake or sheet cake as dessert. Please bring your items by 4:00 on Saturday for the cutting committee. Please also label your dessert to make it easier to sort. It is important that you mark any "sugar free" pies you are donating, as these have to be separated from the other pies. Thank you so much in advance for your kind assistance in allowing us to offer home-baked pies from our church members at the anniversary.

Childcare Will Be Provided for the 3 days of the 150th Celebration so bring the entire family, kids, grandkids, great-grandkids!

Please also bring lawnchairs for Saturday's events!

Pastoral Search Committee:

We are glad that Rev. Barbara Gulick has agreed to stay with us as our permanent pastor! We hope to continue a relationship with her that will lead to enthusiasm for MCC beyond our August Sesquicentennial celebration and a platform for spiritual growth for the next 150 years.

Stewardship and Finance Committee:

It is the time of year when we begin our financial planning for the next calendar year. The Stewardship and Finance Committee needs the budget askings from each of the other committees by August 31 so that we can put together information for members and friends of MCC to consider when making their pledge commitments for 2009. That information will be available by September 14, and commitment Sunday will be September 28. We hope that everyone will prayerfully consider what MCC means to them personally as well as to the Millersburg community and bring their pledge cards to church Sunday, September 28.

President's Ponderings

Truly, we are blessed! This month we celebrate 150 years of the congregation of Millersburg Christian Church serving Christ in downtown Millersburg. Many thanks go to the dedicated people on the Sesquicentennial Committee who organized our events. Jeff's history book is printed and the DVD of photographs is finally done (with the help of some special computer geeks). We have a new logo designed by Matt Rose, and updated stationery and envelopes. Property Committee, our CARE team, has done marvelous things to bring the church building and grounds into tip-top shape. Special commemorative mugs, pens, and fans have been ordered to distribute during festivities. The Publicity Subcommittee has arranged an appearance on Pepper & Friends, articles in local newspapers, and a display of church history/artifacts at the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society. Many local businesses and organizations have donated food and paper goods for our refreshments and barbeque. Special talent has stepped forward to add to our celebration.

I look forward to the gathering of former ministers, dignitaries, old (well, previous) members, and students returning for the homecoming. We also will host a reunion choir to sing special music. One anthem is a poem written by Kitty Scruggs set to music composed by Brent (all that music training comes to fruition). Truly, I am blessed. See you at the celebration, Barbara

Membership Care Package Thank You's

Dear MCC, Thank you so very much for always thinking of me during my finals week. The care package always helps me get through the week. It is very nice to be thought of still after all this time. Thanks again, James Owens

Millersburg Christian Church, Thank you so much for my care package. I really appreciated it. It is always a wonderful surprise each year during finals week. It is a great comfort to know that there are people thinking about you during such a stressful time. Thank you so much for always keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. Brianna Force

150th Congratulatory Letter from Regional Minister

Dear Friends in Christ,

I congratulate you and rejoice with you on the occasion of your 150th Anniversary being celebrated in August! In an age of frequent turmoil and instability it is a wonderful testimony that the congregation has been witnessing to Christ for 150 years. I will lift your name in joy to Christ and remember you frequently in prayer as you celebrate this happy event.

In Christ,

Danny L. Stewart
Regional Minister
Christian Church in Mid-America

MCC History on Display at the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society! Thanks to Pat & Larry Baumgartner for transporting the following items to Fulton. If you haven't taken the time to see our exhibit yet, please do so & also thank the volunteer staff at the KCHS for helping us share our roots with our community. Items on display include: Early 1900's: communion ware, traveling communion set, flask for grape juice & collection plate; pulpit Bible (in memory of Ethel Fisher & Molly Selby); photographs of Sidney Loyd & Jefferson Morris (Sidney gave \$500 in memory of his long-time friend Jefferson Morris which spurred others to give building the fellowship hall & kitchen in 1952; Items made for fundraisers: foot stool made by Sam Belcher, placemats & coasters made by Clarence Kennett, lamp made by John Lawson with 20 different types of wood (purchased for MCC when members pooled money to buy via a silent auction) & Christmas Hymnal Angel made by members; corner post & nail from old church from Errol Pahl; quilt embroidered with names of women & friends of the church, rolled bead necklaces made from bulletins by "Miss" Eula Baumgartner, MCC hymnals, MCC cookbooks, "Grow With Us" quilt made by our youth, archaeological dig display of old church site by Dr. Ralph Rowlett; *History of the Millersburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) August 1858-2008* by Dr. Jeff Moran; "Old Time Church Picnic" picture framed by Nadine Gentzch; Millersburg Preschool "It's a Joy Place" framed logo, an enlarged copy of our Anniversary Celebration Flyer & our certificate of recognition from the State of Missouri for participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program since 1999.

And the "infamous" b&w-framed picture of a white clabber board country church dated September 14, 1897. There are probably 50-75 people in the picture standing in the front yard, which is enclosed by a rail fence. The picture show 2 entrances which was common for the men & the women at that time. In Miss Eula Baumgartner's scrapbook she has a copy of the same picture with a note that "This is how the church looked when Walter & I joined in 1925. However, it doesn't look like any of the few pictures we have of our church from the 1930's. If anyone knows the whereabouts of what church is pictured we are very interested in finding out its history.

Wish List for Millersburg Christian Church

Items which could be donated to honor or in memory of loved ones

Praise Chalice Hymnals: Monetary gifts were received this month for the purchase of several Praise Chalice Hymnals from: Cosmetology Concepts/Terry & Rhonda Robb, Rev. Barbara & John Gulick, Patty & Gary Eggleston in memory of Gary's Grandmother Maime Eggleston & Patty's Grandmother Gertrude Hertzling.

In addition we received the following note from Marla Latty Carlson: "The enclosed is a donation that we wish to be used to purchase Praise Chalice Hymnals and the accompanist hymnal. This donation is in memory of Marie Latty and is from Wayne Latty, Rodney and Janet Latty and family and Walt & Marla Carlson and family. We hope she will be remembered each time a song is sung from these hymnals."

Lastly we received a donation from Dr. Mike Basnett, DDS and his wife, Terri for our church for our anniversary celebration. Mike enclosed a note saying "We are happy to donate to help the church. Please use it wherever it is needed. Cheryl Pardue has worked as a dental hygienist for Mike for many years and he is also a classmate and childhood friend of Rita Adams and another of Jack Garner's music students while attending Fulton High School.

With these generous donations we are able to buy the accompanist book plus 26 hymnals leaving another 14 we hope to receive. We are getting closer to our wish of singing at least one song out of the new hymnal during our 150th worship celebration on Aug. 24th!

Chalice Praise Hymnals 14 are needed at approximate cost of \$15 each
To supplement our existing Chalice Hymnals and give us more variety in selection of hymns to appeal to a wider age range.

17"-24" TV/DVD player combo \$200-600
For small group presentations, Sunday School uses, etc.

Larger Screen TV with DVD \$800-1000

Sanctuary Projection system with Projector, Screen, and Laptop Computer with Power Point, etc \$2000-3000
To expand worship possibilities including projecting scripture, words to music, photographs, videos, etc.

Bronze Plaque to commemorate dates of MCC church buildings, etc. \$200

Worship Banners, paraments, etc. from \$25

Children's Religious Books for a children's church library from \$15

Four Seasons for Little People - A poem "Little People" on the back cover begins with "A dreary place would be this earth, were there no little people in it". The book was provided by Hornbuckle Heating, Cooling & Plumbing, Dr. James Vann, Optometrist, McDonald's in Fulton & Re/Max Fulton formerly Miller Realty.

What's Heaven by Maria Shriver - "Death eventually touches every family & this treasure of a book-for people of all faiths-is a starting point for parents who must talk about this difficult topic with their children" by Stan & Rita Adams

My Miracle Marine by Connie McClellan-The Story of Three-Time Purple Heart Recipient LCPL. John McClellan www.MyMiracleMarine.com

Underwriting of costs for Sesquicentennial:

<i>Underwrite cost of reception following worship on Aug. 24</i>	
<i>Decorated cake, punch, etc.</i>	\$150
<i>Revival Tent Rental</i>	\$650
<i>July 4th Float</i>	\$150

Other suggestions:

<i>Printer, copier, fax/scanner for church computer</i>	\$100-\$150
<i>Shrubs, bushes, blooming trees & mulch for church grounds</i>	\$100-\$500

August 2008

					1	2 <i>Ashley Hackmann</i>
3 <i>Brent Moran Hayden Long Hollis Long</i>	4	5 <i>Harold Reisch Glenn Stiers Adam & Michelle Hans</i>	6 <i>Sally Erickson</i>	7 <i>Linda Reed Brown</i>	8 <i>David Rose</i>	9 <i>Justin Bright</i>
10	11 <i>Rodney & Janet Latty</i>	12 <i>Cabinet – 7:00 Bill Bright Randy & Marsha Loyd</i>	13 <i>Reunion Choir – 7:00 Mary Alice Bowser</i>	14 <i>John McCray Brianna Force</i>	15 <i>Peggy Rose</i>	16
17 <i>Frances Bittle Esther Flaigle Shayla Rose & Scott Gusternecker</i>	18 <i>Newsletter Deadline J. H. Long</i>	19	20 <i>Reunion Choir – 7:00 Walt & Marla Carlson</i>	21	22	23 <i>150th Celebration – 5:00 p.m. Sherry Hoesch</i>
24 <i>Reunion Choir – 8:45 a.m.</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Newsletter Preparation</i>	29 <i>Danny Forsee Larry & Pat Baumgartner</i>	30
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Celebrating 150 Years of Serving God
August 22, 23, 24*

Are you coming?

To help us better plan for our celebration and to know how much food to prepare, we would appreciate hearing from you. Just clip and mail this coupon or e-mail us:

mcc1859@socket.net

We'll be there!

**Indicate how many are coming in each blank
Friday, August 22nd.....Fellowship and Sing-a-long _____**

Saturday, August 23....Dinner & Revival _____

Sunday, August 24....Worship and Reception _____

My Name/Address _____

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