



## MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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**February, 2009**



### **Annual Pie Auction**

Be sure to mark Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, on your calendar, because we are having a fun, delicious get-together in the basement of Millersburg Christian Church starting at 6:00 pm! Larry Baumgartner will be auctioning off scrumptious pies and several other items. Everyone will have an opportunity to “taste test” some of the baked goods as well! We encourage each family to bring one or two pies for sharing/auctioning off, but especially bring your sweet tooth and your funny bone. So come with your pies, your love of desserts, and bid on your favorite pie! Fun and fellowship are included!

### **“Who are the Disciples?”**

A short, informal class for all members and friends continues on Wednesdays, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30. The class looks at the history and core beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bring your questions, comments and an open mind. Coffee and snacks will be served. Child care provided.

### **Open Cabinet Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00**

The doors to the cabinet are open! All members and friends are invited to come share your

ideas, your dreams, and your yearnings for Millersburg Christian Church in the coming year and beyond. Considering the challenges of our world, of our community, and of our congregation, God is calling us to think **BIG** and also *multi-generationally*. Come and be heard.

### **Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday, February 25 @ 7:00**

Come join your faith community as we begin our Lenten journey, following the foot-steps of our Lord and Savior through the suffering of Holy Week to the Glory of the Resurrection. It is a time of centering ourselves and opening ourselves to the revelations of Jesus as we begin our own holy journey. The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who choose to do so, and the ancient pronouncement “remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Come and let your heart be touched by the Lord’s gracious spirit.

### **Lenten Prayer and Devotions Wednesdays, March 4<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> From 6:30 to 7:30**

A special time for prayer and devotions moving us closer to Easter morning begins on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be using Will Willimon’s provocative and occasionally irreverent book, “Sinning Like a Christian, A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins” as the basis of our meetings. (Note: Easter is on April 12<sup>th</sup> this year.)



### President's Ponderings

It was a banner day for our denomination when Dr. Sharon Watkins delivered the sermon at the National Prayer Service. The day after the inauguration, Dr Watkins, president and general minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), delivered the sermon at the National Cathedral with President Obama, Vice-President Biden, and their families sitting in the front pews, and nearly 3,000 other invitation-only guests filling the sanctuary. Dr Watkins' message concerned holding to a strong ethical foundation and service to others, even in these harder economic times than we are used to.

As I write these ponderings, I'm guessing that few (or none) of us will get to join the President of the U.S. at church (although I have seen a couple of Presidents from a distance). But you can give advice and counsel to the President of the Millersburg Christian Church Board of Directors. Sometimes we think that our actions here in Millersburg may be of little consequence. Nonetheless, they are still OUR actions. We can hold to a strong ethical foundation, and we can be of generous service to our local and global neighbors, whether we are in Millersburg or Washington, D.C.

And just as the U.S. President cannot do anything without a lot of advisors and handlers, Congress, and the people in all the agencies that do the real work, the president of the Millersburg Christian Church Board of Directors cannot do anything without the congregation and the various committees that do the real work of the church. Please let me or some other appropriate person know if you have any questions or concerns about a committee that interests you or any programs or activities we have at our church. We have an exciting future to share together!

To God be the glory! Amen.

Jeff Moran

### MISSIONS

Disciples of Christ and coffee? The Disciples of Christ Coffee Project is a partnership between Disciples Home Missions, Week of Compassion, and Equal Exchange, the organization seeking to reconnect people with the farmers who grow their food. Equal Exchange is working with over 38 coffee, tea, cocoa, and sugar co-ops in 20 countries around the world. Rather than supporting Kraft Foods, distributors of Maxwell House Coffee, or supporting Hershey Foods, distributors of all kinds of chocolate, we can support small farmers trying to earn a living.

Throughout February, the Missions Committee will be featuring Week of Compassion.

Our first Missions Committee meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup> after church.

The food items for SERVE during February are soup and crackers.

Elaine Long

**Christian Education Meeting. Share your ideas about Christian Education at our next meeting on Monday, February 9, at 5:30 pm!**

Opportunity: Learn more about Jesus, and give yourself a gift – Become a Sunday School Teacher!! Teachers get to play games, sing songs, make crafts, read stories, and most importantly, be special people in the lives of the children in our church family. To volunteer to be a teacher, talk to Barbara Moran. Training will be provided.

Children's Sunday School Group. This fun group is meeting at 9:15 – 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings with Elaine Long. Bring your children to the church basement to learn more about Jesus and the importance of faith in God.

The Disciples Sunday School class welcomes older youth and adults, and meets in the mezzanine area.

### **Belated but Heartfelt Thank-Yous**

Words of joy and gratitude are extended to all of MCC for the hard work – above the beyond the call – for your enthusiastic participation and support that made possible the exceptional blessing and all-around success of all the special events which centered and lifted us during the Holy-days of Christmas: the Thanksgiving dinner, the special Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach projects for the community, the Hanging of the Greens, the church Christmas tree, the minister's Installation Service and Reception, the Christmas at the Movies program and discussion group, Christmas caroling, the outstanding inter-generational Christmas program, Christmas Sunday, Christmas Candlelight and Communion Service, the superb music throughout the season, and the wonderful spirit present in the congregation – and not one weather cancellation! Praise the Lord!

Copies of Sharon Watkins' sermon delivered at the National Prayer Service are available at the back of the sanctuary.

REMEMBERING OUR 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



**Evangelist Raccoon John Smith  
(Portrayed by Rev. Larry Brown)**

MORE OF OUR 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



**Pictured here is the MCC Reunion Choir performing during Sunday Worship on August 14, 2008. Many former members came back and sang with us!**

**Pictured here is Millersburg native Roanne Lane Dean performing with Rev. Larry Brown. Roanne drove from Cape Girardeau, MO, bringing her two small children with her, and participated in each day's services! We appreciated Roanne and Larry sharing their time and talents with us for our special anniversary!**



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**Jeanette McCray Hudson donning an outfit with matching hat that was her grandmothers!**



**This picture is of former minister Rev. Harold Reisch telling the children about his "Tator Family" under the big tent.**

## FEBRUARY, 2009

\*Birthdays in *Italics*

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p>9:15 SS 10:30 Worship</p> <p><i>Alyssa Cassidy</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p>Exercise 5:45-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p> <p>MPS 8-12</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p>Assemble Newsletter 5:00 pm Disciples Course 6:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p>Exercise 5:45-6:30 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p> <p><i>Ken Bright</i> <i>John &amp; Lynn Reynolds</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p>9:15 SS 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Missions Meeting 11:45 am</p> <p><i>Lance &amp; Rose Bethell</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p> <p>Exercise 5:45-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Shelly Bedsworth</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p> <p>MPS 8-12 Open Cabinet Mtg. 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>Jim McCray Janet Landrum Mike Baumgartner</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p>Disciples Course 6:30-7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Marla Carlson</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p> <p>MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8 Callaway Electric Cooperative Mtg. 4:30-7:00 pm</p> <p><i>Larry Baumgartner</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>  <p><i>Errol &amp; Hazel Pahl Bill &amp; Nadine Gentsch</i></p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p>9:15 SS 10:30 Worship</p> <p><i>Anna Sue Harmon</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p> <p>Articles for Newsletter Due Exercise 5:45-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Earl Bryant Barbara Gulick</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p> <p>MPS 8-12 MPS/MCC Boards Meet 5:45 pm</p> <p><i>Brian McCarty Jennifer McCarty Sara Stephens</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p><i>Linda Stiers</i> <b><i>Harold &amp; Bess Reisch</i></b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p> <p>MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8 Exercise 5:45-6:30 pm</p> <p><i>Lois Long</i> <b><i>Art &amp; Amanda Smith</i></b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Rose Bethell</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>22</b></p> <p>9:15 SS 10:30 Worship</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>23</b></p> <p>Exercise 5:45-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p> <p>MPS 8-12</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p> <p>Assemble Newsletter 5:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p> <p>MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8 Exercise 5:45-6:30 pm</p> <p><i>Linda Cassidy</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>27</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p>

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

### February 1, 2009

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13  
Mark 1: 21-28

### February 2, 2009

Malachi 3: 1-4  
Psalm 84 or Psalm 24: 7-10  
Hebrews 2: 14-18  
Luke 2: 22-40

### February 8, 2009

Isaiah 40: 21-31  
Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23  
Mark 1: 29-39

### February 15, 2009

2 Kings 5: 1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9: 24-27  
Mark 1: 40-45

### February 22, 2009

2 Kings 2: 1-12  
Psalm 50: 1-6  
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6  
Mark 9: 2-9

### February 25, 2009

Joel 2: 1-13, 12-17, or Isaiah 58: 1-12  
Psalm 51: 1-17  
2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6: 10  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

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