

**MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart.”

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February, 2012

Mardi Gras Supper & Auction



Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Menu

Chicken Sausage Gumbo

Chili

Choice Soups

Cheese, Crunchy Vegetables

King Cakes and other Gourmet Desserts

Adults: \$8.00

Children ages 6-12: \$4.00

Children 5 and under: Free



**Come enjoy the fun, fellowship,
and as always, very tasty food.**

**Silent Auction of items and gift certificates donated by area restaurants,
businesses, and individuals, including baked goods, ends at 6:45 pm.**

**Please sign up at the church to provide food or auction items. Contact Barbara
Moran or Patty Eggleston if you have an item to donate to the auction and need help
getting it to the church. Please have items to the church by 4:00 p.m. on**

Saturday, Feb. 25th. Thanks!

Proceeds support the ministries of Millersburg Christian Church.



Reflections
by Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

“Happy New Year to Heaven”

In this season of light-- the season that church tradition calls *Epiphany*--when each new day brings us a few more precious moments of sunshine, the scriptures call us to put aside old ways and embrace the newness to be found in Christ. It is my prayer that in the new year each of us will embrace new ways, new habits, new responses to Christ's call. That the light of the spirit will illuminate new revelations, new depths of spirituality, new closeness to God, and to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our three year old grandson, Jackson, spent New Year's Eve with us. At 10:00 P.M., the new midnight, we counted down to the New Year and celebrated with party hats, noisemakers, and a left over party balloon from Grandpa's birthday weeks before. At the height of our little festivities, Jackson looked up, pumped his fist and shouted, "Happy New Year to heaven!" On New Year's Day, we took the nearly deflated balloon to Millersburg Cemetery and Jackson released it. We all watched, huddled in the wind, on that bright sunny day, as the balloon wobbled and circled back to us, then re-inflated and rose quickly up and up and then out of sight in the bright sky. Happy New Year to heaven and to those of us on earth who stand looking up into the light.

“Looking Ahead”

The Holy Season of Lent, the time of preparation and anticipation for Easter and the celebration of the Resurrection begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, with a special time of Worship at 7:00 and includes a service of the imposition of ashes for those who choose to mark our mortality and to anticipate the eternal life to be found in Christ.

“Lenten Book Group”

A five-week Lenten book study and prayer group will meet Wednesdays, February 29th through March 28th, from 6:20 to 7:20 P.M. We are tentatively looking at "Heaven Is for Real" by Todd Burpo. It is a three year-old's account of heaven. Perhaps in the concrete descriptions of a child, we can find new revelations for our own understanding of the promise of eternal life in Christ. Watch for details.

Mission Committee News



Our House: Caring for Callaway's Homeless

What's needed around Our House...

Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
Dish Soap, Toilet Cleaner, All Purpose Cleaner,
Bleach
High Efficiency Laundry Detergent
Hand Soap Refill
Bath, Hand & Dish Towels
Zippered plastic covers for twin and double
mattresses
Men's & Women's Deodorant
Men's Shaving Cream (travel size)
Men's and Women's socks
13 Gallon Trash Bags
Snow/Ice Melt
Canned Soups and Stews
Coffee

We need a select number of the following (call
for details):
gently used or new toys
bedroom furniture in good condition
snow shovels

Please call (642-6065) before dropping off items
at 829 Jefferson St.

*The mission of Our House is to positively promote
understanding, respect and housing solutions for the
homeless in Callaway County through committed
volunteers providing education, advocacy and
sheltering.*

*"Homelessness is a community problem requiring a
community solution."*



United Way of
Callaway County



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The Adopt A Family program of 2011 was a huge success, thanks to all of our generous donors! Because of our very compassionate community, all eligible families were assisted with holiday gifts and food. Words can't express our tremendous gratitude! Also, Our House and SERVE are asking for donations of personal items and household items such as toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, dish soap, sponges, etc. Thank you, as always, for your generous support for these local organizations so essential to Callaway County!

Four members worked P.E.T. in January, so far, to assemble the manual wheelchairs for people in need of conveyance. Hopefully, it will help them find work they can do and feel a part of their society again.

The Week of Compassion special offering will be collected February 19th and 26th, 2012. If you would like to know more about this ongoing mission and where the funds find a home, please visit:
<http://www.weekofcompassion.org/haiti>.

Please, anytime our members want to share a random act of kindness or a mission they've been working on or care about, please let any one of the Missions Committee know. We'd like to keep track and share the word! Thank you to our generous congregation, small but mighty, who are always willing to share.

"Sharing brings joy to us. To others. To God."



THOSE WHO SERVE IN FEBRUARY:

Elders: Carolyn Anderson and Rita Adams
Ushers: Bill Anderson & Joyce Schermerhorn

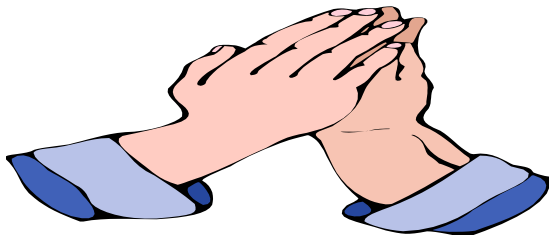
SERVE Food Pantry for February: Soup and Crackers



... to Allison Hutchison, who directed the recent Christmas program, with help from Barb Moran, who directed the children's bell choir; Amanda Smith, who directed the adult choir and Jesse and Allison Hutchison who provided all of the new children's costumes for the program. If anyone has pictures to share, please email them to Carolyn. Thanks!

Joys and Concerns

- Rev. John and Barb's niece, Joy
- Barb Moran's cousin, Mary Beth
- Welcome back, Karen!
- Elaine Long
- Sympathy to the family of Allan Baker, Sr.
- Congratulations, Joyce on the birth of your new great grandson!
- Harold Reisch



Tired of getting all of that paper in your mailbox? Please contact Carolyn Anderson at andersoncarolyn1212@yahoo.com if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically instead of by snail mail. You can get all the news and see the photos in color! Our newsletter is also posted monthly to our website at www.millersburgchristianchurch.org

For some reason that no one has been able to figure out, those of you who have signed up to receive the newsletter electronically had trouble opening last month. It is on the website and hopefully, there will be no more glitches this month. Thanks for your patience!



*February 22
- 7:00 p.m.*

The business of our church

The new Board of Directors met January 10, 2012. Since this was the first meeting of the year, business to be conducted was limited. President Patty Eggleston reminded all members how important it was to attend all meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

New Pastoral Relations Committee members were approved, Sarah Gehring and Joyce Schermerhorn.

Committee chairs for 2012 are Christian Education – still needs to be filled; Membership and Evangelism – Barbara Moran; Missions and Benevolence – Beth Haas; Property – Larry Baumgartner; Stewardship and Finance – Jeff Moran and Worship – Eva Landrum. Please be sure to sign up for any of these committees that you might be interested in serving on.

It was decided to hold a chili supper fundraiser February 25. Barbara Moran will chair and Patty Eggleston will co-chair. Other members are Rita Adams, Beth Haas and Carolyn Anderson.

If you or anyone you know shops at Schnucks, there are cards available for you to use when you shop that will help earn our church money whenever you shop and does not cost anything to the shopper. Rita Adams will get the information and cards that are needed.

Ralph Rowlett is working with a group of people cataloging Native American artifacts that were found at the original church site.

The next board to board meeting with the Millersburg Preschool is February 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Cabinet meeting was changed to February 7 and the next board meeting is March 13. Elders meet at 6:15 prior to the board meeting at 7:00.

The book "Heaven Is For Real" by Todd Burpo will be studied during a 5-week Lenten book study and prayer group. We will meet Wednesdays, February 29th through March 28th from 6:20 to 7:20 p.m. The book is a three year-old's account of heaven. Watch for more details!



The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet after worship on Feb. 5. This committee exists to support the pastor and to provide a regular channel of communication between the pastor and the congregation. Members for 2012 are Barbara Moran, chair; Vicki Fritz, Jesse Hutchison, Gary Eggleston, Elaine Long, Sarah Gehring and Joyce Schermerhorn.



The J.O.Y. Choir “wows” all of us at the Christmas program – Jeff Moran, Barbara Moran, Art Smith, Patty Eggleston, Amanda Smith and the accompanist not pictured – Beth Haas.



*Birthdays are show in italics
Anniversaries are shown in bold italics*

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			1	2	3	4
			1 JOY Choir 7:00 <i>Alyssa Cassidy</i>			
5 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship 11:45 - Pastoral Relations Meeting	6 6:00 – MPS?MCCC Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30-8:00 – MPS Parent Meeting <i>John & Lynn Reynolds</i>	7 Election MPS 8-12 7:00 - Cabinet	8 JOY Choir 7:00 <i>Lance & Rose Bethell</i>	9 MPS 8-12, 5-8 <i>Shelly Bedsworth</i>	10 <i>Jim McCray Janet Landrum Mike Baumgartner Karen Ackley</i>	11 <i>Marla Carlson</i>
12 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship <i>Larry Baumgartner Cooper Whitworth</i>	13 Newsletter Articles Due 6:30 – CWF hosted by Moran's – Cuban Experience	14 MPS 8-12  <i>Errol & Hazel Pahl Bill & Nadine Gentsch</i>	15 JOY Choir 7:00 <i>Anna Sue Harmon</i>	16 MPS 8-12, 5-8 <i>Barbara Gulick Earl Bryant</i>	17 <i>Brian McCarty Jennifer McCarty Sara Stephens</i>	18 <i>Harold & Bess Reisch</i>
19 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship 11:45 – Worship Committee Mtg. <i>Lois Long Art & Amanda Smith</i>	20  Presidents Day <i>Rose Bethell</i>	21 MPS 8-12	22 7:00 - Ash Wednesday Service	23 MPS 8-12, 5-8	24	25 Mardi Gras Theme Fundraiser 5:00 – 7:00 <i>Colin Parsons</i>
26 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship 2:00 – 4:00 Pony Club <i>Linda Cassidy</i>	27	28 MPS 8-12	29 Newsletter Assembly 6:20 Lenten Book Study 7:20 - Choir			

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