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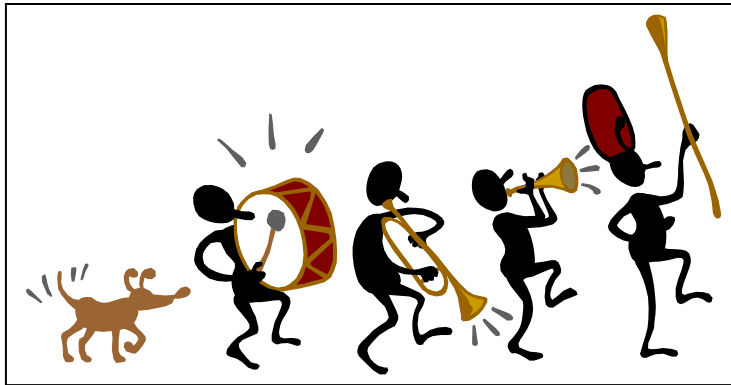
“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart.”

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July, 2009

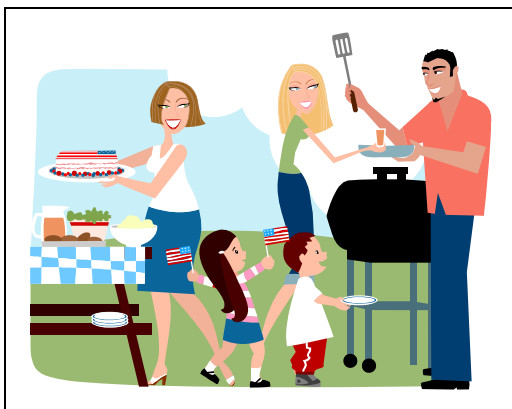
UPCOMING EVENTS



MILLERSBURG PARADE & CELEBRATION

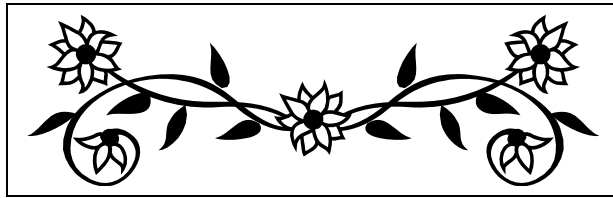
Parade Float Plans Finalized for July 25th

Once again this year, Millersburg Christian Church will participate in the Millersburg community celebration with a parade float. We will be defending last year's first place award. Rumors are that the award winning kazoo band will be back for a reunion tour. We look forward to having all ages represented on the float. The parade lines up in the church parking lot no later than 9:00 A.M. You are encouraged to be there ahead of time to help get the float ready. Wear your Millersburg T-shirt, if you still have it, or wear red and a fun hat or bonnet. Don't forget the sun-screen. We look forward to seeing each of you there. Don't let the parade pass you by! Food and fun follows at the Millersburg Lion's Club.



End of Summer Celebration Set for August 15th

Plans are in the works to host a community-wide end of summer celebration with games, food, and great fellowship. Lots of volunteers are needed. Watch for upcoming details!



Reflections

By Rev. Barbara Gulick

“Lord of Clowns and Smiling Saints, we rejoice that You are a God of laughter and tears... You cause our hearts to sing as laughter rolls out from us.”

(Edward M. Hayes, “Prayers for the Domestic Church”)

Experts in church growth and vitality tell us that a congregation should determine what it is good at and then build on those strengths. It has been a delight for me to discover in the last year and a half or so that one of the many great strengths of Millersburg Christian Church is **laughter--laughter** that bubbles up unexpectedly at just the right time, revitalizing, renewing, energizing. I am convinced that it is laughter that springs from the heart of God. It is not the mindless mirth that denies the hard realities and challenges of life, nor does it deride, denigrate, nor come at the expense of others. It is like the “harvest of joy” the psalmist talks about in Psalm 126. “Our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.”

Laughter is one of the building blocks of a sense of community. And it is this laughter from the heart of God that we are building on with our summer of family fun that we seek to share with the community—no strings attached. It started with the joyous and moving concert from Abbey Road, continues with our Millersburg Christian Church Parade Float on July 25th, and climaxes with our end of summer community celebration on August 15th. Indeed we are a people called to share the Good News! Let us “join in the fun and foolishness of life, so that God’s holy laughter may ring out to the edges of the universe. Blessed is our God who invites us to be holy fools.” (From E.M. Hayes)



THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY:

Elders: Elaine Long and Barbara Moran

Ushers: Patty Eggleston

Preparation: Beth Haas

SERVE Food Pantry for July: Canned Vegetables

Bread: July 5, 2009 - Anna Sue Harmon

July 12, 2009 – Marilyn Thomas

July 19, 2009 - Karen Ackley

July 26, 2009 – Pat Baumgartner

President's Ponderings

Barbara and I spent June 7-11 canoeing on the Current River with some area church youth. Tuesday afternoon was particularly exciting as we dealt with heavy rains, lightning storms, tornadoes, and rising river water before making it safely back to camp. We sat for a couple of hours on the side of the river trying to wait out the dangerous lightning, and after running out of other activities, we let several of the kids give me a haircut. Since some of us were starting to get hypothermic, we decided we needed to head for camp and take our chances with the lightning. Fortunately, most 13 and 14-year-olds believe they are immortal and handled the potentially dangerous situation well, and the whole trip proved to be a wonderful experience that they should remember for many years.

We had a different kind of experience Sunday, the 14th, when we participated in a Fiesta Cubana in Kansas City. This event was a fundraiser for the mission team I am going to Cuba with in August and raised more than \$6500. My part was providing some of the entertainment (along with some good musician friends of mine from KC.)

I think these experiences highlight the value of teamwork (we all pitched in to make the camp, cook meals, and clean up on the canoe trip, and a team of folks put together the different parts of the Fiesta Cubana), friendships (old and new), and the energy and vitality of youth and people on a mission. Let's continue to work as a team to keep Millersburg Christian Church a vital part of the Millersburg community.

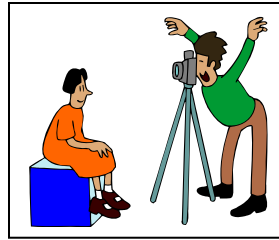
Jeff Moran

Property Committee

Closet Organization Completed

A big thank you to Tom Haas for adding brackets, shelving, and a clothes rack to the closets behind the baptistery and to Barbara Moran for organizing it! These improvements made a big difference for the storage of numerous items. Thank you!

Rita Adams



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thanks to the Membership Committee (Pat, Anna Sue, and Rita) and to

Karen Ackley, Shirley Dixon, and Rev. John Gulick, who helped make reminder calls and helped with registration while Olan Mills was taking our pictures for the new directory. With everyone's help, the process ran smoothly, and you should receive your pictures in 4-6 weeks. Now we are ready to begin the process of selecting pictures for the activity pages!

In addition to honoring those who served in the military, we are including anyone who served in law enforcement as well. It's not too late if you have someone you want to honor! Please turn in your pictures and information to Rita Adams in person or by e-mail: theadamsfamily@ktis.net by June 30th. Please make your check out to MCC (full page - \$100, ½ page - \$50, ¼ page - \$25).

Missions Committee

A special thank you to Randy and Marsha Loyd and their granddaughters for putting together the whole backpack for the 4-5 year old girl!

In July we will be putting together backpacks for a 6-7 year old boy and girl. Needed items are as follows:

- 1 small backpack (no wheels)
- 1 small stuffed animal
- 1 narrow tooth comb
- 1 t-shirt (child size large to be used as night shirt)
- 1 youth toothbrush (soft & in unopened, original package)
- 1 tube child-flavored toothpaste
- 1 coloring book
- 1 box crayons
- 1 travel pillow
- 1 pair socks
- 1 pkg. - 3 pair underpants

The item this month for SERVE is canned vegetables.

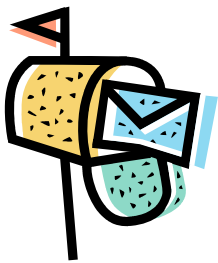
Elaine Long, Chair



GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

We appreciate everyone who donated items, helped work, or cleaned up from our garage sale fundraiser. We raised \$317.50! The leftover clothing and other items were donated to the Clothes Cupboard in Fulton, where the sale of these items benefits SERVE, Inc. Thanks to Patty Eggleston for spearheading this fundraiser! We hope to begin purchasing new 6-foot white plastic tables to replace our older, heavier ones. Each new table costs around \$45, so if you would like to contribute to this purchase, please earmark your check accordingly. Thank you!

Rita Adams



Postal Change of Addresses Adds Up – Please Help Keep Costs Down!

Please notify the church when you move or when your e-mail changes. We send the newsletter each month to over 200 people and we have “Return Service Requested.” That means that if your mail is returned to us, the post office gives us your new address, but it costs \$.44 for that service. By notifying us of your address change, it helps keep costs down. Please send your new information to Rita Adams at 573-642-5250, theadamsfamily@ktis.net, or our church secretary, Shirley Dixon, at mcc1859@socket.net. Thank you!

Rita Adams

Ecumenical Ministries Announcement

“As of June 1, 2009, Ecumenical Ministries is reorganizing and will be known as the “Callaway Homeless Initiative.”

Callaway County currently has no overnight emergency shelter. Recognizing that homelessness is a community issue deserving a community response, we have decided to focus our resources on the continued operation of HAVEN House (opened in December, 2000) and the completion of Wiley House (opening in fall, 2009). The HAVEN House will offer shelter to families with children and Wiley House (when open) will house single adults.

In order to accommodate our new focus, Kingdom Respite Services has ceased operation. Some durable and disposable medical equipment is still available by calling 573-642-6065.

As we look to the excitement and promise of the year ahead, we wanted to take a moment to thank all those who have, for 39 years, supported us with their leadership and dedication. We thank our businesses, city and county government, other social service organizations, and the Callaway County United Way for your tremendous support of and faith in our organization.

We believe that the solution to many of our community’s problems lie in creating opportunities for one person to care for another with supportive actions. We believe that the “Callaway Homeless Initiative” will create such opportunities. We know that we have already made a difference for the more than 100 homeless families and individuals in our community through stays at the HAVEN House. As we look toward our 40th anniversary in 2010, we are dedicated to continuing to serve and connect our community as friends and neighbors.”

Contact Information:

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Board President e-mail: bdpreschi@socket.net

New website on July 1, 2009:

www.callawayhomelessinitiative.org

Phone: 573-642-6065

Fax: 573-592-0247

TRASH PICK-UP



THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who helped pick up trash on our two-mile Adopt-a-Highway stretch! In addition to our regular crew (Pat & Larry Baumgartner, Vicki Fritz, Stan & Rita Adams, Jesse Hutchison, Tom & Beth Haas, and Jeff & Barbara Moran), we welcomed new helpers Doug & Sarah Gehring, along with Cody Maly, Avery Stebbins, and Devan Richter, three young wrestlers from Eierman Elite Wrestling! Beth Haas gets the "Going Above and Beyond" award for helping, because she had not been out of the hospital very long following surgery! For those of you who haven't helped for whatever reason, Beth is a testament to, "Where there's a will, there's a way!" Over 10 bags of trash were collected, helping to keep the Millersburg area clean and litter-free!

WITH SYMPATHY

Heartfelt Sympathy is extended to the family of Lillian Joan (Orchard) Gaither, who passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at her home in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Joan was a long-time member of MCC and is Ruth Forsee's sister. Expressions of sympathy can be e-mailed to her daughter, Joetta Jackson, at joettajackson@hotmail.com or to Ruth Forsee at 109 N. Keene Street, Apt. 108, Columbia, MO 65201.

Sympathy is also extended to Ellen & Eric Pahl and their families on the death of Ellen's grandmother, Kathleen Lehman, on June 15, 2009. Kathleen was a member of Mokane Christian Church.

PRAYERS

Prayers of healing are needed for Jim Baumgartner, Laverne Bell, and Ken Bright. Prayers of safety are needed for all those serving in the military, law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. Special prayers of support are needed for D.J. Tucker as he studies for the Missouri Bar exam this summer and for Courtney Moran as she moves to Washington, D.C. to begin law school at the American University!

VISITORS

Visitors during the month of June included: Bernie & Jan Coupland and Carol Cox's sister Linda from the St. Louis area!

MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH FUN!



**Olan Mills
Photography
Days!**

Pictured here are Pat Baumgartner and Anna Sue Harmon sharing a laugh at the registration table on picture-taking day with Olan Mills!

**Christian
Women's
Fellowship**

Pictured here are (left to right) Peggy Rose, Rita Adams, Vicki Fritz, Barbara Moran, Rev. Barbara Gulick, and Marie Lytle at the CWF meeting at the home of Rev. Gulick in Jefferson City!



<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 <i>Rita Adams</i>	2 MPS 8-5	3 <i>Kathy Rose</i>	4  Independence Day
5 9:30 Worship	6	7 MPS 8-5	8 <i>Bill Hudson</i> <i>Amiria Harper-Rose</i> <i>Cindy Baumgartner</i>	9 MPS 8-5 <i>Stephen Bryant</i> <i>Jeremy Czeschin</i>	10 Tom & Beth Haas	11 <i>Craig Ryan Latty</i> <i>Paul Schmidt</i>
12 9:30 Worship	13	14 MPS 8-5 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Board	15 <i>Kim Loyd</i>	16 MPS 8-5 MPS Overnight 6:30 PM <i>Jennifer Weiss</i>	17 MPS Overnight Ends at 9:00 AM <i>Kate Bedsworth</i>	18 <i>Bowen Force</i>
19 9:30 Worship <i>Anthony Garrett</i> <i>Danny & Brenda Rose</i>	20 Newsletter Articles Due by Noon <i>Huston Force</i> <i>Janna Islam-Rose</i>	21 MPS 8-5 <i>Ruth Forsee</i> <i>Joe & Laverne Bell</i>	22 <i>David & Cheryl Rose</i>	23 MPS 8-5	24 <i>Joy Johnson</i>	25 Millersburg Parade & Celebration – Line up at MCC at 9:00 AM <i>Kim & Chris Force</i>
26 9:30 Worship <i>Bill Anderson</i>	27	28	29 Newsletter Assembly 5:15 PM	30	31	

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY

July 5, 2009

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13

July 12, 2009

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29

July 19, 2009

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89: 20-37
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 26, 2009

2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21