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"In the heart of the community, with the community at heart."

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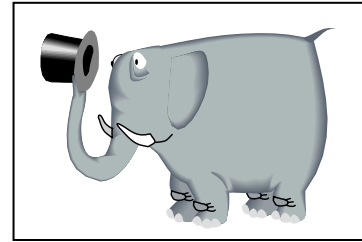
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July, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Vacation Bible School -
Breaking Bread with
Jesus!
July 22-23**



White Elephant Bingo

Calling all children and adults! Our inter-generational Vacation Bible School starts at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 22nd, as we share a meal and discuss how Jesus fed 5,000 starting with five loaves of bread and two fish. Please bring a dish to share. On Saturday morning, July 23rd, we'll meet at 9:00 AM to have "Breakfast by the Lake" as Jesus did with Peter and some of the disciples. Invite your neighbors and join the fun - stories, crafts, games, and music!

Please join us at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 13th, to make final plans for VBS.

Mark your calendar for White Elephant Bingo on July 23rd. The games begin at 5 PM. Find a "White Elephant" lying around your house, wrap it up, and bring it to the church. It may just become someone else's treasure. Best of all, you never know what "White Elephant" you might get. We will be sharing snacks and drinks. Hope to see you there!



August 27th: 175th Anniversary Celebration

Remember to put this date on your calendar. We will have a community dinner and program Saturday evening (August 27) and a special church service, Sunday, August 28. We hope everyone can be there.



Do You Remember This???

Millersburg Parade: We're participating in the community parade on Saturday, July 16th. If you'd like to join the float, gather with us at the church at 9:15 AM that morning. The parade starts at 10 AM. We'll be featuring our "planting" 175 years ago and inviting the community to the celebration BBQ on August 27th.



REFLECTIONS

by

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” (John 17: 11)

On a recent Sunday morning, I quoted a pastoral letter from The Rev. Dr. Danny Stewart, our Regional Minister. In his letter, Danny listed the challenges to our faith that have beset us this year in Missouri: storms, record highs and lows, floods, tornados, a plague of cicadas, and even an earthquake—as well as the continued stress of economic conditions and the threats of epidemic diseases. I could have added the challenges that have faced too many families in our faith community: illnesses and sorrows almost too great to bear. Certainly too great to bear alone. And that was Danny’s point. As he recounted visiting with members of the congregations and clergy in Joplin in the aftermath of the most intense tornado measurable, he said, “The unity of the Body of Christ is never more visible than when tragedy and calamity loom.” He referred to Jesus’ prayer for the disciples quoted above and concluded, “God still answers Jesus’ prayer for his disciples!!” God still uses the trials and tribulations that come our way to bring us together—again—and make us one in His son.

God still answers Jesus’ prayer that all God’s children be united and that each of us as church, as family, as individuals be made whole. As he did in the beginning, God continues to create order from chaos... whether the chaos of a tornado or the chaos of our lives. God stands ready to step in, sort it all out, and clean up the mess. And God calls on us as members of the Body of Christ to reach out to one another and to the world, holding hands and embracing--supporting each other while he makes us whole and new.

But I have to confess, I kinda miss the cicadas! All 120 ear-splitting decibels, even drowning out the bull frogs. Through all that was befalling us, they droned on and on and on. Sometimes I couldn’t tell whether it was the ringing of my ears or the cicadas, they became so all pervasive. But now they’re gone for another 13 years, and I kind of miss them: the rhythmic hum, the cicada flavored ice cream, and even trying to convince my dogs that they really were not intended to be special dog treats. And it occurs to me that in the 175 years since the planting of Millersburg Christian Church in our community, the cicadas have returned 13 times. In seasons of such cataclysmic change, it’s somehow reassuring to know that in another 13 years they’ll be back.

Breaking Bread With Jesus

In keeping with the Vacation Bible School theme of “breaking bread with Jesus,” we will veer slightly from the lectionary scripture selections to consider some of the great gospel stories of Jesus sitting down to share a meal in the most unlikely places, with the most unlikely dinner companions. Join us in worship each week and don’t miss an outstanding opportunity for inter-generational learning and fellowship on July 22nd and 23rd.

And...don’t forget to climb aboard our MCC Float for the Millersburg Parade and community celebration on July 16th!

To God be the glory. Amen and amen!

*Treasurer's Report
By Lisa Bright*

May totals of Giving , Donations, Offerings

1-May	\$ 1,835.55
8-May	\$ 907.00
15-May	\$ 713.00
22-May	\$ 151.00
29-May	\$ 615.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,221.55
Monthly offering needed to meet the 2011 budget - \$4773.00	

*Congratulations to Beau &
Meredith (Baker) Landrum!*



Beau and Meredith (Baker) Landrum, married June 4th, 2011 at Winston Churchill Memorial. Thanks to everyone who made this occasion blessed!

With Sympathy...

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Harold Case, who passed away May 30, 2011.

JOYS...

- Happy Belated 60th Anniversary to Jay & Anna Sue Harmon on May 21.
- Happy Belated 50th Anniversary to Earl & Kathy Bryant on May 20.
- Happy Belated 80th Birthday to June Russell on May 29!
- Congratulations to Yolanda Schafer on the birth of her grandson, Isaiah Colt Gilmore, born on April 16th. He weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. Parents are Aleasha Gilmore & Paul Arnell.



*Missions Committee Report
By Beth Haas*

The Missions Committee, with the usual generosity of our congregation, pulled together six cleanup buckets to be sent to Joplin. We'll continue to ask for donations for more buckets, since the need will be ongoing for the foreseeable future!

Also, there is an "Our House" house under the Missions table, with lists of items needed for Wiley House and Haven House. This also will be an ongoing effort, as more and more people lose their homes through no fault of their own. Also, "Our House" needs volunteers; please talk to Rev. Barb or Jeff Moran, as they are on the board overseeing "Our House."

MCC donated 20# of food on 5/11/2011. Please remember that canned vegetables are the SERVE items for July, and thank you.

We on the Missions Committee know full well how overwhelming these ongoing needs can be. We wonder if we're making a difference. Together, we do. Julie Roark of SERVE says SERVE served 9,144 people at least one time, distributed nearly 700,000 pounds of food, and typically serves over 2,300 people per month!! And SERVE is just one recipient of our weekly offerings and special offerings.

We should all be proud to be able to share. As the LaBauch reading program says: Each one teach one. It truly does take a village.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY:

Elders: John Gulick & Carolyn Anderson

Ushers: Jesse Hutchison & Eva Landrum

Preparation: Karen Ackley

Bread:

July 3 – Joyce Schermerhorn

July 10 - Jeanette Hudson

July 17 - Jerry Landrum

July 24 – Carol Cox

July 31 - Vicki Fritz

SERVE Food Pantry for July: Canned Vegetables



**MCC VISITS
MILLERSBURG
PRESCHOOL**



Art Smith and Eli share some kitchen time!



Above: Preschoolers demonstrate the work bench area!
Below: Reading Time with Vicki Fritz!



**Property Report
by Larry Baumgartner**

- Easement was signed with Socket on Thursday, June 16. A payment of \$7500 will follow.
- Dusk to Dawn light in back of church is out and has been reported to Callaway Electric.

With Gratitude and Thanks...

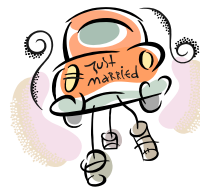
Dear MCC,
Thank you for all the prayers and all the nice things you said about Harold (Case). Our family acknowledges your kind expressions of sympathy with grateful appreciation. Our prayers are with you all.

Thank you,
Richard Kidwell & Family

To Thank You..

Dear MCC Friends,
Enclosed is a small donation given in thanks and appreciation for the many wonderful food dishes given to Rita for our family when Rip passed away. Rip and I have always enjoyed taking part in your activities over the years. We have many good friends here, as do Rita, Stan, and their family. I also want to express my gratitude to those who were able to attend Rip's services, sent a card, fixed a dish, or made a memorial donation. I also appreciated Anna Sue adding Rip's name to your Memorial Board. The love we felt will always be remembered.

Love,
June Russell



**BRIDAL SHOWER
FOR Beau &
Meredith
Landrum**

There will be a bridal shower for Beau and Meredith Landrum on Sunday, July 17th, around 12:00 noon. For more information, please contact Jeanette Hudson, Joyce Schermerhorn, or Vicki Fritz.

With Thanks...

Dear MCC Family & Friends,
On behalf of my Father, Maurice "Rip" Russell, I want to express my thanks to each of you for "being there" for me the past few years on a regular basis, always asking how my parents were and even how I was doing. You listened when I needed someone to talk to and you offered advice for having been in similar situations, which was so helpful. When Daddy died, you brought food, called, sent cards, came to his visitation and/or funeral, sharing hugs and words of comfort. Stan, Kim, Nikki, my mom, and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,
Rita



The Morans Have Returned from Cuba:

We had a wonderful mission trip to Cuba: great people--both the other mission team members and the people we worked with at Boca de Camarioco--and an inspiring work and worship experience. We accomplished our physical task of roofing a section of what will be the pastor and his family's residence above the existing church building (see accompanying photos), but the real "job" is establishing positive relationships with our brothers and sisters in Cuba. We hope to make a formal presentation at the church (and elsewhere) soon. Notice in the photos how close we are to the ocean: we also had a lot of fun.



Jeff and Barbara in front of the church in Boca de Camarioco.



Tying rebar in preparation for concrete pouring.



Jeff and Barbara in front of the finished roof.



Finished roof.



Pastor Jose giving Jeff a good-bye bear hug.

MCC PHOTO GALLERY

Palm Sunday Processional



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday




Jeff and Barbara Moran are pictured here receiving gift certificates as thanks for their many years of Youth Group leadership.



**Birthdays in Italics*
**Anniversaries in Bold Italics*

July, 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 <i>Rita Adams</i>	2
3 10:30 Worship	4  4 th of July	5 MPS 8-5	6	7 MPS 8-5 175 th Celebration Mtg. 7:00 PM	8 <i>Bill Hudson</i> <i>Amiria Harper-Rose</i> <i>Cindy Baumgartner</i>	9 <i>Stephen Bryant</i> <i>Jeremy Czeschin</i>
10 10:30 Worship <i>Beau Landrum</i> <i>Tom & Beth Haas</i>	11 <i>Craig Latty</i> <i>Paul Schmidt</i>	12 MPS 8-5 Elders 6:15 PM Board 7:00 PM <i>Gary Hackmann</i> <i>Kim Loyd</i>	13 VBS Mtg. 7:00 PM	14 MPS 8-5	15	16 Millersburg Parade – Gather at 9:00 AM <i>Jennifer Weiss</i>
17 10:30 Worship Shower for Beau & Meredith Landrum 12:00 <i>Kate Bedsworth</i>	18 Newsletter Articles Due by Noon <i>Bowen Force</i>	19 MPS 8-5 <i>Anthony Garrett</i> <i>Danny & Brenda</i> <i>Rose</i>	20 <i>Huston Force</i> <i>Janna Islam-Rose</i>	21 MPS 8-8 Art Show	22 VBS 6:00 – 8:00 PM <i>David & Cheryl</i> <i>Rose</i>	23 VBS 9:00 – 12:00 AM White Elephant Bingo 5:00 PM
24 10:30 Worship VBS Celebration During Worship <i>Joy Johnson</i>	25 <i>Kim & Chris Force</i>	26 <i>Bill Anderson</i>	27 Newsletter Assembly 5:15 PM	28	29	30
31 10:30 Worship						

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Lectionary Readings for the Month of July, 2011

July 3, 2011

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Zechariah 9: 9-12
Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 17, 2011

Genesis 28: 10-19a
Solomon 12: 13, 16-19
Romans 8: 12-25
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 31, 2011

Genesis 32: 22-31
Isaiah 55: 1-5
Romans 9: 1-5
Matthew 14: 13-21

July 10, 2011

Genesis 25: 19-34
Isaiah 55: 10-13
Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 24, 2011

Genesis 29: 15-28
1 Kings 3: 5-12
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52