



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

1858-2008—From the Frontier to the Future
August 22, 23, 24, 2008

Come Join Us as We Celebrate 150 Years Serving God and Community
Vintage Clothing Encouraged for All Events or “Come-As-You-Are”

Friday, August 22nd—Make a Joyful Noise!

6:30 pm Fellowship and Reminiscing--Open House with Historical Displays

7:30 pm Raise the Roof as we sing-along to the beloved old Gospel Songs. Special Old-Time Entertainment with former minister Rev. Larry Brown & other musicians

Refreshments Served

Saturday, August 23rd—Revive Us, Again!

4:00 – 5:00 pm Living History—Historical Displays, DVD “*Who We Were and Who We Have Become*”, “*History of the Millersburg Christian Church*” by Jeff Moran with books available for purchase and Dr. Ralph Rowlett speaking on the Millersburg Archeological Dig.

5:00—6:30 pm Old Time Dinner: Pit Roasted Pig with all the fixin’s. Reservations not required, but appreciated. Free-will offering to help offset the cost of the celebration.

7:00 pm-- Revival in Word, Song, and Spirit--featuring a portrayal of Evangelist Raccoon John Smith (Rev. Larry Brown) 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 am -- Reception and Group Photograph

Millersburg Christian Church shares a rich heritage with the community including Millersburg Pre-School, Miller’s Creek Extension Club, Millersburg 4-H 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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Visit our web site: millersburgchristianchurch.org

Reflections

by

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

When Sarah was in her nineties, three mysterious strangers came to visit Sarah and Abraham out in the desert in their tents. When one of the strangers, who turned out to be the Lord, told Sarah that she was still going to have that long promised baby, Sarah laughed. Taken aback by Sarah’s response, he answered her, “Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?”

And I wonder if some mysterious stranger had happened by while our founders were building that first church on this holy ground and announced that a great celebration would be held here by a still active and vital church in 150 years, would they have laughed? Maybe so, or maybe they were made of sterner stuff back then. But if I said to you that in another 150 years another celebration will be held on this spot celebrating the 300th anniversary of Millersburg Christian Church, would you laugh?

In this day of instant obsolescence we build for tomorrow without much thought to next year, let alone 150 years hence. Many of the newer evangelical churches and fellowships are planned with a life span of 20 years in mind. Yet when God builds, 10,000 years may be but just a day. As the excitement builds for our sesquicentennial celebration coming up in less than two months—August 22, 23, 24—let us prayerfully consider how to build for tomorrow and the next 150 years. “Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?”

As we begin to dream for the future, let us consider what has changed and what has remained steadfast about Millersburg Christian Church. I suspect that the warmth, the hospitality, the dedication of the members—their blood, sweat and tears—have remained much the same. And doubtless, the mission to serve God and our brothers and sisters while sharing the love of Christ remains the same. In coming months we will be considering our core values, those things that matter most to us as church, while we plan for the future. I have a hunch that we will find that while our core values remain the same, our “delivery system” has changed several times, over the years, to better meet the needs and appeal to each new generation. Is God calling us to new ways of being church to

better serve the needs of present and future generations? Don’t laugh!

In the meantime, I would encourage us to keep doing what we do so well, welcoming everyone in the name of Christ and making them feel comfortable in our midst. Dare I point out that we can be most effective when we are present in worship each and every Lord’s Day? Let us witness to the community with our presence as we worship God with gladness.

To God be the glory! See you in church.

Those Who Serve in July

Elders

Brenda Rose
Ken Bright

Ushers

Patty Eggleston

Preparation

July 6 – Tom Haas; 13 – Vicki Fritz; 20 – Barb Moran; 27 – Lisa Bright

Bread

July 6 Carol Cox
July 13 Pat Baumgartner
July 20 Vicki Fritz
July 27 Linda Stiers

Children’s Church

July 6 Elaine Long
July 13 Open
July 20 Open
July 27 Lynn Reynolds

Thank you to all who helped pick up 10 bags of trash June 21! This is our 19th year for providing this service to our community!

Prayers:

Joyce Schermerhorn and Jeanette Hudson whose half brother Charles “Chuck” McCray, died following a heart attack on May 27th.

Dick Hanson who had emergency surgery

Those serving in the Armed Forces

Joys:

Congratulations to newlyweds Gary and Ashley Bethell Hackmann who were married June 14th and Allen and Megan Dursing Bright, who were married June 28!

Nick Arnold received 1 of the 5 “Tyler Duncan Memorial Awards & Plaques” at the FHS Senior Awards Banquet. Each award was given to “enjoy life, enjoy being a kid” since Tyler’s life was cut short. Nick received a \$500 cash award to use as he wished and lovingly gave \$50 towards our challenge match.

Please welcome Jesse, Allyson and Madeline Hutchison. We are glad you visited us and look forward to have you worship with us again. A HUGE thank you to Jesse for helping with the trash pickup!

Thank You!

Did you notice our new church logo? Well, thanks go to Matt Rose for sharing his artistic talent with us! Matt’s new design is helping us move “into the future” with our 150th Anniversary Celebration!

Building & Maintenance \$2,000 Challenge Match Met!

Thanks to the generosity of many, \$2,430 was raised meeting the \$2,000 match for a total of \$4,430 received by the May 31st deadline. A special thank you to the anonymous donor for providing the extra financial motivation to meet the ongoing needs of MCC especially this most important year. Gifts received but not previously listed were from: Marla Carlson, Kim Force. Jessie Purvis and Brenda Rose.

Memorial Gifts received:

In memory of Eula Baumgartner - Pat & Larry Baumgartner

In memory of Quint Huffman

Art & Amanda Smith

Carol Cox

In memory of Tyler Duncan (childhood friend of Nick Arnold, son of Susan Dooley Moore,

Grandson of Ron & Doris Dooley who died in 1997) - Nick Arnold, Jerry, Tina & Mattie Arnold, Larry & Pat Baumgartner

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.

Millersburg Parade July 12

Family Fun! Please join us as we participate in the annual Millersburg Parade scheduled to start 10:00 AM, Saturday, July 12. **Be at the church at 9:00 a.m.!** Wear a red shirt, come join the fun, and be a part of the MCC Kazoo Band! **We will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evening, July 9 to make posters for the church float.**

After the parade, we will staff a booth at the Millersburg Lion’s Club to provide information about the upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration on August 22-24. Contact Jeff Moran if you would like to help with the church booth. Also, bring a potluck dish to share at the noon luncheon at the Lion’s Club.

All Church Float Trip

Plans are in the works for an all-church, all-ages float trip/camping trip in late September. Share your ideas with Barb Moran or Barb Gulick. (And you know if Rev. Barb is involved that there will be an alternative to tent-camping!) Stay tuned.

Our Committees At Work!!

Property Committee:

Your CARE Team (Clean and Repair Everything) continues to be hard at work. Stan Adams trimmed the shrubs; Tom Haas built 2 and installed 2 shelves to go over the coat racks and replaced a damaged ceiling tile. We also believe we discovered why the electric bills had been so high the past few months. When spring service was scheduled on the 3 HVAC units at the church it was discovered that the 2 newer units weren't working so they had been running on the back up electric strips. Luckily there was still quite a bit of warranty on both units so Kronk Heating and Air Conditioning from Fulton, who installed them contacted and worked with Riback in getting us back up and running. The big unit had to be replaced which has been done and the smaller unit needed a new coil which has been replaced. The new unit and the new coil are covered under the warranty but the church is going to have pay the the labor expense. Lastly, a Member Rewards Card has been issued at Staples so if you make purchases for the church there be sure to let them know so we can earn cash back credits on future purchases.

Membership Committee:

On Sunday June 1st our phone rang, it was Darlene Racinowski and she had just gotten off the phone with her son Charlie who is serving in Iraq. Charlie called very excited that he had received the Care Package MCC had sent him! He was looking forward to sharing the items (sundries, food, newspapers from home, books, etc.) with others in his unit and asked his Mom to please call the church and express his appreciation for being remembered. We pray continued safety for Charlie and all the military serving in Iraq and throughout the world and appreciate everyone who supported this important mission the Membership Committee does each year.

If you are new to the church or if we have a listing that is incorrect we would like to get you or your families birthday and anniversary to include in our monthly newsletters. Please give this information to Rita Adams, Membership Chair, theadamsfamily@ktis.net or Carolyn Bethell Newsletter Editor, Carolyn_Bethell@fulton.k12.mo.us

Our apologies to everyone for the church newsletter taking so long in getting to you after it is mailed by the Membership Committee. Calls have been made to the Fulton Post Office trying to track down the problem, which has happened the past 2 months.

Sesquecentennial Committee:

The "book" has gone to print and hopefully will be available by the time of the June 27 Lions Club Fish Fry, and certainly by the time of the Parade. The DVD of photos should also be ready soon.

Pastoral Search Committee:

We are moving forward in this process and hope to have important announcements soon.

Wanted! Chair for the Christian Education Committee. Must be filled with a desire to help children and adults on their faith journey as they learn about Jesus and what it means to be a Christian in today's world. If you would like to serve in this important position, please contact Barbara Moran or Rev. Gulick.

Wanted: Stewardship and Finance Committee Chair! Jeff has served in this position in the past and can help with some of the upcoming duties, but he and Barbara will be in Cuba on a mission trip in October, just at the time this committee needs to be putting the budget and projected income information together for board and congregational consideration. We need someone to help guide this process!

President's Ponderings



I said Awesome! many times during a recent trip with a group of 20 middle school aged youth on the Current River in southern Missouri. Awesome water, awesome scenery, awesome youth, awesome fellowship. Jeff and I, with 4 other adults, went with a church camp group organized by NEOLA to spend three days exploring different sections of the river. I arrived back at base camp each evening exhausted, but exhilarated. I'd love to have the energy of a 12-year old again. But even they were ready to sleep after paddling a kayak during the day, preparing the evening meal, washing up, sharing a short worship service, and singing songs around a campfire. We ended each day at peace (no cell phones, TV, or computers!) and filled with awe by the beauty of God's creation. Praise God, it was totally awesome! Barbara

Places to see and hear about Millersburg Christian Church in the near future!

The Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society, will showcase MCC and our upcoming August celebration in one side of their window display beginning on Friday July 13th for one month. The display can include anything we would like to share with the community about the history of our church and the role we serve not only in Millersburg but in Fulton as well. The historical society has volunteers who will put the display together but if this is the type of

project you enjoy working on please contact Rita Adams to offer your assistance not only with ideas but also to help transport the items to Fulton. With a new grandson on the way in July, Rita might be busy with other "details" !

Fulton Sun Gazette "The Entertainer" TV Guide, Friday Aug. 8th

"From the Frontier to the Future" Millersburg Christian Church's 150th Anniversary Celebration Aug. 22-24th will be featured on the front of this publication.

Must See T.V.

Peggy Rose, Jeff Moran, and Rev. Gulick will appear on "Pepper and Friends" at 11:00 on Thursday, July 31st on KOMU-TV to showcase Millersburg Christian Church and our 150th Anniversary Celebration. If you can't watch, set your DVR!



Wish List for Millersburg Christian Church

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

In conjunction with our 150th Anniversary we have also developed the following "Wish List". If you see a specific item you would like to donate to honor or in memory of loved ones, please let us know. One of the items listed are 40 Praise Chalice Hymnals plus the accompanist hymnal. These hymnals are a paperback supplement to our existing hymnal and full of fine music written since our Chalice Hymnal was published. We hope to have this gift completed by our August celebration to share some of its music! Rita Adams purchased 2 Chalice Praise Hymnals, one in memory of fellow choir member and friend Sara Guse' and the other in memory of Jack Garner, Rita's high school choral teacher at FHS.

Chalice Praise Hymnals 40 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

Stan & Rita Adams have given two books in honor of their Grandson Huston Force for the Children's Library. They are *What's Happening to Grandpa?* A book about aging & Alzheimer's & *What's Wrong with Timmy?* A book about children with disabilities. Both books are written by Maria Shriver an award-winning journalist & author & illustrated by Sandra Speidel.

Underwriting of costs for Sesquecentennial:

<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

(Gifts would be anticipated to cover the entire cost of the item, rather than contributing toward the purchase of an item. Chalice Praise would be an exception. Undesignated gift monies would be accepted in any amount.)

July 2008

		1 Rita Adams	2	3	4	5
6 Blood Pressure Checks after Worship	7	8 Elders Meet – 6:15 Board of Directors – 7:00 <i>Bill Hudson Amiria Harper- Rose Cindy Baumgartner</i>	9 Parade Poster Meeting – 7:00 <i>Stephen Bryant Jeremy Czeschin</i>	10 <i>Tom & Beth Haas</i>	11 <i>Craig Latty Paul Schmidt</i>	12 Millersburg Parade – 9:00
13	14	15 <i>Kim Loyd</i>	16 <i>Jennifer Weiss</i>	17 Preschool Art Show – 6:00 – 9:00 <i>Kate Bedsworth</i>	18	19 <i>Anthony Garrett Danny & Brenda Rose</i>
20 <i>Huston Force Janna Islam- Rose</i>	21 Newsletter Deadline <i>Ruth Forsee Joe & Laverne Bell</i>	22 <i>David & Cheryl Rose</i>	23	24 <i>Joy Johnson</i>	25 <i>Kim & Chris Force</i>	26
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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 _____

Phone _____

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