



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 22<sup>nd</sup>—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 23<sup>rd</sup>—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 24<sup>th</sup>—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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## Reflections

by

**Rev. Barbara K. Gulick**

Living in-between spring and summer underlines for me that we are, indeed, an in-between people—living in in-between times. (Though in Missouri this time of year, it's more like living in both spring and summer—alternately! In the in-between we wait for Mother Nature to “show us” what she has in mind.) As Christians we live in-between the resurrection of our Lord and our own resurrection into eternal life. As church we live in-between the coming of the Holy Spirit and the coming of the Kingdom of God. We live in-between the partial and the complete, that which we see in a mirror dimly and that which/whom we will one day see face-to-face.

At Millersburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as we celebrate 150 years of living, worshiping, and serving God on this one patch of holy ground, we are living in-between our heritage and our future. As a history buff, it is easy for me to get caught up in our history. Jeff Moran's still growing history book--soon to be in print, Ralph Rowlett's account of the archaeological dig at the old church site, and the delightful memories of our church family and friends are filled with the glory and even a few mysteries of MCC past. And it's tantalizing not to just honor and celebrate our past, but to get stuck there. Yet we are already living in the future, in the new millennium. Jesus is all about newness of life and the spirit is always pulling us forward.

So even as we prepare for our exciting and inspiring Sesquicentennial Celebration on August 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup>, we are also preparing for our future—for the next 150 years to the glory of God and in Jesus' name. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find information on our upcoming anniversary celebration as well as a “wish list” of anniversary gift possibilities to help move us into a bright and dynamic future. Therefore I call your prayerful consideration to both.

And with our present and future in mind, I am delighted to announce that in **June we will begin children's church for three year olds through 10 year olds.** We will use curriculum specifically designed for a small, mixed age group of children. The summer study will include units on

worship, favorite Bible stories, and the holy city of Jerusalem. The material is well written and user friendly for teachers. Please let me know if you would like to lead our all-new children's church on one or more Sundays.

Finally, I want to lift up our recent music Sunday. For our past, present, and future our outstanding music ministry blesses us. Special thanks to Amanda Smith for directing the choir, Beth Haas and Barb Moran for accompanying the choir and congregation, and to each member of the choir for their faithfulness.

AND also on May 18th, we celebrated the blessing of Alexzander Ray Mielke and the dedication of his family and our congregation to his nurture in the love of Christ and life in the Kingdom of God. Alexzander's parents are Samantha and Michael Mielke, grandparents: Gary and Patty Eggleston and Wanda Mielke.

May the peace of Christ, the love of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit be with each of us in-betweeners as we celebrate the past and move boldly into the future.

***Just a reminder: We are already on our summer worship schedule. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday to allow more time for all those fun summer activities. So—to make the change worthwhile, I encourage each of you to include regular worship attendance in your summer schedule. See you in church!***

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## Those Who Serve in June



### Elders

Carol Cox  
Lynn Reynolds

### Ushers

Elaine Long

### Preparation

Rita Adams

### Bread

June 1	Elaine Long
June 8	Vicki Fritz
June 15	Luella Randolph
June 22	Lynn Reynolds
June 29	Karen Ackley

**Trash Pickup Rescheduled-Due to rain the trash pickup was postponed & rescheduled for the weekend of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up for the section you will pickup.**

Joys:

- \* New great-grandparents: Errol & Hazel Pahl
- \* New grandparents: Elaine & Gary Long- a son, Landon Cade Long was born to Bruce & Sabrina Long.
- \* Nick Arnold received the highest award available at Mexico Vo-Tech
- \* Janna Rose (Peggy Rose's granddaughter) was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and will study in Ankara, Turkey for her graduate research for her PHD.
- \* We celebrate Angie Schermerhorn's promotion to Oncology Charge Nurse at Boone Hospital!
- \* Justin Hatfield, son of Marla Carlson, grandson of Wayne Latty recently became engaged
- \* It was good to have John and Pat Allen from the state of Washington visit this past month. They grew up attending MCC.

***Congratulations to our High School and College Graduates:***

Courtney Moran - Truman State  
John Reynolds' son, John – Columbia College

Nick Arnold, Amber Johns, Michael Smith,  
Jason Giofre and Manning Weiss – Fulton High School

Zachary Bedsworth and Rachel Landrum –  
New Bloomfield High School

Prayers for:

- \* Barbara Dexter
- \* Richard Shores
- \* Jim Baumgartner
- \* Lewis Baumgartner
- \* Nadine Gentsch
- \* Warren Gilbert
- \* Marilyn & Robert Thomas granddaughter, Heidi



You are invited to the wedding of  
Allen Bright and Megan Dursing, Saturday,  
June 28 at Liberty Christian Church -427 E  
Kansas-Liberty MO at 5pm.

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## **Thank You!**

Dear Friends & family at MCC - Thank you so much for the wonderful finals week care package! I'm so glad that I am still remembered as part of the church family. I always love coming back & seeing everyone at church. I will be doing an internship in Monterrey, Mexico for the summer, but then I will be back in mid-Missouri & hopefully I will see more of all of you. Thanks again! Love, Courtney Moran

Dear MCC - Thank you for the finals care package. The snacks, goodies, thoughts & prayers helped ease some of the stress and tension of law school final exams and on my long drive back to MO. Thanks again. D.J. Tucker

***NEEDED: Assistant Treasurer for MCC***

***NOT ANYMORE!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you Carol Cox! Also, Carol has agreed to fill the vacant elder position for the next several months. Thank you so much for sharing your time and your talents.***

# Our Committees At Work!!

## *Property Committee:*

Thanks to everyone who helped clean or do needed repairs for our spring clean week. The stoves & refrigerator were cleaned, blinds & window sills were dusted, stains cleaned off carpets, flowerbed weeded & mulched, pencils sharpened & pew envelopes replaced, books were organized in our church library (thanks Rev. John), Stan Adams installed 3 new light fixtures outside the doors on the front of the church & 2 new lights in the basement bathrooms, light bulbs changed & tree limbs disposed of. There are still a few jobs needing to be done & we appreciate those who have signed up to complete them.

Special thanks to Tom Haas for ALL the jobs he is doing helping the CARE team get the church in good repair for our August anniversary. Over the past couple of months Tom has replaced 3 doors in the basement/fellowship hall that had holes in them; added metal kick plates to the bottom of the swinging kitchen doors and replaced a piece of paneling where a water fountain.

Brenda and Danny Rose have also purchased a new wooden bookcase/toy storage case for the nursery and they will install and organize it. Thanks for seeing a "need" and taking care of it. Thanks also to Chester Racinowski and Jay Harmon for repairing the big wooden chairs so we can use them for our anniversary celebration. Our prayers are with Warren Gilbert as he recuperates from a heart valve replacement and thank you to his friends for stepping in and mowing our church grounds in his absence. We should all be so blessed as Warren to have such good friends!

## *Membership Committee:*

Thanks to the generosity of our church family 10 Spring Care Packages (3 military & 7 college students) were assembled and delivered to: **Military**/LCPL Charles Racinowski, Iraq (son of Don & Darlene, grandson of Chester & JoAnn Racinowski), SSG Morris Lynn, Iraq (Tina Arnold's Father) and PFC Tyler Huffman, Camp Pendleton, CA, son of Dane & Tammy Huffman. **College**: Courtney Moran, James Owens, Justin Collins, D.J. Tucker, Brianna Force, Laden Force & Drew Qualls.

## *Sesquecentennial Committee:*

The time for the Celebration is drawing near! And things are getting organized for that August celebration:

**Friday, Aug. 22 - Celebration in Song:** Larry Brown will lead the singing of historical hymns with commentary about those hymns. Refreshments and other entertainment will be provided.

**Saturday, Aug. 23 - Celebration in Fellowship:** Historical displays (including artifacts from the archaeological dig at the original church site [1819-1857] south of Millersburg), DVD of photos, the book of church history, etc. Larry Brown will play the part of Raccoon John Smith, an early Disciples of Christ leader, in an old-time camp revival. We will also share a meal and other entertainment.

**Sunday, Aug. 24 - Celebration in Worship:** Church service at regular time (9:30 - 10:45) will feature former pastors. A reception will follow worship.

The Millersburg community is invited to these events, but please RSVP for the Saturday evening meal so we know about how much food to prepare. The "book" should go to print by June 1. It should be ready, along with a DVD of several hundred photos, by the time of the Millersburg community celebration in July. We will have a float in the July 12 Millersburg parade and a booth at the community celebration which follows the parade. Thanks to all those who contributed photos and memories for the history! Jeff Moran, Chair

# Our Committees At Work (continued)

## *Pastoral Search Committee:*

We received a list of possible candidates for the permanent pastor position from the NE Area Office. Most could be eliminated on the basis of geography; that is, they live so far away that we can't really afford to bring them to Millersburg for an interview. We are evaluating the remaining candidates. Again, if anyone has questions about or input for this process, please contact one of the committee members (Larry and Pat Baumgartner, Kristen Bright, Elaine Long, Lynn Reynolds, Brenda Rose, or myself). Jeff Moran, Chair

## *Missions Committee:*

Our Week of Compassion offering is already at work in Myanmar for relief from the cyclone, in China after the earthquake and in the Midwest following tornadoes. We have also just received word that a Disciples family in Windsor, CO lost their home and that the child killed in a Minnesota tornado this past week was the grandchild of a Disciples family there. Please hold them in prayer.

## **May 31<sup>st</sup> Building & Maintenance Fund \$2,000 Challenge Deadline Nearing!**

This month we offer our thanks as we were blessed to receive Memorial and Honorarium donations towards the matching fund from:

**Sandy Brock**-“In honor of all the wonderful times Amy, Billie and I had at MCC”

**Esther Flaigle & Carol Terrell**-In memory of JW Phillippe

**Rita & Stan Adams**-“In memory of my Grandmother Mina Wickell who passed away Nov. 13, 2007. She and my Grandfather Henry Wickell enjoyed coming to MCC over the years for dinners and programs. It is with “thanks and appreciation to both of them for sharing their religious faith with their children, my mother June Russell, that the next generation was also raised as Christians, which continues on.”

**Jeanette & Bill Hudson**-In memory of my mother, Claudia McCray

**Peggy Rose**-In memory of my husband, Don Rose

**June & Maurice “Rip” Russell**- “This donation is given to the building and

maintenance fund in honor of Rita and Stan Adams and their family. They do so much for their church. Also, we'd like to thank you for allowing us to come to your many activities. Best wishes for your Sesquicentennial celebration!”

**Carolyn Bethell** – In memory of Michael and for all of the love and support my family has received over the years from this “extended” family of ours.

In addition to the above generous donations and others received by the many friends and faithful members we have received a total of \$1,662. We're very close to matching the \$2,000 challenge so if you would like to help us achieve this goal please send your tax-deductible check to Lisa Bright, Church Treasurer.

# Wish List for Millersburg Christian Church

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

In conjunction with our 150<sup>th</sup> 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

**Underwriting of costs for Sesquicentennial:**

*Underwrite cost of reception following worship on Aug. 24*

*Decorated cake, punch, etc.*

\$150

*Revival Tent Rental*

\$650

*July 4<sup>th</sup> Float*

\$150

**Other suggestions:**

*Printer, copier, fax/scanner for church computer*

\$100-\$150

*Shrubs, bushes, blooming trees & mulch for church grounds*

\$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.)*

# June 2008

<b>1</b> Dustin Fritz Katie Huffman	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Jimmie/Sherry Hoesch</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Bill/Jeanette Hudson</i>	<b>6</b> James Owens <i>Gary/Patty Eggleston</i>	<b>7</b> Ken McCarty
<b>8</b> Paul Arnall Pastoral Relations after worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Elder's – 6:15 Pastor's Cabinet 7:00 p.m. <i>Jeremy/Melanie Czeschin</i>	<b>11</b> Sesquecentenni al Meeting – 6:30  Sam Landrum	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Shea Gentsch <i>Bethell/Hackmann Wedding</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline – 12:00	<b>17</b> Laverne Bell	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Ken/Debbie Owens</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Trash Pickup  Tina Mann
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Dan/Linda Cassidy</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Newsletter Prep  Marvin Bryant	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Tucker Smith	<b>28</b> Lynn Reynolds <i>Bright/ Wedding J.H./Lois Long</i>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

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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](mailto:mcc1859@socket.net)

**We'll be there!**

**Indicate how many are coming in each blank**  
**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.....Fellowship and Sing-a-long \_\_\_\_\_**

**Saturday, August 23....Dinner & Revival \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sunday, August 24....Worship and Reception \_\_\_\_\_**

**My Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

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