

# MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1858 – 2008

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Celebrating serving Christ at this location for 150 years



From the frontier to the future . . .

March, 2008

Rev. Barbara Gulick, Interim Minister

## Holy Week Activities at MCC

### **Turning Our Faces Toward Jerusalem Awaiting the Resurrection at Millersburg Christian Church**

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – “Wake Up Sleepy Head”  
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41; Psalm 23  
*The Word from the Cross: John 19:28-29, “I Thirst”*

*(Daylight Savings Begins on March 9<sup>th</sup> – Be sure to “Spring forward”)*

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – “Can These Bones Live?”  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45; Romans 8:6-11; Psalm 130  
*The Word from the Cross: John 19:30, “It is finished.”*



### **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – “This Is the Lord’s Doing”**

Matthew 21:1-11, 27: 11-14, 27-30; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

The whole congregation will be invited to share in the Procession of the Palms.

Following the service we will continue the celebration with a potluck luncheon at 12:00 and an Easter Egg Hunt at 12:45. Members of the Worship Committee will provide the meat dishes and members of the congregation are asked to bring 2 side dishes. Friends and Community are invited.

### ***Maundy Thursday***

***Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 P.M.***

“The Final Word From the Cross,” Luke 23:46-49

Join us for a special service of communion as we come remembering the night when Jesus would be betrayed. At the conclusion of the service we will have the opportunity to drive a nail into the cross to give up, once and for all, that which separates us from the love of Christ; and then to use the experience of the hammer and nail to build up the Kingdom of God anew in our lives, in our church community, and in the world.

### ***Easter Sunday***

**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – “While It Was Still Dark”**

John 20:1-18; Isaiah 25: 7-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4

***Come celebrate the Resurrection at Millersburg Christian Church beginning with a Sunrise Celebration at 7:00 A.M., followed by Breakfast at 8:00 A.M., provided by the men of our church. Sunday School for all ages meets at 9:15. Then at 10:30, we will gather together in the sanctuary to remove the shrouds of darkness and proclaim, “Christ is Risen, He is Risen, Indeed!”***

***Hallelujah!***



In many ways, the Lenten journey is a community experience: worshipping together, praying together, breaking bread together, facing the suffering of the cross together, and finally—joyfully celebrating the resurrection in faith community. Sharing Lent here at Millersburg this year is especially precious to me, as we grow closer to one another as newly discovered brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our prayer group continues Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:30, as we pray our way through the seven last words of Christ. Our upcoming Sunday and Holy Week Schedule appears elsewhere in the newsletter. I also encourage each of you to continue your time of personal and/or family daily devotions using the booklet, "Your Nail" by Arden W. Mead. If you have not yet claimed your nail, let me know. More are available. During our Maundy Thursday worship, we will have the opportunity to add our nails to the cross as a way of giving up all that stands between us and the love of Christ. Let us individually and as the Body of Christ continue to pray on these things.

This holiest of seasons is a time when many fondly remember their own baptisms. If there are those who are considering making the good confession and being baptized this year, please let me know so that we can arrange for "pastor's class" in preparation. I also look forward to scheduling "baby dedications" in upcoming weeks for the new babies in our midst. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 573-556-8280 or drop by the church office on Wednesdays after 3:00.

Sharing with you in the joy of our salvation,

*Barbara Gulick, Interim Minister*

*We encourage anyone who would like to bring Easter lilies to the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one during this special season. Give your names to Luella and she will publish in the bulletin.*



**Set your clocks FORWARD March 9!**

# Children's Church for March

March 16	Elaine Long
March 23	Rita Adams
March 30	Casey Baumgartner

## Those Who Serve in March



Elders  
Brenda Rose  
Ken Bright

Ushers  
Barbara Moran

Preparation  
Vicki Fritz

Bread  
March 2 - Luella Randolph  
March 9 - Lois Long  
March 16 - Vicki Fritz  
March 23 - Rita Adams  
March 30 - Lynne Reynolds

### Excerpts from "Mountain View"

*As we look forward to our sesquicentennial celebration this coming summer, several have asked for these excerpts from Rev. Gulick's February 3<sup>rd</sup> sermon.*

From the top of our ridge down in Jefferson City, God permits me the occasional glimpse of the Promised Land up here in Callaway County. And believe it or not, with just the slightest imagination, I can see this very piece of hallowed ground on which we are standing, this piece of ground that has been set aside as a mission station, a place of sanctuary, a place of witness to the love of Christ and the glory of God to all who have passed this way for 150 years.

So I have done some calculating and creative number crunching and I can tell you that there have been over 6000 worship services attended by well over 200,000 congregants, right here on this spot; way more than 1000 pot-luck dinners; more than 500 baptisms; countless weddings and funerals, meals shared with the hungry, quilts stitched, camp meetings, vacation Bible schools, and community celebrations...and that's just for starters. If only 200 lives were touched with the love of Christ revealed at Millersburg Christian Church each of the last 150 years, that amounts to 30,000 men, women, and children; or 60,000 hands held in love and welcome and compassion. And how do we begin to count the prayers?

Millersburg Christian Church has survived eight major military conflicts, including the Civil War at our own doorstep; at least one great depression; and too many recessions to figure. The point is, God is doing good work here in this place. God took a spot in the wilderness and transformed it into Holy Ground. And this community and all of the lives touched have been forever transformed.

Now let me tell you what else I can see from my ridge top. I see the presence of God here in this place stretching as far as the eye can see into the new millennium. I see excited, spirit-filled people packing the pews, raising the rafters with their songs. I see people of all ages and diverse backgrounds greeting one another with warmth and the love of Christ. I see the work of this small congregation continuing to spread throughout the community and around the globe with an unending heart for mission. I see faces shining like the sun in the transforming power of the love of God in Christ...and we who are his witnesses, by his grace, shall continue to share God's glory with a needy world. Amen.

# Our Committees At work!!

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

**Welcome New Members!** We are pleased to report that MCC has two new members! The first is our interim minister, Rev. Barb Gulick. We are so pleased to not only have you personally, but for the guidance & support you are providing to each of us during our time of transition. Though not a member, we also enjoy having Rev. Barb's husband, Rev. John Gulick, attend our various events when his schedule serving as Associate Minister at Dixie Christian Church allows.

Our 2nd new member is retired minister Harold Case. After visiting just a couple of weeks, Harold came forward & joined our church by transfer of membership on Feb. 19th. Harold moved to Millersburg a few years ago & lives down Samantha Road (past Tom & Beth Haas' house). Harold served as minister for many years to a couple of disciple's churches in Callaway County.

**Welcome New Visitors!** We've been blessed to have new visitors Karen Ackley and Mary Belle Streit visiting us this past month. Karen is Luella Randolph's neighbor & Mary Belle Streit is Cindy Baumgartner's mother. We're glad you're joining us in worship & we look forward to getting to know each other better. Our church can always use more "hands to do the work of the church" so don't be shy, in fact you're invited to just jump in and sign up for a committee that is of interest to you! We also appreciated Rev. Barb's parents, Floyd & Marie Lytle, visit us from Jeff City. Please introduce yourself to our visitors & new members to make them feel welcome!

## **"Membership Care Facts" Medical Outreach Program Announced by Membership Committee!**

Thanks to the generosity of MCC Registered Nurse Tina Arnold, the Membership Committee will be hosting free blood pressure checks the 1st Sunday of each month following worship so mark your calendars! The new program will begin this coming Sunday, March 2 so please take advantage of this vital health check by joining Tina in the mezzanine area after church. If you do not have a wallet card to track your blood pressure Tina will give you one. In addition, Tina will share health related "Care Facts" in our newsletter each month and we look forward to these educational articles. Tina is also donating new First Aid Kits to the church & the preschool too! For those of you who haven't had a chance to talk personally with Tina we asked her to share some of her background information. We've enjoyed having Tina & her family worship with us the past couple of years & are very appreciative of her desire to help our congregation live a healthy lifestyle!

Rita Adams & Anna Sue Harmon Co-Chairs (The following is a brief summary from Tina)

*"I would like to "formally" introduce myself, my name is Tina Arnold & I have been married for 19 years to Jerry. We have 2 great kids, Nick 18 is a senior at FHS & Mattie 7 is in 1st grade at Bush. We moved to Fulton in 1995 when Jerry began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, he is now Sergeant for Zone 8 in Callaway County. We moved to Millersburg in 2004 & live in Lake Breeze.*

*I received my LPN in 1994 & my RN in 1998. My experience in nursing is vast, and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to work with those in need. I have experience in many areas including Cardiac, Surgical, Obstetrics, Trauma, Critical Care, Emergency Care, Orthopedics, Pediatrics & Respiratory. Previously I was the Chief Nursing Officer at Callaway Community Hospital in Fulton. Currently I am working part-time as a Clinical Supervisor for the Univ. of MO "Adult Step Down Unit" plus I have started my own medical consulting business Triage HealthCare Solutions.*

*I am sincerely excited to have the opportunity to share with you & other members of the community any knowledge that I have to promote a healthy lifestyle for you, your family, and your friends. I am always anxious to help those who have a need. If you have any topics that are of interest to you please call or e-mail me. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you in this manner". With Gratitude, Tina Arnold, Registered Nurse, 573-642-0609 tprnrs@ktis.net*

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS:**

We're off to a great start! Property Committee Members met after church Jan. 13 & came up with a comprehensive list of items needing repair or attention this year. We tried to look at the church with "new eyes", how visitors & guests see our church & we found that we needed to do some major decluttering & routine maintenance! With the 150th anniversary

celebration the weekend of August 22-24, it is property's goal to get the church not only in good working order but also to have it in top notch shape for all the guests & visitors we're hoping to have!

We held our 1st official work morning Sat. Feb. 9 & did some major closet cleaning! And thanks to Tom Haas & Stan Adams muscle, one of the big jobs was removing the old water softener that hadn't been used for years & was taking up vital space! The 3 faucets with sprayers have been replaced in the kitchen along with new strainer baskets have been purchased. Additionally repair work has been done on the basement toilets & new batteries were ordered & installed in the emergency lights. Since the Millersburg Preschool shares space in our basement & many of the kitchen cabinets & storage closets, they are also going to work on getting their things more organized as well & we thank them. The church is like our house, every few years we need to go through things & purge them either by donating them, recycling them or pitching. I always remember our former Minister Larry Brown talking about the freedom of the mantra "Less is more". You know what they say, "A Cluttered House Is A Cluttered Mind" and "Cleanliness is next to Godliness".

If you haven't been asked to be on the Property Committee but you enjoy cleaning, repairing or organizing, please sign up on the bulletin board. We have a huge list of "To Do's" but with everyone helping out we'll mark them off one by one!!

With appreciation, Rita Adams & Patty Eggleston Co-Chairs

### ***THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:***

We thought it might be interesting to find out what was going on at the church exactly 50 years ago (1958) and came up with this information:

Since MCC was part of a "pastoral unity" at that time with Dixie, Hams Prairie, and New Bloomfield Christian Churches, we made a monthly contribution toward pastoral compensation of \$70.84 (\$58.34 for salary and \$12.50 for rent). Other regular expenses included mowing (Joe Ed McCray getting \$4 each time he mowed) and cleaning (Iona Atkins getting roughly \$10 per month for that task). O. H. Wilkerson received \$33 for firing the stoves, one dollar each time he did that job (he donated \$25 back to the church). State Farm Mutual Tornado Insurance cost \$16.20 that year and fire insurance cost \$28.35. Rev. Wayne Parke received a \$25 Christmas gift. In August, the church bought \$107 worth of mutton from Hagan's Market for a fund-raising dinner, and the church netted \$325 from that event. One interesting item: the church paid Rueben Fisher \$45 for combining and received \$206.76 from MFA for wheat. Current church old-timers have a recollection of a local farmer's barn and equipment being destroyed by fire that year; he donated his crop to the two local churches (MCC and the Baptist Church) if they would pay for the combining. MCC's share of the profits was enough to pay MCC's share of the pastoral compensation for a couple of months. If anyone has photos of the old fellowship hall when it still had the knotty pine paneling, we would like to borrow them so we can scan them into an electronic file. - Jeff Moran, Chair

### ***THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:***

We have compiled the results of the congregational surveys and filled out the congregational profile to turn into the area office. Based on that profile the area office will try to match us up with prospective pastoral candidates. This process of "search and call" is likely to take another several months. If anyone has questions or opinions about this process, please contact one of the committee members. - Jeff Moran, Chair

### ***MILLERSBURG PRESCHOOL:***

On February 13th, MPS made the trip to Central Methodist University to spend the day at college with college students. The preschoolers were able to teach the college students all about the life of a little person! The preschoolers played games, listened to Leo Lionni books, created Leo Lionni art work, took a tour of campus, ate lunch at the cafeteria, acted out stories written by preschoolers, sketched animals from the museum, and listened to the CMU band! Whew...what a busy day it was! A lot of fun was had by the children and the grown ups.

On February 24th preschoolers and their families and friends celebrated Millersburg Preschool's 24th birthday by roller-skating at the roller rink. A lot of fun was had by all!

## President's Ponderings

About a year ago I told the chair of the Sesquicentennial Committee (Jeff) that I would tackle scanning photographs from the church's files and scrapbooks to make a CD of the pictures for our upcoming celebration. I've been putting it off and recently decided I'd better get it done. I've borrowed photo albums from church members and looked at the church's scrapbooks. I had no idea how many photographs I would handle. To date, I have digitized almost 1,200 photos.



It's been a long, wonderful trip down memory lane, and an interesting one. I've learned about the times before Jeff and I came to Millersburg in 1983. I've watched toddlers grow into young adults in the church. I've seen elderly friends, now gone, enjoying a fellowship meal. What a blessing this project has turned out to be! Something I dreaded turned out to be a joy. Isn't life often like that?

I want to thank the photographers that have shared their photos over the years to be placed in the scrapbooks. And thanks to the scrapbook makers who have organized the photos, newspaper clippings, etc. to document our life together. The scrapbooks provide a lovely pictorial history of our activities as a Family of God. The pictures show us celebrating the cycle of life, including infant dedications, children singing in choir and learning in Sunday School classes, summer youth parties, fellowship dinners, Senior Recognition Sundays, etc. Some of the cast of characters has changed over the years as people have come and gone, and those that are the same have aged (no!), but the look of happiness on faces is unmistakable. We are so lucky to have our church family.

I look forward to working with the photos to select the ones for the CD history. **If you have photos of church activities from before 1975, it's not too late to share them with me for inclusion in our pictorial history CD.** The memories evoked by your photographs are sure to be a joy to others! Thanks, Barbara



Katie Huffman and Cody Baumgartner help out at the recent Youth Chili Supper. The supper netted our youth over \$350!

### Youth Group Meeting March 9

The Youth Group will meet at the church parking lot at 5:00 PM on March 9. We're going bowling and eating pizza in Fulton. Invite a friend and join the fun. All youth 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome. Please call Jeff or Barbara for more information.

## 2008 NEOLA SUMMER CAMP MINISTRY DATES

NORTHEAST & OZARK LAKES AREA CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Registration forms and brochure also available online at [www.neara.org/](http://www.neara.org/)

2008 Events, Dates, Directors, Completed Limits, 2008 Fees<sup>1</sup>

### Rickman Center Events:

CYF Conference June 9-14 Martha Jolly & Zane Whorton Grades 9-12 80 \$260/280

Junior 1 Camp June 17-21 Mary Riley Grades 4 & 5 80 \$240/260

Elementary Camp June 30-July 2 Julie King Grades 2 & 3 80 \$145/165

"Eighthers" Camp July 6-12 Kim Ryan Grade 8 80 \$285/305

Junior 2 Camp July 15-19 Amy Fisher & Sharon Wooldridge Grades 4 & 5 80 \$240/260

MAD Camp July 21-26 Mike & Gina Pierson, Greg Pauley Grades 6-9 80 \$260/280

Chi Rho Camp July 28-August 2 Alex Ruth & Julie Sells Grades 6-7 80 \$260/280

### Canoe and Backpacking Trips:

Chi Rho Current River Canoe Trip June 15-19 Ken & Susan McCarty Grades 6-8 16 \$180/200

Chi Rho Colorado Backpack Trip July 4-12 Adam Harmon Grades 6-8 11 \$295/315

Chi Rho Smoky Mountain Trek June 30-July 7 Martha Jolly Grades 6-8 8 \$295/315

CYF Eleven Point River Canoe Trip June 23-27 Jack Daniel & Terry Pitts Grades 9-12 16 \$180/200

CYF Wilderness Backpack Trip July 7-14 Gene Hilton Grades 9-12 18 \$295/315

CRY - Regional Event July 21 - 24 @ Columbia College

(contact CRY Coordinator David Machon at [machon3@aol.com](mailto:machon3@aol.com) or 573.449.9974)

<sup>1</sup> Discount fees (first listed) must be received by the NEOLA Registrar by April 15, 2008. The second fee is for registrations received after April 15, 2008.

## Joys

*Cooper Riley Whitworth was born February 12, son of Meghan (Rose) and Steve Whitworth; brother for Aidan; grandson of Danny and Brenda Rose and great-grandson for Peggy Rose. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20" long.*

Robert and Marilyn are back from the warm country – bet they regret that decision. ☺

## Prayers

- Jim Baumgartner
- Shannon Baumgartner
- Wayne Latty
- The Loyd family, who all are suffering with the flu
- Kenny Ryan, whose home burned
- Those serving in the Armed Forces, Charlie Racinowski recently left for Iraq
- The family of Jane Fisher, who passed away last month at Lenoir Woods. They were members of MCC many years ago. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to their son, Don Fisher, 33597 US Hwy PP, Warsaw, MO 65355

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## Our Missions Committee At Work

The Missions and Outreach Committee met Feb. 3. Local outreach projects were decided: 1<sup>st</sup> quarter – CMCA and Kingdom Respite Care; 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – HAVEN House and Wiley House; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – MO center for Rural Ministry; 4<sup>th</sup> quarter – SERVE. Wiley House is a new outreach program of MCC. It is located right next door to HAVEN House and should be restored by July 2008. It will temporarily house homeless people of the community.

During February, we celebrated Week of Compassion offering. This special offering is for church-wide humanitarian relief, refugee assistance and self-help development mission funding. Donations are used through CWS. The Easter Offering will be March 16 and 23. This offering is for church-wide outreach through the Christian Church Disciples Mission Fund.

During the month of March, we will be collecting canned fruit for the SERVE food pantry.

## CWF Meeting Next Month

*Brenda Rose will be the hostess on March 10. We will gather at her office in Fulton to enjoy a salad supper together at 6:30 p.m. then her granddaughter, Amiria, will share her experiences about her mission trip to Belize over Christmas break.*

Please join us at 6:10 at the church and we will carpool to Brenda's office.

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The Prayer Group continues to meet each Wednesday from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Gulick's leadership. If you haven't joined this group yet, please add this opportunity to gather each week to your calendar.

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## March 4 – Sesquicentennial Meeting – 6:30

All are invited to come share ideas, brainstorm about agenda for August 22-24 weekend celebration. We need everyone to take an active part and be involved!!

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Preschool 7-12	<b>5</b> Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>6</b> Preschool 7-12 Alumni Sch 5-8  <i>Justin Bedsworth</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Gary Eggleston</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Manning Weiss</i>
<b>9</b> Pastoral Relations Meeting after worship	<b>10</b> <i>CWF in Fulton @ CMCA – 6:30</i> Hostess-Brenda Rose <i>D. J. Tucker</i>	<b>11</b> Preschool 7-12 Elder's Meeting – 6:15 pm Board of Directors – 7:00 pm <i>Rachel Landrum</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm</i> <i>JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm</i> <u><i>Brent &amp; Tracy Long</i></u>	<b>13</b> Preschool 7-12 Alumni Sch 5-8  <i>Jamie Hudson</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Kim (Adams) Force</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Beth (Hudson) Monson</i> <i>Courtney Moran</i>
<b>16</b> <i>Palm Sunday – Fellowship Dinner/Easter Egg Hunt</i> <i>Ed Bright</i> <i>Jimmie Hoesch</i> <i>Aidan Whitworth</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Preschool 7-12	<b>19</b> <i>Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm</i> JOY Choir – 6:30-7:30 pm  <i>Rhyan Murray</i>	<b>20</b> Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 pm  Preschool 7-12 Alumni Sch 5-8	<b>21</b> <i>Jimmie Schafer</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Sunrise – 7:00 am Breakfast – 8:00 am  <i>Hunter Bethell</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Preschool 7-12	<b>26</b> <i>Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm</i> JOY choir – 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>27</b> Preschool 7-12 Alumni Sch 5-8	<b>28</b> <i>Amber Johns</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Jason Bedsworth</i> <i>Patti Karr</i>
<b>30</b> <i>Errol Pahl</i> <i>Jon Schmidt</i>	<b>31</b>	*Birthdays listed in italics  <u>*Anniversaries listed in bold and underlined</u>				

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