

MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1858 – 2008

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Celebrating serving Christ at this location for 150 years



From the frontier to the future . . .

May, 2008

Rev. Barbara Gulick, Interim Minister



“And the winner is – L to R: Marilyn Thomas “Marilyn’s Firehouse Chili”; Anna Sue Harmon “Fowl Noodle Soup”; Jeff Moran “Scream Your Head Off Chili”; John Gulick “John’s Kansas Jayhawk Road Kill Chili” (who let that guy compete?); Vicki Fritz “Chicken Noodle Soup”; Casey Baumgartner “Cheesy Potato Soup”; Cindy Baumgartner “Mexican Tortilla Soup”; kneeling in front – Pat Baumgartner “Grandma’s Love” and not pictured – Karen Ackley “Potato Soup” and Gary Eggleston “Poppa It’s Too Spicy”.

Close to 50 people attended our 1st event with 10 delicious entries prepared. Prizes awarded included wooden spoons with blue, red & white ribbons & blooming potted plants for the top winners. The event was so successful it was even featured in the April 21 Columbia Daily Tribune! Bill Clark writes a historical column for the paper so we invited him out for dinner and to share information with him about our church and our upcoming 150th anniversary in August. Bill wrote a very nice article and we thank him for spending time with us.

Thanks to everyone who attended the special Preschool/Church dinner following worship April 20th so we could get to know each other better. We enjoyed good food, fellowship & a special cake made celebrating the fact that we’re “Great Friends”. Pictured at the right are “Miss Sherri” and Rev. Gulick.



Reflections

by

Rev. Barbara K. Gulick

As I write this, we are just finishing our preparations to leave on vacation tomorrow morning. By the time you read it, we will be on our way back. All of which makes it difficult to know what will seem worthwhile by then. Nevertheless, I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to get away for a few days of family time and rest and relaxation on the beach. For me, being near the ocean is restorative. My hope is to come home refreshed and renewed. (But don't hold me to it.) I do believe that times of retreat are part of God's plan for us. Time to be outside of time--away from schedules and interruptions. Time to reflect, and time to just be. As the psalmist says, "He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul." I wish for each of you the time to allow God to restore your souls.

I can't leave town without lifting up our worship and fellowship experiences today (April 20th) as we celebrated our on-going relationship with Millersburg Preschool; were led in worship by two of our youth, Kristen Bright and Cody Baumgartner; and enjoyed a delightful inter-generational luncheon fellowship. I am very grateful to all those who contributed to such a day of vitality and joy. And I am especially grateful for Jeff Moran's faithful and enthusiastic leadership of our youth. Taste and see that God is good!

It is a joy to be a part of such a gifted congregation that is so willing to jump in and serve in so many wondrous ways. I especially appreciate Art Smith's willingness to preach in my absence. I know he will challenge and inspire. I am also grateful for the lay leadership evident in the rest of the service on April 27th. Art will be joining us for adult Sunday School on May 4th to continue the inter-faith discussion begun in his sermon.

I look forward to being back in worship with you on May 4th and especially to celebrating both Mother's Day and Pentecost on May 11th.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, while we are absent one from another.

Yours in the peace and grace of Christ,
Barbara

Children's Church for May

May 4	Carolyn Bethell
May 11	Lynn Reynolds
May 18	Lois Long
May 25	Marcia Loyd

Those Who Serve in May



Elders

Brenda Rose
Ken Bright

Ushers

Beth Haas

Preparation

Tom Haas

Bread

May 4	Linda Stiers
May 11	Rita Adams
May 18	????
May 25	????

Building and Maintenance Fund Challenge

This month's donations were received from Amy Anderson Simmons (daughter of Bill Anderson and Sandy Brock Langewisch). Amy grew up attending MCC as a child and was back visiting us on Easter Sunday with her dad, Bill Anderson and Carolyn Bethell and their families. Robert & Marilyn Thomas also sent a donation with the following note: "Please accept this donation in memory of Robert's parents, Robert "Cotton" and Clara Thomas; Aunt Wilma Allen as well as my dear daughter, Karla Cupp. We sincerely appreciate their donations!"

Thanks to those who have made donations to our Building and Maintenance Fund to achieve our goal of raising at least \$2,000 to receive the matching gift. To date, \$500 has been received so if you've thought about making a donation in memory or honor of someone or just to show the importance of the church in your life for our 150th Anniversary please do so before the May 31st deadline. Checks can be mailed to Lisa Bright, Church Treasurer.



Millersburg Preschool Children along with Miss Sherri and Jeff Moran – April 20.

Joys:

Michael B. Smith was selected to the 2008 Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2008. Congratulations!

Prayers for:

- * Marilyn and Robert Thomas' granddaughter, Heidi;
 - * Mark Palmer's brother, Tim, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident;
 - * Rip Russell;
 - * Lewis Baumgartner
 - * Ken Bright;
 - * Those serving in the Armed Forces
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Wedding Showers Planned

Ashley Bethell/Gary Hackmann
Sunday, May 4 – 2:00 p.m.

Allen Bright/Megan Dursing
Sunday, May 18 – 3:00 p.m.

President's Ponderings

I recently spent a long weekend at Rickman Center with the women on my mother's side of the family. Women from California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri gathered to sew, quilt, scrapbook, knit, laugh, tell stories, hike, and eat. It was a wonderful four days of fellowship and sharing. It was easy to see the little bit of God within each of them.

I went to the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting and was amazed at the devotion and energy for the tasks at hand. It's going to be a great celebration! I encourage each of you to find a job that you enjoy and jump in to help.

Enjoy the many blessings of spring! Barbara

NEEDED: Assistant Treasurer for MCC

Duties include acting for the church treasurer when needed in the collecting, counting, recording and depositing of offerings and writing checks when church treasurer is unavailable. Bookkeeping experience desirable. Must be "good with numbers". If interested, contact Barbara Moran, 642-9749.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Will be May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.
Please bring a salad to share.

New Summer Hours for Worship start May 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Our Committees At work!!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Visitors this month: Friends of Rev. Barb and John Gulick from Jefferson City: Bob & Marge Blosser & Georgiale Dallas; families from Millersburg Preschool; Terri Dawson and Bonnie Dale. Please Come Again!

Welcome new member Karen Ackley, who joined our church April 6th! Karen is the mother of 2 grown children, grandmother of 5 & has worked at Missouri Book Services (MBS) in Columbia for the past 10 years. She and her late husband, Earl, moved back to Millersburg in 2004 before Earl passed away in August 2007. Karen enjoys crafts and spending time outdoors.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:

This committee met Monday, April 21, and had a productive meeting. The history "book" is now about 80 pages long, but we are still looking for "memories" from current members, and anyone who has not done a memory yet but would like to contribute one, please do so in the next couple of weeks. If this book is to be available by the July Millersburg community celebration, we need to get to print by the middle of June at the latest. The church anniversary celebration planned for August is coming together: **Friday, August 22** - an evening get together with Larry Brown leading the singing of historical hymns and providing commentary about those hymns; other entertainment and refreshments provided. **Saturday, August 23 - 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm** - historical displays, DVD of MCC photos, meal, and an old time tent revival with Larry Brown playing the part of Raccoon John Smith, along with other entertainment. **Sunday, August 24** - regular church service with former pastors participating. All these events are open to the public. Please come and help us celebrate our heritage and look toward the future.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

The Missions Committee met April 13th. It was decided that rather than making items for Festival of Sharing this year, we will put together health kits for people staying at Wiley House. Each kit, in a zip lock bag, will contain a washcloth, comb, small deodorant, small toothpaste and toothbrush. In May, we will collect washcloths, combs and deodorant. In June, we will collect toothpaste and toothbrushes. In July, we will add any missing items. Our goal is 100 kits. In each kit will be put a slip of paper stating compliments of Millersburg Christian Church.

Located next door to HAVEN House and named in honor of former owner, Estella Wiley, is Callaway County's first overnight homeless shelter. Through the work of Ecumenical Ministries, of which we are a part, and community support, renovations are hoped to be completed by July or August. It is hoped to provide 17 beds for those without a place to spend the night. – Elaine Long

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Shepherd's Company, who was hired for our painting, has completed the inside painting and has begun painting the outside of the church. Don't forget our annual workday this coming Saturday, May 3rd - we need everyone's help!

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May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Preschool 8-12 Alumni 5-8	2	3 All Church Clean-Up Day 8:00 – 3:00
4 <i>Blood Pressure Check</i> Bethell/Hackmann Shower 2:00	5	6 Preschool 8-12	7 6:00 Prayer Group 6:30 Choir	8 Preschool 8-12 Alumni 5-8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13 Preschool 8-12 Elder's – 6:45 Board of Directors 7:00	14 6:00 Prayer Group 6:30 Choir	15 Preschool 8-12 Alumni 5-8 CWF – 6:30	16	17
18 Music Sunday Youth Sunday Recognitions Allen Bright Shower 2:00	19	20 Preschool 8-12 Parent Meeting 6:30 in mezzanine	21	22 Preschool 8-12 Alumni 5-8	23	24
25 Worship 9:30	26	27	28	29	30	31