



Millersburg Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Barbara Gulick, Minister

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Reflections

by

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With a month or so to reflect on our Sesquicentennial celebration, it occurs to me that part of the success could be attributed to our being such good scouts. *We were prepared!* We planned extensively not only for the larger vision, but we also attended to all the little details. And even though we consider ourselves to be a *small* congregation, there was nothing small about our celebration. Many larger churches could be and are envious of what we did in God's name.

We could pat ourselves on the back and say we are organizational geniuses, but I think it is more than that. Through our many long, lively and invigorating planning sessions, we seemed to hit a wondrous balance between the skills and aptitudes of our members. The visionaries balanced the detail-minded folks. We tapped the gifts and imaginations of an entire congregation. And then when the time came, everyone jumped in to help, meeting the needs as they arose--regardless of whether the tasks were in their comfort zone or original area of responsibility. Our egos took a back seat to meeting and anticipating the needs of our guests. As we reached out to welcome family, friends and strangers in the name of Christ, we truly became church the way Jesus envisioned it to be.

In the process, we set a new standard for how Millersburg Christian Church can be. We were prepared, practiced, punctual, and standing at the door waiting to welcome our guests. We had sent invitations, news releases, and erected signs to get out the word that something special—something good and God-centered is happening here. We each became evangelists as we invited our family, friends, and neighbors to come join us. We used our God-given gifts to shape new ways to reach out to a world hungering for the Good News.

Now that we know what we can do, now that we see what God can do working in us and through us, can we do anything less as we prepare to welcome family, friends, and guests each Sunday morning? Now that we've had the rehearsal, let's see what we can do for the glory of God as we share the Gospel in Jesus' name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***Prayer Group Resumes*** on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 6:30 in the sanctuary. During these times set aside for growing in the spirit through prayer, we consider a variety of ways to pray and how the scriptures lead us into a deeper prayer life. We lift up our congregation, our community and our world in prayer. Come join us. If you can't be with us in person, please be present with us in prayer.
- ***Fall Trash Pickup Scheduled*** – Calling all Collectors! Help clean up Millersburg during the weekend of September 27th. Make some rare finds at our fall trash pickup. No certificate of authenticity will be

given, but you can finish the weekend with pride in your very own litter collection. Come join us, get some exercise, and do something good for our community and our world – become a Collector today!

- **Northeast Area Assembly and Youth Rally** is scheduled for November 14-15, 2008 at the Broadway Christian Church in Columbia.
- **Rev. Gulick's Installation** as permanent minister at Millersburg Christian Church is scheduled for December 7th during worship at 10:30 AM!
- **Crop Walk** – October 5 is the day to walk for the hungry! Please consider walking and/or sponsoring a walker to support this great cause!

Prayers: *You are invited to pray for these requests because prayer transforms life, supports healing, and helps us through difficult times.*

- ❖ Jay Harmon
- ❖ Virginia Williams, who is recovering from surgery
- ❖ Bill Hudson, who is recovering from surgery
- ❖ Jennifer & Shannon Baumgartner's family, whose father, Bob Slate, passed away.
- ❖ Prayers for those serving in the Armed Forces: Charlie Racinowski, Tyler Huffman, & Tina Arnold's Father

Joys:

A gift was received honoring the Reverends Larry Brown and George Mummert! In last month's newsletter we failed to include that the donation given by Dave & Mary Tucker was in honor of these two former ministers. Their note said, "Please purchase 8 Praise Chalice Hymnals in living memory of Rev. George Mummert and Rev. Larry Brown. Thanks, Dave and Mary Tucker."

We welcomed visitors Lisa Nagy, Abby Wasem, and Zach Gamet (Stan & Rita's nephew) in September! We really enjoyed visiting with you and please come again!

Woodhaven Plans Annual Dinner

Did you know that we have an organization doing good works on behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) right here in our community? Woodhaven has been providing services to people with developmental disabilities since 1964 through our denomination. They are having their annual fundraising dinner on **Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at Rock Bridge Christian Church in Columbia**. This event is always a great time for Disciples from many different churches to get together in fellowship in support of a great cause. Please mark your calendars if you would like to attend and more information will follow.

President's Ponderings

I love autumn, with leaves turning colors and cooler temperatures making a nip in the air. Autumn follows summer, winter follows autumn, and spring always comes, just as God is always there. The rhythm of the seasons always reminds me of the constancy of God.

It's time in the rhythm of the church seasons to nominate new board members for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider participating as a diaconate or elder of the church. And when someone from the nominating committee calls you, be ready to say, "Yes!" Thanks, Lord, for the opportunity to serve,
Barbara Moran

Our Committees At Work

Stewardship and Finance Committee

By now you should all have received your budget information and askings packet. The pledge cards should have been returned by Sunday, September 28. If you have not done so already, please return those pledge cards. Having some idea of the regular income we can expect to receive, of course, makes planning for expenses a whole lot easier. And unfortunately, because we operate in the real world, we do have real world expenses: salaries, utilities, activities, etc. Please continue to consider what Millersburg Christian Church means to you and to the community. Thanks!

Pastoral Search Committee

We need to jump through one more hoop in our call of Rev. Gulick to be our permanent pastor: the official installation ceremony will be during worship on December 7. Dr. Kris Tenney-Brittian, the Northeast Area Minister, will be there to perform the installation, and we hope to see all of you there as we "officially" welcome Rev. Gulick!

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee would like to thank J.H. Long for the many years he maintained the various mailing databases, updating them monthly as needed and printing the labels out each month for our newsletter. Thank you!

Property Committee

"Hospitality Update" – The work continues on updating the building, with the intention of making our church "family/child friendly." With the recent books donated, we are needing a small bookcase (3 shelves) and a small child's table with 2-4 chairs to make a reading center. We are also in need of books for babies and toddlers – the ones that are thick and 5-7 pages in length. Hand lotion has been put in the Women's restroom; we would like disposable diapers and wipes to have on hand for babies and toddlers as well. The Hutchinson's donated a new baby doll – thank you! We also need volunteers to go through the drawers in the Sunday School area and secretarial office to clean and sort. Please share other ideas you have!

Nominating Committee

This committee has been chosen and will meet at the Moran's on September 21 following the outdoor worship. If you are not already on the Board of Directors (that is, elders and diaconate), you can probably expect a phone call from one of the committee members asking if you will serve for the next 3 years as an elder or diaconate. And we hope you will enthusiastically say, "Yes!" (By the way, "enthusiasm" literally translated from the Greek means "the God within you.")

Evangelism Notes

I want to pass along the following article: "Church members live longer," says a Duke researcher. The risk of death is 30% lower among persons who attend religious services more than once weekly, according to a 12-year study of 8,000 Americans by Harold G. Koenig of United Methodist. The research team also found that the risk of death is 20% lower among weekly attendees than among those who never attend. This interesting tidbit was taken from the summer issue of United Methodist Men.

From Rita Adams

Missions Committee

October 5th will be our regularly-scheduled missions committee meeting. We need to discuss Best Choice UPC labels, Moser's receipts, Thanksgiving baskets, and adopting a family for Christmas.

This third quarter outreach project has been Missouri Center for Rural Ministry. This organization aids in ministerial preparation and continuing education with emphasis on small rural churches and communities.

We reached our goal of 100 hygiene kits for Wiley House. We have added labels to each, stating "Compliments of Millersburg Christian Church," and they were delivered to the Ecumenical Ministries Office on September 19th.

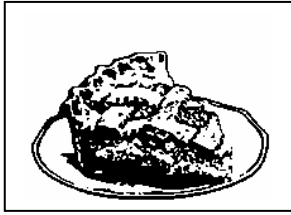
The food items for SERVE for October are soup and crackers.

Elaine Long, Chair

YOUTH NEWS

Four youth met at the Moran's on September 7 and swam, boated, picnicked, went on a nature walk, and talked about the upcoming year. We have decided to work on a "nature-based theme" this year: **God in Nature.**

Our next activity will be Sunday, September 28. We plan to go into Columbia to purchase a DVD player (or some other technological thing), which the church needs for showing videos during Sunday School or other church activities. We will go to dinner afterwards. Meet at the church at 4:00 PM, and we should be back by 7:00 PM.



WHAT: 2nd Annual Pie Auction
WHEN: Saturday, November 1st at 6:00 PM
WHERE: MCC Church Basement
WHY: Fundraiser for ongoing church expenses

Each family is asked to bring 1 or 2 pies to be auctioned off, plus we will have plenty of opportunity to sample! Please join us!

Holy Hands, Faithful Feet
 Living Out the Gospel
 156th Biennial Regional Assembly
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of
 Mid- America
 October 10-12 @ the Clarion Hotel in
 Springfield, MO

Join the Rev's John and Barb in
 Springfield for an inspiring and
 informative time of community as we
 worship and deliberate with
 congregations throughout the region.
 Registration information is available on
 the bulletin board or check with Rev.
 Gulick.

PULPIT GUESTS

Rev. Gulick will be on vacation from September 30 - October 9th and attending the Regional Assembly October 10 - 12th. Rev. Larry Veatch from Woodhaven Learning Center will bring the message on Sunday, October 5th. Elaine Long will be our worship leader that day. Rev. Jim Gearhart, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City, will bring the message on October 12th. Lynn Reynolds will serve as worship leader. Please make a point to be in worship for both of these messages. You will be enriched by two of our area's finest preachers.

Should an emergency arise while Rev. Gulick is out of town, you may contact Rev. John Bennett at 573-635-2743 or leave a message on Rev. Gulick's home phone: 573-556-8280 or cell phone: 573-353-9210.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Elders: Carol Cox
 Lynn Reynolds

Ushers: Rita Adams

Preparation: Carolyn Bethell

Bread:
 October 5, 2008 - Marilyn Thomas
 October 12, 2008 - Elaine Long
 October 19, 2008 - Karen Ackley
 October 26, 2008 - Lynn Reynolds



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm <i>Wayne Latty Marsha Loyd</i>	2 MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8 <i>Walter Garrett</i>	3	4
5 Missions 11:45 Rev. Gulick gone Rev. Larry Vetch preaching <i>Cody Baumgartner</i>	6	7 MPS 8-12 <i>Jeff Moran</i>	8 Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm	9 MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8 <i>Fred Erickson Kinleigh Rose Mason Rose</i>	10 Reg. Assembly Springfield Rev. Gulick attending <i>Kerry Bush</i>	11 Reg. Assembly Springfield Rev. Gulick Attending <i>Rodney Latty Nick Arnold</i>
12 Rev. Gulick gone Rev. Jim Gearhart preaching	13 Rev. Gulick returns <i>Brandi Garrett Ken & Susan McCarty</i>	14 MPS 8-12 MPS Dad's Night 6:30-8:00 6:15 Elders 7:00 Cabinet Woodhaven Dinner <i>Jay Harmon</i>	15 Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm	16 MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8	17 <i>Matt Rose Jeff & Barbara Moran</i>	18 <i>Art Bedsworth Steve & Meghan Rose Whitworth</i>
19 <i>Stan Adams Paige Bedsworth Christian Golub</i>	20 Newsletter Deadline by Noon	21 MPS 8-12 Parent Mtg. 8:30-9:30 AM <i>Laden Force</i>	22 Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm	23 Preschool 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8 <i>Susan McCarty Robert Thomas</i>	24 Racinowski Rehearsal 6:30 <i>Alice Gamet</i>	25 Racinowski Wedding <i>Nichole Adams Lola Weiss</i>
26 <i>Grace Loyd</i>	27	28 MPS 8-12	29 Prayer Group 6:00-6:30 pm JOY Choir 6:30-7:30 pm	30 MPS 8-12 Alumni Sch 5-8 <i>Jessica Kukal</i>		*Birthdays listed in italics *Anniversaries listed in bold

Welcome Shirley Dixon

Shirley joined us on September 15th as our new part-time church secretary. Shirley retired from Columbia Public Schools last spring, where she served as a third grade teacher for 27 years. Shirley is a long-time Millersburg resident and is also working part time at SERVE, Inc. in Fulton. Her phone number is 573-642-6500 and her e-mail is sdixon@ktis.net. Please call or e-mail her with announcements for the weekly bulletin and newsletter items. Rev. Gulick will be working closely with Shirley. Please let Rev. Gulick know of any suggestions or concerns.

Courtney Moran is also helping out with secretarial chores, especially transitioning responsibilities to Shirley and updating our mailing lists and labels. We extend our deep appreciation to **Luella Randolph**, who served with such love and devotion this past year. Her recent move made it impossible for her to continue on a permanent basis. We also extend our gratitude to **Carolyn Bethell** who has served as our volunteer newsletter editor since January. Well done, good and faithful servants!

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