



Millersburg Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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February, 2007

Rev. Fred Erickson, Pastor

Kris Tenny-Brittian selected as new Area Minister

At the annual assembly of the Northeast Area of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mid-America, meeting in Kirksville on November 4, a new Area Minister, Kris Tenny-Brittian, was unanimously approved.

The Reverend Doctor J. Kristina (“Kris”) Tenny-Brittian is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who has most recently served as Senior Consultant to The Mainline Evangelism Research Project, funded by the Lilly Endowment, and is a co-facilitator of the Bethany Fellowships, a ministry affiliated with HELM that works with recently ordained Disciples pastors.

During twenty-four years of working with churches, Kris has been an administrative assistant in a small inner-city Atlanta church; a youth and children’s director for a large suburban church; an associate pastor for a mid-size county-seat congregation; a solo pastor at a growing rural church in southeastern Kansas; a senior pastor for a wealthy suburban congregation; a church planter in metro-Seattle, and a mentor to a network of house church pastors.

She has also served as an Associate Regional Minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Northwest and as a consultant, coach, and seminar leader. In addition, she has founded two community helping agencies and facilitated the start of a number of ministries and self-help groups.

Kris graduated summa cum laude with a Doctor of Ministry from Bakke Graduate University, where she was also named a Raymond J. Bakke Scholar; her doctoral work focused on Church Multiplication Movements, Congregational Renewal, and Leadership Development. She received her Master of Divinity with honors, graduating magna cum laude from the Candler School of Theology at Emory

University (concentrations in Congregational Development and the New Testament); and she graduated with a BA with high honors from Agnes Scott College (majors in Sociology and Ancient Greek), where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Kris also has a certificate in Spiritual Companionship and has been recognized as a Competent Toastmaster by Toastmasters International.

Kris is married to the Reverend Doctor Bill Tenny-Brittian who is also an ordained Disciples minister whose special interests include small groups, spirituality, and the house church movement. Bill writes, lectures, and consults around the country, serving as a partner and consultant with Easum Bandy Associates (“EBA”).

Together Kris and Bill have had the privilege of parenting five now-young-adult children: Britt, Shannon, Katrina, Becky, and Toni.



Women plan meetings

The Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF) will meet at the home of Maurine Long Monday, January 29 at 6:30 PM. The topic will be “2007: Oh the possibilities.” They will be looking at keeping track of joys through the year. Bring a salad to share.

The February meeting will be at the home of Brenda Rose on February 19 at 6:30 PM. Plans include a salad supper followed by a movie and discussion. Come and enjoy the fellowship!



What is your big question?

Lent series to discuss important ideas

As is our tradition, we will have a special discussion series during the season of Lent—that period of 40 days (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday, February 21, to Easter, April 8.

The discussions will center around the “big questions” we would like to have answered—or at least discussed. Think about what those questions are. You might like to ask: “Who is Jesus really?” or “How firm are the 10 Commandments—is there any wiggle room, or do they not go far enough?” or “Are we to take the Bible literally?” or “How important is the Bible anyway—do we need to study it regularly?” or “Should religion be kept out of politics—or vice versa?” or “What is prayer, does it really work?” or “What do the Disciples of Christ believe?” or “Is there a Devil and a Hell?” or “What is Heaven?” or “What is the

Spirit of God, is it related to our soul?” or “Is there a relationship between science and religion?”

These are just sample questions we might discuss. We want to discuss your questions. Jot you question down and give it to Fred. We will publish a list of the question to be discussed and on what date we will talk about it.

Plan to be a part of these fun, stimulating, interesting, and challenging discussions. We will be meeting the Sunday evenings of February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25. We will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Remember to turn your questions into Fred as soon as possible.

Fred

Missions Committee reports

A great big THANK YOU goes out to the MCC congregation for their support of the mission effort of our church in 2006.

Twelve percent of tithes and offerings for the year were designated for Missions and Outreach. This was \$3,799.96. We had Local Outreach Projects which totaled \$1,628.52. This combined effort totaled \$5,428.48.

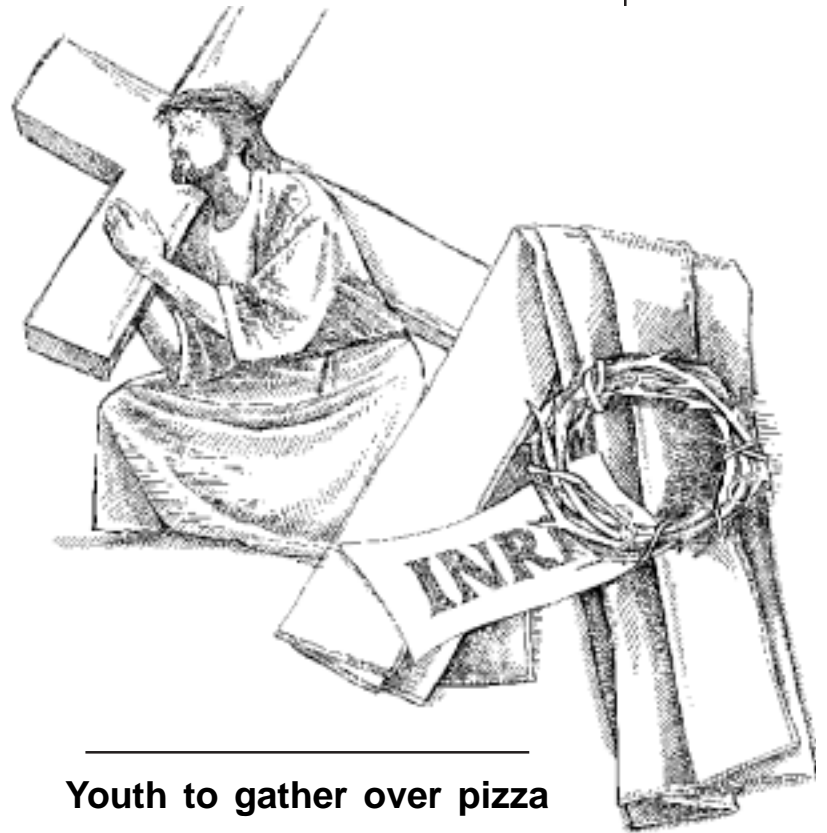
All other projects: Special Offerings (Week of Compassion, Easter, Reconciliation, Thanksgiving, and Christmas), Festival of Sharing, CROP Walk, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Adopted Family gifts, food to SERVE Food Pantry and donations to Fulton Soup Kitchen and Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Columbia total was \$4,541.88.

Combining all of the above mission efforts, there was \$9,970.36 documented Missions and Outreach effort for MCC in 2006. The Missions and Outreach Committee directed the activities but the congregation provided the support. THANK YOU, AGAIN!

February 18 and 25 will be the Week of Compassion Offering. This special offering is for church-wide humanitarian relief, refugee assistance, and self-help development mission funding. Donations sent to Week of Compassion are used through Church World Service.

The item for SERVE Food Pantry for February is Soup and Crackers.

Elaine Long



Youth to gather over pizza

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 5:30-7:30 PM for pizza, games, and planning the fundraiser. We're trying a new menu for the fundraiser this year (pit roasted pork, baked beans, coleslaw, Texas toast, brownies and ice cream). Save the date Feb. 10 for pulling pork, decorating, and serving our guests. Get tickets to sell and help make this our best Youth Fundraiser ever! Leftover meat will be sold by the pound after the dinner. See you there!

Barbara Moran



Prayers

Sympathy

Sympathy for the family of Bertha Milner who died January 14, 2007. She and her late husband, Carl, were life long members of MCC and the family chose MCC for memorial contributions.

Concerns

Prayers for good weather for the many people without power and suffering in this cold and icy weather.

Prayers for Peggy Rose who is undergoing treatment for back pain.

Prayers for Stan Adams who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Prayers for Elaine Long's mother who had surgery recently.

Prayers for Sara Guse' who is now at Lenoir Woods for rehabilitation and continues treatment for cancer.

Continued prayers for Jean Bryant who is at The Bluffs and is now under care of hospice.

Prayers for Cindy Baumgartner who continues dealing with Multiple Sclerosis.

Prayers for service men and women who face dangers and for the families who experience the struggles with the wounded and the loss of life for many. Especially prayers for Amanda Smith's brother and John McClellan.

Prayers for Richard and Patricia shores with health concerns.

Prayers for Ashley Bethell following shoulder surgery.

Joys

Congratulations on a new granddaughter for Elaine and Gary Long. Alice Rose Long was born December 21, 2006. Parents are Bruce and Sabrina Long.

Elaine's mother's "cancer" turned out to NOT be melanoma but was a large area that needed a skin graft.

Thanksgiving that we had electrical power during this terrible weather.

We celebrate the news that both Shirley Martin's sister and brother have been reported to be cancer free. Shirley and her sister expresse appreciation for all our prayers.

We lift up Darrel Schermerhorn's successful treatments for cancer.

We rejoice in Dick Hansen's successful esophagus surgery.

February Communion

Elders

Lois Long
Lynn Reynolds

Ushers

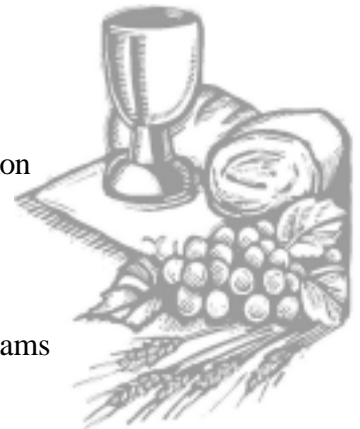
Tom Haas
Anna Sue Harmon

Preparation

Vicki Fritz
Beth Haas

Bread

Feb 4 – Rita Adams
Feb 11 –
Feb 18 –
Feb 25 –



Attendance

Dec 31	Jan 14	snow	
Jan 7	40	Jan 21	snow

December finance report

We need to receive \$4,824 each month to meet our budget

	Month	Year to date
Beginning Balance	\$9,373.04	\$12,437.67
Income	\$5,380.12	\$59,246.37
Expenses	\$4,668.73	\$61,599.61
Ending Balance	\$10,084.43	\$10,084.43

Do you know what it's like to be poor?

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Oh, yeah," said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

"We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

Membership class offered

A membership class will be offered during the season of Lent on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour beginning February 25 and running for 5 sessions. This class is open to everyone interested in learning more about our faith, the church, and the meaning of membership. The class is open to serious inquirers, or just interested persons.

The class will meet the Sunday mornings of February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 9:15 in the pastor's office, following the Sunday School opening in the sanctuary.

Has your committee met?

We have begun a new year, with a new board, and new committee chairs. It is important that all of the committees meet as soon as possible so we can begin planning for all of the activities of the new year.

Missions to meet

The Missions and Outreach Committee will meet following worship on Feb. 4, at 11:45 AM.

With this the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Too many times we forget what we have and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prize possession. It is all based on one's perspective. Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for all the bounty we have, instead of worrying about wanting more. Take joy in all you have, especially your friends.

—passed around on the Internet

Sesquicentennial Committee reports

Several sources say that the Millersburg Christian Church was first constructed on its present site in 1857 and formally dedicated on August 22, 1858 (hence our upcoming sesquicentennial in 2008). Since that time, the church has undergone several changes: a major renovation of the sanctuary around 1929; the "old" fellowship hall added in 1952, with an "annex" added to that in 1967 which included bathrooms; the major project of building a new sanctuary in 1976; and the recent (2001) renovation of the fellowship hall into a mezanine area with pastor's office and larger bathrooms. But, here are some trivia questions that the oldtimers may be able to help us with:

When did the church get indoor plumbing? And where were the outhouse(s) located prior to that time?

When did the church get telephone service?

When did the church get electricity?

When did the church get central air and heat?

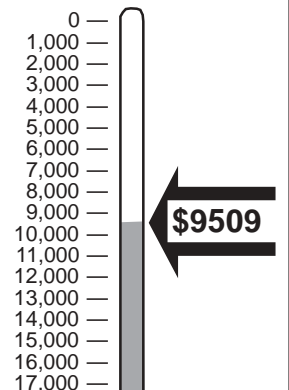
Where did the water, lighting, and heat come from before indoor plumbing and electricity?

Send the correct(!) answers to Jeff Moran: scimusic@tranquility.net, or 2071 County Rd. 246.

Thanks, Jeff Moran



HVAC campaign getting the temperature down



DOM/Global Ministries names new staff associate

David K. Owen, an active participant in the Disciples Amateur Radio Fellowship (DARF), and son of Dan Owen who accompanied Fred Erickson on his recent trip to the Congo, has been named to an important post within the Disciples Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM).

David Owen has joined the DOM/ Global Ministries home-based staff as associate for resource development. Owen started on Jan. 1 and now works with individual Disciple donors, congregations and regions with an interest in making major or planned permanent gifts to the work of Global Ministries.

“David is well known to the Division of Overseas Ministries and Global Ministries family,” stated David A. Vargas, president of DOM of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and co-executive of Global Ministries, a common witness with the United Church of Christ. “Part of Owen’s childhood was spent in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a ‘missionary kid’ - son of former missionaries Dan and Sandy Owen.” Owen graduated from Texas

Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, with degrees in political science and religious studies, and received a master in divinity from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth. He was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1986. Owen will work from an office in the Austin, Texas area.

David helped with the DARF radio survey and installation trips in Lesotho and Zimbabwe and is a key person in DOM’s efforts to provide the best communication



David Owen climbs an antenna during a Disciples Amateur Radio Fellowship installation project in Lesotho while David was a missionary there.

Thanks

Thank you good Christian Friends for the Christmas money gift. It was greatly appreciated. I enjoy being your janitor. God bless you In the name of Jesus, Thank you.
Oletha Baumgartner

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and acts of kindness during my bout of cancer. It has meant a lot.
Darrel Schermerhorn

Thank you for the cards and concern during my surgery, and particularly thanks for the prayers.
Stan Adams

Children’s Church

Feb 4 – Chelsey Bowles
Feb 11 – Kristen Cassidy
Feb 18 – Justin Collins
Feb 24 – Kristen Bright

**February
food item for SERVE:
Soup and crackers.**

Lectionary Scriptures for February

Sun, Feb 4, ‘07	Sun, Feb 18, ‘07
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Exodus 34:29-35
Psalms 138	Psalms 99
1 Corinthians 15:1-11	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 5:1-11	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
Sun, Feb 11, ‘07	Sun, Feb 25, ‘07
Jeremiah 17:5-10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalms 1	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16
1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 6:17-26	Luke 4:1-13

Have you selected your committee yet?

Christian Education has as its primary responsibility promoting the Sunday School and recruiting and supporting teachers. This committee is also involved in all of the other educational opportunities of the congregation, such as the Vacation Bible School, Lenten discussions and youth groups.

Membership and Evangelism takes care of some of the really fun things in the congregation, such as the fellowship dinners, but it also works with the newsletter, church brochure, web site and membership directory—keeping the church records up-to-date. This committee also follows up with visitors, and coordinates our roadside trash pick up. It also plans other fellowship activities.

Missions helps keep the various outreach concerns of the congregation before us. It coordinates our involvement with the soup kitchens in Columbia and Fulton, and the Festival of Sharing in Sedalia. It maintains our participation through Ecumenical Ministries with HAVEN House, SERVE Food Pantry, Parish Nurses of Callaway County and Kingdom Respite Care. It also interprets the “special day” offerings for the Disciples Mission Fund, and the

Week of Compassion offering for Church World Service.

Property supervises the maintenance and upkeep of our building. It plans workdays, and coordinates repairs. It also discusses policies related to the use of the building.

Stewardship and Finance is responsible for receiving budget requests from the various committees and writing the church budget. This committee is also responsible for the annual stewardship campaign, and is involved in the planning for any fundraising events. This committee also monitors income and expenses to make sure the budget remains in balance.

Worship not only is responsible for the Sunday morning worship, but has particular involvement in the special services, events, and programs around Christmas and Easter. This committee also takes care of the banners, cloths and other decorations used in the sanctuary and plans for other enhancements such as bulletins, devotional books, candle lighting and special music.



P.E.T. reaches out to millions to be featured in television program

Greetings: I had a great time serving on the Missouri Staff 1960-68 before I went to Virginia to be a Regional Minister. Now I am 90 and a P (personal) E. (energy) T (transportation) volunteer, building an amazing 3-wheeled hand cranked machine for 21 million people who have lost the use of their legs, due largely to Land Mines & Polio.

In late November, Sarah Hills, Newscaster of KOMU TV (NBC) went with Steve Biami to Viet Nam to deliver 40 PETs ... and she took the KOMU cameraman with her and did some filming. Every MONDAY night in February, she will share some of that film on the 6 p.m. news cast ... and on Thursday, March 8, she will have a 30 minute documentary on KOMU-TV at 6:30 p.m. Tell your friends about all this. Encourage them to see a fascinating and exciting mission program that starts here in Missouri. KOMU-TV is considering a way to make copies available to NBC outlets outside the KOMU area.

O. Eugene Moore



A P.E.T. (Personal Energy Transportation) means transportation for a disabled person in a developing country.

Millersburg Christian Church Youth Fundraiser



**Saturday
February 10
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

MENU



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Roasted
Pork**

and all the fixins'

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