



# Millersburg Christian Church

## (Disciples of Christ)

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April, 2007

Rev. Fred Erickson, Pastor

### Easter brings the hope of resurrection

With the unexpected and untimely deaths of two significant persons within our church family, Sara Gusé and Shirley Bright, we are brought to one of the central tenets of our faith: the resurrection of the dead. This is a particularly relevant concern when these losses occur during the season of Lent when we are preparing ourselves to face the cross and the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Granted, the passion of Jesus is hard to face. But beyond the grave is Easter. On Easter Sunday morning Christ's resurrection demonstrated for all to see that God is victorious over death. As the Apostle Paul writes: “<sup>54</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup>Where, O death, is your victory?’”

What we may not remember is that the scriptures tell many other stories that reveal God's power over death. Although the Easter story is by far the most dramatic resurrection story in the Bible, there are other spectacular accounts as well—even in the Old Testament.

Both Elijah and Elisha great prophets of the Hebrew people brought people back to life. Elijah raised the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:17-22), and Elisha raised the Shunammite's son (2 Kings 4:32-35). When a young man was laid in Elisha's grave he came back to life when he touched Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:21).

The most familiar resurrection story, outside of Easter, is the raising of Lazarus, a friend of Jesus and brother of Mary and Martha (John 11:43-44). But, Jesus also raised a widow's only son in the village of Nain (Luke 7:11-15), and Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:49-55).

The Apostle Peter raised the dead woman Tabitha back to life (Acts 9:36-40), and The Apostle Paul raised a young man named Eutychus after he fell from a window to his death

(Acts 20:9-12).

In the book of Hebrews, when the writer is listing the great works of God, he mentions, almost in passing, the gift of God when women received their dead by resurrection

(Hebrews 11:32-35).

The witness of scripture and the hope of Easter is clear. God, who created life, can preserve life beyond the grave! When Jesus, through his resurrection, became

“the firstborn from the dead,” (Colossians 1:18) he demonstrated that his promise that we share in that resurrection was valid “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live” (John 11:25). This became a central part of the message of the those who were eyewitnesses to Christ's resurrection (Acts 4:2).

So, in the midst of suffering and death, we are lifted by the message of life and hope. The dark days of gloom are brightened. We are lifted by the joyous message of Easter: “The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed.”

Fred



### Easter Lilies honor loved ones

Easter Lilies may be brought to the church in honor of a loved one. They may be brought on Palm Sunday, April 1, and will be cared for and placed in the sanctuary. Please let Fred know in whose honor they are given.

# April 2007

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<p>1</p> <p>Palm Sunday 9:15a S. School 10:30a Worship 11:45a Dinner 12:30p Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Loaves and Fishes 5:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>General Municipal Election Day, church building in use</p> <p><i>Matt Golub</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>JOY Choir 6:30-7:30</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Preschool 7-12 Alumni Sch 5-8</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00 PM</p> <p><i>Allison Milner Michelle Latty</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>																																																																																				
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## Woodhaven provides Campbell label Update

We are often asked, now that we are no longer saving labels for vans, what exactly do we use the labels for? Here is a summary of what we've received from Campbell's after the vans were no longer available. More details are available at our website [www.nbawoodhaven.org](http://www.nbawoodhaven.org).

2004: Day Program items (craft supplies, games, karaoke machine); 7 computers.

2005: Video/data projector for Day Program movie days and staff training.

2006: 5 laptop computers – one for each of our program managers, allowing them to have access to necessary files and information as they visit each of the individuals we serve in their homes, improving care.

The Campbell's Soup program continues to be very valuable to NBA Woodhaven's mission of serving individuals with developmental disabilities, providing us with many items that would not otherwise be in our budget. Please keep those Campbell's UPC barcodes coming! (Remember, we no longer take front labels!) And for those in Midwestern states, we collect Best Choice UPC barcodes also.

For more than forty years, NBA Woodhaven has been committed to providing compassionate care for individuals with developmental disabilities. We currently serve more than 100 men and women in our community-based program.

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### Missions reports offerings

The Week of Compassion offering of \$277 was collected February 18th and 25th. The Easter offering will be collected April 1st and 8th. This offering is designated for church wide outreach through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 86 countries.

We are collecting books for Jim and Jayanthi Wilson, Global Partners (missionaries) in Botswana. These books will go to the Kgologana Theological School. The categories of books needed are as follows: Leadership, Psychology, Bible, Children's Books, Children's Ministry, and Professional Journal Subscriptions.

The next Missions Committee meeting will need to be changed from April 1st to April 29th.

During the month of April we will collect cans of tuna for the SERVE Food Pantry.

Elaine Long

NBA Woodhaven is a not-for-profit organization and a service unit of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Community Living Program provides opportunities for the men and women served by NBA Woodhaven to live independent and productive lives as active members of their community. The individuals we serve live in forty-five homes and apartments throughout Columbia, Missouri. Staff members serving as personal assistants provide support to meet the needs of individuals, helping them learn new skills and serve as positive role models.

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A worship service on March 18, 2007 celebrated the stained glass windows given by Harold and Bess Reisch with their daughter Susan Kay Berkley explaining the symbols in the windows and Rev. Erickson giving the scriptural background. It is with great appreciation that the windows were dedicated.

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### Children's Church

Apr 1 – Chelsey Bowles  
Apr 8 – Kristen Cassidy  
Apr 15 – Justin Collins  
Apr 22 – Kristen Bright  
Apr 29 – Chelsey Bowles



**April**  
**food item for SERVE:**  
**Tuna**



## Prayers

### Sympathy

Sympathy for the family of Sara Guse who died March 18, 2007, her son Todd, his wife, Tracy and their children, Rachael and Matthew. Memorials are requested to the Rachel and Matthew Guse' Educational Fund c/o Maupin Funeral Home, 301 Douglas Blvd., Fulton, MO 65251

Sympathy for the family of Shirley Bright who died March 22, 2007, her husband, Edward and their children, Ken, Bill and Kathy, and their families. Memorials are requested to the American Diabetes Association also c/o Maupin Funeral Home.

Sympathy for Doc and Sara Stephens and their family at the time of the death of their granddaughter.

### Concerns

Prayers for Anna Sue Harmon as she recovers from knee surgery.

Prayers for Richard Shores and for Pat as she continues recovery from knee surgery.

Prayers for Eddie Forsee who recently had heart surgery to put in stints and is scheduled for surgery on April 19 for blockage in his carotid arteries.

Prayers for Pam Brady who is undergoing tests.

Continued prayers for Jean Bryant.

Continued prayers for Cindy Baumgartner.

Prayers for service men and women and their families.

### Joys

Congratulations to John and Lynn Reynolds who have a new granddaughter, Bella Elizabeth Burks, born March 6, 2007 to Tiffany and Levi Burks.

Congratulations to John and Kristina Bright whose daughter, Madison Elizabeth Bright, was

born March 19, 2007. Grandparents are Bill and the late Ronda Bright and great-grandparents are Edward and the late Shirley Bright.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Amanda Smith's brother who has returned safely from Iraq and for the recovery of John McClellan.

We enjoyed Tucker Cummings bringing his parents Jenny and Corey, his grand-parents Dave and Mary and Uncle DJ to church with him Feb. 27th.

We also enjoyed the visit of Carol Cox's sister, Linda.

## Thanks

Thank you to those who participated in the Cookie Lee Jewelry Fundraiser Feb. 25th. A total of \$132 was donated to the HVAC fund! Rita Adams, hostess & Do Swenson, sales rep.

Thanks to Matt Warmack, son of Fred and Sally, who gave a computer to the church. It is truly modern, with 80 gig of storage and a flat screen monitor. It will greatly enhance some of the work of the congregation.

## April Communion

### Elders

Lois Long  
Lynn Reynolds

### Ushers

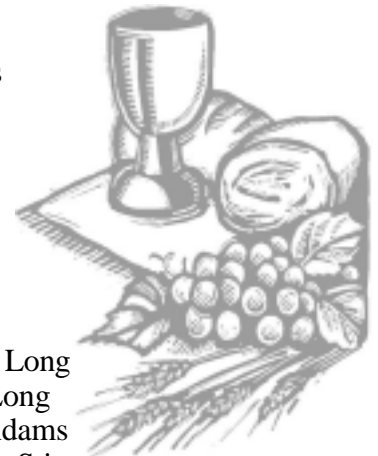
Terri Collins  
J. H. Long

### Preparation

Beth Haas  
Tom Haas

### Bread

Apr 1 – Elaine Long  
Apr 5 – Lois Long  
Apr 8 – Rita Adams  
Apr 15 – Linda Stiers  
Apr 22 – Linda Stiers  
Apr 29 – Sherry Hoesch



## Attendance

Feb 25 .....	36	Mar 18 .....	50
Mar 4 .....	28	Mar 25 .....	39
Mar 11 .....	36		

## February finance report

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

	Month	Year to date
Beginning Balance	\$8,814.70	\$10,084.43
Income	\$4,499.23	\$7,405.09
Expenses	\$4,393.29	\$8,568.88
Ending Balance	\$8,920.64	\$8,920.64

## From the president ...

At one of the recent Lenten discussion groups, we talked about what the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) believes. One of the things that struck a chord with me: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, diversity; and in all things, charity." It's a source of great strength for our church. I guess the trick is to find a group that agrees on what is essential. For our denomination "Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and do you accept him as your personal Savior?" That's what is essential. How we practice baptism (Do you have to be immersed? Is being sprinkled as a baby okay?) Should we stand to sing all of the hymns or when scripture is read? Should we say the Lord's Prayer or sing it? Do we need to have communion every Sunday? These are all important issues, but not essential to the core of who we are.

The Worship Committee recently tackled the task of looking at how we worship at Millersburg Christian Church, and how can we do it better to meet the congregation's needs and desires. The committee conducted a survey to which many of you provided input. After looking at the responses and discussing the issues presented, the Worship Committee provided a



recommendation to the Board and highlighted some of the challenges that we need to address. I hope you'll take the time to read their report that is included in this newsletter.

This process illustrates how our committee structure has served us well over many years as a congregation.. Several people gather to discuss a proposal, study the consequences of the change, and make a recommendation to the Board as to how we should proceed. Our committee structure forces us to discuss our ideas with others, study different angles, and hopefully, through synergy, we make better decisions. Let's continue to use our committees to be productive arenas to study and discuss the issues of our congregation.

Thanks to all of you who work so hard to ensure our church functions well, both physically and spiritually.

Barbara Moran, Board Chair

### 2007 NEOLA Summer Camp Ministry Dates Northeast & Ozark Lakes Area Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)

2007 Events	Dates	Directors	Grade Completed	Enrollment Limits	2007 Fees <sup>1</sup>
<b><u>Rickman Center Events:</u></b>					
CYF Conference	June 11—16	Thomas Minton & Sharon Woodridge	Grades 9—12	80	\$245/265
Junior 1 Camp	June 26—30	Mary Riley	Grades 4 & 5	80	\$225/245
Elementary Camp	July 5—7	Tara Thompson & Julie King	Grades 2 & 3	80	\$135/155
"Eighthers" Camp	July 8—14	Ryan and Shanna Steitz	Grade 8	80	\$260/280
Junior 2 Camp	July 17—21	Amy Fisher & Martha Jolly	Grades 4 & 5	80	\$225/245
MAD Camp	July 23—28	Mike & Gina Pierson, Greg Pauley	Grades 6—8	80	\$245/265
Chi Rho Camp	July 30—August 4	Elliott McClelland	Grades 6 & 7	80	\$245/265
<b><u>Canoe and Backpacking Trips:</u></b>					
Chi Rho Current River Canoe Trip	June 17—21	John Blosser	Grades 6—8	16	\$170/190
Chi Rho Colorado Backpack Trip	July 14—21	Jacob Thorne	Grades 6—8	12	\$270/290
CYF Current River Canoe Trip	June 17—21	Ken McCarty	Grades 9—12	16	\$170/190
CYF Wilderness Backpack Trip	June 25—July 2	Gene Hilton	Grades 9—12	12	\$270/290

**CRY – Regional Event** July 16–19@Columbia College (for information contact CRY Coordinator, David Machon, at 573-442-0336)

<sup>1</sup>Discount fees (bold) must be received by the NEOLA Registrar by April 15, 2007. The second fee is for registrations received after April 15, 2007.

## Worship committee studies worship

The worship committee reviewed and discussed survey and shared comments regarding worship at MCC. Our observations and conclusions are:

- Music is appreciated and valued. (note: please concentrate on familiar hymns while ok to experience new - Give opportunity to become competent with less familiar hymns).
- Much appreciation shared regarding Fred's sermons.
- General appreciation for worship as we do it. Most open to change at the special services.
- Somewhat balanced views of the way communion can be done with comments revealing an over-all preference for continuing traditional "seated and served" method. Appreciation expressed for coming

forward to share common cup (Intinction) at special services. Concerns were expressed by most on issue regarding comfort level of those standing to come forward who may not be comfortable for whatever reason. The worship committee recommends "the seated and be served method" to continue.

The worship committee acknowledged the initial concern of "enough diaconate" to fill roles. We recognize this issue still needs to be addressed by the congregation. There is not enough membership to carry out the defined roles and activities of being church (i.e. serving, board functions, committee work, active programming). This is of grave concern and affects all committees and church life.

Submitted by Brenda Rose

## From the Sesquicentennial Committee:

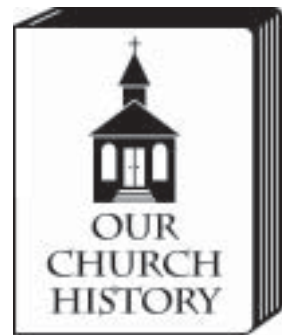
This month, I wanted to ask some more "trivia" to try to get as many details as possible for the upcoming celebration:

Where did the "furniture" of the church come from? The pews? Communion table? The chairs on either side of the communion table? Pulpit? Piano? Organ? Display case in the mezzanine? And I have not yet found out about when the church first got phone service. Whoever knows the answers to any or all of these questions, please let me know.

And just as an example of the sort of trouble some folks went to to raise money for the construction of the current sanctuary: Mr. John

Lawson made a lamp to donate to one of the fundraising bazaars made of 20 different woods, including a leg of an old grand piano, black walnut from a building built by John Curry's grandfather with slave labor, more black walnut from a stair railing of the old Fulton jailhouse and from the railing around the jury box of the old courthouse, still more black walnut from an ox cart box that came from Alexandria, Virginia, to Callaway County in 1843, hickory from a tooth of an old-time bull rake, green poplar from an old pool table belonging to the Doresse family, white oak, red cedar, Osage orange, sugar maple, and wild cherry. It seems incredible not only the trouble Mr. Lawson went to in making this lamp, but also the record of the different woods involved. This lamp is currently in Fred's office (and is in need of a proper lampshade, if anyone has something appropriate). Let's all keep working and looking forward to the Aug. 22, 2008, sesquicentennial celebration!

Jeff Moran, Committee Chair



Members and friends of the church peruse jewelry at a Cookie Lee Jewelry Fundraiser held February 25 for the heating and air-conditioning fund. \$132 was raised. The event was hosted by Rita Adams with Do Swenson, sales representative.

## Easter offering to be received

We will be receiving our annual Easter offering for Disciples general ministries to strengthen congregational life on April 1 and 8.



## Youth enjoy all-night lock-in

Fourteen youth arrived at the church last Friday evening and spent the entire night preparing a meal for a family in grief and working on a banner for the church, as well as enjoying each others company through table games,

watching movies, listening to music and general conversation.

Next month the youth will use some of their fundraiser money to buy needed supplies for Rainbow House.

## White Elephant Bingo a success

The membership and Evangelism Committee held its annual White Elephant Bingo on Saturday, March 17, with 22 people attending. Lots of great food and a fun time was had by all.



Jenny and Casey enjoy the Area-wide Chi Rho youth rally.

## Lectionary Scriptures for April

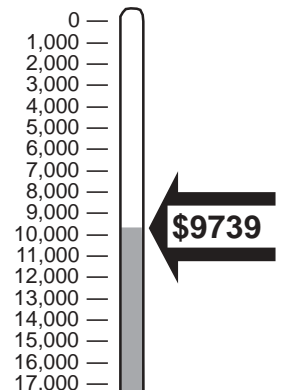
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	Sun, Apr 29, '07 Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

## April 2007 is No More Trash! Bash month

In 2006, thousands of Missourians picked up 78,000 bags of trash and more than 5,700 people attended educational events throughout the month of April. Picking up trash is a great way to make a difference in the appearance of your public spaces, as well as take care of the environment.

To participate, please sign up & join us to clean MCC's Adopt-A-Highway area of Millersburg anytime the weekend of April 13-15 and work toward a litter-free state! And if for some reason you can't help with the churches assigned areas, please pickup trash in your neighborhood or along your road, anywhere you see trash that doesn't belong there. Thank You!

## HVAC campaign getting the temperature down





### **CWF to meet at Food Bank**

The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) will car pool from the church parking lot on Monday, April 23, to visit the Central Missouri Food Bank. They will not only tour the facility, they will have a hands-on opportunity to help repackage some of the bulk food.

### **Youth to meet April 29**

MCC Youth Group meets Sunday April 29 to assemble the items for Rainbow House. A date to purchase/collect the items will be earlier in the month on a date that suits most of the group, TBD. Talk with Barbara or Jeff.

On Sunday April 29, we will also plan the Youth Laity Sunday service, which is May 13.



**The Christian Women's Fellowship met in March to see the academy award winning Al Gore film: "An Inconvenient Truth." A stimulating discussion followed on how we all need to take the stewardship of our earth and its resources more seriously.**



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