



Millersburg Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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May, 2007

Rev. Fred Erickson, Pastor

Annual Church-wide Clean-up Day planned

Begins Saturday, May 5, 2007, 8:00 AM

Followed by Fellowship Lunch

Property Committee co-chairs, Amanda Smith and Ken Bright, have announced the annual Spring clean-up day for the church. This year there will be the added joy of having a fellowship lunch together.

We are all being asked to “adopt” an area of our choosing for our special cleaning day. If necessary, Your selection may be completed at times other than above. Please check “Done” on the sign-up sheet in the narthex when your project is completed. Supplies will be provided — or inform the Property Committee that you will provide your own supplies if you have preferences. Please bring rags for cleaning, polishing, etc.

The areas in which you may choose to work are:

Sanctuary and Upstairs Areas

- Wash pews and turn cushions
- Clean Pulpit Area
- Wash Windows Inside
- Wash Windows Outside
- Wash Nursery Windows Inside
- Wash Nursery Windows Outside
- Clean Upstairs Old Nursery Area
- Clean Ceiling Light Fixtures
- Clean Paneling w/Murphy Oil Soap
- Clean Doors and Other Woodwork w/ Murphy Oil Soap
- Vacuum All Stairways (3) and Polish Handrails

New Fellowship Area, Pastors Office and Restrooms

- Wash Windows Inside
- Wash Windows Outside

Basement Kitchen Area

- Use Murphy Oil Soap on Cabinets and Woodwork
- Clean Stoves and Ovens
- Clean behind and under frig

Outside Area

- Clean Weeds from Basement Ramp Shrubs
- Trim Trees
- Check for and remove Tree Sprouts from boundary fence



Stan, Tom, Larry, John, Jeff, Dan, and J.H. help prepare the excellent breakfast that was served to those who came out early for this year's Easter Sunrise Service.

Registrations may still be sent in for camp

The discounted camp registration date has been extended to April 30. All camp registrations received in the Area office by 4/30 will meet the early discount fee requirement.

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<p>27</p> <p>Summer worship time begins Worship at 9:30</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>Memorial Sunday</p> <p>Cemetery Assoc. <i>Jana Bush</i> <i>Shirley Martin</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Robert & Marilyn Thomas</i> <i>Stanley McCray</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Tim McCarty</i></p>		<p><i>Anniversaries listed in bold italics</i> <i>Birthdays listed in italics</i></p>																																																																																				

Missions reports activities

Our first quarter local outreach projects for 2007 were Central Missouri Community Action and Rainbow House. We were able to donate \$204.85 to each of these organizations.

On April 8th and 16th an Easter offering was collected. This Easter offering insures that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will continue to share the news of Jesus Christ

Youth reach out to Rainbow House

Kristen Bright, Casey Baumgartner, and Jordan Collins used some of the recent fundraiser (remember the pit pork dinner?) monies to purchase several sizes of swimming suits for girls and boys at Rainbow House to use while swimming at the Recreation Center in Columbia. Children in crisis from central Missouri come to the house often with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Our youth delivered the suits and got to tour the facility to see where children receive care.

Lisa Bright and Jeff and Barbara Moran assisted the youth.

Our next youth meeting will be 5:30 PM Sunday, April 29, at the church. We'll plan the Youth Laity Service that is scheduled for May 13. Bring your ideas about how you would like to have worship. Terri Collins will provide the pizza and brownies for our evening meal.

Barbara Moran

SERVE expresses thanks

Dear Donor:

On behalf of the Callaway Action Network and SERVE, Inc., thank you for your recent gift of 35 lbs. of food in support of the Callaway Action Network Food Pantry. Without private support, we could not provide the quality of services that we do for individuals and families throughout Callaway County.

Also, thanks for the cleaning supplies.

Please know that the support you give does make a difference. By helping SERVE, you are helping us serve people in their most desperate time of need.

Again, thank you for thinking of SERVE and for contributing to our mission to serve others.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Lander

Callaway Action Network Program Director

throughout the world. We donated \$156.00 toward this ministry.

Please bring macaroni and cheese for the Serve Food pantry during the month of May. Any canned or dried food items are also appreciated. We collect your donations in the baskets near the front door. Thanks for sharing whatever you can.

Elaine Long



MCC volunteers picked up 16 bags of trash along their assigned portion of S.R. J. Three of those bags are visible here near the entrance to Lake Breeze.

Church World Service expresses appreciation

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of 60 Health Kits which were delivered to the Festival of Sharing and valued at \$720.00. It is appreciated.

This year the Festival of Sharing is celebrating 25 years of service and Church World Service is celebrating 60 years of service, a time for everyone to give thanks for all that has been done to help those in need across the world and across the street.

Church World Service sticks to what it does best—assist in disaster recovery. When the Gulf Coast was plummeted by hurricanes CWS was soon on the scene. In response to this disaster, CWS has sent 25,000 blankets, over 80,000 health kits, nearly 10,000 school kits and 22 Interchurch Medical Assistance medicine boxes. Having individuals and congregations, such as yours, supplying these kits enables us to respond where the need is greatest.

Whether it be school kits, health kits, baby kits or kids' kits, or something else, each gift is appreciated and will be put to good use. Again thanks for supporting the Festival of Sharing and Church World Service.

Peace,
Connie Tilton



Prayers

Sympathy

Sympathy for Art, Amanda and Michael Smith. Art's mother died April 16th.

Sympathy for Otmar and Sara Stephens' family. Sara's mother died April 20th.

Sympathy for Marilyn Bettenhausen and family. Marilyn's father passed away April 21.

Concerns

Prayers for Darrel Schermerhorn who is again undergoing treatment for cancer.

Prayers for Jim Baumgartner who is again undergoing treatment for cancer.

Prayers for Eddie Forsee whose surgery for blockage in his carotid arteries is rescheduled.

Prayers for Peggy Rose who was recently hospitalized for tests.

Continued prayers for Jean Bryant.

Continued prayers for Cindy Baumgartner.

Continued prayers for Pat and Richard

Shores.

Continued prayers for Pam Brady.

Prayers for Shannon Baumgartner who was recently hospitalized.

Prayers for Anthony Garrett who has mono.

Prayers for Vicki Fritz's mother who was recently hospitalized for a viral infection and is now at home and doing well.

Prayers for service men and women and their families.

Prayers for families and all those affected by the shootings at Virginia Tech.

Prayers for Peace in our homes, communities, nation and the world. May each person practice humility, compassion and inclusiveness toward one another.

Prayers for Hazel Pahl.

Prayers for Debbie Owens.

Joys

Gabriella Loyd has recovered after being hospitalized for a viral infection.

Congratulations to Lance and Rose Bethell whose son, Miles Warren Bethell was born April 6, 2007. He has a sister, Savannah and a brother, Hunter. His grandparents are Carolyn

and the late, Michael Bethell.

We celebrate with Shirley Martin who had successful heart surgery to put in 2 stents.

Congratulations to Samantha Eggleston and Michael Mielke who were married on April 14, 2007.

Congratulations to Angie Schermerhorn who will graduate from Columbia College with an Associate degree in Nursing and begin work at Boone Hospital Center Oncology as an RN.

Congratulations to Justin Collins who will graduate from Fulton High School on May 25th and attend Moberly Area Junior College.

Congratulations to Courtney Moran who was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Fred and Sally Erickson have traveled to the Dominican Republic where they visited friends and a couple of mission projects.

It was a joy to welcome April visitors in worship: Pam Garrett and son Anthony and his girl friend; Eric and Ellen Pahl and Ellen's mother; Lenny Horton (visiting area while working Ameren's outage); Derrich and Naomi Clark, Neal Arthur; and Rev. Fred's family: Tom, Shelley, Damian, Blake, and Brittany. Pat Baumgartner's son Jerry Landrum came to Sunrise as did Cindy Baumgartner's Mother Mary Belle Streit and Cindy's mother-in-law Linda Oberman.

May Communion

Elders

Carol Cox

Lynn Reynolds

Ushers

Cindy Baumgartner

Linda Cassidy

Preparation

Vicki Fritz

Barbara Moran

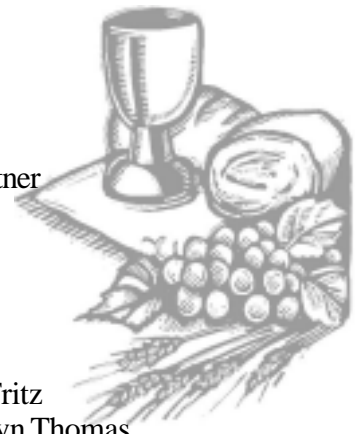
Bread

May 6 – Vicki Fritz

May 13 – Marilyn Thomas

May 20 – Elaine Long

May 27 – Anna Sue Harmon



Attendance

Apr 1	41	Apr 15	46
Apr 8	79	Apr 22	32

March finance report

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

	Month	Year to date
Beginning Balance	\$8,920.64	\$10,084.43
Income	\$4,935.14	\$12,340.23
Expenses	\$4,806.46	\$13,375.34
Ending Balance	\$9,049.32	\$9,049.32

President's Ponderings . . .

Holy Week was especially meaningful to me this year: Palm Sunday with the children waving the palms, Easter Sunrise Service grouped around the big windows on the mezzanine to see the sun rise (the cold forced us inside), breakfast prepared by the men (what wonderful variety), and the climax of the Easter Worship Service. I enjoy participating in the special music, and I encourage anyone that likes to sing or play an instrument to jump on in and join the fun as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

During Maundy Thursday service, Fred spoke about the many uses of towels, especially the towel of service. While growing up in a Methodist church in Oklahoma, I wondered why the minister wore that funny, long, shiny, wide tie around his neck over his black robe. I learned during the Maundy Thursday sermon that the



stoles are symbolic of a towel of service. It was especially meaningful to receive a towel of service after taking communion. Fred did a wonderful job helping us celebrate the significance of being Easter people.

Receive the towel of service, Barbara

Help out: get a replacement!

One of the ways we can really help the work of the congregation and help make sure that all of the necessary functions of worship and ministry are fully completed is to get our own replacement when we are unable to fulfill an obligation we have agreed to perform.

An example would be if we are assigned to be an elder or deacon or to serve in the nursery. If we can't be present, rather than call a chairperson to report our absence, leaving it up to them to find a replacement, if we go ahead and find our own replacement we will shorten the process and more effectively make sure everything is taken care of.



Savannah and Hunter Bethell show off their new brother Miles Warren who was born April 6 weighing eight pounds four ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.



Amanda and Kamden Nolte enjoy the Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

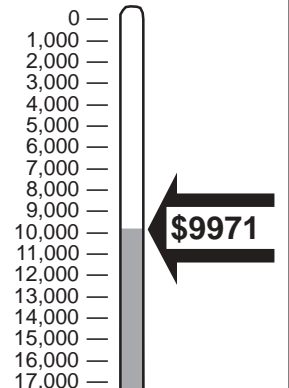
Women to make Mosaics

The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) will gather at the Moran's home at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 14 to make mosaic stepping stones.

Bring a salad to share for dinner and pieces of broken pottery, tiles, interesting rocks, etc. to pool with others to create your own stepping stone memento.

The April meeting at the food bank to help re-package bulk food was postponed until a more convenient time.

HVAC campaign getting the temperature down



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Thanks

I want to express my appreciation for all of the cards and calls following my surgery.
Terri Collins

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
The Sara Gusé family

Friends at MCC

Enclosed we have sent donations for both Sara Gusé and Shirley Bright. Please use the check from us in memory of Sara to the memorial fund, and the money we've sent in memory of Shirley Bright, please put it in the youth group fund to be used as needed. Shirley was a big part of the youth group when I was growing up and left a big impact on me. Both Sara and Shirley will be dearly missed!

Jim and Cheryl Pardue

A huge "Thank you!" to Anna Sue and Jay Harmon, Pat and Larry Baumgartner, JH Long, Tom Haas, Jeff Moran and Stan and Rita Adams who picked up trash for the 1st time in 2007! Sadly there were many plastic and glass bottles, numerous Styrofoam containers and lots of empty cigarette packs as well as the never ending cigarette butts, enough to fill over 16 bags!!! I recently learned that just 1 cigarette butt pollutes the water supply for years and years. By teaching our families to be respectful of the environment and not litter, maybe, just maybe, one day the Adopt-A-Highway won't be necessary.

We appreciate everyone who contributed food and snacks, etc. for our annual spring college and military care packages. In addition to the normal popcorn, raisins, cheese and crackers, mini-candy bars, etc., this year we tried



Children's Church

May 6 – Kristen Cassidy
May 13 – Justin Collins
May 20 – Kristen Bright
May 27 – Chelsey Bowles

May
food item for SERVE:
Macaroni and cheese

to include a few more healthier items (granola bars, pretzels, chex mix, peanuts, apples, oranges, Crystal Light, fruit cups, etc). We assembled 9 care packages (7 students and 2 military).

Rita Adams

Desperation Continues in Sudan

While most of the world's governments and media continue to pay little attention to the genocidal violence and growing humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of western Sudan and neighboring Chad, the Darfur Emergency Response Operation (DERO) of the Action by Churches Together alliance and Caritas International continues to aid tens of thousands of the displaced. DERO represents a united and historic effort of Protestant and Orthodox churches in ACT and Catholic churches in Caritas to assist a predominantly Muslim population. The death toll from the violence has now exceeded 250,000 people, and nearly 3 million people have been uprooted and displaced. More than 80% of the villages and communities in Darfur have been ravaged.

ACT has issued an appeal to its members for more than \$12 million dollars in 2007 to support DERO's humanitarian efforts on the ground in Darfur. Because of the strong support and numerous designated contributions from Disciples members, Week of Compassion is now preparing a grant of \$100,000 in support of the ACT appeal and hopes it might be able to send at least that much again during the remainder of the year.

Lectionary Scriptures for May

Sun, May 6, '07	Sun, May 20, '07
Acts 11:1-18	Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 148	Psalm 97
Revelation 21:1-6	Revelation 22:12-14,
John 13:31-35	16-17, 20-21
Sun, May 13, '07	John 17:20-26
Acts 16:9-15	Sun, May 27, '07
Psalm 67	Acts 2:1-21 or
Revelation 21:10,	Genesis 11:1-9
21:22-22:5	Psalm 104:24-34,
John 14:23-29 or	35b
John 5:1-9	Romans 8:14-17 or
	Acts 2:1-21
	John 14:8-17 (25-27)

From the Sesquicentennial Committee:

Since I didn't get any response to my historical questions in last month's newsletter, I am repeating them this month: Where did some of 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? When did the church first get phone service?

Some of these things may seem inconsequential to those who actually know the answers, but there may be some interesting tales as well. For example, Lois (to the best of my recollection) told me that the piano in the basement was the one she learned to play on. When a tornado destroyed her folks' home, the piano found a new home in the church basement. (Lois, correct this if I'm making something up.) And my making things up is what may happen if



Angie Schermerhorn picks up her "care package" prepared by the Membership Committee. This year a "Beatitudes for Students" by Monica Goodpasture, Campus Minister, UCLA, was included in the students' packages along with a handwritten note of encouragement and congratulations from the Membership Committee on behalf of the church. We also included copies of a document just released by the Missouri Dept. of Mental Health "Coping Facts for College Students", Common Reactions and Tips for Coping and Seeking Help after the recent Virginia Tech shootings. A note of appreciation for their service was included in the military care packages. This year, in addition to praying for the safety for our military, we include students and faculty.

people who actually know the history don't straighten me out on some of these things.

And everyone remember to mark Aug. 22, 2008, as the day (or weekend) for the big celebration.

Jeff Moran

Quake and Tsunami Strike Solomon Islands

The recent massive earthquakes and ensuing tsunami near the Solomon Islands have killed at least 20 people and left thousands homeless in this isolated and impoverished Pacific island chain. At least 13 villages were destroyed, along with hospitals, schools and other infrastructure, in the most severely affected Choiseul and Western provinces. Recent civil unrest in the Solomans and their remote location make response to the disaster challenging.

According to Christian World Service (the relief and development organization of the churches in New Zealand), there is an urgent need for food, water, medical care and shelter, and there will be significant recovery and rehabilitation needs as well. CWS-New Zealand is a member of the Action by Churches Together (ACT) network and a partner colleague of Church World Service (CWS). Week of Compassion is now in touch with CWS and ACT to explore the best routes to provide relief and recovery assistance.



Fred Erickson works in his office at the church on the new computer provided by he and Sally's son Matthew who lives in Seattle and does contract work for Microsoft. The congregation appreciates this gift which will greatly assist the work we do together.



"... and to you late arrivals ... anyone can get to church on time if he tries hard enough."

Worship time changes

**on Memorial Sunday
May 27, 2007**

Worship: 9:30 AM

**Children's Church
during worship**

**[there is no Sunday School
during the Summer months]**



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