



# Millersburg Christian Church

## (Disciples of Christ)

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July, 2007

Rev. Fred Erickson, Pastor

### From the Sesquicentennial Committee:

The committee met after church on June 24 and outlined a tentative schedule for our 150th anniversary late next summer. On Friday, August 22, 2008 (the actual sesquicentennial date), we will have an evening church service and open house that will focus on the actual history (archaeological artifacts, DVDs of photos and scanned documents, and other historical displays and information). Saturday, August 23, events will focus more on fellowship (late afternoon/evening hog roast, folks in period costumes, an old-fashioned tent revival, and so on). Sunday, August 24, we hope to have as many former pastors as possible involved in the church service. And, of course, we hope to see all of you, as well as many folks from the community, at all of these events.

One of the things that came up in the committee's discussion was the existence of “time capsules”, one created by the church youth of the early-1960s and one created when the new sanctuary was built in the mid-1970s. If anyone has any recollections about either of these time capsules, please let Jeff or someone else on the committee know.

Serving on the Committee are: Anna Sue Harmon, Lois Long – 642-3691, Barbara Moran, Brenda Rose, Peggy Rose, and Ralph Rowlett.

Thanks, Jeff Moran

### Kansas Mission Station Established

Utilizing the model Disciples so successfully developed across the Gulf South in response to the 2005 hurricane season, the Office of Disciples Volunteering (ODV) in Disciples Home Missions and Week of Compassion (WOC) have joined to establish a “mission station” in the aftermath of the Greensburg tornado and other weather-related disasters in Kansas. The station is being established in partnership with the Christian Church in Kansas, First Christian Church of Pratt, KS, and First Christian Church of Kinsley, KS. ODV Director Carl Zerweck is working with Church World Service disaster staff and local responders to facilitate a coordinated Disciples response to current debris removal and long-term recovery following the severe weather system that swept across the Sunflower State two weeks ago. They are also working on repairs at its flood-damaged Camp WaJaTo.



The congregation celebrated worship outdoors on July 17 with a beautiful day, a fun crowd, and a warm Spirit.

### Summer Brunch

following worship  
Sunday, July 15  
bring a dish to share

Worship and children's church  
9:30 AM

# July 2007

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1</p> <p>9:30a Worship &amp; Children's Ch.</p> <p><i>Rita Adams</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00p Serve at Loaves and Fishes</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Preschool 8a-5p</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Preschool 8a-5p</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Olivet meeting AM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Olivet meeting PM</p> <p>Millersburg Parade</p>																																																																																			
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## “Care Packages” were appreciated

The Membership Committee prepared “care packages” for military personnel and students from the congregation. These packages contained items useful to students during their final exams at college. They contained fruit, juice packs, snacks, and an inspirational reading.

Those who received the packages sent the following notes of appreciation.

Millersburg Church Body,

Thank you very much for remembering me during finals time with your care package. It’s always nice to be reminded that people are thinking about and praying for you during this stressful period. I greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks again!  
Brianna Force

Dear Friends and Family of MCC

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts as I go through finals week and as I finish up nursing school.

Your thoughts and prayers mean a lot to me!  
Thanks again,  
Angie Schermerhorn

Dear MCC

I can’t tell you how grateful I am for the care package you sent me for finals. It means so much as a college student, and someone who isn’t

## Missions shares news

Just a reminder we are collecting Moser’s receipts and Best Choice UPC labels. If the box is not on the shelf turn in Moser receipts to Tom Haas and Best Choice UPC labels to Carol Cox. We would like to redeem them this summer.

This month we are collecting items for “Backpacks of Love” for a girl and a boy 6,7, or 8 years old. Items needed are attached to the backpacks in the foyer. These completed backpacks will be taken to Festival of Sharing in October to be used by children in Missouri who have experienced a crisis and are being placed in foster care.

During July we are collecting canned vegetables for SERVE.

Elaine Long

home much to still be thought of by my church family.

Finals period is a hard time for any college student, and for me, the care package couldn’t have come at a better time.

Thank you!  
James Owens

MCC,

Thank you so much for the finals care package. Your thoughts, prayers, and generosity helped me thought a very stressful period during my first year in law school.

Thanks again,  
D.J. Tucker

Dear Millersburg Church members,

Thank you for the time, effort and funds you all gave to put together the gift baskets you gave me and the other students. I have greatly appreciated the gifts that were given to me. I also appreciate my Aunt Rita adding my name to the list of recipients, and for her help in making the baskets.

Sincerely, Drew Qualls



The June outdoor worship concluded with a fellowship meal. We express appreciation to the Morans who hosted the congregation at their home.



## Prayers

### Sympathy

Sympathy for Joyce and Angie Schermerhorn and other family of Darrel Schermerhorn who died May 23, 2007.

Sympathy for Jeff, Barbara, Brent and Courtney Moran. Jeff's mother, Elizabeth (Betty) Moran, died suddenly on June 8, 2007.

We lift up the family of Jean Bryant who passed away Sunday, June 24. A service of celebration of her life will be held at the church on Saturday, June 30, 1:00 PM. Rev. Richard Blount, friend of the family, will lead the services.

In lieu of flowers, Jean had requested donations to Angelman Syndrome Foundation, P.O.B. 3273 N. Attleboro, MA 02761-3273.



### Concerns

Prayers for Lewis Baumgartner who is recovering from a stroke.

Prayers for Carolyn Bethell's mother who is recovering from surgery.

Continued prayers for Barbara Dexter who has complications from emphysema.

Continued prayers for Cindy Baumgartner.

Continued prayers for Pat and Richard Shores.

Continued prayers for Pam Brady and family.

Prayers for Shirley Martin's sister whose cancer has recurred.

Prayers for service men and women and their families.

### Lectionary Scriptures for July

Sun, Jul 1, '07	Colossians 1:1-14
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Luke 10:25-37
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Sun, Jul 22, '07
Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Amos 8:1-12
Luke 9:51-62	Psalm 52
Sun, Jul 8, '07	Colossians 1:15-28
2 Kings 5:1-14	Luke 10:38-42
Psalm 30	Sun, Jul 29, '07
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Hosea 1:2-10
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Psalm 85
Sun, Jul 15, '07	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Amos 7:7-17	Luke 11:1-13
Psalm 82	

Prayers for Peace in our homes, communities, nation and the world.

### Joys

Outdoor worship and fellowship on June 17. We share the joy that the Missouri Center for Accreditation has awarded a Certificate of Accreditation to Millersburg Preschool. This certificate is granted to quality programs that offer developmentally appropriate experiences in an environment conducive to children flourishing intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

## Thanks

Thank you for the card shower for Darrel's and my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I am so glad he could still be here for that.

Joyce Schermerhorn

Thank you all for the cards, food, calls, and the dinner following Darrel's death. It all meant so much to us.

Thank you so much for everything.

Joyce and Angie Schermerhorn

Thanks so much for the cards and expressions of sympathy following the death of my mother, Elizabeth (Betty) Moran.

Jeff Moran

### July Communion

#### Elders

Lois Long

Lynn Reynolds

#### Ushers

Ralph Rowlett

#### Preparation

J. H. Long

#### Bread

Jul 1 – Frances Bittle

Jul 8 – Elaine Long

Jul 15 – Lois Long

Jul 22 – Pat Baumgartner

Jul 29 – Rita Adams



### Attendance

May 27 .....	25	June 17 outdoor	13
June 3 .....	29	June 24 .....	21
June 10 .....	20		

### May finance report

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

	Month	Year to date
Beginning Balance	\$6,599.55	\$10,084.43
Income	\$3,364.89	\$20,158.83
Expenses	\$4,458.24	\$24,737.06
Ending Balance	\$5,506.20	\$ 5,506.20

## President's Ponderings

I had the opportunity to substitute for one of the "regulars" at Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen in Columbia on the first Monday in June. The small kitchen allows space for at most 4 workers, and I got to replace regular dishwasher, JH Long. Our servers function as a well oiled machine: Lynn Reynolds retrieved slices of bread and held the plate for Jeff Moran who selected hotdogs with tongs in right hand and baked beans with spoon in left hand, and Lois Long dipped up peaches and cookies (made by Lynn). Since you always serve with a fresh plate, I washed two to three times as many plates as people that came through the line for their seconds and thirds. Our group bantered with the grateful folks receiving food, and Lois frequently replied to words of thanks that "we were glad to be able to serve."

Thanks to all of you that regularly support the



soup kitchens. I'm glad for the money donated to buy the food, the people who spend time monthly to buy the food, and those who serve others at the kitchens in both Columbia and Fulton. I encourage anyone to participate in this serving experience. Lois Long coordinates for Columbia and Tom Haas for Fulton.

Remember your towel of service received at Easter? Use the towel of service.

Barbara

## Weapons Depot Explosion in Community of Disciples of Christ in Mbandaka

Global Ministries received news that another army weapons depot blew up. This time in Mbandaka, Congo. Below is the email that arrived from Rev. Bonanga, the General Secretary and Legal Representative. They are not able to get into the area to give a detailed report on the damage. When that is done, they will send a full report.

Africa Executive Sandra Gourdet has written on behalf of Global Ministries to express our concern. A translated copy of her email is also below.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We greet you this morning by the grace of God. We wish to inform you of the tragic event that occurred in the city of Mbandaka on Sunday June 17, 2007 at 2:00 GMT.

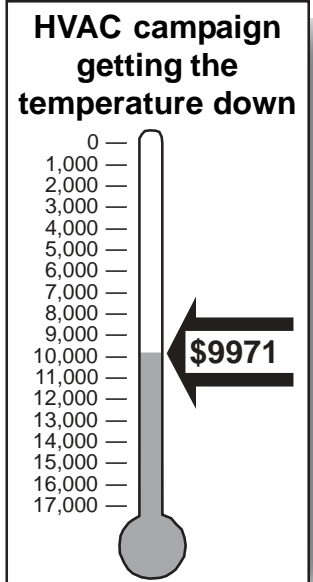
The largest army depot in the Equator Region caught fire under circumstances still to be determined. The severity of the incident caused the President of the Republic to delegate a team headed by the Secretary of State in charge of Homeland Security along with his colleagues from the Departments of Defense, Health and others to travel to Mbandaka to lead the investigation.

Houses collapsed here and there as a result of the detonation of the bombs, which is

something we have never known. The first press release reported 3 deaths of which one is a young woman of 31 years of age who was on her way home from a prayer meeting. A man of about 50 years of age and a child were the other victims. There were many serious injuries of which some had their body parts dismembered. Government officials arranged for fifteen individuals to be flown to Kinshasa for immediate medical attention. Several pregnant women gave birth prematurely as a result of serious hemorrhaging.

Thank God, on the side of the CDCC (Community of Disciples of Christ) no deaths have yet been reported, but many of our members sustained serious damage to their homes and injuries. The security measures taken have not permitted us to approach the sites most affected to take photos. However, the vibrations from the bombs that were felt in all directions shook the Mbandaka III church (1 km from the explosion) creating holes in the roof and damaging the ceiling tiles. The church at Ikongowas was also affected.

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## Disciples Headquarters reports on our outreach giving

Dear Disciples Friends,

Thank you for stewardship of the Gospel and your global neighborhood by sharing your abundance through Disciples Mission Fund. In

2006, Disciples congregations contributed a total of \$16,719,140 through Disciples Mission Fund.

We appreciate your congregation contributing a total of \$1,183.43 through Disciples Mission Fund in

2006 through regular giving, Special Offerings at Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Christmas; Christian

Women's Fellowship/Disciples Women, youth groups and church school.

Here is how your congregation's contributions were used:

\$348.90 to the regions of the church including Christian Church in Mid-America for ministries such as nurture and care of congregations and pastors; help in securing pastoral leadership; youth camps and conferences; lay training events; new church development ministries; spiritual enrichment; Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Men's Fellowship retreats; and other services to congregations.

\$16.79 to Higher Education and Leadership Ministries to nurture leaders for the church in partnership with colleges, universities, theological institutions, campus ministries, general ministries, regional ministries, and congregations.

\$265.69 to 14 Disciples-related colleges and universities and seven seminaries and divinity houses that offer quality Christian Education and ministerial training. Through ecumenical ministries on the campuses of state universities, your giving provides opportunities for faith development and vocational guidance.

\$13.69 to Council on Christian Unity, which produces resources for congregations related to such programs as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and World Communion Sunday—as the CCU seeks to bring the Disciples strong witness to Christian unity to local, national, and international settings.

\$7.15 to ecumenical ministries through the U. S. National Council of Churches, the Canadian Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. United in mission, service and evangelism, we are bringing hope to survivors of

disasters and to those who suffer from injustice and alienation.

\$150.17 to the Division of Overseas Ministries for the support of more than 190 missionaries, short-term workers and volunteers. Through Disciples' shared Global Ministries with the United Church of Christ, Overseas Ministries works with our ecumenical partners in more than 90 countries worldwide in a variety of ministries such as church development, education, health, evangelism and community development. Missionaries come to North America from other countries to help us learn first hand what it means to be partners with our brothers and sisters around the world. Thousands of Disciples from congregations churchwide are participating in a growing number of mission work trips and are deepening their faith commitment to Christ's mission in God's world through hands-on involvement.

\$121.30 to the Disciples Home Mission. Home Mission provides programs and services for your congregation and others in evangelism, spiritual life, Christian education, social justice ministries, men's and women's ministries and ordained ministry. It also provides direct support to Christian Centers at Yakama Mission Center in White Swan, Washington, Inman Mission Center in San Antonio, Texas, All Peoples Center in Los Angeles, California, and the Kentucky Appalachian Ministries.

\$28.48 to the National Benevolent Association for social and health-care ministries. NBA provides care and services—including at-risk children and families, and people with disabilities—through residential and community-based programs.

\$6.83 to Church Extension. Church Extension partners with Disciples congregations, offering capital campaigns, transformational strategies, investment services, and capital funding. Your gifts to Disciples Mission Fund help finance the New Church Ministry mission of Church Extension, planting, guiding, and coaching new Disciples congregations.

\$61.49 to the Church Finance Council, which provides materials and guidance for congregational stewardship education, plus mission and outreach interpretation. CFC assists and promotes congregational support for the Disciples three outreach funds: Disciples Mission Fund, Reconciliation Mission and Week of



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**“ ... explosion ... ” from page 5**

A bomb also fell near the Basoko parish (500 m from the camp) between two buildings - the chapel and the parsonage. The walls of the chapel were cracked. Only three of our parishes were able to have church service, which lasted only 70 to 80 minutes with very few members present.

This morning (Monday June 18th), the population gradually started returning to their homes. The final account will be sent to you.

Dear Rev Bonanga,

It is with much sadness that we learn of this latest disaster to fall on the Community of Disciples of Christ in Mbandaka. The Community has received so many discouraging blows that make life more and more difficult for the people. Our only consolation is knowing that God has not abandoned us.

**“... outreach ...” from page 1**

Compassion. CFC receives and distributes offerings from these three funds and reports to congregations and mission partners.

\$49.71 to the Office of the General Minister and President, which provides pastoral guidance for the denomination, coordinates the work and planning for the General Assembly, and administers the decision-making process of the General Board.

\$29.44 to the Pension Fund to provide ministerial relief grants and supplemental gifts to about 1,300 persons each year. These older retired ministers, missionaries and spouses have low or no pension as a result of low salaries and lack of church participation in the Pension Plan. Disciples Mission Fund helps supplement their pensions.

\$25.68 to Communication Ministries to inform congregations and the general public about the life and ministry of Disciples. This is done through assemblies, television and video productions, printed materials, news releases and the maintenance of Disciples website: [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org).

\$8.61 to the Disciples Historical Society, which gathers and preserves the history of Disciples and provides a place for research related to the Stone-Campbell movement.

The entire Global Ministries family hold you in prayer. We will endeavor to announce this tragic event and the damage it has caused to our members and to friends of Congo here in the USA. And, if financial assistance is available, we will do our best to assist once you have determined the damage caused.

In Christ,  
Sandra R. Gourdet  
Africa Office Executive

**July  
food item for SERVE:  
Canned Vegetables**

\$9.97 to the Central Pastoral Office for the Hispanic Ministries to support the expanding ministries with Hispanic Disciples.

\$3.21 to related organizations of the church: National City Christian Church Foundation, a Disciples presence in Washington, D.C.; Christmount Christian Assembly, a conference and retreat center in Black Mountain, NC.; World Convention of the Churches of Christ, a forum for the three communions related to the Stone-Campbell movement.

\$7.84 to Ethnic Ministries (1% of undesignated Disciples Mission Fund contributions). North American Pacific Asian Disciples leadership and the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries provide support, nurture and care for the growing edges of our church.

\$28.48 to the Council of General Ministries. These funds are used for general ministries projects that advance the church's mission and vision.

Thank you for your contributions in support of Disciples worldwide network sharing, caring and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Together in Christ,  
Lois Artis, President  
Church Finance Council



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