



## MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"In the heart of the community, with the community at heart."

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**FEBRUARY 2025**

Greetings Church Family,

What an exciting month it has been! Despite the wintry weather and frigid temps, your welcome of me and my family has been warm and inviting. I'm so grateful for the hospitality and friendship you've extended as we begin this new season of ministry together. In my few short weeks I've learned several things to be true about this church:

1. **The Spirit of friendship and fellowship is strong at MCC.** So many of you have shared your deep connection to MCC and to each other. There is a warmth and camaraderie that shows up in the sanctuary, at meetings, and fellowship events. The way we check in on each other, share in each other's lives, and pray for one another is evident. What a joy to feel that spirit of friendship with you!
2. **This is a church that practices what it preaches!** Mission, ministry, and outreach abound! I've loved learning about the various agencies we support and the opportunities to engage with the wider community. Whether we are serving at Open Table, collecting items for the needy, or turning household goods into acts of charity, MCC puts its faith into practice in both word and deed!
3. **Our past inspires our future** - MCC embodies a rich history that traces its roots to 1836. The people, events, ministries, and moments that have shaped our past now inspire the future of God's work in Callaway County. How exciting to be a part of this tradition that embraces our past while pursuing our future in new and exciting ways.

In the month ahead I look forward to learning about all the qualities that make MCC special, and getting to know each of you as we share the blessing of community together. May God continue to bless each of you and all that we will share as this new year unfolds!

Pastor John

**It's official!! Board President Randy Loyd and John sign the covenant agreement at the January church Board meeting.**



### **Prayers of healing for:**

**Marsha Loyd** who had a recent fall. She is recovering from a broken arm.

Continued healing for **Bob Green's son, Ryan**, as he recovers from abdominal surgery.

**Sharon Plank's daughter** who had surgery.

**Brenda Rose's granddaughter** who is dealing with the devastation from the wildfires in California. Praying for her safety.

### **Sympathy for:**

**Sherry Duncan's friend** who recently suffered the loss of her grandson.

**The family of Kitty Cunningham** following the passing of David Cunningham.

**The family of Caroline Hrabovsky** who recently passed.



## **Worship Committee News**

Members met recently with Pastor John and made plans for special worship services and events. Mark your calendars!

**March 5 – Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm.** Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. The day marks the beginning of Lent, a season of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter Sunday. Participants will receive the mark of ashes on their foreheads.

**April 13 through 20 - Holy Week Sanctuary Décor** – Please bring potted flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary for Holy Week, Palm Sunday and Easter, April 13-20.

**April 13 - Palm Sunday - Pot luck Luncheon – Easter Egg Hunt** – Please sign up with the dish you'd like to share at the luncheon. Also, bring some goodies for the children's treat bags.

**April 20 – Easter Sunday** – Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Men will provide a continental breakfast starting at 9:30 am on the mezzanine.

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### **Dolores Tennenbaum Turns 100 on Feb 3!**

Please help Miss Dolores celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by sending her a card. Dolores has been a long-time friend of Millersburg Christian Church. She lives with her son Evan and daughter-in-law Tamara, and their address is 1820 County Road 246, Fulton MO 65251. Happy 100th Birthday, Dolores!

### **Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!**

Anyone interested in joining a choir to provide some special music for Palm Sunday and Easter, please let Barbara Moran know.

### **Where, O Where Did It Go??**

Does anyone know where the picture scrapbook made for the last few years went? Barbara is ready to add 2024 to the notebook. It's blue and the years are listed on the spine. Please let Barbara know if you see it. Thanks!

**On January 29, Elsi, Evie and Patrick Daily III were dedicated in a ceremony led by Rev. Lina Eddy**





The preschoolers are back from winter break and ready to go! The students are enjoying creating with cardboard boxes. They have cardboard tools they are using to cut, and secure boxes together! The recent snows have filled the water table, as the students explore, create, and examine the snow up close. New this week, a favorite, is the ice lab! Families bring in all kinds of ice, shaped, with trinkets inside, and simple from the fridge! The students have been exploring how to melt the ice, stick the cubes together, and see what all they can do with ice, salt, and water! Measuring has been a popular study the past few months. The students are exploring with all different kinds of measuring instruments. Thermometers were introduced and the students were asked to find the warmest place in the preschool.

Alumni School students are continuing their study on Maps. They have mapped many different locations. They have mapped their homes, yards, the preschool, their drive to the preschool, The Gingerbread book they read, and most recently, a map of Millersburg! They are excited to see where maps and maybe even some treasures take them this semester!

Please visit our gallery wall in the hallway to the restrooms in the basement to see some of the most recent art work from the students.



Looking to inspire a  
love of learning in  
your preschooler?

Contact us now for  
fall 2025 enrollment  
Email [mpsmembership1@gmail.com](mailto:mpsmembership1@gmail.com) to  
get your child on the list!

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since 1984

The MPS and the MCC boards will meet on  
Monday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. All  
members are encouraged to attend.

## OPEN HOUSE

4-5 PM

COME SEE ALL THAT MILLERSBURG PRESCHOOL HAS TO OFFER! WE WILL HAVE THE CLASSROOM SPACE SET UP AND OUR BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE AROUND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. YOU CAN ALSO MEET MISS SHERRI. WE WOULD LOVE TO SHOW YOU AROUND, ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, AND GET YOU ON THE LIST FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

## ART SHOW

5-6 PM

OUR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS AND ALUMI SCHOOLERS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO CREATE SOME ONE OF A KIND ART WORK TO AUCTION OFF! ALL ART WORK WILL HAVE A STARTING BID OF \$10, SILENT AUCTION STYLE! YOU ARE SURE TO GO HOME WITH SOME AMAZING ART. CASH, CHECK, AND VENMO ACCEPTED.

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**Vickie and Bernie Roberts participating in the lighting of the advent candles as we celebrate the Advent season.**

**Rev. Lina explains the meaning and importance of the advent candles during the children's time at worship.**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Dollar Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) Accounts:

	8/18/2024	9/16/2024	10/25/2024	11/29/2024	12/11/2024	1/16/2025	
Checking	27,409	17,907	20,038	19,032	21,076	19,473	
Savings	243	244	245	246	247	248	
Special	21,729	12,704	13,853	13,784	13,879	14,379	
CD			Matures 4/10/2025				10,107
PayPal	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	
Flex Fund (Disciples Church Extension Fund)						5,392	

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Memory is transient! We remember our birthday but forget what we had for breakfast. This calls to mind two married couples meeting socially at one of their homes. Initially, the women were in the kitchen getting snacks, and the men conversed in the living room. The guest husband requested a drink, and his host responded, "What is the name of that flower with a thorny stem?" The surprised reply was, "a rose." His host said, "That's it," and called out, "Rose, would you please bring us some water." Hopefully, our memory is better, but it's easy to forget those organizations MCC supports both financially and with goods. So, Brenda Rose, MCC's Chairperson of the Missions Committee, assisted with this. Please thank Brenda for the following report and join her on this important Committee.

10% of MCC's General funds support outreach efforts. 50% goes to Denominational international, national, and regional programs, and 50% supports local efforts. Quarterly, the Missions Committee selects an agency to receive that quarter's outreach funds for their mission/ministry. MCC regularly supports the SERVE Food Pantry, and Our House Homeless Shelter/Housing services. We have also helped: Coalition against Domestic Violence, Callaway Cares, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Red Cross, Center for Women's Ministries, United Way, Mobility Worldwide, Bright Futures, Thrive Hive, Kingdom Projects (now Callaway Extended Employment), and others. Beyond monetary donations is a monthly collection of food or goods for the SERVE food pantry, four annual Denominational special offerings, a Festival of Sharing project (statewide ecumenical gathering of items to support many projects), CROP Walk offering, Thanksgiving basket to a family, Christmas adopt-a-family through SERVE, the MCC and Friends team serving monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Open Table meals, and response to emergency requests. Also, MCC has collection bins for: eyeglasses and frames for the Lion's International program, Best Choice labels for Festival of Sharing, ink cartridge recycling supporting MCC office supplies, Moser's receipts to redeem, key recycling, phones for CARDV, milk jugs for packing mobility carts, egg cartons and single use plastic bags for SERVE. Now you know why it is hard to remember everything!



# FEBRUARY



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<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Social 9:45 a.m.</i>  <i>Farewell to Rev. Lina</i>		<b>MPS 8-12</b>		<b>MPS 8-12 4-7</b>		<b>Lance &amp; Rose Bethell</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Pastor's cabinet after worship</b>  <i>Shelly Bedsworth</i>	<i>Jim McCray Janet Landrum Mike Baumgartner Robbie Humphrey <b>Lee &amp; Sharon Plank</b></i>	<b>MPS 8-12</b>  <i>Marla Carlson</i>	<i>Larry Baumgartner Cooper Whitworth</i>	<b>MPS 8-12 4-7</b>		
<b>16</b> <i>Barbara Gulick</i>  <i>Earl Bryant</i>	<b>17 Newsletter deadline</b> <i>Brian McCarty Sara Stephens Jennifer McCarty Karen Ackley</i>	<b>18 MPS 8-12</b>	<b>19 Serve at Open Table</b> <i>Lois Long Art &amp; Amanda Smith</i>	<b>20 MPS 8-12 4-7</b>  <i>Rose Bethell</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 MPS 8-12</b>	<b>26 Newsletter assembly</b>  <i>Linda Cassidy</i>	<b>27 MPS 8-12 4-7</b>  <i>Larry Strawhorn</i>	<b>28</b>	

**Happy Valentine's Day!!**



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**Fulton, MO 65251**

**Return Service Requested**



**Additional pictures of our church  
Christmas luncheon and the children  
enjoying the food and fellowship.**



**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

Elder: Randy Loyd

Diaconate: Kathy Craighead  
Jeff Moran

**SERVE** pantry for **February:**  
Soup & Crackers



**10 a.m. Visiting**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Begins**

**John DeLaporte, Minister**

**Brenda Williamson, Administrative  
Assistant & Bookkeeper**

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[www.millersburgchristian.church.org](http://www.millersburgchristian.church.org)

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You are welcome to join us in person to worship in the sanctuary at 10:30 am on Sundays. To join our worship service by zoom, send an email to [MCC1836@socket.net](mailto:MCC1836@socket.net), and put "Zoom Church" in the Subject line. You will be sent an email the Saturday before the service with a link by which you can connect by Zoom on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone. You can also join to just listen to the service by non-smartphone. Join by 10:20 am. Service starts at 10:30 am. Previous sermons are posted at our website:  
[www.millersburgchristian.church.org](http://www.millersburgchristian.church.org).