



Please join us
March 15, 2025

6:00 p.m.

for a baked potato and
soup bar and Bingo!

Bring a White Elephant gift
for Bingo!





MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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MARCH 2025

Lean into Lent!

With all the cold winter weather February has brought, many of us are eager for spring to arrive. As March invites a shift in seasons, it also brings a change in the rhythms of the church. On March 5th we welcome the sacred season of Lent, the 40-day period beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. The word "Lent" derives from the old English word, *lencten*, meaning "springtime" or "lengthening of days". Traditionally, Christians from many denominations use Lent as a time to reflect on some of the deepest truths of our faith, and to spiritually prepare ourselves for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

There are three common spiritual disciplines Christians are invited to participate in during Lent. We might take on an additional prayer practice such as reading scripture or using a Lenten devotional. We might fast or abstain from something we enjoy as a simple reminder of the sacrifice that Jesus makes on the cross. We might do something charitable such as volunteering or giving alms to the church or an organization of our choice. These Lenten practices help underscore the sacredness of the season and prepare our spirits for the coming joy of Easter resurrection.

Read on to learn how you can make the most of Lent at MCC. Join us the evening of March 5th, Ash Wednesday, to enjoy a simple meal followed by an Ash Wednesday prayer service. Grab a copy of our church-wide Lenten devotional, "Coming back to Life", published by the SALT project. Attend our Sunday morning discussion group from 9:45-10:15 where we'll engage the devotional as a group. Connect with our Missions team as we feed, serve, and support those in need in our community.

This month, lean into Lent! Make the most of this rich and sacred season as we embark on our 40-day journey to Easter Resurrection!

Pastor John

Prayers of healing for:

Randy Loyd who has an upcoming surgery and recovery

Danny Rose who has is suffering from severe pain with his back

Terry and Justin Collins who are having health issues

**Prayer
Requests**

Expressions of Sympathy for:

The family of **George Rutherford** who mourn his passing

Continued support and encouragement for **Lisa Anderson** and family after the death of her grandson, Mason.

Congratulations and Joy for:

The Daily family as they anticipate the due date of little Finley!

Delores Tennenbaum who will be celebrating her **100th birthday!**

**Please join us for our 1st Sunday
Social on March 2, at 9:45 a.m.
Enjoy good fellowship, delicious
goodies and great conversations.
Our hostesses are Joyce and Vicki Fritz.**



**Please plan to attend Ash Wednesday services, March 5, 2025
at 6:30 p.m. The Membership Committee will provide a light
supper at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service.**

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**



Delores Tennebaum made this sketch for MCC in 2008. She is the daughter of Grace and Russell Thielbar. She will be celebrated for her 100th birthday on April 6, 2025 (see flyer for details).



The Daily Family was honored with a baby shower for little Finley soon to be born. The cake was a diaper cake made by Nancy Whitmar. A light lunch was served after worship prior to the shower.

Several people brought sandwiches, fruits, chips, sausage and crackers, and veggies for our lunch. Cupcakes and yummy punch (by Carolyn Anderson) provided our dessert and drink.



Special Worship Services and Events:

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Supper, 5:30 pm, and Worship, 6:30 pm. A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm before the worship service starts at 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer 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.

Pastor John has chosen for our Lenten season “Coming Back to Life: Devotions and Activities for Lent”, from the SALT Project. Be sure and pick up your copy of the materials as they become available.

Looking Ahead to April 13-20 - 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 – Egg Hunt –Please sign up with the dish you’d like to share at the luncheon. We’ll have an Easter Egg Hunt after the meal. Please bring treats (candy, pencils, small toys, etc.) to put in the children’s treat bags. The older kids can hide the eggs, and the younger ones will hunt for them.

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

Men will provide a continental breakfast starting at 9:30 am. We always have lots of food available, and also lots of good conversation, so come early to church! Worship at 10:30 AM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dollar Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) Accounts:

	9/16/2024	10/25/2024	11/29/2024	12/11/2024	1/16/2025	2/21/2035
Checking	17,907	20,038	19,032	21,076	19,473	27,379
Savings	244	245	246	247	248	249
Special	12,704	13,853	13,784	13,879	14,379	14,704.35
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)					5,484	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Church property thoughts recall Joe, a church custodian who had difficulty getting a job since he could neither read nor write. Walking to work one day he wanted a donut and coffee but found no place to buy them. Spotting an empty building he acquired it, figuring that others going this way might have the same desire. His coffee shop was a hit, leading to a chain of such businesses. Joe was interviewed relative to his success and the interviewer noted that it was remarkable he created this enterprise but couldn't read or write and pondered what Joe would be if he were literate. Joe stated that he knew what he'd be. He would be a church custodian.

Pastor John relates that the church is more than a property MCC is blessed to have. It is holy ground that provides God's people a place to gather, sing, worship and organize for the Gospel's sake. It takes on sacred community resonance as it holds the ceremonies and celebrations that make us Church. We are blessed to have our building and property and are grateful to those who donate time, talent, and treasure to maintain it.

The Property Committee is Chaired by Gary Eggleston with help from Bernie Roberts and others and always welcomes new members. For FY 2025, the congregation budgeted \$18,530, covering 17 expenditures to maintain and operate this property. They range from electricity to fire extinguishers to Insurance. Given that the church is older, significant maintenance issues are cropping up. Recently \$456.65 was spent to repair an HVAC unit. And now another HVAC unit needs to be raised and leveled. Beyond this, our growing congregation is creating a need for some grading and gravel to expand the parking lot. Expenses like these cannot be forecast when developing the fiscal year budget. To cover serious, unexpected needs, the Special Account was established. Since it came into existence it has helped fund the rebuilding of the understructure of the second level, a new roof, and HVAC system replacements. Resources in this account are collected through a special offering taken every month having a fifth Sunday, the next being March 30.





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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 st Sunday Social 9:45		No preschool	Logan Harris	No preschool Cynthia Delaporte	Gary Eggleston Jenny Tucker Cummings	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Hana Brown	Jackson Gulick David (DJ) Tucker, Jr.	No preschool Rachel Landrum		MPS 8-12 4-7 David Humphrey Jamie Hudson	Kim (Adams) Force	Beth (Hudson) Monson Courtney Moran Lee Plank Lauren Anderson Fellowship Event
16 Aiden Whitworth	17 Newsletter deadline	18 MPS 8-12 John Eddy	19 Serve at Open Table	20 MPS 8-12 4-7 Sara Brown	21	22
23 Hunter Bethell	24 Madelyn Jo Hackmann (2015)	25 MPS 8-12	26 Thalia Louise Moran (2023) Brady Parker	27 MPS 8-12 4-7	28	29 Patti Karr
30 Brenda Williamson Errol Pahl	31					

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Return Service Requested



THOSE WHO SERVE:

Elder: Carolyn Anderson
Diaconate: Gary Eggleston
Patty Eggleston



SERVE pantry for March: canned fruit

10 a.m. Visiting
10:30 a.m. Worship Begins
John DeLaporte, Minister
Brenda Williamson, Administrative
Assistant & Bookkeeper

Church telephone number is 573-642-2939
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Brenda email: blouwilliamson@yahoo.com
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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, 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.