



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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"In the heart of the community, with the community at heart."

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Plants for Holy Week, April 13-20.

Please bring a potted flowering plant or cut flowers to decorate for Holy Week in honor or memory of a loved one. Place the plant at the front of the sanctuary by April 13. Pick it up after Easter. To recognize your gift, please tell Brenda Williamson blouwilliamson@yahoo.com in whose honor/memory the plant is, so that she can add the information to the bulletin insert. Thanks!

April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship, Luncheon, and Egg Hunt!

Palm Procession. Join us for the procession of palms at the beginning of 10:30 am worship.

Luncheon. After the service, stay for a delicious meal.

Please bring a meat dish, a large salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

Egg Hunt. We will have an egg hunt for the children to enjoy after we eat.

Please bring treats for the treat bags – pencils, stickers, candy, etc.

They can decorate their own treat bag.



April 20 – Easter – Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Easter Brunch. At 9:30 am the men will provide several delicious dishes, so come early and enjoy!

Worship. A joyous Easter service will follow at 10:30 am.

He is Risen...

Lent - A Season of Challenge

Are you familiar with the concept of the "30-day challenge"? The idea is to commit yourself to a 30-day cycle where you focus on some aspect of self-improvement. Google it and you will discover an array of "30-day challenges" you can engage in to establish positive habits or work toward self-improvement. There is a 30-day *fitness* challenge, a 30-day *tidying up* challenge, a 30-day *technology* challenge, a 30-day *healthy eating* challenge, and so forth.

As you read this, we are about 30 days into Lent, and Lent can be a season of challenge! We read challenging scriptures. We reflect on challenging themes. Some take on additional spiritual challenges like prayer, charity, or fasting. Some take time to seek forgiveness or to forgive. How has your Lenten-challenge been thus far? In what ways has this season of repentance, self-reflection, and spiritual preparation challenged you to deepen your own journey to the cross?

As our 30-days of Lent stretch to 40, I pray you will continue to lean into the challenges of this season. Wrestle with a hard scripture. Pray for an enemy. Extend charity to someone in need. Make a small sacrifice for a greater good. Experience forgiveness. These are the very things that Jesus embraced in the final days of his own journey knowing full-well that prayer, charity, sacrifice and forgiveness are lead us through the challenges of life and into a love that knows no bounds.

May it be so as we continue the journey together!

Pastor John

Prayers of continued healing and support for **Randy Loyd** on the other side of surgery.
Prayers for **Barbara Moran and her family** after the loss of her mother this past month.
Prayers of healing for **Robbie and David Humphrey's** grandson, **Jayden Besgrove**.
Prayers for **Brenda Rose's sister-in-law, Lynne**, as she continues treatment for cancer.
Prayers of joy and celebration to the **Daily family** as they welcome Baby Finley into the world.

Prayers of healing for **Robbie Humphrey's daughter-in-law, Nicole Humphrey**.



Marsha and I thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, messages, and the beautiful prayer shawl during my illness and surgeries.

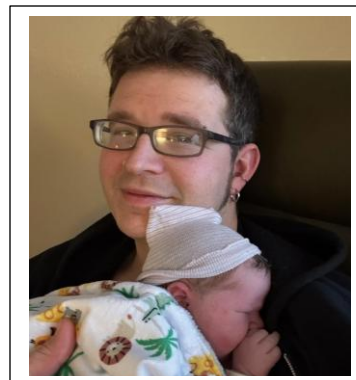
Blessings, Randy

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Thank you for the cards, prayers, and calls following the death of my mom. It has been a wonderful feeling, to be surrounded by so many expressions of sympathy and friendship."

Barbara & Jeff Moran

It's with great joy that we welcome little Finley Daily to the world! He is a happy, healthy 10lb 3oz boy who is resting safely with mom and dad. Patrick and Betty appreciate all the love and prayers that carried them through the morning as they celebrate, rest and recover. Please keep Patrick, Betty, Elsie, Evie, and little Patrick in prayer as live into all this sacred time holds.



April

4 Violet Elizabeth Woods
 5 Allison Milner
 Michelle Hans
 6 Miles Bethell
 Jack Patrick Hatchett

9 Eddie Forsee
 13 Brent Long
 15 Amanda Loyd
 16 Baily Baumgartner
 18 Eva Landrum

19 Terry Fritz
 Kristen Bright
 20 Nicole Latty Hatchett
 Rileigh Huffman
 24 Joyce Schermerhorn
 27 Charlotte Rose Bethell
 30 Blake Latty



Congratulations to Miles Bethell for being recognized recently during Fulton High School's Academic Week. Academic Week celebrates students who have maintained at least a 3.75 GPA. Miles is the son of Lance and Rose Bethell and grandson of Bill and Carolyn Anderson.



TREASURERS REPORT

Dollar Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) accounts:

	10/25/2024	11/29/2024	21/11/2024	1/16/2025	2/21/2025	3/17/2025
Checking	20,038	19,032	21,076	19,473	27,379	27,337
Savings	245	246	247	248	249	250
Special	13,853	13,784	13,879	14,379	14,704	15,159
CD	Matures 4/10/2025					10,214
PayPal	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223
Flex Fund (Disciples Church Extension Fund)				5,484		

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

One sometimes turns to the Bible for guidance when facing change. In recovering from a heart attack, diets are often modified to follow the Pritikin Plan, which is advocated by the University of Missouri

Heart and Vascular Unit. This is basically a salt, sugar and red meat free regimen that promotes eating fruits and vegetables. The new menu is challenging to get used to and reading Daniel chapter 1 verses 11 thru 15 is suggested for a Biblical view. Here Daniel requested both he and his servants be placed on a ten-day vegetable and water diet. He also asked that his guard's servants eat only the royal food consisting of wine, meat and other things frowned upon by the Pritikin Plan. At the end of the test Daniel and his team looked healthier and better nourished than those eating the royal food. This likely is not the hoped for result!

Biblical advice is always good, if sometimes not too tasty. We at MCC have the Worship Committee to help guide us as we explore our faith. This committee works to enhance the worship experience at MCC. It takes care of supplies for communion, pew pocket brochures, candles, Palm Sunday palm fronds, and Lenten and Advent devotional materials. The Committee provides recognition for mothers, fathers, and veterans on their special Sundays, as well as for musicians and youth. It also changes the sanctuary décor with banners and flowers that match the liturgical seasons and assists the minister with special worship programs, including Ash Wednesday, Easter, and the December candlelight service. The present Worship committee chair, Barbara Moran, is a musician and plays for some services. She would love to restart the J.O.Y. Choir (Just Older Youth), so please contact her if you want to help make a joyful noise to the Lord during special worship services! And let Barbara know if you desire joining the Worship Committee to help plan and carry out its functions, dietary menu planning is not necessarily included.

Reverend Lina's farewell celebration gave MCC members the opportunity to say "thank you" for her service during the past year and for helping to bring aboard our new pastor, John Delaporte.



MCC members know “how to have fun!”

MCC members enjoy their special fellowship events and this year they added a St. Patrick's Day dinner to their list of activities. Twenty people enjoyed a potato bar and soup with dessert and then played white elephant BINGO. Thanks to the membership committee who hosted the event.



MANCHU: A BROTHERHOOD OF SACRIFICE

PREMIERE TUESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 7 P.M.

On April 29, 1966 the U.S. Army 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment known as the "Manchus," disembarked the ship USNS General Nelson M. Walker at Vung Tau, Vietnam and soon joined the 25th Infantry "Tropic Lightning" Division at Cù Chi Base Camp located northwest of Saigon.

The unit has a rich history extending back to 1799, but at the time that Stan Adams of Mokane, Missouri was drafted in 1968, the unit had just weathered a devastating battle on Thanksgiving eve. He was among the replacement troops assigned to help build a combat patrol base camp, nicknamed "Mole City," near the Cambodian border.



Manchus at the screening: Front row (l-r): John Strnad, Greg Lederer, David Young, Wilcox. 2nd Row: Ronald Cabral, Gayland Higgins; 3rd Row: Bob Norton, Freddie Copeland, Larry James, Stan Adams; 4th Row: Darrel Cavin, Denny Higginbotham, David Hosenfelt, and Gary Kudlacek. Not pictured: Manchus Kent Schreiner and Dave Wiedeman, helicopter pilots Mitch Wilhelm, Joe Finch (25th Aviation) and Pat Dougan (187th Crusaders.)

Manchu: A Brotherhood of Sacrifice, a film by Matt Wilcox, recounts the story of the Manchus in Vietnam and pays tribute to the soldiers who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War. It was fifty years ago on April 30 when the war ended. The many veterans who tell their stories in this film include David Hosenfelt, also of Callaway County. He was one of over 50 men wounded at the Thanksgiving battle which killed 18 Manchus and 6 crew members from the 187th Assault Helicopters (Crusaders.) Although Hosenfelt returned to the unit, he and Adams did not connect until years later back in Fulton, Missouri.


In May of 2024 this film was screened for over 400 people at a red-carpet event at William Woods University. During the ceremony, Manchu and other Vietnam veterans were recognized and the city of Fulton honored the ten Callaway County veterans and 428 Manchus who were killed in the war.

Manchu: A Brotherhood of Sacrifice, a Matt Wilcox film. The Vietnam War documentary, featuring Callaway County natives, Stan Adams and David Hosenfelt, will air on Tuesday, April 29 from 7-9:00 p.m. on KMOS-PBS Channel 6. It will repeat on Saturday, May 3 at 3 p.m. and Monday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. It will be broadcast on KMOS-PBS Channel 6 which can be livestreamed on the PBS app and at www.kmos.org. It will also be livestreamed on Hulu + Live, Amazon, FreeVee (under live TV).



APRIL



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		MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 4-7		MPS Art Show & Open House 4-6 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 st Sunday Social 9:45 Dolores Tennenbaum BD party Pastor's cabinet		Election Day! 		MPS 8-12 4-7		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck luncheon		MPS 8-12	Serve at Open Table	MPS 8-12 4-7		
20 Easter Sunday!! Easter Breakfast – 9:30	21 Newsletter deadline	22 MPS 8-12	23	24 MPS 8-12 4-7	25	26
27	28	29 MPS 8-12	30 Newsletter assembly	MPS 8-12 4-7		

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Blast from the past! One of the favorite activities at MCC is the annual cookie exchange held every December at the home of Carolyn and Bill Anderson. Pictured below is the group from this past December which accidentally got omitted from January newsletter. If you missed it, be sure to mark your calendars next year!



THOSE WHO SERVE:

Elder: Randy Loyd

Diaconate: Brenda Rose
Vicki Fritz



SERVE pantry for April: tuna

9:45-10:15 Adult Discussion Group

10:30 a.m. Worship Begins

John Delaporte, Pastor

Brenda Williamson, Administrative
Assistant and Bookkeeper

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www.millersburgchristian.church.org

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.