



## **MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

**“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart”**

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# SEPTEMBER 2025

# Outdoor Worship at Baumgartner's Cedar Creek Farm



Sunday, September 21, 10:30 am. Come early to visit!

Bring a lawn chair in case needed, but they have several. Bring a dish to share.

Meat and table service provided.

Also, bring an umbrella if it's hot and sunny to make your own shade!

Cedar Creek Farm is located at 1252 County Road 352, Fulton.

Take WW west of the church and turn left onto CR 350,

Go short distance and turn left onto CR 351, Go south on CR 351, then right onto CR 352. Drive to the end of CR 352 and you will have arrived!

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## Aspire and Inspire. Stewardship Season is Here!

September has arrived bringing us two beautiful seasons: fall and MCC's stewardship season! This year, our Stewardship and Finance Committee has invited us to embrace a stewardship that aspires. Spiritually speaking, *to aspire* means to strive for or seek the things of the Spirit. An aspirational stewardship prayerfully discerns the Holy Spirit's priorities for our congregation. Then, it invites us to share our collective resources to make those priorities possible.

It has been inspirational to listen to the aspirational conversations this past month as committees met to discern priorities for the year ahead. We discussed new causes we could support through our missions efforts. We imagined possible upgrades to our facilities and technology that could enhance worship and reach more people. We considered programming that could nurture our young families and deepen our intergenerational community. These are truly aspirational priorities that are exciting to consider as we bring our budget to life!

But aspiration only gets us so far, friends. Our collective stewardship is how we'll achieve our aspirations. By sharing our time, talent, and resources our aspirations are realized and our mission can flourish forward. If there is one thing I've learned in my first year at MCC is that we are a congregation that collaborates well! We shoulder up and share the work to ensure our congregation continues to be in the heart of our community with our community at heart.

Genuine stewardship occurs when aspiration and inspiration meet. May it be so for us this stewardship season as we strive after the Gospel in the heart of our community!

Pastor John

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 2 Margaret Blattner**
- 5 Janet Latty**
- 6 Artemis Moran**
- 9 Danny Rose**
- 10 Savannah Bethell**
- Cooper Gehring**
- 11 Samatha Mielke**
- 15 John Wilkerson**
- 16 Jo Ellen Milner**
- 18 Leo Crane**
- 21 Bob Green**
- 22 Lance Loyd**
- 24 William Brown**
- 25 Jeanette Hudson**
- Justin Hatfield**
- Beth Haas**
- 27 Eric Pahl**
- 29 Cheryl Rose**



### Prayers for:

**Rita Adams** and family whose brother, Terry, passed recently.

We welcome Tony and Ericka McCray who joined the church August 3. Their son, Junior, and Pastor John pose with them. Welcome!



We welcome Dennis and Roberta Smith who joined our Church family on August 24!



**Bob Green was the host for our August 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Social event held on August 3. Everyone enjoyed the time visiting with fellow church members as well as the great food. Thanks Bob!**



The Missions Committee has selected the Missouri Personal Hygiene kit for our Festival of Sharing project this year. With the recent floods and tornados, it is a much needed kit. Please see the kit list and put the items you purchase in the basket in the narthex. We will gather items and have a packing party during First Sunday Social on October 5. Please have your items at the church by October 5. Thank you.

Your Missions Committee

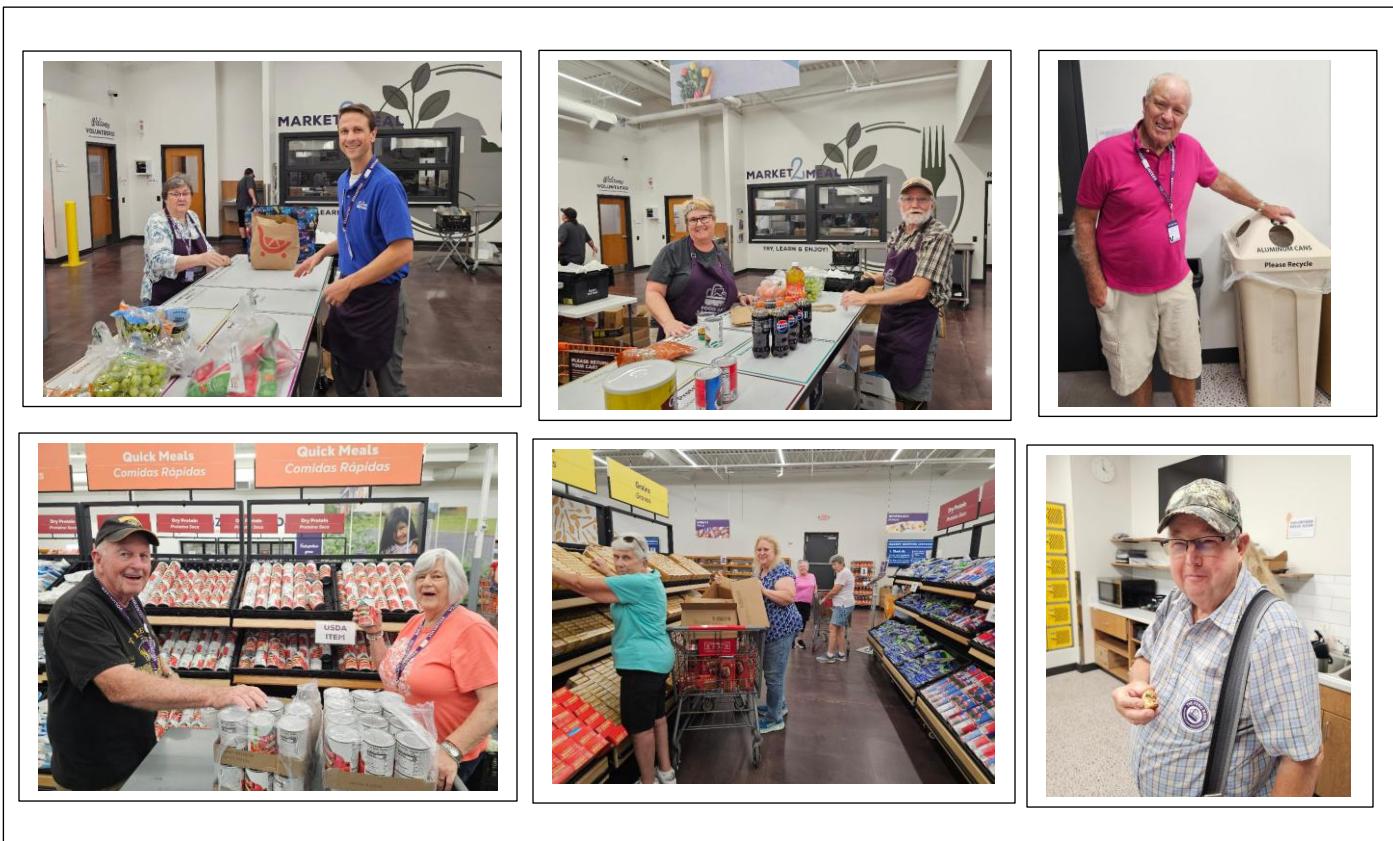
 **Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack** 3,941 requested versus 1,765 shared in 2024 Estimated Pack Value \$30

Instructions: Tighten lids and place all items in a large zipper storage bag (2-2.5 gallon). Place completed packs in boxes labeled with "Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs" and the quantity on the exterior.

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hand towel
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush (in original package)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 deodorant
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle of body wash (15-22 oz.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 razors (disposable)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 comb (large) OR brush
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle travel skin lotion (1-3 oz.)



16 people volunteered at The Food Bank Market in Columbia on August 14, 2025. We are so blessed to have such a large group willing to volunteer their time. Thank you to Lee & Sharon Plank, Bernie and Vickie Roberts, Gary and Patty Eggleston and their grandson, Alex, Peggy Todd, Bill & Carolyn Anderson, Jeff and Barbara Moran, Kathy Craighead, Nancy Whitmar, Brenda Rose and Pastor John DeLaporte. Afterwards, we enjoyed dinner at Flat Branch in Columbia. Consider joining us on our next adventure!!



Come & join us next month on September 17

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Thank you all for your prayers, calls, cards, and messages following my surgery and recovery. I appreciated each one.

Randy Loyd

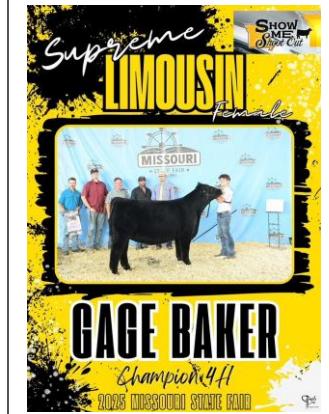


Brooke Monson just completed her MS Report Defense on enhancing ecosystems services through urban agriculture and greening initiatives with Kansas State University and earned a Master's degree from the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

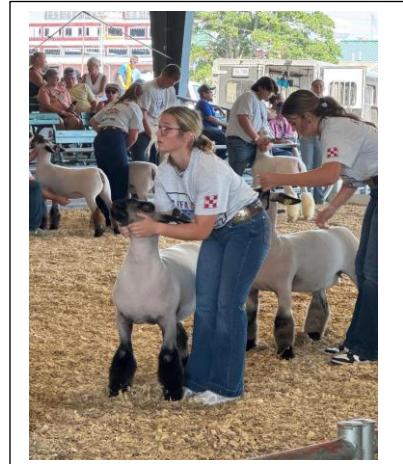


Brooke is the daughter of Ron and Beth Monson and Granddaughter of Jeanette Hudson.

Congratulations to **Gage Baker** who won the division Light weight Cross Bred steer show at the Missouri State Fair. He then showed his Limousin heifer and won the Supreme Limousin Female which made him eligible to show in the Show Me Shoot Out on Saturday.



**Ella Baker** showed her lamb at the Missouri State Fair final drive (for Missouri bred sheep).



Pastor John leads the first Sunday of the month Children's Bible Study. During worship, Pastor John presents a special Bible to each family with children. Pianist, Robbie Humphrey looks on.





#### TREASURERS REPORT

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

	3/17/2025	4/20/2025	5/19/2025	6/16/2025	7/21/2025	8/18/2025
Checking	27,337	39,665	38,843	28,544	22,687	20,615
Savings	250	251	252	253	254	255
Special	15,159	15,078	15,436	15,408	16,193	16,288
CD 7-mo. at 3.30% interest, expires 12/28/2025.						\$ 10,000
PayPal Including payments made via PayPal during the garage sale.						\$ 515
Flex Fund (Disciples Church Extension Fund: This fund pays 3.32 % interest.						\$ 5,574.

#### STEWARSHIP REPORT

Life is full of surprises. For example, consider two truck drivers, Charlie and Delaney, an experienced sleeper team, that switched to a different company. Already being well qualified, their new fleet's safety supervisor dispensed with the usual tests and quizzed them orally. This official asked what Charlie's reaction

would be on a slippery mountain road where the hazardous material loaded truck being driven started to slide into the path of an oncoming truck hauling gasoline. Instantly Charlie responded that his partner in the sleeper birth had to be awakened. "Why?" the official asked, and Charlie answered, "For surprise, because Delaney has never seen an accident like this."

Some surprises are more welcome than others. The August Newsletter article covered pledging's importance to the budget process. The committees need some knowledge of the upcoming fiscal year's expected income to draft a reasonable budget. And surprise, this activity has a new budget term, "aspirational budget." MCC is growing, so it is possible that more than a bare bones budget can be met in the coming fiscal year. This being the case, the committees were asked to consider two budgets, one for just the basics and another covering their aspirations. Here is where your input is needed. What programs must remain funded, which need upgrading, and what new things should be considered? Certainly, salary upgrades are necessary along with a children's program. Then there are things to consider like an elevator, paving the parking lot, and new endeavors to support. So, contact committee members and chairs with your thoughts on where we should go from here. Surprise folks with your aspirations for MCC!



# September

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Happy Labor Day!</b>  <b>Budget proposals due</b>	MPS – 8-12		MPS – 8-12 4-7		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
**Dustin & Lauren Fritz 1st Sunday Social – 9:45 Membership Com. Mtg.	MPS – Family Meeting-6:30	MPS – 8-12  **Adam & Michelle Hans		MPS – 8-12 4-7		
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Church Board Meeting after worship	**Rodney & Janet Latty  Newsletter deadline	MPS – 8-12  **Marsha & Randy Loyd	**Tony & Erika McCray **Thomas & Casey Gardner Serve at Open Table	MPS – 8-12 4-7  Food Market 1:45-4:30		
<b>21</b> Outdoor Service at Cedar Creek Farm	<b>22</b> **Jamie & Robin Hudson  **Lance & Kim Loyd	<b>23</b> MPS – 8-12	<b>24</b>  Newsletter assembly	<b>25</b> MPS – 8-12 4-7	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

\*\*Congratulations on the anniversaries of our MCC couples

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**Fulton, MO 65251**

**Return Service Requested**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
**ORDINATION OF**  
**JOHN**  
**DELAPORTE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18  
MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
4527 STATE ROAD J  
ORDINATION SERVICE AT 11:00AM  
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

Monetary donations to benefit The Food Bank for  
Central and Northeast Missouri will be collected.  
Visit [www.sharefoodbringhope.org/give](http://www.sharefoodbringhope.org/give).  
Write "DeLaporte Ordination" in the  
Food and Fund Drive line to designate your gift.



**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Elder: Barbara Moran**

**Diaconate: Gary Eggleston**

**Patty Eggleston**

**SERVE pantry for September: beans, dried or  
canned**



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

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worship in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. 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. **The link and  
password for our weekly ZOOM worship  
will be emailed every Thursday.** 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 a.m. Services start at 10:30 a.m.  
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