



MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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

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What are you waiting for?

Can you believe it? Advent has arrived! Advent is that sacred season where we prepare ourselves in heart, mind, and spirit for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas. Light the candles! Hang the greens! Queue up the hymns! I, for one, cannot wait!

Waiting is at the heart of Advent. We push pause, slow down, and create sacred space to wait and reflect on all this season holds. We meditate on themes of peace, hope, joy and love. We make extra time to pray and serve. We lean into traditions and rites that remind us of *Emmanuel - God with us.*

Throughout December, I pray you'll take advantage of all that MCC has prepared to make our Advent sacred and special. Grab a copy of our Advent devotional and join us on Sunday mornings for discussion and prayer. Share fellowship at our cookie party and annual Christmas meal. Give and serve as we sponsor two families for the holidays, ring bells for utility relief, and participate in our annual Christmas offering. Worship with us as we hang the greens, enjoy an intergenerational Christmas pageant, and sing favorite hymns by candlelight. You can find all the dates and details for these opportunities in our Advent flyer.

So what are you waiting for this Advent? I hope that you'll join us. I can't wait to find out!

Pastor John

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Healing for **Nancy Whitmar** as she navigates surgery and treatment related to cancer.

Continued healing and strength for the **Eggleson's Son-in-Law, Will**, who continues healing and recovery from a series of injuries.

Strength and recovery for **Shannon Baumgartner, Larry Baumgartner's son**, after a long series of surgeries on his foot.

Healing for **Peggy Strawhorn** who injured her leg after a fall.

Healing for **Linda Mealy** who will undergo surgery on December 15. Linda is a sorority sister of Brenda Williamson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Robbie and David Humphreys celebrating the 2 weddings! The first for their son. The second for their granddaughter! Congrats!

Bill and Carolyn Anderson who welcomed their newest granddaughter, Annie Claire Cygan!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

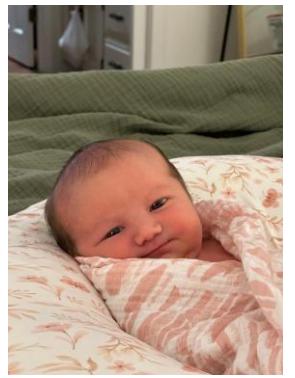
3 Barbara Moran	17 Randy Loyd
7 Joe Ed McCray	20 Zach Gamet
8 Larry Brown	22 Alexzander Mielke
9 Carol Cox	25 Rhad Baker
13 Melanie Czeschin	30 Tom Haas
14 Vicki Fritz	



Ava Bush, daughter of Kerry & Jana Bush, granddaughter of Terry & Vicki Fritz has committed to Alabama to play softball for the 2026-2027 school year. Ava played for Rock Bridge High School along with her sister, Hayden Bush. They concluded the 2025 campaign as the MSHSAA Class 5 runner-up finishing the season with a record of 26-11. (8-0 Central Missouri activities conference). Ava broke the state record for home runs.



Bill and Carolyn have a new granddaughter, Anderson (Annie) Claire Cygan. She was born November 11, 2025 and weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces. Proud parents are Lauren and Brad Cygan.



Advent Starts Nov. 30!

Please pick up your family's copy of this year's advent booklet, on table in narthex.



Grounded in Grace: Advent Reflections on Connection, Persistence, and Enduring Love

Please volunteer to read the Advent meditations when the list gets passed during worship. Pastor John will provide the script.

Advent Activities:

Nov. 30 Advent #1

Dec. 7 Advent #2 Hanging of the Greens - Time to reflect on the decorations we use each year, and their meaning. Help decorate the tree and sanctuary!

Dec. 14 Advent #3 - Christmas Program and Luncheon

Luncheon: Please bring a dish to share. Worship Comm. Will bring the meats.

Dec. 21 Advent #4 - Christmas candlelight during morning service - Always a favorite – candles and “Silent Night”



MCC worshipers enjoyed another 1st Sunday Social on November 2. Thanks to our hosts, Marsha & Randy Loyd.



The Membership Committee cordially invites you to attend the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange at the home of Bill and Carolyn Anderson, 5575 County Road 323, Fulton

December 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



Carolyn will provide soups and drinks, please bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookie - 1 dozen to eat and 2 dozen to share! We always have a great time! Hope to see you there!

We hope everyone will be in church on December 14 for the Christmas pageant, a play called **“Christmas at the Church”**. This play is full of humor and music and a reading of the Christmas story from the book of Luke.

For those who have agreed to participate in the production, we will have practice that will last about an hour or so at 10:30 on Saturday, December 6 and 8:30 on Saturday, December 13.

We sincerely appreciate Becky Rutherford Stafford coming and sharing the message about Blue Star Mothers of America, it's history and mission. She is the President of the Central Missouri Blue Star Mothers of America chapter which meets the 4th Thurs. of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 202, 3669 Legion Way, Columbia, MO. Becky also gave a "Every Day Is Veteran's Day" pins to our veterans. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the care packages they mail out.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Rita Adams



Kim Garret Adams with son, Holden Adams



Pictured: Becky Rutherford Stafford, President of the Central Missouri Blue Star Mothers of America chapter, and Navy Mom's Sandi Bernard & Kim Adams holding pictures of their son's, Braxton O'Brian and Holden Adams.



Navy mom, Sandi Benard, with son, Braxton O'Bryan

Good afternoon,

Another great month has gone by at Millersburg Preschool and we have so much more to look forward to!

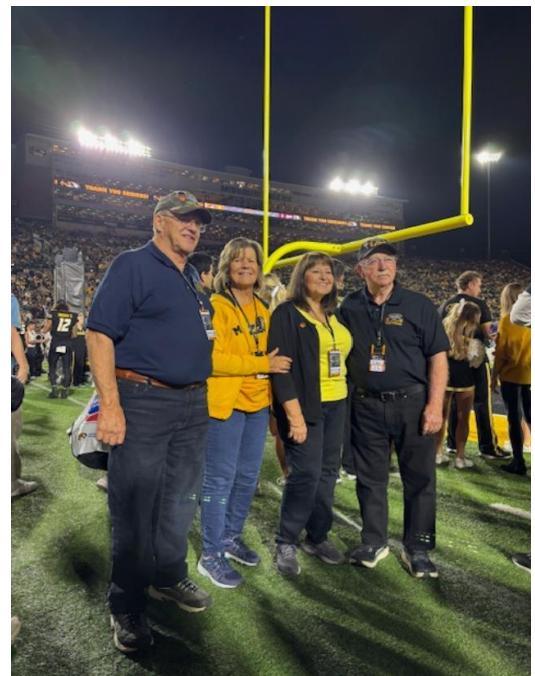
The preschoolers have been doing lots of fun experiments with gravity. Most recently they used gnome toys and rolled them down ramps to test it out. They also took advantage of the beautiful fall weather and raked leaves on Tuesday. They had so much fun.

The alumni schoolers have been studying fairies, unicorns and mermaids. They made such beautiful pumpkin fairy houses. It was a very fun and creative way to incorporate the season's traditions with their current studies.

Both the preschoolers and alumni schoolers were invited to a hayride and fun was had all around.

Thank you all so much for replacing the lights downstairs, it has made such a difference.

Thanks,

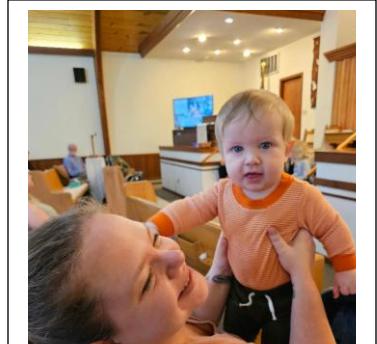


David and Judy Hosenfelt and Rita and Stan Adams at the Mizzou game on November 15.

Veterans United recognized Manchus Stan Adams and David Hosenfelt as Heros of the Game. They are pictured with their families at the MU game on November 15.



MCC observed All Saints Day and All Souls Day in November. Pastor John speaks with our Young Disciples. Brenda updates the congregation on the Missions Committee activities, and Jeff provides us with the music. Our youngest member, Finley Daily.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Dollar Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) accounts:

	6/16/2025	7/21/2025	8/18/2025	9/15/2025	10/20/2025	11/17/2025
Checking	28,544	22,687	20,615	21,328	17,389	19,520
Savings	253	254	255	256	257	258
Special	15,408	16,193	16,288	18,456	18,531	18,131
CD	7-mo. at 3.30% interest, expires 12/28/2025.					\$10,083
PayPal	Including payments made via PayPal during the garage sale.					\$ 613
Flex Fund (Disciples Church Extension Fund)	This fund pays 3.32 % interest.					\$5,574.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

A person with the wrong idea about a topic can say surprising things. For instance, a fellow joined a club and had to give an initiation talk on sex. He told his wife about joining and the required talk. She asked the topic, and to avoid embarrassment, he said sailing. Sometime later, his wife met a club member and asked how the talk went. She was surprised to hear that her husband did a wonderful job. Thinking the topic was sailing not sex, she said he had only done it twice, the first time he got sick and the second time his hat blew off.

There is some confusion about MCC's two checking accounts. The General Checking Account covers all the things in the budget and is funded through pledges and non-specific Sunday contributions. Additional income is split with the other checking account, the Special Checking Account. This joint or designated income includes a) half of the rummage sale earnings; b) half of that received from auctioning vacation time at the Green's Florida house; c) designated memorial donations, without designation they go to the Special Checking account; and d) designated grants.

The Special Checking Account isn't used on a regular basis; it helps cover extraordinary situations. The church roof, water pipes, three HVAC units, and the church's ground level underpinnings have all failed in the past few years. Each required funding beyond that considered when establishing the budget covered by the General Checking Account. The Special Checking Account was used to pay these expenses, and it grows while awaiting the next catastrophe. It is funded through the Fifth Sunday offering, the shared and designated income noted earlier, and the "refrigerator fund." This fund originated before the Special Checking Account and is \$75 that the Preschool pays monthly to assist replacing things, like a bad refrigerator, used by both entities.

The Special Checking Account is also used as a pass-through for money contributed to events like CROP walk and the Easter, Christmas, and Week of Compassion special offerings. Pass-through means that these contributions are held therein until finalized and then the total amount is passed on to their designated cause.

Some MCC members are considering using a Qualified Charitable Contribution to make their pledge or other contribution. These are IRS approved means which help reduce one's personal tax liability beyond that created by a "normal" charitable deduction. Anyone over 70½ years old, using an IRA, can do this once annually. Doing so has no impact on how the IRS views MCC or its accounts and is perfectly acceptable. Now, with this information, it is hoped that you need not hold your hat if asked about MCC's checking accounts.



DECEMBER



	1	2	3	4	5	6
		MPS – 8-12 Terry & Vicki Fritz		MPS – 8-12 4-7		9:30 - Worship Com. Mtg 10:30 – play practice
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1st Sunday Social – 9:45 Hanging of the Greens Pizza/Christmas Caroling after worship – 1 pm	Christmas Cookie Exchange at 6:00 (Anderson's home)	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 4-7	MPS Holiday Party 6-8 Bill & Carolyn Anderson	8:30 – play practice Worship Com – decorates for luncheon
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Christmas program & luncheon Pastor's cabinet after worship	Newsletter deadline	MPS 8-3 All Day Preschool	Serve at Open Table	MPS 8-12 4-7		
21 Christmas Candlelight	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!!	26	27
28	29	30	31 Newsletter assembly			

* Congratulations to all our married couples on their anniversaries this month!

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4527 State Road J
Fulton, MO 65251**

Return Service Requested



Like Christmas? Like to sing? Come join us on Sunday, December 7, as we go caroling to community neighbors.

After worship, we will eat pizza at Short Stop following Pastor John's meeting with the kids. Following lunch, at 1:00 p.m., we will gather together. Hope to see you then!



THOSE WHO SERVE:

Elder: Carolyn Anderson

Diaconate: Jeff Moran

Rita Adams

SERVE pantry for December: Support our Christmas families



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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Brenda's email is: blouwilliamson@yahoo.com

Find us on the web at

www.millersburgchristian.org

You are welcome to join us in person to 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, 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. Previous sermons are posted at our website: **www.millersburgchristian.org**.