



**MILLERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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“In the heart of the community, with the community at heart”

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Happiest New Year MCC Members and Friends!

It was one year ago last January that we covenanted together as pastor and congregation. My, what a year it has been! We’ve worshiped together, served together, enjoyed fellowship, and created new rhythms and relationships as minister and community. I’ve absolutely loved learning about the rich history and shared traditions that make MCC so special. But even more than that, I’ve loved learning about each of you. What a blessing it is to minister among so many ministers! We are a church of dedicated members who serve and lead with the heart of Christ.

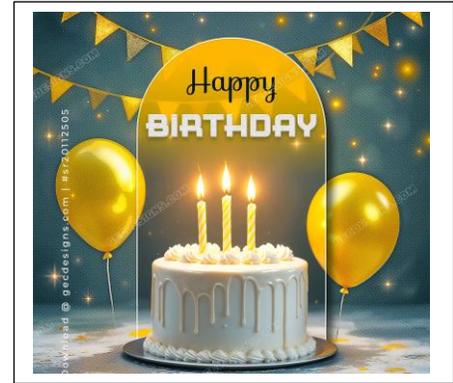
As we welcome a new year, I’m excited to build on the momentum we’ve created. We’ll welcome visitors and celebrate new members ready to join. We’ll cherish familiar activities while dreaming up new events. God will continue to ground us in worship and gather us around the table as we face challenges and make decisions together. No matter what 2026 holds, one thing is certain. We will continue to be *in the heart of our community with our community at heart*. I can’t wait to see what the Spirit has in store for us, and I feel absolutely blessed to live into the new year with all of you!

Happy New Year MCC!

Pastor John

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 Randy Pahl | 17 Lance Bethell |
| 9 Justin Collins | Terri Collins |
| 12 Brenda Rose | 18 Gabriella Loyd |
| 13 Carolyn Anderson | 21 Courtney Roberts |
| Camden Nolte | 22 Cindy (Pahl) Quick |
| Steve Whitworth | 24 Lina Eddy |
| 14 Betty Daily | 26 Cathy McCray |
| 15 Sherry Duncan | Kali Eggleston |
| 16 Kathy Craighead | JoAnn DiNunzio |
| | 28 Evie Daily |

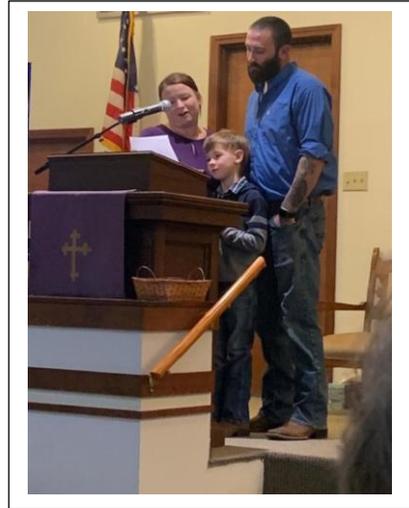


MCC members and friends had a very busy calendar for December. Here are some pictures of those activities. Carolers visited Churchill Terrace, John & Cathy McCray, Revs Ron & Patricia Farmer, Margaret Blattner and some local area homes.





The Tony McCray family light an advent candle to start our Christmas celebrations. The congregation learns about the various symbols of Christmas as they celebrated the “Hanging of the Greens” service on December 14. The children especially enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree.



Carolyn and Bill had a “packed” house for the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange!! They provided soups and sides and guests provided the desserts – cookies!! As guests left, they had a lot of decisions to make in picking out their favorite cookies to take home. Yum!!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Dollar Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) accounts:

	7/21/2025	8/18/2025	9/15/2025	10/20/2025	11/17/2025	12/15/2025
Checking	22,687	20,615	21,328	17,389	19,520	23,034
Savings	254	255	256	257	258	259
Special	16,193	16,288	18,456	18,531	18,131	19,391
CD 7-mo. at 3.30% interest, expired 12/28/2025.					10,167	
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 brought their pet to the vet for a yearly examination. The doctor took the animal to the examination room, asked the person to hold it tight, and then proceeded to bring in a Labrador Retriever and have it sniff the pet very closely and thoroughly. This greatly upset the pet. Nevertheless, the vet next brought in a cat and held it in the air while moving it across the pet. Once this was done, the person was asked to proceed to check out and was told their pet is fine. Upon scrutinizing the bill, the person asked about the charges. While understanding the fee for the veterinarian's time, questions were asked about the testing expenses. The vet explained that they covered the Lab analysis and Cat scan.

After a story like this, I'm sure that you are happy to learn that this is my last Treasurer's/Stewardship report. I have stepped down from MCC's Treasurer's position and Betty Daily has taken over. She promises no more shaggy dog stories!

As your Treasurer I've learned that MCC members are a very caring and supporting congregation. You have covered more than 80% of the 2026 budget with your pledges and through your generosity the Special Checking account continues to grow. The latest fifth Sunday offering for this account totaled a little over \$1,100. Incidentally, 2026 has four fifth Sundays, March, May, August, and November.

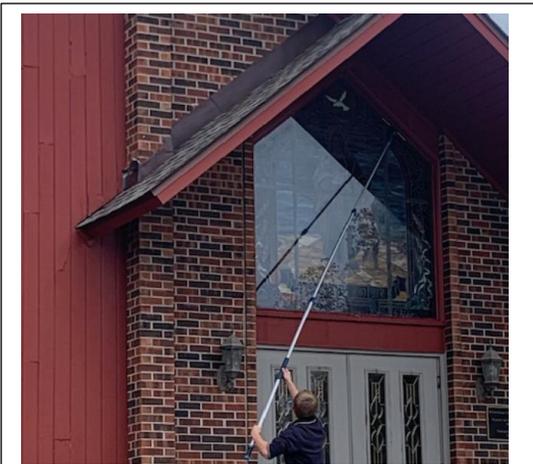
There are many fine organizations seeking help and funding and each of us must choose which to support. Bible passages suggest that one should be a cheerful giver and a way to ensure this is to contribute to what is loved. Those giving to MCC through their time, talent, treasure and testimony are certainly showing their love of God, Jesus and helping others. Thanks to all of you for your loving and continued support of MCC. It has been a great honor to serve you.

One of the highlights this year was MCC's "Christmas Pageant" written by Jeff Moran and performed by various members of the congregation. Young and old alike, portrayed a modern version of the birth of Jesus that first Christmas morning.





Thanks to Sam Stevens for doing a wonderful job cleaning the church windows, including the stained glass that probably hadn't been cleaned since it was installed! Sam is a senior at Fulton High School and started his business, Mid-MO Window Cleaning a few years ago!





JANUARY

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				Happy New Year!		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Sunday Social – 9 :45 Bill & Carolyn are hosts	Dennis & Roberta Smith	MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 4-7		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Church Board Meeting after worship		MPS 8-12		MPS 8-12 4-7		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Newsletter deadline	MPS 8-12	Serve at Open Table	MPS 8-12 4-7		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Newsletter assembly			

Happy Anniversary to our married couples

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Check out MCC's New Website!

www.millersburgchristian.org

This year a committed group of MCC members worked alongside Temi Alabi, a Computer Science Major at MU, to create a new website for our church. The new site will serve as a wonderful digital presence for us as people seek out Communities of worship in our area. We'll continue to keep it fresh with updated content and images as we move forward. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this project. We pray Temi blessings and joy as he recently graduated from MU and steps into all God has planned!

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Elder: Carolyn Anderson

Diaconate: Bill Anderson

Brenda Rose

SERVE pantry for January:

Household & personal items



9:45-10:15 Adult Discussion Group

10:30 a.m. Worship Begins

John Delaporte, Pastor

Brenda Williamson, Administrative

Assistant and Bookkeeper

Church telephone number is 573-642-2939

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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.