



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

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Dear MCC Members and Friends,

The other night I was running some evening errands and noticed that several of my neighbors still have their Christmas decorations up. While some are quick to turn off the twinkle as soon as the holidays are done, others allow their lights to shine long after the three wise men have packed their camels and left town! Maybe my neighbors simply haven't had the time to take down their decorations yet. Or, maybe they are making a theological statement connecting Christmas and Lent.

This month Lent begins setting us on our 40-day journey to the cross. The Incarnation of God in Jesus at Christmas foreshadows important spiritual themes that recur during Lent. From his earliest days the infant Christ is threatened by imperial powers and the spectre of death. The cross looms over his life from day one. At his dedication in the Temple, Simeon will prophecy that “this child is destined for the falling and rising of many.” His birth brings “light to the world, and hope to the nations”. His death and resurrection will bring a new light and a new hope born from Love and forged in Grace.

So if you happen to be out this month and notice some late-season Christmas lights still twinkling in the darkness, allow them to be a bridge between the manger and the cross. Two sacred moments where life endures, light shines, and hope prevails in the world. Two spiritual truths worthy of our decorations all season long! I hope you'll join us as we journey through Lent at Millersburg this spring.

Pastor John

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

10 – Robbie Humphrey

Jim McCray

Mike Baumgartner

11 – Marla Carlson

12 - Larry Baumgartner

Cooper Whitworth

16 – Barbara Gulick

Earl Bryant

17 - Brian McCarty

Jennifer McCarty

Karen Ackley

19 – Lois Long

20 – Rose Bethell

27 – Larry Strawhorn



Prayer Requests include:

- Continued healing and strength for Tami Green as she recovers from complications related to breathing.
- Health and encouragement to Kim Underwood as she moves through treatment for cancer.
- For Gary's Eggleston's stepmother, Gay, as she navigates life transitions.
- Prayers of joy for Robbie and David Humphrey as they celebrated two recent weddings in their family!

Thank you to the MCC congregation for the nice Christmas gift and supportive words. I really enjoy my interactions with this amazing group of people. Thank you so much.

Brenda



Worship Committee Works

The Worship Committee works to enhance the worship experience at Millersburg Christian Church. We take care of supplies for communion, pew pocket brochures, candles, Palm Sunday palm fronds, and Lenten and Advent devotional materials. We provide recognition for mothers, fathers, and veterans on their special Sundays, as well as for musicians and youth. We change the sanctuary décor with banners and flowers that match the liturgical seasons. We also assist the minister with special worship services, such as Ash Wednesday, Easter, Outdoor Worship, Advent Meditations, Hanging of the Greens, December candlelight, etc. We organize musicians for each Sunday, solicit favorite hymns for July, and recruit for Laity Sunday, usually held when the minister has a Sunday off. Join us to share your ideas and talents with the works of the worship committee! Please contact Chair Barbara Moran.

Also, please contact Barbara at 573-220-9112 if you would like to join the J.O.Y. Choir (Just Older Youth). Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord during special worship services!



We had 10 children eager to listen to Pastor John at our first Sunday of 2026!!



Good morning!

We are officially back today and our kiddos could not be more excited. They sure missed Miss Sherri and MPS during the break.

Preschool is starting a unit where they will be using different tools to build fun structures with boxes leftover from Christmas. What a fun way to use all those boxes! They will also be starting an ice lab soon where they experiment with ice of all kinds (different colors, items frozen inside, etc.). We're so happy to get back into the swing of things and to be back with our MPS family!

Alumni school has picked out their new unit and they will be studying Pets! I will have more info as the unit progresses. We had our meeting last night and Miss Sherri mentioned they will get to go to Dr. Susan's vet clinic for a fun field trip. I fondly remember going to her clinic when I was a preschool and alumni student.

As always, if you need anything from us, please let us know and we look forward to the board to board meeting coming up. Michelle Hans, our President, will be reaching out soon for scheduling.

Thanks so much and I hope everyone had a great Christmas and new year!

Brooke Calvin



Stewardship and Finance Committee's 2025 Annual Report

Stewardship

Church committee actions and the fund allocations shown on the approved 2026 budget clearly indicate that Millersburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (MCC) Stewardship activities aid those in need. The generosity of the church's members and friends is exceptional; unexpected needs are quickly addressed. Off budget, MCC continually supplies food and other items to local charities.

Treasurer's Finance Report

MCC's 2025 income exceeded the budget and covered all funding for the church's operations and committees. Expenditures for 2026 are projected to be higher due to membership growth and significantly increased youth related matters. The 2026 budget recognizes this, and pledged and non-pledged offerings plus fundraisers are projected to completely support it.

Expensive, unanticipated repairs are spawned by the aging church building. The Fifth Sunday special offering, collected on the last Sunday of those months having five Sundays, provides funding for such repairs.

MCC Callaway bank and other account dollar balances:

	8/18/2025	9/15/2025	10/20/2025	11/17/2025	12/15/2025	1/20/2026
Checking	26,615	21,328	17,389	19,520	23,034	33,043
Savings	255	256	257	258	259	260
Special	16,288	18,456	18,531	18,131	19,391	19,466
CD		Matured 12/23/2025			\$10,195 at maturity	
PayPal	Gets electronic payments that are transferred to checking					\$941.21
Disciples Church Flex (Mission) Fund	3.49% Term Note matures 9/22/2026					5,574

The Board of Directors determined that the matured 12/23/2025 CD funds should be invested in a 12-month 2.75% note with the Disciples Church Mission Fund. This Disciples of Christ operated fund provides lower cost loans to qualifying churches.

MCC's Checking account contains monies pledged to the church, and general offerings. Ten percent of these funds is allocated to missions. The remainder pays salaries, utilities (electricity, water, groundskeeping, etc.,) and fulfills the monetary needs of the church's committees.

Special Account funds, for church repairs, come from grants the church might receive and special donations, including those for memorials. Also included are the Fifth Sunday offerings and half of the fund-raising proceeds.

At the end of 2025 MCC's monetary resources were in fine shape and provide a good foundation for 2026.



FEBRUARY



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1st Sunday Social – 9:45 a.m.	MPS/MCC board meeting at 6:30	MPS 8-12		MPS -12		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Lance & Rose Bethell Pastor's cabinet meeting after worship		MPS 8-12 Lee & Sharon Plank		MPS 8-12 4-7		Happy Valentine's Day!
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Newsletter deadline Presidents Day!!	MPS 8-12	Serve at Open Table	MPS 8-12 4-7		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Newsletter assembly			

Happy Anniversary to our married couples

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Return Service Requested



I will be updating the Friends and Family booklet again soon so please review the information and let me know of any changes or corrections that need to be made. You can send them to the church email or my personal email. The addresses are listed in this newsletter and the weekly bulletins. Thank you.

Brenda Williamson, Secretary

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Elder: Barbara Moran

**Diaconate: Gary Eggleston
Patty Eggleston**



SERVE pantry for February: Soup & Crackers

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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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.