



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

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Becoming Who We are meant to Be: MCC's Stewardship Season is Here!

Why do we give? Why do we willingly choose to support something bigger than ourselves?

Last month I attended a conference sponsored by Feeding America through my role at The Food Bank. The focus was philanthropy, and our keynote speaker was a *neurophilanthropist* named Eric Frans. Frans researches the effects of generosity on the brain and explores the psychology of giving. The heart of his research attempts to answer that simple, yet complex question: *Why do we give?*

According to Frans it's not so much about the tax breaks, or the cause, or the obligation. We give because generosity helps us become better versions of ourselves. All of us have beliefs, values, and ideals. All of us have a sense of who we are and who we want to become. Generosity moves us toward our better angels. The act of giving brings our beliefs, values and ideals alive. By offering our time, talent, and treasure we become who we are meant to be - generous people striving toward a better version of ourselves.

Jesus would agree. Generosity and charity are cornerstones of His Gospel. Through our giving we actualize the beliefs, values and ideals of the Kingdom, thereby bringing the Gospel to life. When we all give with a generosity of heart we collectively become the community we are called to be. We become a church where the Good News comes alive through our mutual sharing and service to others.

MCC's proposed budget for the 2027 church year reflects the beliefs, values and ideals of our community. Meaningful worship. Mission that serves. Fellowship that builds belonging. Facilities to anchor our growing community. This year's budget will also prioritize accessibility by constructing an indoor ramp and expanding the concrete parking in the back lot. Upgrades to our technology and livestreaming will also improve accessibility in digital spaces. Additional funding for a new Vacation Bible School experience and resources for our MCC families are notable priorities as well.

As you will see this month, our 2027 budget reflects the best of who we are and who we are becoming. Now it's up to us to make our ideals come alive. Generosity is not something we do. It is who we are. Through our giving, engagement, and support we can become who we are meant to be - a generous congregation in the heart of our community, with our community at heart.

May it be so!
Pastor John

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Continued healing for **Betty Daily's mother** as she copes with respiratory illness.

Prayers of JOY for **Kathy Craighead's cousin's grandchild** who has tested cancer free!

Consolation and support for the family of **Kim Underwood** who passed away from complications related to cancer.

Relief from back pain for **Courtney Moran** struggling from ongoing back issues.

For the **uncle of Erika McCray** healing from a broken hip as well as a dear friend of the McCray family who is taking on fostering two young boys.

Consolation and support for **Patty and Gary Eggleston** on the passing of Gary's step-mother.

For success in surgery and health for **Ryan Link**, friend and neighbor, to MCC.

For **Sandy Bernhardt** as she navigates cancer treatment.

For **all kids, parents, and teachers** as a new school year begin.



MCC members enjoy the food and fellowship at the 1st Sunday Social on August 2. The DeLaPorte family were hosts.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

2 – Margaret Blattner
5 – Janet Latty
6 – Artemis Moran
9 – Danny Rose
10 – Savannah Bethell
Cooper Gehring
11 – Samantha 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



NEWS FROM YOUR WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Sept. 27 – Outdoor Worship and Potluck Luncheon

Join us outside at MCC for Outdoor Worship!

Bring a lawn chair or use one of the MCC chairs, your choice. We'll celebrate the beauty of God's world and worship in a lovely outdoor setting. After worship, we'll enjoy a potluck luncheon. Table service and drinks will be provided by Worship Committee members. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert dish to share. Plan to enjoy the surprise of a true potluck!

Other Special Worship Dates Coming Up This Fall:

Oct. 11 – Pastor Appreciation

Oct. 25 – Laity Sunday "We Are the Church!"

Volunteer to be a part of this joyful celebration
of who we are at MCC!

Nov. 1 – All Saints' Day

Nov. 8 – Veterans Recognition



Treasurer's Report

Dollar Balances for Millersburg Christian Church (MCC) accounts:

	3/21/26	4/27/26	5/27/26	6/25/26	7/26/2026	8/25/2026
Checking	48,559	45,943	45,307	38,494	24,117	24,139
Savings	263	264	265	266	267	268
Special	20,100	21,156	21,231	21,366	22,388	22,463
CD	Matured 12/23/25 \$10,195 at Maturity					
PayPal	Gets electronic payments that are transferred to checking \$1,410					
Disciples Church Flex (mission) Fund	3.49 Term Note matures 9/22/26 \$5,574					

This will be our Fall Festival of Sharing Project. We will collect the month of September and then pack at the 1st Sunday fellowship to go to Festival of Sharing in October. Thank you for your contributions.

Brenda Rose, Missions Committee Chair



Missouri Paper Product Pack Assembly



Kit Contents

- 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
- 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6 (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



SEPTEMBER



		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 st Sunday Social – 9:45 Children’s Bible Study Board Mtg after worship	Dustin & Lauren Fritz Labor Day	MPS 8-12	Exercise Class 9-10 am	MPS 8-12 4-8	Exercise Class 9-10	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	MPS 6-8	MPS 8-12	Serve at Open Table	MPS 8-12 4-7 Tony & Erika McCray Thomas & Casey Gardner		
20	21 Newsletter deadline	22 MPS 8-12 Book Club – 6:30 Jamie & Robin Hudson	23	24 MPS 8-12 4-7	25 Lance & Kim Loyd	26
27 Outdoor Worship & Potluck Luncheon	28	29 MPS 8-12	30 Newsletter assembly			

Happy Anniversary to our married couples

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MORE PICTURES FROM OUR AUGUST 1ST SUNDAY SOCIAL



THOSE WHO SERVE:

Elder: Carolyn Anderson

Diaconate: David Humphrey

Kathy Craighead



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.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.