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Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

Eddie Cochran once pined, "Sometimes I wonder what I'm-a-gonna do, cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues." I know how he feels. A couple weeks ago we discovered one of our big air conditioners that cools the Sanctuary was on its last legs. We had professionals come assess it, and the news wasn't good. After 20+ years of service, it was kaput...in the middle of summer...in Kansas. With temperatures high and the Sanctuary only being cooled by one unit, you may have noticed it has been a little warmer in Worship these past two weeks. I stopped wearing my robe and have been rolling up my sleeves to try and stay cool during our worship time together.

Joel Beaver and our House and Grounds Committee have been on top of this problem, working with McCarty Mechanical on a solution. This past week a new air conditioner unit was ordered and it will hopefully be installed in the next week (Apparently big air conditioners are a little scarce in the middle of summer...in Kansas!?). Thankfully we had good people who addressed this problem and we can move forward. The bad news is, the cost for the new unit is almost \$10,000.

Now we did have that in savings. The Board discussed this need, and in consultation with our Finance Committee and

out Trustees, the decision was made to replace the air conditioner. But this is a big piece of our savings. While it is a necessary expenditure, we need help.. Two years ago we faced this same dilemma and many of you stepped up and made donations to help offset the cost of a new unit. We ask that you again prayerfully consider making a donation to our new air conditioner. Any amount helps, and all funds raised for this endeavor will go to the new unit. If you can help us with this cost, it allows for more of our funds to be used for ministry and mission. Think about what you might be able to give and simply put "Air conditioner" on your check or envelope. Thank you for all you do and for sharing your blessings so generously.

In Christ,
Mark



OUR GANG CLUB

Next Meeting
August 15
1:00-3:00



Watch for the next Newsletter the week of August 3, 2019. *Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.*



MEALS ON WHEELS

July 23: Linda & Gary Ruffin
July 30: Walt & Betty Bohn



“THE BREAD OF LIFE”

“LOVE”

When you hear a sermon on the importance of hospitality, how do you react? Some people feel guilty, others feel inadequate, and those with the gift of hospitality say “Amen!” But whether or not we have special gifting in this area, 1 Peter 4:9 tells all of us to be “hospitable to one another without complaint.”

So what exactly is hospitality? Today the term is taken to mean something different from how it was understood in the first century. We often equate hospitality with inviting people to dinner or housing visitors, and these gestures are part of it. But the Greek word means “loving strangers.” And for most of us, there are two broad troops of people we count as strangers - folks we do not know in the church and those outside the church. If you’ve ever had to find a new congregation, you know how the awkwardness feels--and the difference it makes when someone greets and wants to get to know you. Remembering that many people are lonely, we should conduct ourselves with wisdom toward unbelievers, being sensitive to their needs and making the most of opportunities to show care and concern (Col. 4:5) this includes sharing about our relationship with God.

Though practicing hospitality may require breaking out of your comfort zone to show Christ’s love to a stranger, doing so will bless you and the other person....

“FOR GOD SO LOVE THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. FOR GOD SENT THE SON INTO THE WORLD, NOT TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.” (John 3:16-17).

God loves you all and so do we.
Rex & Irene



FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2019

Revenues - \$12,498.00
Expenses - \$12,403.00

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The Christian Church (DOC) is having its bi-annual General Assembly, July 20-24 in Des Moines, Iowa.

This meeting of Disciples from across the United States and around the world is a business meeting, learning opportunity and worship experience. If you are interested in coming for the whole event, or even just for a day, talk to Pastor Mark about opportunities here.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Betty Russell
5350 W 61st Place
Mission, KS 66205



Please update the address you have for her, and drop her a note letting her know we love her and are praying for her.

PASTOR MARK OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Mark is in Des Moines, Iowa this week for the General Assembly, a biennial gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He is attending workshops, lectures, business meetings, and worship services. He will return Thursday, July 25th to the office. If you need to reach him, please call his cell (816-616-9746) or email him at markswillis@gmail.com.

SUMMER FOOD FOR KIDS TIME

It's time to start collecting food for our summer food program. Please bring some of the following items and place in grocery carts provided:

canned vegetables	canned fruits
Cereals	breakfast bars
macaroni and cheese	peanut butter and jelly
Soups	canned entrees
spaghetti and sauce	juices
snack items	

If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, make checks to Merriam Christian with notation for Make A Difference fund.

Outreach Committee



TALL OAKS GALA

The Tall Oaks Gala will be held October 25th at Arrowhead Stadium. The theme is "Enchanted Evening".

Sarah Group is putting together "A Romantic Picnic" basket. If anyone has a picnic basket they no longer use, we would welcome it. Wine glasses, sparkling cider, dishes, silverware, cloth napkins, candles, any picnic goodies you can think of. Monetary donations are most appreciated.

A container will be in the Round Table classroom. We would love to have everything by the end of July.

This is for a great cause and we welcome donations from everyone. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thanks and God bless,
Connie Hennigh



Thank You!

THANK YOU! to the Membership Committee and all the folks who came out for Game Night at Campbell Park July 13th.

It was a beautiful evening with friends, good food (homemade ice cream!!) and games. We even had folks walking through the park who stopped to play some games with us. Membership Committee did a fantastic job putting this all together.

Dear Church,

Thank you for letting me go to grand parents camp. It was really fun. We swam and rode horses. We had a fun time and thanks for the discount. Hope I can come again!

Andrew Lindsey

Dear Church Family,

Andrew and I had a great time at Tall Oaks Grandparent Camp in June. The theme this year is "Peace Works"-which we all need to remember that it really does. The weather was great and the only time it rained was at night. It was wonderful to be able to be at camp and experience nature. Watching the young ones discover things is pretty cool. The campers worked on their outdoor skills and tried new things, and learned things about Jesus.

Thank you all for supporting the youth campers - it really is worth while.

In Christian Love,
Emily Hooker



DWM NEWS

Thank you everyone for helping with the Snack pack program. They could use some Mac-N-Cheese. However, it is now "School Supply" time. Target has some really good bargains, so I have been told. Also Dollar Tree. July is nearly over and August is when school starts. You can shop for supplies or donate money to Carole Prentice for the Outreach committee to buy in bulk.

As your treasurer, I report that we ended June with \$3,666.20. We continue to support the Disciples Mission Fund with a \$50.00 donation each month. This month we gave a special donation of \$50.00 to Church World Service after receiving a request for emergency needs. So far in July, we have sent our \$50.00 to DMF; \$200.00 to Kansas City Rescue Mission, and we also made a special donation of \$100.00 to the Wyandotte Tabernacle because of the fire that pretty much destroyed their Sanctuary.

So, at this time, we have \$3,316.20. Thankfully, we have not had any funeral meals to finance. Next month, August, we will be sending \$400.00 to Tall Oaks, as we, the Board, feel it is important to support Tall Oaks.

Thank you all again for your support.
Joyce Luke, Treasurer
Service Chairman



SAVE-THE-DATE

REGIONAL EVENING DWM 9/26/19
At MCC

The ladies of MCC will host the Regional Evening DWM on September 26th. We would like everyone help to support us in this event. Karen Yount will be giving the program, and we all know what a wonderful lady and speaker she is. We are planning to have salads, garlic bread, and desserts. We will put a sign-up sheet out by the 3rd of August. Please plan to help us out and everyone (men and women) are invited to come.

DWM is considering making arrangements with Friends of Historic Structures to tour a few of the historic churches in the metropolitan area later this year. Before we proceed, we want to make sure there will be good participation. Please review the basic information below and if this sounds like something you would like to do, please sign your name on the "Tour Sheet" outside the church office.

Monday-Friday only
September 16 - October 11 (options available)

Bus would leave the church at 9am
Bus returns to church around 1pm

Suggests 3 churches to tour (driving by others) where docents will provide the tour

Country Club Christian
(sculpture of the Last Supper by Zappia)
6101 Ward Parkway

Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral
415 W 13th

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
416 W 12th

Donation of \$10 per person is suggested
ALL MEN & WOMEN ARE WELCOME

Blessings,
Pam Boyd



Prayer List



Those Needing Prayers: Joe Myers, Opal Seals, Ryan, Mercia, & Jesse Thompson, Ruth Sullivan, Don & Jo Rudkin, Anita Collins

Requests for Family and Friends:

Bev McDonald's friend, Jeannie McCroske
Margaret Roebucks cousin, Ron Roebuck
Mary Ann Borchardt
Irene Heavin's nephew, David Baldwin
Flo Biehl's granddaughter, Amy Carr
Susie & Tim Arnold's friend, Chris Pieschel
Regional secretary, Jessica Lopez's father
Jessica Lopez - strep throat
Emily & Wayne Hooker's granddaughters friend,
Ally Baier
Irene & Rex Heavin's granddaughter, Heather Pacinelli

Praises:

Kelsea & Juan Zermeno on their marriage
Jim & Lucy Walker new great-grandchild, Ember

Those in Grief:

The family of Betty Alagna on her passing
The family of Warren Pray on his passing
Flo Biehl & family on the passing of her brother,
Clyde Larsen
The family of Harvey Jones on his passing
Donna McEndree's nephew, Jeff Mauzey & family
On the passing of his son
The family of Kathy Shepherd on her passing
Betty Bohn & family on the passing of her brother,
Richard Strange

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Names added to the prayer list will remain on the prayer list for one month. Let the office know if a prayer request needs to stay on the list for longer or shorter than one month.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Give a big MCC welcome to the newest members, Bruce, Katie, & Sam Roach.



Calendar

Sunday - July 21
8:30 Early Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
Monday - July 22
9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB
Sunday - July 28
8:30 Early Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
Monday - July 29
9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB
3:00-7:00 Blood Drive
Thursday - August 1
9:30 DWM-CH
Friday - August 2
12:00 Newsletter Deadline

SAVE-the-DATE

Church Dinner - Shrimp Boil

Saturday August 10th at 5pm.

(there will also be fried chicken available for those who prefer not to eat shrimp)

PLEASE USE THE SIGN-UP SHEET OUTSIDE THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING along with HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY AND IF YOU WILL BE EATING SHRIMP OR CHICKEN.

A love offering will be taken up.

Organized by Your Membership Committee

Happy Birthday

Mary Ann Borchardt
is turning 99 this month



AND

Betty Cline turns 95 August 5.

Take a moment and send them a birthday card. They would love to hear from their church family!