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## Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

Paul tells us in Galatians the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the fruits our daily words, actions and lives should be producing if we have God's Spirit within us. These are what the world should see as the tangible pieces of our faith. These are the things we should be putting out into the world as good news. These are the building blocks of God's kingdom.

But far too often, the world sees us produce other fruit. Fruit that is spoiled, or rotten, or bad. Fruit like anger, strife, dissension, and jealousy. These fruits are the worst parts of us. The parts that spoil the whole batch. But we have a choice. We can choose which fruit we will produce. We can choose which fruit we will plant in our soul. We can choose which fruit we feed the world. Which one will we choose? The old story a grandfather told his grandson was of two wolves living within us. One is peaceful, loving, lives in harmony and does good. The other wolf is dangerous, ugly, and angry and seeks to destroy and devastate. Our lives are a constant battle between these two wolves. When the grandson asked which wolf wins this battle, the grandfather replied, "The one we feed."

Which fruit will you choose today? What fruit will the world see you producing?

God Bless-  
Mark

### PASTOR MARK OUT OF OFFICE

I will be out of the office:

July 2

July 4&5

July 9-12 - I am counseling at Junior II Camp at Tall Oaks.

July 18-24 - General Assembly in Des Moines.

As always you can still reach me at 816-616-9746 or email me at [markwillis@gmail.com](mailto:markwillis@gmail.com) during these times.

Thank you!



### OUR GANG CLUB

Next Meeting

July 18

1:00-3:00



Watch for the next Newsletter the week of July 20, 2019.

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### MEALS ON WHEELS

July 9: Francis & Wendy Shafer

July 16: Glen & Dixie Wheaton



## “THE BREAD OF LIFE”

A store owner was taking a sign above his door that read “Puppies For Sale.” These signs have a way of attracting children.

Soon a little boy appeared at the sign and asked, “How much are you gonna sell those puppies for?” The store owner replied, “anywhere from \$30-\$50.” The little boy reached into his pocket and pulled out some change. “I have \$2.37, can I look at them?”

The store owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came his dog named Lady, running down the aisle of his store followed by five little puppies. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging limping puppy. He asked, “What’s wrong with that little dog?” The man explained that when the puppy was born the vet said that this puppy had a bad hip socket and would limp for the rest of his life.

The little boy got really excited and said “That’s the puppy I want to buy!” The man replied “No, you don’t want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I’ll give him to you.”

The little boy got upset. He looked straight into the man’s eyes and said, “I don’t want you to give him to me. He is worth every bit as much as the other dogs and I’ll pay full price. In fact I will give you \$2.37 now and 50 cents every month until I have him paid for.”

The man countered, “You really don’t want to buy this puppy son. He is never gonna be able to run, jump and play like other puppies.” The little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly, twisted, crippled leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the man and said, “Well, I don’t run so well myself and the little puppy will

need someone who understands.” The man was now biting his bottom lip. Tears welled up in his eyes...He smiled and said, “Son, I hope and pray that each and everyone of these puppies will have an owner such as you.”

Submitted by Glen Wheaton



## 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.

## SEND-A-CARD

If you have a moment, lets send a card or short letter to Liz and Merrill Spiegel this month.

They are unable to get to early worship right now. Reach out and let them know you are praying for them and miss them dearly.

Their address is:  
9306 W 112th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66210



## SPOTLIGHT



Let's send a get well and happy birthday note to

Mary Borchardt

Mary will turn 99 years young soon and unfortunately she fell, and had to have some stitches. Let's send her a note to help her recover and enjoy her birthday.

Her address is:  
2007 E 20th Street  
Pittsburg, KS 66762

## 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



## 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

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Don and Jo Rudkin's new address is:  
Sunrise of Lenexa  
15055 W. 87th St. Parkway, Room #126  
Lenexa, Kansas 66215  
913-908-7032 (Jo's Cell)

Dorothy Kroh's:  
Sunrise of Lenexa  
15055 W. 87th St. Parkway, Room#233  
Lenexa, Kansas 66215  
913-722-4241

Carole Prentice & Michelle Land  
12320 W 255th Street  
Louisburg, KS 66053

Please take a minute and update your directory!



# Prayer List



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

## Requests for Family and Friends:

Michelle Land's friend, Robin Muehlberger  
Connie Harshner's great niece, Emily Gafford  
Connie Harshner's aunt, Arvella Scotts  
Bev McDonald's daughter's friend  
Rex Heavin's brother, Charles  
Carol Vann's cousin's son, Mark Ohlerking  
Margaret Roebucks cousin, Ron Roebuck  
Mary Ann Borchardt  
Irene Heavin's nephew, David Baldwin

## Praises:

Heather Waite - job promotion (congrats!)  
Ben & Michelle Clibon on their marriage  
Kelsea & Juan Zermeno on their marriage  
Jim & Lucy Walker new great-grandchild, Ember

## Those in Grief:

The family of Judy Hiebert on her passing  
The family of Elva Greer on her passing  
Jeanne Bryant's family on the passing of her  
Brother-in-law  
The family of Melba Conner on her passing  
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

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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.

## SAVE-the-DATE

Game night at the Park – July 13th at 5pm

Church Dinner – Shrimp Boil – Saturday August 10th at 5pm. (there will also fried chicken available for those who prefer to not eat shrimp)

Organized by Your Membership  
Committee



## Calendar

Sunday - July 7

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - July 8

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

Tuesday - July 9

7:00 Board Meeting

Saturday - July 13

9:00-1:00 Regional DWM Cabinet-CH

5:00 Game Night - Campbell Park

Sunday - July 14

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - July 15

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

6:30 Sarah

Tuesday - July 16

12:30 Esther

Wednesday - July 17

5:30-8:00 JCCB-LIB

Thursday - July 18

1:00-3:00 Our Gang

Friday - July 19

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

Saturday - July 20

Begin Regional Assembly (thru 7/24/19)

## BULLETIN BOARDS

Please let me know if something needs to be changed on the bulletin boards, and I will take care of it. You can email the church, and I will respond as quickly as I can.

I do change the calendars on the boards the Saturday before the first Sunday of the new month, along with the calendars in the Sunday School rooms.

Please continue to put new events or Thank you Cards, etc. on the boards, or you can leave them for me.

Thank you,  
Patty

