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# Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, I am preparing for the sabbatical. It is amazing to me that in order to take a sabbatical, a purposeful time of rest and rejuvenation, first we must get everything ready. There is much work to do. This month the Pastoral Relations Committee, and I are meeting with Dr. Casey Sigmon, the Interim Minister, who will help lead the church in my absence. Dr. Sigmon will lead worship as I do each week, working with our Worship committee to plan and facilitate any special worship needs. She will also be in the office a couple days per week, depending on what we have going on. She has been hired for 20 hours per week. We must be diligent to recognize and respect that agreement, and not expect 40-50 hours of work for 20 hours of pay. In order to help keep to this agreement, other members of the church are also stepping up to help. For several months now, Francis Shafer and I have been doing outside communion together. While I am gone, Francis will continue to visit our shut-ins and sick, and keep Dr. Sigmon informed. If there is an emergency or situation where she is needed to call on the individual or family, Francis will relay that information. This will allow Dr. Sigmon to focus on preaching and teaching while she is here. We have asked, given her experience,

that she facilitate a small group study and she is eager to offer this.

I have full confidence that you will be impressed and excited by what Dr. Sigmon brings to Merriam CC and this sabbatical time will be inspiring and uplifting to you as well.

God Bless-  
Mark



## ELDERS

There will be an Elders meeting at 6:00p.m. on July 11th prior to the Board Meeting. Mark will assist us with information and duties we need to do while he is on his sabbatical. I'm looking forward to seeing you There!

Thank you,  
Chairman  
Carol Vann

## MAKE A NOTE

As many of you know, the Challenger Class has joined the Pioneer Class to become one Class. Their new title is: "Challenging Pioneers".

Please mark your records accordingly.



## CHALLENGING PIONEERS

The Challenging Pioneers Covered Dish Dinner will be July 30th at 4 p.m. at the home of Lee & Dorothy Kroh at 8812 W 66th, Merriam. RSVP by July 26th to 913-722-4241 or [dorothykroh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dorothykroh@sbcglobal.net)



## “THE BREAD OF LIFE”

“The Prophetic Significance Of Jerusalem” (copied from Gordon Robertson, Chief Executive Office of FRONTLINES): CBN....

“I will put My Spirit in you...and I will place you in your land.” (Ezekiel 37:14) “**COMPLETELY COPIED**”....

Why is Jerusalem so important in the Bible, and why does it dominate headlines today?...

No other city claims to be where God dwells. Psalm 132:13-14 tells us, “For the Lord has chosen Zion: He has desired it for the dwelling place: This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.”...

Jerusalem is the site of the Temple - planned by David, built by Solomon, rebuilt by Zerubbabel, and expanded by Herod....

Luke 21:6 records that as people admired the Temple, Jesus prophesied, “Not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”...

This was fulfilled when Titus destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70, and later when Hadrian plowed the Temple Mount and renamed the region Palestina in an effort to erase all memory of Israel....

Today, on the Western Wall remains - a retaining of the Temple Mount, the foundation upon which the great Temple once stood....

Jesus continued in verse 24, “They will...be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. God promised in Jeremiah 31:35-36 that as long as there is a sun and moon, the Jews will be a people. Over the centuries, they have suffered unimaginably, yet they have endured...”

As Ezekiel 37:13-14 says: “Then you shall know that I Am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your land...”

Today, the Jews have returned to Israel from all over the world to live in their own land, with Jerusalem as their undivided capital...

These are the days of comfort for Israel. As Isaiah 40:2 says, “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her.” Yet God warns in Zechariah 12:3, “And it

shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”

The Battle of Armageddon is the battle for Jerusalem. Already, the nations of the world are gathering against Israel. Now more than ever, we must heed the command of Psalm 122:6, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem...”

We can also join in declaring Psalm 126:1-2 to the world. When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, ...they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

GOD BLESS YOU! And may the Good Lord take a liking to ya!

Love,  
Rex

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### COMING ATTRACTION.....



**God's Not Dead**, the movie, will be the subject for Our Club Gang, on Thursday, July 20. Movie begins at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall--- everyone is welcome. The plot of the movie is about Josh Wheaton, an evangelical college student, who enrolls in a philosophy class taught by a professor, an atheist, who demands his students sign a declaration that "God is dead" to pass. Josh is the only student who refuses to sign. The professor requires Josh to debate the topic with him, but agrees to let the class members decide the winner. Josh's girlfriend demands Josh either sign the statement "God is dead" or drop the class, because standing up will jeopardize their academic future. His girlfriend breaks up with Josh for insisting on confessing his belief in God. Sound interesting? IT IS!!! Come see how the “debate” ends up.



**“SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES!!!!!!”**



### SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

We have received 14 cases of pudding from Shawnee Methodist Church. Its great when neighboring churches can work together for a great cause. They have participated with us for several years.

Carole P and Outreach Committee



# DWM NEWS

## ATTENTION SHOPPERS

Our service for July and August is officially "School Supplies". However, our summer snack program still needs help. We are giving food to 38 kids and that is more than last summer. Peanut Butter and Jelly are especially welcome. But, MONEY is also a very good way to go. Carole can buy in bulk, and she goes to many, many places getting the best price she can find to get more bang for her bucks. All the change put in the offering plate on Sunday goes to the "Make a Difference" fund. Empty that coin purse of change and lighten up your bag. This will lighten up some faces when the food box is delivered.

Keep up the good work. We appreciate all you do. Don't pass up a sale on school supplies. Thanks again.

Joyce Luke  
CWF/DWM Service Person



## CWF/DWM NEWS

Joyce Luke, Pam Boyd, Ann Dickerson and Anita Collins met on July 6th to conduct DWM/CWF business. I know it's summer, but please do put CWF/DWM on your calendar for the first Thurs. of the month at 9:30 AM. Group meetings remain strong with 18 ladies attending during June. Our treasurer reported a balance of \$5,020.26. We discussed making a contribution to the "Make a Difference" fund, but put off the vote 'til Aug. 3rd, and hope you will be there to have input. Service will be collecting school supplies during July and Aug. Our shelves are empty and ready for the bargains you good shoppers find! Save Sept. 7 at 6PM for a Mexican potluck with Edith Mendosa as our speaker. Get out the recipe books for a surprise at how many different Mexican dishes we eat. We spent about 1 hour trimming and sorting labels for Woodhaven. Look on the Bulletin Board in Campbell Hall for all the products that we can find labels on. Your help in gathering all of these are appreciated greatly, and it's an easy way to help others. Thanks Joyce, for getting these sent off.

Anita Collins  
President



# Thank You!

## NOTES FROM TALL OAKS

Andrew and I had a great time at Grandparent Camp. The weather was great, the pool water was warm, the horses were friendly, and he got three (3) arrows in the bull's eye during archery. Of course, I must say the food was wonderful and the accommodations were comfortable. I just wanted all to know about our fun "together time" as we experienced God's glorious world. Thanks to Laura & Brett for making our learning time special and informative.

Happy camping,  
Emily Hooker & Andrew Lindsey

Dear Tall Oaks Leaders,  
Thank you for letting me come to camp!  
From Andrew



Dear Tall Oaks Staff,  
I would really like to thank you for the amazing time I had at Equestrian camp! One of the things we talked about were "God Moments." Times when we felt God's presence, and believe me, there were many. Everything from when the power went out so we had a dance/karaoke party, to the traditional hayride to and back from Inspiration Point, you could just feel God's presence. From singing "Sanctuary," sitting around the fire, to saying "whoa" to Freddie (one of the Tall Oaks horses who is a Fox Trotter) when he tried to canter instead of trot. In fact every time you go to Tall Oaks you can feel God. Tall Oaks has meant the world to me, and is a big part of who I am. I have been going to camp there for many years, and I am excited to go again next year. So, I guess what I am trying to say is, thank you, Tall Oaks. You mean the world to me.

Emma Lindsey

A large envelope of bar codes was mailed to Woodhaven in Columbia, Mo. and a giant bunch of can tabs were dropped off at Children's Mercy Hospital.



Thanks again, Ladies, for your continued support of these programs.



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# Prayer List



**Those Needing Prayers:** Jo Rudkin, Rex Heavin, Opal Seals, Ruth Capp, Nick Hennigh, Gordon Tarwater, Mary Kincaid

## Requests for Family and Friends:

Wendy Shafer's daughter, Leanne Thompson  
Mark Passaro, Goff's neighbor  
Genevieve Reeves, Patty Harper's Mother  
Nola Kroner, Patty Harper's Sister  
Amy DeCoursey's Aunt & Uncle, Mike & Rita  
Flo Biehl's granddaughter, Amy Carr  
Brandon Sander, Mark Willis' brother-in-law  
Ruth Sullivan  
Heather Waite's co-worker, Ron  
Heather Waite's brother-in-law, Bill Boyer  
Ann Dickerson's nephew, Bryan Dickerson

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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.

## MCC LICENSE PLATES STILL AVAILABLE

If you missed getting a Merriam Christian Church license plate, there are plenty left---and they are still free!! See Francis and he'll fix you up.  
Thanks, Francis



## MEALS ON WHEELS

July 11: Glen & Dixie Wheaton  
July 18: Carole Prentice & Michelle Land

Watch for the next newsletter the week of July 22, 2017



## JOHNSON COUNTY FOOD MINISTRY

We prepared and served **275** servings of food on June 29th. Thanks to all who came and helped serve, and all of our cake bakers. It takes us all.

Carole P and Outreach Committee



## Calendar

Sunday - July 9  
8:30 Early Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
Tuesday - July 11  
7:00 Board Meeting  
Wednesday - July 12  
7:00 Bible Study  
Saturday - July 15  
8:30-3:00 DWM Regional Cabinet  
Sunday - July 16  
8:30 Early Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
Monday - July 17  
7:00 Sarah  
7:00 Scouts  
Tuesday - July 18  
12:30 Esther  
Wednesday - July 19  
7:00 Bible Study  
Thursday - July 20  
1:00 Our Gang  
Friday - July 21  
2:00 Newsletter Deadline  
Cub Scouts Lock-In (Through Saturday AM)

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Update on Nona & Dallas Davis  
Many have ask about Dallas and Nona Davis. Nona recently had a bout with cancer, was in the hospital for a few weeks, and is now recovering in a rehab facility. She expects to return home "in a couple weeks" with full recovery. Their daughter Dawn from Oklahoma, is here to help her for the summer. Dallas remains in a care facility in Olathe. You may send mail/cards to them at their home address: 14232 W. 151st Terr., #500, Olathe, KS 66062. They would love to hear from you.



Nona ask all about the church family at Merriam Christian. Please keep Nona and Dallas in your prayers.

# NEW

## NEW MEMBER

On May 28, 2017, Beverly McDonald joined Merriam Christian Church. Please add this to your church directory:

10008 W. 56th Terr.  
Merriam, KS 66203  
913-257-6282

We offer Bev our right hand of fellowship.