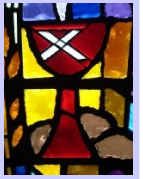


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Colossians 3:12-17
12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Dear Friends,
Regardless of how you voted, this past week has been trying and tense. It has been worrisome and concerning. I don't know about you, but I am exhausted. After months and months of speeches, rallies, advertisements, texts and phone calls, flyers in the mail, radio spots and TV interviews, we finally got to count the votes. As I write this, we are still waiting on the final word about who won.

Maybe we will know by the time you read this, or maybe we are in for more days/weeks? of legal challenges and court decisions to find out the final answer.

This election didn't bring out the best in us. Both sides are distrusting and wary of the other side. No longer do we simply disagree on policies or debate possible compromises. No, now we hate each other, despise each other, and write each other off as hopelessly stupid. And even though the election may be over, these acrimonious feelings are not simply slipping away. They continue to simmer and fester as we must now figure out how to move forward from here.

At this moment, Paul's words to the church in Colossae seem appropriate. In them Paul is exhorting the church in how to live together as Christians - how to put up with each other, how to get along, how to continue to focus on being disciples of Jesus Christ. "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another, forgive each other, and above all, clothe yourselves with love. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

I don't know what the next few days or weeks will hold. As for me, I am going to choose to follow Paul's advice. I hope you will too. God bless you, and God Bless our country.

In Christ,
Mark

November Committee and Board Meetings Moved Back One Week

This month, due to the national election having been on November 3rd, committee night is being moved to Tuesday November 10th and our Board meeting to November 17th.

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies, it's me again.
With a report.

Well, as I write this, it is almost over. I don't mean the virus. Hopefully, we can get back to "normal" soon.

My report is that we have had some income, \$60.00, but no expenses yet. We do usually send money to one of several NBA Homes in Oct. So I will get with our executive officers and pick one from the list. Any one wishing to donate, can see me in Church.

That's all folks.

God Bless you all.
Joyce Luke, Treasurer
Service Chair

Please help us recognize the dedication and hard work of our staff through a contribution to this year's Christmas Bonus. Gifts should be turned into the Treasurer through the offering plate with **"STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUS"** written on the envelope. **November 29th is the last Sunday to contribute.**

Thank You

CHIEFS BLOOD DRIVE

We will have our
Blood Drive
Monday,
Nov. 30th,
3:00-7:00.

This time, *each donor will be given a beautiful Chiefs red long-sleeved pullover.*

If you are willing and able to donate,
Please call me at
913-631-0699
so I can put you down for an appointment.

Of course,
The Community Blood Center is following all of the CDC's COVID-19 Precautionary guidelines.

Pat Reed,
Blood Drive Chairman



Pastor Mark's Message

In case you missed any of Pastor Mark's messages sent by email, here are the last two weeks!

INCLUDES Children's Message!

October 25, "Here We Go Again"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KgUv8V7PKE>

Nov. 1, "A Life Worthy of God"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKrfa6Ej7do>

Children's Worship and Wonder by
Christina Stokes

Oct. 25 2020 "Jonah and
the BIG Fish"



[https://
www.youtube.com/watch?
v=TCVuyKwZxOs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCVuyKwZxOs)

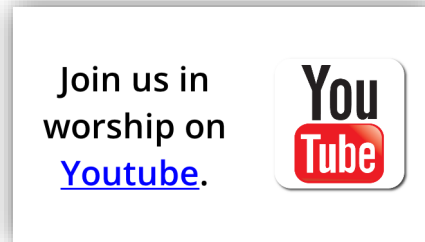


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DON'T FORGET TO SHARE study sessions and Sunday Services with someone.



Wear Your Mask (They are not just for Halloween!)

Kids Pay Taxes Too?



Pastor Mark's
Prayerful Meditation
mid-week video (11/4)

Take a few minutes, place your day on pause and dwell in God's word. Click on the image here.

This week's meditation comes from Psalm 111



Thank You!

While we were unable to be there each hour for the prayers on Election Day, we knew that you and the disciples congregation were with us. You were there with

your support, your love and your strength to hold us up.

On Wednesday morning, as we listened to the election night communion service, we were fueled for the continuing hours that will be needed at the Johnson County Election offices to get this election certified & closed. Whatever the days ahead brings, we are ready!

Thank you & God Bless
Jackie & Pam

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

- Write a check.
- <http://www.easytithe.com/merriamcc>
- Text giving: 913-444-6397

Calendar

Sunday - Nov. 8th

10:00 Worship, Serving Team 2
Liturgist Susan Neil

Sunday - Nov. 15th

10:00 Worship, Serving Team 3
Liturgist Jennifer Spiegel

Thursday- Nov. 19th—Newsletter article submission deadline

Sunday - Nov. 22th

10:00 Worship, Serving Team 4
Liturgist Pat Reed

Sunday - Nov. 29th

10:00 Worship, Serving Team 4
Liturgist Hanging of the Greens

Here he is! Champion of the west Des Moines tournament, AGAIN!



Look at that trophy! Got a nice medal too!

All of us at MCC are so very happy for you!

Well done Terrence, congratulations!



Lord, please be with us today and through these next days, or weeks, as we as a country try to move forward with our decisions. We know you hear our prayers

and are with us, but many are worried, scared, anxious, and we need your peace and love today to strengthen us and heal us. Be with us now we pray, be with our communities, and especially be with our country.

Those Needing Prayers

- **Betty Cline** is home from rehab. Keep her in your prayers as she transitions back home.

Requests for Family and Friends:

- **Carole Prentice's brother Steve** is in the latter stages of Parkinson's
- **Joyce Luke's grandson Luke** is diagnosed with Covid, but is having no symptoms so far.
- **Pam Boyd's friend Chris Moreno** diagnosed with brain tumor, has three small children at home.
- **Jim Owen's sister Betty Cummings** could use prayers.
- **Jeanne Brandmeyer's grandson Michael** lost his best friend, who was killed in a case of mistaken identity.
- **Lyn Beaver's daughter Mary** and **son-in-law Kyle** recently moved back to KC (Praise!), but could use prayers as they are having trouble selling their apartment in Chicago.
- **Paul and Alice Goff's daughter Lyn** had her surgery postponed on her ankle/foot.
- **Jan Pankey's nephew Alvis Shelton** was diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **Jan Pankey's nephew Tyler Pankey** had part of his colon removed. He has been in the hospital for three weeks and they are still trying to figure out what is wrong. He and his wife have 10 kids at home.
- **Lakeview, where several of our members** reside, has a recent outbreak of **Covid**. Nineteen residents and six staff have tested positive recently, all within the care center. Please pray for this senior community.
- The **family of Betty Gulick**, who passed away. Pastor Mark performed the service.
- **Justin and Clarisse Lee** were married by Pastor Mark this past weekend. Please pray for them as they begin their journey together as husband and wife.
- **Joyce Campbell's son Leigh** could use prayers.
- As cases rise, and anxiousness and worry set in, we pray for all those who are sick, or are afraid they will get sick. We pray for all those without adequate health insurance who live in fear of injury or disease. We pray

for all those on the front lines, healthcare professionals putting their lives at risk to serve. We pray for all the scientists working to find answers and a vaccine. May God's healing spirit be upon our world during this pandemic.

- For all those whose employment is being affected, changed, and hampered by the current crisis. Let them not walk alone in this scary time, but let them feel the prayers and support of the great cloud of witnesses surrounding them as they traverse this difficult path.
- For our churches. Help us to find our way forward to be the serving living embodiment of the Body of Christ in difficult and trying times.

PRAISE

- **Jeanne Brandmeyer** announced there is a new niece, **Grace**, in her family! Mother and baby are doing well.
- **Connie Hennigh's great grandson Benny Lindley**.

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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.





It's Time for our Annual Cornucopia!

We are feeding 30 families from Merriam-Park and Crestview Elementary Schools for Thanksgiving this year. These are families the schools identified as needing some extra help at this time of year, who aren't being aided by

other organizations. We provide a box of food and a ham for their Thanksgiving meal. We will collect donations of food items or donations to Make-a-Difference through Nov. 22.

Nov 8 - Spaghetti and Sauce

Nov 15 - Cereal, Hot or Cold

Nov 22 - BOXED Potatoes (Mashed, scalloped, etc.) No fresh potatoes please

Any other non-perishables you would like to donate are also welcomed. Folks are welcomed and encouraged to donate to Make-a-Difference as well, as we use those funds to purchase extra food we need. If you would like to help with this vital ministry, talk to Carole Prentice and the Outreach Committee.
