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## Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

On November 17th we, you and I, will celebrate Ten Years in Ministry together. I was called as your pastor on November 17, 2009. In my first Sunday in the pulpit I preached from Micah 6 - what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. I believed then, as I do now, that this simple command from this minor prophet was an instructional manual for how to be a follower of Christ in this day and age. Sometimes it can get confusing. We can get lost in details and day-to-day operations, and we lose sight of our mission, or our core ministry. When I started our relationship as pastor and congregation, I chose this passage for a reason. I believe we are called to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. In our different ministries and missions, this underlying principle should shine through.

It has been ten years together - are you still striving for this goal? What justice did you do this week? Were you kind, even when it wasn't easy to be so? Did you walk humbly this week, opening your eyes and heart to God's spirit? This is what God desires of us. This simple, straightforward instruction. Embrace this today as we did ten years ago. Make this verse our guiding light as we seek to be God's church in our community and world for another ten years

together.

God Bless,  
Mark

### HISTORY OF THE DOC

I am considering putting on a class in January on the basics of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This class would explore our history, theology and fundamental pieces of what makes us, us, including local history of this church.

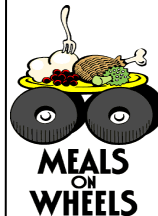
Question #1 - Does this interest you at all?

Question #2 - And IF it interests you - what evening or time would be best to offer it so you could attend?

In the past I have done Sunday mornings at 9:30, or a weekday evening around 6. If you would come, when would make it easiest?

Let Mark know - Thanks!

Watch for the next Newsletter the week of November 23, 2019. Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.



### MEALS ON WHEELS

November 12: Rick Ferguson &  
Susan Neill  
November 19: Pam Boyd

### ONE WORSHIP SUNDAYS

December 1 - Hanging of the Greens  
December 29th - Holidays

**NOTE:** On December 22nd we will have our regular services at their regular times.



## “THE BREAD OF LIFE”

The word “CHURCH” in the Bible refers to the Company of all believers, who are spiritually united by their relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. The Church isn’t just a local congregation; it includes all believers everywhere—even those who died and are now in Heaven. If you and I belong to Christ, we are part of this great invisible fellowship of believers across the ages. The Bible teaches us that “Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, of which He is the Savior” (Ephesians 5:23).

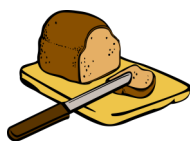
The Bible is God’s gift to you and me, but our fellow Christians are his Gift to us also. God has given to us each other. And one of the main tools God uses to shape us and make us more like Christ is our “FELLOWSHIP” with other Christians. In fact, unless we have active contact with other believers our spiritual lives will be stunted. Again, the Bible says, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). So, our fellowship with other believers is a Gift from God. So let it be that:

“The hour is coming, and now is,  
when the true worshippers will worship  
the Father in Spirit and Truth;  
for the Father is seeking such  
to worship Him.”  
John 4:23

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,  
forgiving one another,  
even as God in Christ forgave you.”  
Ephesians 4:32

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all  
wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in  
Psalms and hymns and Spiritual songs,  
Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”  
YahWeH - God: “HE WHO CAUSES EVERY-  
THING TO BE.”

Keep looking Up, but watch out for the pot holes!  
Love Ya,  
Rex & Irene



## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 14  
12:30 - 3:00 pm

Children will enjoy hearing Mark tell them the Christmas story and making ornaments to hang on the Church tree, as well as, their home tree.

Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be served to all the special kiddos. All children of the church or MCC member relatives are welcome to participate. (sign-up sheet is located outside the Church Office). Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, December 1st. We’re looking forward to sharing holiday joy with the children.

MCC Elves



### CORNUCOPIA COLLECTIONS COMING SOON!

We are collecting non-perishable food items to feed families from Merriam-Park and Crestview Elementary Schools for our annual Thanksgiving Cornucopia.

We will be collecting food from  
October 6th through November 17th.



Here is what we are collecting each Sunday:

Nov 10 - Cereal, Hot or Cold

Nov 17 - Potatoes - Boxed (Mashed, scalloped, etc)

Any other non-perishables you would like to donate are also welcome. Folks are welcome and encouraged to donate to Make-a-Difference as well. 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.

# DWM NEWS

## ATTENTION SHOPPERS

Last call for hats and gloves and books for the JCCB. Thanks to all who helped decorate our "tree". Now our service for Nov. and Dec. is groceries as listed in the Bulletin and Newsletter. Shop for bargains, or give some money to Carole Prentice. Either way, thank you for your support.

Plan to attend our "party" on Dec. 5th. All ladies of the church are invited.

Joyce Luke  
Treasure/Service



## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 5th - 12 noon

Ladies of MCC will soon be receiving a personal invitation to attend our holiday potluck luncheon on Thursday, December 5th at noon.

In addition to a delicious lunch, we're planning games, gift exchange, music and a door prize. Save the date, and watch for your invitation with all the details.



## OUR GANG CLUB

Next Meeting  
November 21st  
1:00-3:00



## STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUSES

If you would like to contribute to the Staff bonuses for Christmas this year, gifts should be turned into the Treasurer, through the offering, clearly noted as "Staff Christmas Bonus".

December 1st is the last Sunday to contribute to Christmas Bonuses.  
Thank you!

# Thank You!

Once again, thanks to all who donated blood last Monday, the 4th. Twenty-nine people showed up to donate, and twenty-one Units were collected.

The Community Blood Center and myself are very grateful to all of you.

Pat Reed  
Chairman



## DWM

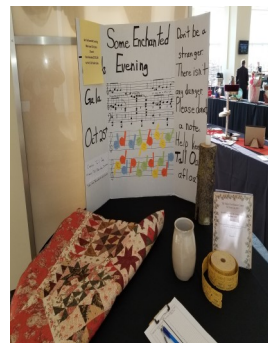
I would like to thank Jackie and her crew for hosting the Regional DWM on short notice. You did a wonderful job with the decorations and food. I really appreciated the effort of setting up and cleaning up! Merriam is always hospitable, and you definitely came through!

Thanks,  
Susie Arnold  
Regional Evening Vice President



We took the poster to the Tall Oaks Gala with the notice that the congregation donated \$355 to Tall Oaks. Thanks to Joan Tarwater and everyone else for supporting the camp.

Emily Hooker



## **MUSIC PROGRAM** **COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH** **6101 NALL, MISSION, KS.**

*The William Baker Festival Singers present the  
22nd Annual*

*Thanksgiving Benefit Concert*

*For Human Need*

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

*7:30 p.m. in the Countryside Sanctuary*

*Admission is FREE*

*Free Will Donations Accepted*

*All are welcome to attend.*





# Prayer List



**Those Needing Prayers:** Joe Myers, Opal Seals, Anita Collins, Jim Walker, Don & Jo Rudkin, Linda Ruffin, Dorothy Kroh, Francis Shafer

## Requests for Family and Friends:

Patrick Mahomes  
Donna McEndree's granddaughter, Jessica Grote  
Jeanne Brandmeyer's friend Cory  
Donna Rankin's brother, Jerry  
The school children hit by the car recently  
Pat Reed's nephew, Maverick  
Rex & Irene's Heavin's son, Ernie  
Bruce Roach's nephew, Ethan Nickel  
Susie Arnold's friend, Chris Pieschl

## Praises:

Andrea & Joshua Alejos on their marriage  
Sarah & Austin Findley on their marriage  
Mason & Merissa Godding on their marriage  
Terrance Bryant's football team the Outlaws  
Beverly McDonald surprise visit & dinner with her best friend  
Ryan & Danielle Williamson on their wedding  
Donna Ward turned 90, new great granddaughter, Reese Grace  
Donna Rankin has new great granddaughter, Rose  
Nancy Hines granddaughter, Gracie, got married  
Taylor & Gabriella McLeland on their marriage  
Joyce Luke's daughter, Barbara Kelly, passed Boards for her Master's Degree in Nursing  
Lee Kroh inducted into the Santa Fe Trail Hall of same as President Harry Truman

## Those in Grief:

Barry Davis' niece, Rachel & her mother Charmin on the passing of Rachel's brother.  
Family of Ouida Doss on her passing

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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.

## FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019

Revenues - \$19,053.00  
Expenses - \$12,193.00

## Calendar

Sunday - November 10

8:30 Early Service  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship

Monday - November 11

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB  
2:30-4:00 Regional Immunity to Change-LIB

Tuesday - November 12

7:00 Board Meeting

Thursday - November 14

4:45-5:45 DS Bus Lines-CH

Friday - November 15

12:00 November Calendar Deadline  
9:15-10:15 DS Bus Lines-CH  
12:30-1:30 DS Bus Lines-Ch

Saturday - November 16

11:00-3:00 In Place-CH

Sunday - November 17

8:30 Early Service  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship

Monday - November 18

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB  
6:30 Sarah

Tuesday - November 19

12:30 Esther

Thursday - November 21

1:00-3:00 Our Gang

Friday - November 22

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

## CELEBRATION

We have been lucky enough to have had Mark Willis as our Pastor for 10 years.



The date of his anniversary is November 17th, and we are celebrating with a BBQ lunch after church. There will be a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts, and we will have the opportunity to give a monetary donation for him. We are asking for a cash donation given to either Jon Beaver who is the PRC Chair or Carole Prentice, Board Chair.

I know we will all want to show our appreciation for 10 great years. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Jon Beaver and Carole Prentice