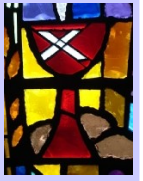


# MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



Dear Friends,  
October is here and with it comes our Annual Congregational Meeting on Oct. 25th after worship. At this annual gathering of our membership, we review and vote on the 2021 Budget for the church, and new Elders and Deacons who will begin serving a three-year-term Jan. 1, 2021. In preparation for this meeting, after our Board reviews and votes on the proposed budget, it will be sent to all of you for your inspection. Along with the budget and new slate of church officers, we also send each of your families a Pledge Card.

This Pledge Card is a chance for you to commit your financial support to Merriam Christian Church for the upcoming year. This pledge helps us to assess and evaluate where we can use resources for ministry and mission. The information you send in is confidential and is only seen by our

Treasurer and Financial Secretary. But it is vital to determining if we can move forward with our new budget and continue to do outreach and service in our community.

I strongly encourage each of you to take some time with this Pledge Card and consider, prayerfully, what God is guiding you to give in this next year. I know this has been a difficult year, and I know many of us are trepidatious about what may come in the future. Many are worried about finances and job losses and it is a stressful thing to consider our giving in this climate. But each of us is called to respond to God's providence in our lives with thankful stewardship of what God has given us. Each of us is called upon to bring our offerings before God in response to God's grace. Prayerfully consider your tithe, and consider making a commitment for what you will give in 2021.

God Bless,  
Mark

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Rev. Mark Willis  
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Organist and Pianist  
Emily Yeh

Secretary  
Open

### SERVICES: SUNDAYS:

8:30 a.m. Suspended  
10:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m. Suspended  
SUNDAY SCHOOL:  
9:00 a.m.

9401 Johnson Dr.  
Merriam, KS 66203

(913) 432-2390 &  
(913) 432-5676

### E-mail

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[www.merriamcc.org](http://www.merriamcc.org)

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**November Committee  
and  
Board Meetings  
Moved Back One Week**

In November, due to the national election on November 3rd, we will move our **committee night to Tuesday November 10th** and our **Board meeting to November 17th.**

**Summer Snackpacks**

*Thank you!*



to everyone who donated food, contributed to the Make-a-Difference fund, packed or delivered Snackpacks this season. With your donations we were able to provide food for 6 families, with 19 children and 34 people overall at Merriam Park Elementary. Harvesters just let us know late this week that they will be starting back up this Wednesday with deliveries of their packages of food which we will deliver to the school each week for the children's weekend meals.



Click the image to learn more on how to get involved in the community

**Annual  
Congregation  
Meeting NOW  
October 25th**

**The Annual  
Congregational Meeting  
has been moved to  
Sunday October 25th  
after the worship service.**

All members are encouraged to stay to vote on the 2021 Budget and new Elders and Deacons to start serving in 2021.



**MEALSONWHEELS**

**Our teams are delivering  
Meals On Wheels again  
but  
WE FIND OURSELVES IN  
NEED OF  
ADDITIONAL DRIVERS**

**Please contact Carole Prentice  
if you would like to be a part  
of this important ministry.**

## 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!*

Sept. 27, "The Good Child"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Srvi98Y2ZRw>

Oct. 4, "Table for One"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvJSVqVNEC8>

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### Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes

Sept. 28, 2020 "The Exodus and the Red Sea"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BN0I5t-E00>



October 4th "Judges to Kings"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAMNp57Q338>



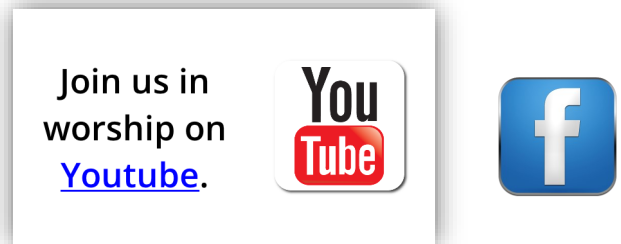
Click the image to get involved in the life of the church

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Watch for our next Newsletter on September Oct 26, 2020. *Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.*

## MCC VIDEO LIBRARY

For all of Mark's video sermon messages and children messages & Christina's Worship and Wonder videos please click this button



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

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## DWM NEWS

The next Regional Evening DWM gathering will be held October 23rd, 6:30 pm, at Countryside Christian Church.

Rev. Dr. Roger Beason, will speak on the "Apocrypha Writings".

A sign up sheet is in the lobby. The event is open to everyone.

You can also watch online. [www.csidechristian.org.worship](http://www.csidechristian.org.worship). Please join us.

Pastor Mark's  
***Prayerful Meditation***  
*mid-week video (10/7)*

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 4



***Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings***



**Write a check.** You can mail your check to the church or DROP-IT in our mail box.

Have funds **automatically withdrawn** from your bank check or savings account or one-time special donations can be made. Go to:

<http://www.easytithe.com/merriamcc> to set up your account.

Or go to the church website and click on the new giving buttons

**Text giving:** 913-444-6397 through your **smart phones**

**Calendar**

**Sunday- October 11**

10:00 Worship, **Serving Team 2**  
Liturgist **Joyce Luke**

**Sunday - October 18**

10:00 Worship, **Serving Team 3**  
Liturgist **Jim Owens**

**Thursday - October 22**

NOON Newsletter Deadline

**Sunday - October 25**

10:00 Worship, **Serving Team 4**  
Liturgist **Bruce Roach**

A banner for "OUTDOOR WORSHIP" featuring a background of green grass and a blue sky. The text "OUTDOOR WORSHIP" is in large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, on a green background, is the text "SUN. OCTOBER 18th at 10:00am\*" in white, bold font. Further down, also on the green background, is "Join us following the service" in white font. At the bottom, still on the green background, is "For Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Fellowship and Fun!" in white font. A note at the very bottom says "\*weather permitting" in white font.

**OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP**

**SUN. OCTOBER 18th  
at 10:00am\***

**Join us  
following the  
service**

**For  
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs  
Fellowship and Fun!**

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As Covid numbers rise, we pray for all those who are sick, for their families, and for the healthcare professionals shepherding them through this difficult disease. We pray for healing, for comfort, and for strength as we work together to overcome this moment.

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## Those Needing Prayers

- **Walt Bohn** had melanoma surgery on his hands and is recovering.
- **Leroy Wisner** had a procedure done on his kidneys and is back at Brookedale recovering.
- **Betty Cline** continues to rehab her broken leg at Lakeview.

## Requests for Family and Friends:

- **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.
- **Bruce Roach's and his family on the passing of his grandmother.**
- **Connie Hennigh's son-in-law's cousin was diagnosed with cancer.**
- **Sylvia Martin, former member, passed away.**
- **Maria Vega, our nursery attendant,** and her children were diagnosed with COVID. Her children are doing better but Maria continues to struggle.
- **Donna Rankin's niece Julie Moon** has been diagnosed with Covid.
- **Bev McDonald's cousin Lou Ann has been diagnosed with leukemia.**
- **Jan Pankey's nephew Alvis Shelton** was diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **Jan Pankey's nephew Tyler Pankey** was diagnosed with Covid.
- **Linda Railsback's sister, Ann,** has been suffering with shingles for seven weeks now and is in a lot of pain. Please keep Ann in your prayers.
- Heather Waite asked for prayers for her niece, **Natalie Harmen. Update, Natalie is doing better, recovering.**
- **Heather Waite and her family** on the passing of Heather's uncle Junior Waite.
- **Gene Reifirst,** a former member, recently passed away recently. Please keep Penny and the Reifirst family in your prayers.

- **For our President, First lady, and their staffs as they deal with positive Covid diagnoses. And for all those suffering with this disease, that they receive the medical care they need.**
- **We pray for all peace, understanding, and compassion in our nation during this election season.** May we not see one another as enemies and adversaries, but as brothers and sisters, united in passion to make our country better even as we are separated by ideologies. May we remember to love our neighbor and our enemy alike, and approach these next few weeks with humility, patience, and kindness to serve one another.
- **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 as they navigate this new normal.** Help us to find our way forward to be the serving living embodiment of the Body of Christ.

### PRAISE

- **Dorothy Kroh's grandson, Phillip, started seminary.**

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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.**



hello  
October

**Join us on October 18th  
following the  
Outside Service\*  
For  
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs  
Fellowship and Fun!**

**\*weather permitting**

**CURBSIDE or TABLE SERVICE**

(in the church parking lot with appropriate social distancing)

**Love Offering will be accepted**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED—Sign-up sheet is outside the office**

**Or call Allen Watts**

**913-634-8437**



**Elders Helping Elders**

**Oct 25, 2020**

**5:00 PM Central Time**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/99482503727?pwd=dVduUFBidmNNOWdZdVNwMHlrSTZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 994 8250 3727

Passcode: 217476

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aEI6eaPfr>



## ***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 from October 18 through November 22.

**Oct 18** - Canned Soup and Crackers

**Oct 25** - Peanut Butter and Jelly

**Nov 1** - Canned Veggies and Canned Fruit

**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.

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In our last newsletter we shared that we had a resident [Lepidopterist](#). Have you guessed who it is? It is Christina Stokes. Here are some more pictures of the beautiful butterflies Christina has been caring for and seeing through their extraordinary transformation!



**BE A PART OF A SPECIAL EVENT FOR DOROTHY KROH !!**

**THIS IS A SECRET, A SURPRISE !**

**DO NOT SHARE WITH DOROTHY!**

**BRIAN KROH AND FAMILY ARE PUTTING TO GETHER A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR DOROTHY. THEY ARE INVITING US TO PARTICIPATE. READ THE DETAILS BELOW.**



**A SECRET PRESENT**  
for Dorothy Kroh's 90th Birthday

*c/o Brian Kroh  
132 Devonwood Way  
Vero Beach, Florida 32963*

Dear Friends & Acquaintances of Dorothy Kroh,

**Question:** How do you celebrate a 90th Birthday with social distancing?

**Answer:** See below:

The sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy Kroh are asking you to send a birthday card to Dorothy (aka Mom and Grandma) recognizing her 90th Birthday on November 18, 2020.

Dorothy is living at Sunrise in Lenexa. Sunrise has done a terrific job of keeping residents COVID-19 free at the expense of social interaction within the facility and eliminating outside visitors. Just recently they started to allow up to two family members to visit residents on the porch for 30 minutes per week with strict temperature checks and six feet of separation (i.e. no hugs or kisses).

To have some level of celebration and connection, we know Dorothy (Mom and Grandma) will enjoy greetings from the people in her life. If you are willing, please put a birthday card in a separate envelope and mail it to:

Brian Kroh  
132 Devonwood Way  
Vero Beach, FL. 32963

The cards will be gathered, boxed and wrapped as a birthday present. The present (box of cards) will be given to Dorothy on November 18.

Thank you for helping with the celebration!

On behalf of Roger, Sandy, Phil, Susan (soon to be O'Brien), Brian, Anne, Lauren (Fox), Katie (Mallery) and Megan (Sweat) Kroh,

Brian  
(772)532-4889 mobile  
Kroh@bellsouth.net

