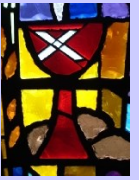


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SERVICES: **SUNDAYS:**

8:30 a.m. Suspended
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IN-PERSON & ONLINE
10:45 a.m. Suspended

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:00 a.m.
In-person & On-Line

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Dear Friends,
What a week we
have in store! We
start this Saturday
with our Easter Egg
Hunt for kids at

10AM. Thank you to Membership
for organizing this event again,
and for all who donated candy for
eggs. Come out and check out the
kids'; smiles and joy this Satur-
day.

Then we welcome ReZound!
Handbell choir Saturday night AT
7pm. We are excited to finally
make this event happen. We orig-
inally had them scheduled in the
spring of 2020, but things got
postponed! Finally they are here
to bring 250 bells, 15 performers,
drums, and great music to the
community. **INVITE YOUR FAM-
ILY AND FRIENDS AND MAKE
PLANS TO ATTEND!**

Then we gather for worship on
Palm/Passion Sunday. This Sun-
day is the start of Holy Week and
ushers us into the roller coaster
of emotions from the triumph of
Palm Sunday to the pain of Good
Friday. We celebrate Jesus; tri-
umphant entry into Jerusa-
lem but we know the cross, the
crucifixion, and the grave are
waiting before the week is out.
Join in worship this Sunday at
10AM, online or on-site as we
start Holy Week together.

Mid-week, Thursday, April 14th,
we will pause to break bread to-
gether with Maundy-Thursday at
6PM. This communion-centered

service focuses our attention on
the Lord's Supper, a central
piece of Disciples' theology.
Make plans to come share bread
and cup together as followers of
Jesus.

And then at last, Easter morn-
ing! We gather at 10AM April
17th, on-site and online, to cele-
brate God's grace and salvation
together as the stone is rolled
away and (spoiler alert!) the
tomb is found empty! Bring your
family and friends to celebrate
together on Easter.

Whew!! That is quite a week.
These are ample opportunities
to invite others to hear this
blessed message of joy and sal-
vation in so many different
ways. I hope this week is a
blessed one for you, and I hope
God's grace and love are abun-
dant as we complete our Lenten
journey and emerge victorious
with Christ.

God Bless!

Mark



Pastor Mark's Message

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



March 27th, ["You Are Doing It Wrong"](#)

April 3rd, ["A Breaking Point"](#)

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

This newsletter will reach some of you before our Sat. April 9, Rebound Handbell Concert at 7:00 PM. Hope to see all of you there. It should be great. Those without computers will see this too late. Hopefully, you knew and will have attended the concert.

Our current balance is \$2,347.08. We are feeding the handbell ringers, but I haven't received any receipts at this time. Our April third Thursday meeting should happen as the weather should be spring like. April showers bring May flowers.

Continue saving pill bottles, can tabs, and old eyeglasses. Unleashed Pet Rescue was extremely grateful when I delivered the latest bag full last week. Don't forget the Least Coin. Pennies from Heaven.

That's all folks.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

EASTER LILIES!



Thank you to everyone who ordered an Easter Lily this year. We had 25 lilies ordered! If you haven't paid, please send payment to Merriam Christian Church, the cost is \$13 per lily. Please indicate "Lilies" on the envelope or in the memo line, thanks!

Payment should be in by Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. The lilies will be out for Easter worship on April 17th, you may take your lily(ies) home after that service that day. Thanks!

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes



March 27th, ["Jesus and Zacchaeus"](#)

April 3rd, ["Jesus The King"](#)



In-Person Worship is Sundays at 10AM. Online worship WILL continue for those who wish to stay home and participate. Masks are required while inside the building. Please be in prayer that all who attend are safe.

Those Needing Prayer:

Betty Bohn broke bones in her foot at home and will meet with an orthopedic doctor this week to discuss surgery.

Nick Hennigh had cataract surgery on one eye and is scheduled to have it on his other eye on April 14th.

Ruth Sullivan passed away. Her services were on April 4th. Please pray for Ruth's family and friends during this time of grief.

Paul Jorgenson's family has called in hospice for him.

The family of **Donna Ward** on her passing. A celebration of life will be held on June 11, 2022, at 3:00 pm in Gezer Park, 13251 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS.

Connie Harshner at the Shawnee Parc Rehab facility. This is at 75th & Antioch. Their phone is 913-401-3800. Connie is in Rm. 101.

Tammy Ramsey as she continues her radiation and chemo treatments for breast cancer.

Requests for Family and Friends:

Pam Boyd's friend Ronnie Metsker, had a heart transplant.

Alice Goff's neighbor's son, Mark Passaro had a lung transplant some years ago but has now gone into remission.

Bob Pape mentioned his friend and former Merriam Council-Member Gayle Stephens, passed away. Please lift her family as they grieve.

Jim Owen's friend Howard Gilbert died in a car accident. Please lift his family and friends as they grieve.

Joyce Luke's grandson graduated from KCK

Police Department training.

Jim Owen's sister Margaret passed away, they were very close. Please lift Jim and his family during this time of grief.

Heather Waite's sister Denise Boyer, has moved to rehab after her stay in the hospital and continues to work with her doctors on her treatment.

We did a memorial service for **Linda Railsback's brother John Railsback** last Saturday. Please lift the Railsback family as they grieve.

Anita Minshew's daughter-in-law Gerlyn is scheduled for surgery for her Parkinson's Disease.

Jan Pankey's nephew Tyler Pankey, as he continues to heal from an aneurysm.

Pastor Mark performed a wedding service for **Pamela and Bob Raber**. Please pray for them as they begin their journey as husband and wife.

The **families of Roger Strutton, Gloria Andrews, Lewis Goodson, Martha Morrish**, who all passed recently. Pastor Mark performed these services. Please pray for their families as they grieve.

The People of Ukraine. Pray for their safety, pray for their deliverance, and pray for peace.





TONIGHT

Merriam Christian Church
9401 Johnson Drive, Merriam, KS
Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

A note from Mike Nichols



YouVersion Bible App has a verse of the day as well as a lot of Bible studies and devotionals. It even allows you to choose the version of the Bible you prefer. I think it's great!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our Sunday School class meets from 9:00 -9:45 each Sunday. Following our class time we have a 15 minute break to prepare for Morning Worship at 10:00. We have a nice group and if you haven't started back now would be a good time. Hopefully you will also find this a good support group in many areas.



Free Hot Soup

MCC Outreach has joined forces with the Free Hot Soup organization to help our homeless population. We are working with Free Hot Soup Organization again to collect items for homeless.

They need bottled water for the month of April.

Bring them any Sunday this month and place them in the shopping carts. If you have any questions, reach out to Pam Boyd.

MOW

April 12. Rick Ferguson & Susan Neil
April 19 Pam Boyd & Jan Pankey
April 26 Mark Willis & Rick Ferguson

Backsnacks

April 11 Rick Ferguson
April 18 Carole Prentice
April 25 Jonathan Beaver

Next month host for coffee hour is House & Grounds

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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

Join us in
worship on
[Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/merriamcc).



**DON'T FORGET TO SHARE services &
study sessions with family, friends and
neighbors**

