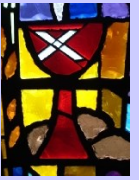


MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Wait For the Lord—A Daily Devotional

By [Althea Debrule](#)

"Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." ([Psalm 27:14 NLT](#))

The New Living Translation of the Holy Bible references the phrase, "wait for the Lord" 24 times. The word, "patiently," usually follows after "wait" or is included in the sentence. This daily devotional ponders how difficult it is sometimes to wait for God to act on our behalf.

Is it Possible to Wait Patiently? - Waiting for many of us can be very stressful, especially when we desire immediate results. Most of us want answers, and we want them now! We don't like long periods of slow-paced activities where nothing gets done except killing time with meaningless tasks. But, The Lord calls us to wait patiently with no strings attached, and this can seem unreasonable and demanding. Even so, it is possible to wait for The Lord; but you can't do it by yourself.

Examine your Waiting Habits—Take a look at your "waiting habits." Do you squirm and fret when asked to wait in line or for a few weeks to receive a much-anticipated item? Are you impatient in traffic and indulge your frustration by blowing the horn or shouting?

Sometimes patience is merely the attitude we have while waiting. If we are fearful, angry, or fretful, then we are not acting patiently. The Bible is full of patient people and a few who were not. There are lessons we can learn from their behavior when we encounter trouble or unexpected delays. Our job is to wait for God with faith, expectancy, and peace; and watch as God Himself enters that fiery trial with us and frees us from harm.

Does this daily devotional message make you think about the times you've acted impatiently? Review your "waiting" habits, and then ask God to show you how to wait for Him.

Dear Father, I have exhausted my strength, trying to wait for You by myself. Show me how to stay calm and not jump to act until You let me know when it's the proper time to move.

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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

For August, September & October 2022

August 28, 2022 †	Anita Collins
September 4, 2022 †	Nanette Ferguson
September 11, 2022 †	Pat Reed
September 18, 2022 †	Joyce Luke
September 25, 2022 †	Heather Waite
October 2, 2022 †	Bob Pape
October 9, 2022 †	Emily Hooker
October 16, 2022 †	Wayne Hooker
October 23, 2022 †	Carole Prentice
October 30, 2022 †	Susan Neill

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

There were nine of us at the August Third Thursday meeting and we enjoyed the final session on keeping our mouths shut. That is hard for some of us, but we will try. Next month, we will start a new study "Forgiving What You Can't Forget". Please join us in the library on the Third Thursday at 1:00 pm. I guarantee you will have a good time.

We started August with \$2,210.08, added income of \$26.00, and spent \$50.00 on our 3rd of 5 payments to the Disciples Mission Fund. Currently, our balance is \$2,186.08.

Believe it or not, but Christmas is coming up. We need to start collecting Hats/Gloves/Books for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. I think we will be doing the Christmas Cards for the Military again this year. Look forward to signing your name repeatedly on many cards. LOL

The next meeting of the Area Evening DWM will be on Sept. 22, at Hillcrest Christian Church, 11411 S. Quivira Rd., OP, Ks. We will need a head count for the meal and will get that count in mid Sept. If you want to go and need a ride, just contact me.

Last, but not least, keep saving those empty pill bottles, can tabs, and old eyeglasses. This is our easy service.

That's all folks.

Joyce A. Luke
Treasurer/Service



Those Needing Prayer:

Marilyn Near has Covid and is resting at home

The **Jim Owens** families in their time of grief and sorrow.

Requests for Family and Friends:

Heath Minshew who has a bad knee

Anita Minshew in her time of concern.

Nancy Hines for her continued recovery with her foot.

Katie Roach's grandfather **Jack Kirkpatrick** has several kidney stones remove through surgery last week.

Jewel, son of Marjorie Willard is undergoing next course of treatment for cancer

The people of Ukraine and other areas for their safety, and pray for peace. Please pray for our Nation.

Please pray for Merriam Christian Church in this time of transition. Pray for our Search Team in their search for a new Minister, and pray for our community of faith.



Free Hot Soup

Free Hot Soup serves our homeless community throughout the year. Water continues to be a high priority for these folks as the temperatures continue to sore this summer.

To offer a drink is a gracious act of hospitality. It places the other person ahead of one's self, and it is a simple and thoughtful expression of love.

Please donate and help show our love to this community in need.

Drop water off at the church, note on your offering through EasyTithe or on the memo line on your check.

We received a message from our contact "We are so grateful for any and all donations. Your water donations have been a lifesaver" They can continue to use water and in addition need Adult Bug Spray & Body Wipes. Some examples:



Prayer Requests

Please contact Pat Reed at 913-631-0699 with prayer requests.

Thanks!



Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

Present in Person: Mike Nichols, Greg Spiegel, Donna Rankin, Jennifer Spiegel, Bruce Roach, Joel Beaver, Dixie Wheaton, Carole Prentice, Pat Reed, Pam Boyd, Rick Ferguson, Joyce Luke, Michelle Land, Betty Bohn, Walt Bohn, Jeannette Howe, Irene Heaven, Emily Hooker, Bob Pape

Mike called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Mike-On Guard, love conquers all.

Minutes of 7/12/22 Board Meeting: Mike asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Betty Bohn; seconded by Emily Hooker; board vote, approved.

Current Financial Report: Mike asked the board to review the current financial report; Motion to accept report by Joyce Luke; seconded by Pam Boyd; board vote, approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-Debra McDaniel passed away July 9; she joined the church on January 9, 1994. Joyce Hutchison passed away July 19; she joined the church on April 10, 2005. Jim Owens passed away July 24; he and Deborah joined the church on January 27, 1963. Deborah passed away on November 30, 2016. Total membership is 139.

DWM: Pam-Ten ladies attended the July meeting. Joan Tarwater delivered pill bottles to Unleashed Pet Rescue along with some old sheets. They are very grateful for our help. The ladies voted to make a \$200 donation to Make a Difference for school supplies, socks & underwear. One lesson remains in the current study "Keep It Shut."

Elders: No report.

H&G: Joel-Purchased five new American flags. Bids are coming in for concrete and asphalt work, sealing of lot and painting new striping in parking lot. Once bids are finalized and recommendation determined, it will be sent by email to board members for approval.

Outreach: Pam-Committee did not meet on August 2 due to the conflicts with Johnson County Primary Election. Merriam Park Elementary School: I delivered two large boxes of school supplies today thanks to the generous donations from this congregation. Free Hot Soup: Water is needed! Our donations have slowed down but, the temperatures have continued to rise. We must show grace to these people who find themselves without permanent shelter. JoCo Food Ministry: We are scheduled to cook & park meals for 125 people on September 29. Center of Grace: Two large bags of children's socks & underwear will be delivered this week for distribution in Olathe. Meals on Wheels: We deliver every Tuesday. We could use more volunteers for this effect. It only takes 1-1.5 hours.

Membership: Jeannette-Committee met on August 2 and are working on the following events: Game Night-Game Night will be held August 20th and every 3rd Saturday from 6pm-8:30 pm. Bring a snack and a beverage to share and your favorite game. Open to all adults and children who like to play cards or board games. Church Cookout-Membership is planning a Church Cookout on September 25 after worship service at the Disciples Place. The church will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and beverage. Sign up list will be located at the front entrance for side dishes and desserts. We are looking for a volunteer to bring their grill and cook.

Memorial: No report.

Pastoral Relations: No report.

Worship: Dixie-No report; Pat-Estimate received for repairs to organ; will have Emily review the estimate report and discuss with her.

Media-Bruce-Committee met and discussed mission. Good ideas to build on going forward. Presently working on removing Pastor Mark's presence on website and Facebook. Training scheduled for outside digital sign.

Personnel: Greg-Nursery Attendant Caleigh will have another covid test and return next Sunday.

Trustees: No report.

Search: Carole-Lunch and discussion with congregation and Bill Rose-Heim went very well. Committee will be working on completing a ten page congregation profile. Meetings scheduled. Mike-Rev. Laura Guy is scheduled for every Sunday in August. She has trained as interim pastor, so may be someone we could consider.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mike-Would like to hold a Board retreat/strategy planning after church sometime in January 2023 for all committee members, in addition to Board members, to discuss ideas and goals for 2023.

Bruce-Ideas: Church Facebook page focusing on what we do, hold a training for online services for people needing assistance getting on YouTube; live streaming of special services; Greeter, such as a Deacon, at sanctuary door to greet and make sure everyone receives communion.

Mike-Need to form a 2023 nominating committee; need to work on 2023 budget.

Dixie-Need committees to provide budget for October congregational meeting.

Open Forum: None

Mike Nichols closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Walt Bohn; seconded by Pam Boyd.





HELP US HELP KIDS

We will once again partner with the Merriam Park Elementary School & Harvesters providing the weekly Back Snack Program deliveries during the 2022-23 school year. We anticipate deliveries starting in October. There will be a sign up sheet on the credenza outside the office for you to sign up to help pack. A calendar will be put together once we see how many of you will

HELP US HELP KIDS
Thank You
Pam Boyd



Kitchen Clean-up

The kitchen has been rearranged and several items are not needed or have been left for a long time. Check the table in Campbell Hall and see if you could use some of the items. If not claimed, they will be given to charity by September 7th.



WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR?



1 !	Our congregation's Board has consulted with our Regional/Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.	5 👤👤👤	Our Regional/Area Minister will send profiles of potential candidates to the Search Committee.
2 👤👤👤	We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are: Greg Spiegel Bruce Roach Michelle Land Bob Pape Carole Prentice.	6 👤👤👤	The Search Committee will create a short list of possible candidates.
3 👤👤👤	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.	7 👤👤👤	The Search Committee will interview candidates on the short list.
4 ✚	We need to complete a Congregational Profile, Position Description and Information packet for pastoral candidates.	8 👤	One Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board on _____.
		9 YES NO	Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate on _____.
		10 👤	We will join in worship with our Regional/Area Minister to install our new pastor.



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2022 Fellowship Coffee Hour

SEPTEMBER 4TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
OCTOBER 2ND	PASTORAL RELATIONS
NOVEMBER 6TH	MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH
JANUARY 8TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
FEBRUARY 5TH	PASTORAL RELATIONS



Games Night!!

Join us for Games Night beginning September 18th at 6:00—8:30 pm. We will meet in Campbell Hall. Bring a snack, beverage and favorite game. All adults and kids are welcome!

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.



Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, August 30th
Pat Reed & Christina Stokes

Tuesday, September 6th
Carole Prentice & Anita Collins

Tuesday, September 13th
Walt & Betty Bohn

Tuesday, September 20th
Rick Ferguson & Susan Neill

Tuesday, September 27th
Jan Pankey & Pam Boyd

Pick up meals at 10:30 am at the Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater



Join us in
worship on
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**DON'T FORGET TO SHARE services &
study sessions with family, friends and
neighbors**

