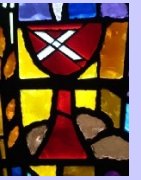


# MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**SERVICES:**  
**SUNDAYS:**

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

**IN-PERSON & ONLINE**  
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9:00 a.m.

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Good Morning!

It is an exciting time at Merriam Christian Church! Our guest minister for worship tomorrow is Don Wiltfong. Don attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon. While living in Eugene he met and married his wife of 46 years, Beth, with whom he has two children, and two grand-children. Beth is a CPA who retired this year.

After graduation, Don and Beth moved to Indianapolis so that Don could attend Christian Theological Seminary. Ordained in 1983, he served churches in Indiana and Missouri. He completed his career working in the Auxiliary Services department of the Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City, Missouri.

Since his retirement in 2018, Don spends his time volunteering in the music ministries of Lees Summit Christian Church, and looking after grandchildren.

Next Sunday, August 7th, we will hold our World Café with Bill Rose-Heim to begin our journey to select an interim-minister. Join us for lunch and this important meeting after worship.

Blessings,

Jeannette





## Video Library

### Worship Sermons

July 17th

["Good-bye, Farewell, Amen"](#)

July 24th

["Wild Things"](#)

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

July 17th

[The Good Shepard and the Lost Sheep](#)

July 24th

["How the Church Tells Time"](#)



## SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE

For July/August 2022

Liturgist

July 31, 2022	✝	Connie Hennigh
August 7, 2022	✝	Betty Bohn
August 14, 2022	✝	Jim Walker
August 21, 2022	✝	Susan Neill
August 28, 2022	✝	Anita Collins

## DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

The weather this week is a lot cooler. However, it was hot, hot, hot on our Third Thursday meeting. That did not keep 10 ladies from attending. We had a good group and enjoyed the lesson on keeping our mouth shut. Only one session left, so we can then move on to a more pleasant topic. We had a visitor who we hope will return. {Phyllis}

We started July with \$2,402.58, added income of \$57.50, spent \$50.00 to Disciples Mission Fund, and voted to give the Make a Difference fund \$200.00 to be spent on school supplies, and socks and underwear. Pam said thank you and she will take care of it. This leaves \$2,210.08 to start August.

Joan Tarwater was kind enough to deliver another bag of pill bottles for me as she was going by to drop off some useable old sheets. Unleashed Pet Rescue can use a lot of different things we don't need anymore.

Our Church is in transition. But remember, It Is Well, it is Well with Our Soul.

Joyce Luke  
Treasurer/Service



## Free Hot Soup

We're continuing to collect cases of individual water bottles for this organization to hand out to KC's homeless population. Drop them by the church or if you'd prefer to make a monetary contribution, you may do so by writing "Free Hot Soup" on the memo line of our check or indicate your wishes through EasyTithe.

## Those Needing Prayer:

**Heath Minshew** who has a bad knee

**Mary Minshew Ellis** with various concerns

**Anita Minshew** in her time of concern.

**Nancy Hines** for her continued recovery with her foot.

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

The **Joyce Hutchison** family in their time of grief and sorrow.

## Requests for Family and Friends:

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.



Listening / Discerning sessions

Sunday, July 31

KS North: [Merriam CC](#)

9401 Johnson Dr, Merriam, KS (913) 432-2390

Sunday, August 7

KS South: [Hillcrest CC](#)

11411 S Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS (913) 663-2822

Sunday, August 14

Metro Southeast: [Lee's Summit CC](#)

800 NE Tudor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO (816) 524-3616

You are welcome at any of these sessions regardless of where you live. While not required, it will help us with planning if you indicate which session you plan to attend here.

More information: <https://www.kcdisciples.org/todr.html>

### **Prayer Requests**

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

Thanks!

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### **Funeral Meals**

Please contact Carole Prentice at 913-485-6950 if a funeral meal is needed.



**We need volunteers** to help us with this service to our community. It only takes approximately 1 hour on a Tuesday morning. We pick up meals at the Merriam Community

Center at 10:30 and are given our drop off instructions. The number of volunteers determines how many times it's your Tuesday to deliver. Please, if you can help just once a month or once every 6 weeks, we can use the help to reduce the number of times our current volunteers are delivering. You don't have to do this alone, we can work out a team schedule. If you have questions or you're ready to help, talk to Pam Boyd.

*Thank You*

With a grateful heart, I want to thank all those who participated in the Blood Drive Monday, July 18th. We had 26 donors total, three of which were first time donors. The Community Blood Center is very appreciative, also.

Thanks, and God Bless.  
Pat Reed

P.S. A special thank-you to Caiden.



**World Café  
Sunday—August 7th  
Campbell Hall**

Join us after worship for lunch and discussion regarding our change in pastoral leadership at MCC.



Would you like to contribute to our newsletter?  
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Email Jeannette Howe at [jnethowe@gmail.com](mailto:jnethowe@gmail.com) with your article and it will be added to the next edition which runs every other Saturday. Email or call Jeannette 913-558-6459 to be added to our print or email distribution lists.

*I can do ALL THINGS  
through Christ  
who STRENGTHENS me.*  
—Philippians 4:13



Board Meeting

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

Minutes recorded by  
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

**Present in Person:** Pastor Mark Willis, 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, Sandy Curtis, Irene Heaven, Emily Hooker, Anita Collins, Bob Pape

Greg called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Pastor Mark-Micah Chapter 6, Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.

**Minutes of 6/14/22 Board Meeting:** Greg asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Emily Hooker; seconded by Michelle Land; board vote, approved.

**Current Financial Report:** Greg asked the board to review the current financial report; Motion to accept report by Rick Ferguson; seconded by Joel Beaver; board vote, approved.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Clerk:** Betty-No changes. Total membership is 142.

**DWM:** No report.

**Elders:** No report.

**H&G:** Joel-Committee met on July 5. The flat roof repair has been completed by Badger Roofing. With all our roof leaks stopped (new roofs) and with the brick tuck pointing work completed, we are going to start addressing the plaster (dry wall replacement). The areas are the choir loft, steps from sanctuary to fellowship hall, and around the windows on east side of fellowship hall. We will meet with Dave Ramsey for our initial review of these areas to get his thoughts. We will move forward from there. We are also moving forward with bids for concrete sidewalks, drainage area replacement as well as asphalt repair, sealing of lot and painting new striping in parking lot.

**Outreach:** Pam-Johnson County Food Ministry was June 30, 125 meals cooked and packed for pick up. Committee met on July 5 and discussed projects going forward. Free Hot Soup picked up donations of bottled water tonight.

**Membership:** Jeannette-Committee met on July 5 and started planning the following events: Fellowship Hour/Mark's farewell party-Membership is hosting fellowship hour on July 17 in conjunction with Mark's farewell party. We will have a variety of refreshment items and PRC will provide decorations. Game Night-Game Night is back beginning on July 16 and will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 6pm-8:30 pm. Open to all adults and children who like to play cards or board games. Everyone asked to bring a snack and a beverage to share and your favorite game. 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.

**Memorial:** No report.

**Pastoral Relations:** No report.

**Worship:** Pastor Mark-Worship met and discussed Pastor Mark's departure and what responsibilities will need to be done. The paraments were changed, with Bob and Rick's help, to green for the common season of liturgy. They will remain green until Advent, though the banners will be changed in late September to the fall banners (with pumpkins). Pastor Mark provided a list of all things he does for worship each week. It will be presented to the board for help on covering these areas. Immediate needs include someone to do Children's Moment, lead congregational singing, and put liturgy together and send to the liturgist.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mark-This is my final Pastor's Report to the Board of Merriam Christian Church. It has been an honor to serve as pastor here and I pray God will lead this congregation in new and exciting ways. I have several items to hand off tonight to the Board that will need to be considered

and discussed as you move forward. Things I had taken care of, responsibilities I helped with, and stuff I did each week. You all must decide what of this you will keep doing and who will do it, what of this you will lay down and not do any longer, and what you will do differently. Work continues with Webdeb Sites on updating our website. Jeannette Howe has expressed an interest in this and I will connect her with the company doing the work. I performed eleven funerals and three wedding this month. I must also discuss a required "period of separation," as I leave MCC as your pastor. In order for me to be able to apply myself fully to my new ministry, and in order for MCC to begin moving forward with their new ministry, we cannot have any regular contact, in person or social media, for a period of at least one year after your new minister arrives.

**Regional Report-**Pastor Mark-There will be a listening session on the future of Tall Oaks ministry on July 31 at 2pm here in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in Tall Oaks and the ministry/camps there is encouraged to attend to hear options for what we will do next. These sessions are meant to share information and no decision will be made officially until the September Regional Board Meeting. Other sessions available are: Sunday, July 17, KC Central: Central CC, 3801 Linwood Blvd, KCMO (816)921-3614; Sunday, July 31, KS North: Merriam CC, 9401 Johnson Dr, MKS (913)432-2390; Sunday, August 7, KS South: Hillcrest CC, 11411 S Quivira Rd, OPKS (913)663-2822; Sunday, August 14, Metro Southeast: Lee's Summit CC, 800 NE Tudor Rd, LSMO (816)524-3616

**Personnel:** Greg-Nursery Attendant Caleigh is not available July 24 and August 21.

**Trustees:** No report.

**Old Business:**

Pastor Mark-Carole Prentice and Betty Bohn and I discussed the funeral meals and how we might continue to serve in this area for members and friends of MCC. Carole is willing to lead this ministry and organize our meal offerings. We discussed the board establishing this as a committee with a budget. Others at MCC, like DWM, can contribute as they see fit, whether monetarily or with food and service. Donations from families would go to future meals.

Carole-This committee and ministry is very important and would appreciate volunteers.

Motion to form Funeral Meals Committee by Walt Bohn; seconded by Bruce Roach; board vote, approved.

**New Business:**

Carole-Search Committee is Greg Spiegel, Bruce Roach, Michelle Land, Bob Pape, Carole Prentice. Lunch and discussion regarding pastoral leadership will be held August 7 after worship service. It is important to have input from congregation as to our needs in a new pastor.

Bob-Experiencing a glitch in production system where screen goes blank, Blue Fox looking into it. Discussion regarding additional training.

Bruce-Will contact Kyle with Blue Fox to schedule training possibly on July 31.

Jennifer-Suggests forming a media committee to work with Worship Committee, outside sign, newsletter and production team. Motion to form Media Committee by Bruce Roach; seconded by Michelle Land; board vote, approved. Discussion regarding Bruce Roach being chair of Media Committee; he accepts.

Sandy-She will be decorating Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 16. Membership Game Night in evening can be held in an upstairs classroom.

Mark-The film crew, as discussed previously, will need access to church on July 19 and July 21. Joyce offered to be at the church to let them in. Mary Pruett is the head person with the film crew.

The copy machine company needs a meter reading every month. Jessica with Regional can provide it. The outdoor sign messages have been set up through September 13. Bob received training but has not actually done it; therefore, might contact the company to schedule a training session.

Information pertaining to worship service-Mike will provide announcements and prayer requests; need someone to do children's moment; Mark reached out to Bill Tush to lead singing but has not received an answer; Mark writes Call to Worship, Offertory, Liturgy, sends out to Liturgist, prayers for newsletter; hymns are chosen for remainder of 2022. Pat Reed has agreed to oversee and coordinate Pastoral Care.

Jeannette-As part of Membership she will work on setting up a database for member, including current addresses, phone numbers and emergency information.

Mark-Debbie McDaniel, long time member of MCC, passed away. Visitation at Amos on Saturday from

10-11am, graveside service to follow.

Emily-spoke with Jim Owens on Sunday. He cannot go to his annual family reunion but wants his family to attend. He will go to KC Hospice House and upon their return, Lakeside Skilled Nursing.

**Open Forum:**

Bob-Not church related, City of Merriam approved redevelopment plan of apartments, restaurants, and retail at site of old Kmart building.

Rick-Five American flags are torn and need to be replaced. Joel will check into replacements.

Pastor Mark closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Land; seconded by Bob Pape.

## A Farewell Celebration







## 2022 Fellowship Coffee Hour

JULY 17TH	MEMBERSHIP
AUGUST 7TH	OUTREACH
SEPTEMBER 4TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
OCTOBER 2ND	PASTORAL RELATIONS
NOVEMBER 6TH	MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH



### Games Night!!

Join us for Game Night beginning August 20th at 6:00—8:30 pm. We will meet up stairs in the Berea classroom. 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 2nd  
Carole Prentice & Susan Neill

Tuesday, August 9th  
Pam Boyd & Jan Pankey

Tuesday, August 16th  
Rick Ferguson

Tuesday, August 23rd  
Joan Tarwater & Linda Railsback

Tuesday, August 30th  
Pat Reed & Christina Stokes

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

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

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

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study sessions with family, friends and  
neighbors

