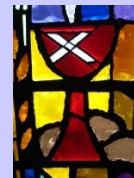


# MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



**Merriam Christian Church**

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**Organist and Pianist**  
*Emily Yeh*

**Secretary**  
*Open*

### **SERVICES: SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10:00 a.m.  
IN-PERSON**

[ONLINE](#)

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

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

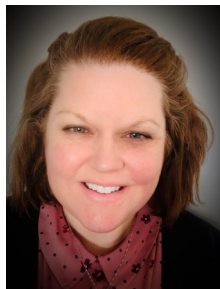
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Disciples Home Missions shares this Call to Worship with us as part of their Juneteenth Resources. I share it with you as a Litany of Prayer. Here are some additional resources from DHM if you would like to learn more about Juneteenth!

### **A Juneteenth Litany of Prayer**

By: Monique Crain Spells

Welcome to this day God has made. A day given to us all, for us all, by a just God. Hallelujah!

Born free, God and God's people have been disregarded by abduction, enslavement, and unimaginable acts of terror in this nation. Still we say, "Our Redeemer lives."

Thanks be to God we can rejoice over the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in celebrating Juneteenth--a day where help arrived to set the captive free.

We offer praise because delay does not keep God's gift of freedom from persisting. Like God's love, it will 'push and pull' its way forward.

Let us remember the Creator's intention for our lives. Let us accept our call as Christians to do greater works that all would live free.

We know history, including the life of Jesus, has shown us that justice requires the love, courage, and action of people standing up for people.

Holy God, we are an extension of You. Let us never grow comfortable with harm to humanity.

We celebrate Juneteenth for the lessons, for the freedom, and for the incarnate love of God that is always active.  
Amen.

### **Juneteenth Resources**

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture Juneteenth Digital Toolkit:  
<https://nmaahc.si.edu/juneteenth-digital-toolkit>

National Council of Church A.C.T. Now to End Racism:  
[https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/a-c-t-now-to-end\[1\]racism/reparations/reparatory-justice-webinar-series/](https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/a-c-t-now-to-end[1]racism/reparations/reparatory-justice-webinar-series/)

Council for World Mission: Ecumenical Zacchaeus Tax Campaign  
<https://www.cwmission.org/zactax-campaign-relaunched-in-africa/>

Freedom, Justice, and Reparation Songs:  
<https://commonhymnal.com/songs>



## Those Needing Prayer:

Continued prayers for **Joyce Campbell, Anita Collins, Marilyn Near, Heather Waite** and **Noah Franklin (Pastor Robin's grandson)**.

Pray for **Paul Goff** who has had a recent fall

**Anita Minshew's daughter-in-law, GERALYN Minshew**, needs our prayers, has had surgery and is recuperating.

**Melinda Haas** daughter of Carole Prentice and sister of Michelle Land who was injured in a horseback riding accident.

**Heather Waite** as she begins chemotherapy and radiation

Alice Goff would like prayers for her daughter **Lyn**, along with her neighbor's daughter **Molly** who is quite ill.

Pray for Rick Ferguson's brother and sister-in-law.

Connie Harshner who is recently hospitalized

Pray for peace everywhere. Please pray for our Nation.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please contact Pastor Robin at (316) 312-4809 or [Pastorrobin.merriamchristian@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorrobin.merriamchristian@gmail.com) with prayer requests.




## Worship Sermons

<p><b>May 21st</b>  <a href="#"><u>"Everyone is a Theologian"</u></a></p>	<p><b>May 28th</b>  <a href="#"><u>"A Celebration of Pentecost"</u></a></p>
<p><b>June 4th</b>  <a href="#"><u>"What I Learned on My Alaskan Cruise"</u></a></p>	<p><b>June 11th</b>  <a href="#"><u>"Interruption"</u></a></p>



### **Sunday Funday Membership Events!!**

The Membership Committee will begin hosting a fun fellowship time after worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month in Campbell Hall. A light lunch will be provided so a signup sheet has been placed on the main entrance table.

Mark your calendars and signup today!

June 25th—Pizza & Dominos

July 16th—Hot Dog with an ice cream social & Corn Hole

August 20th—Sloppy Joes & Scrabble

September 17th—Annual Church BBQ

## Helping Hands

Your Outreach Committee is pursuing an opportunity for MCC's own little free pantry "Helping Hands". Until such time, we would ask for donations of:

Men and women's body wash  
Men and women's deodorant  
Toothpaste and toothbrushes  
Shampoo  
Pancake mix and syrup  
Pasta and pasta sauce  
Peanut butter and jelly  
Tuna  
Canned fruits & vegetables  
Boxed cereals  
Rice

The grocery cart outside the church office can be used to drop off needed items.  
Donated items will be delivered to local JoCo Food Pantries.

# DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Nine of us met June 15th and enjoyed the new lesson "It's Not Supposed to be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst. She is very good. We have enjoyed several DVD lessons from her. Join us next time, July 20th.

We started June with \$2,022.08 and income received at our Third Thursday meeting was \$45.00. I sent checks to the home office for the Blessing Boxes for \$115.00 and our 3rd of 5 payments of \$50.00 per budget. This leaves \$1,902.08 in our checking account. No service to report this time.

Pam finalized our plans for the Regional Evening meeting on June 22nd here at Merriam. All are welcome and this Sunday is the last chance to sign up as we need a head count. The meal sounds great and costs only \$6.00 per person and this goes into our treasury. Robin will give the program and it sounds interesting.. You don't want to miss it.

That's all for now. See you Sunday.

Joyce Luke  
Treasurer/Service

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

June 2023

June 18th † Heather Waite  
June 25th † Katie Schwenk

## ELDERS SCHEDULE

June, July, August & September 2023

June 18th † Bob Pape  
June 25th † Betty Bohn  
July 2nd † Pat Reed  
July 9th † Jon Beaver  
July 16th † Mike Nichols  
July 23th † Anita Collins  
July 30th † Bob Pape  
August 6th † Betty Bohn  
August 13th † Pat Reed  
August 20th † Jon Beaver  
August 27th † Mike Nichols  
September 3rd † Anita Collins  
September 10th † Bob Pape  
September 17th † Betty Bohn  
September 24th † Pat Reed

## DEACONS SCHEDULE

June 2023

June 18th † Jennifer Spiegel  
June 25th † Walt Bohn





Board Meeting

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Minutes recorded by  
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

**Present in Person:** Pastor Robin Colerick-Shinkle, Greg Spiegel, Jeannette Howe, Donna Rankin, Rick Ferguson, Joyce Luke, Joan Tarwater, Emily Hooker, Michelle Land, Pat Reed, Jennifer Spiegel, Joel Beaver, Dixie Wheaton, Betty Bohn, Walt Bohn, Mike Nichols, Bob Pape, Carole Prentice, Pam Boyd, Irene Heavin

**I. Welcome and Call to Order:** Greg called the meeting to order.

**II. Devotion:** Mike-Romans 5:8 God Demonstrates His Love for Us

**III. Reading and approval of Minutes:** Greg asked the board to review the minutes of 5/09/23 Board Meeting; Motion to accept report by Mike Nichols; seconded by Michelle Land; board vote, approved.

**IV. Minister's Report:** Pastor Robin-This past month has been busy at MCC. I believe things are going well and I continue to learn more & more about MCC. I continue to attend committee meetings as able, make phone, office, hospital and nursing home visits. I was asked to officiate a funeral for Maple Hills last week for Gladys Maike. This past month I took a week of vacation & went on an Alaskan Cruise. I want to thank Rev. Bob Hill and everyone who stepped up so that I could be gone and really, THANK YOU EVERYONE every day for all the work you do! This month we said goodbye to two members of the congregation: Evelyn Eastwood and Paul Jorgensen. We continue to hold their families in prayer. Evelyn's visitation is tomorrow at Amos Funeral home from 6-8:00 pm. In worship we celebrated Pentecost & decorated the sanctuary in red. We honored our loved ones who have passed on with candle lighting. I was able to do a special sermon with some pictures from my vacation and last Sunday we looked at how Jesus handled interruptions. This coming Sunday, we will honor the men of the church for Father's Day. The Fellowship Hour seems to be going well with people signing up each week. The Merriam Police did a walk-through of the church to help us with security. We have been working on internet at the church and trying to troubleshoot some of the connectivity problems. I will be the speaker for the Disciples Women's Regional Group evening meeting at MCC on 6/22 and have been working on "Ladies, Laughter and a Little Self-Care."

**V. Clerk's Report:** Betty-no changes in May.

**VI. Financial Report:** Michelle-highlights of current financial report. Greg asked the board to review the report; Motion to accept report by Mike Nichols; seconded by Joel Beaver; board vote, approved.

**VII. Committee Reports:**

**Deacons:** Pastor Robin-ongoing discussion of role and responsibilities of Deacons.

**DWM:** Pam-We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1pm in the library. We concluded our study lesson on "Forgiveness." This month we will start a new lesson entitled "It's Not Supposed to be This Way." Our May meeting was attended by seven ladies. We continue to collect empty Rx bottles which are distributed to area animal rescue organizations for their use. Plans are underway to host the evening Regional Meeting on 6/22. We will provide a meal for all; please confirm your attendance by Monday, June 6/29. Sign up sheet is outside the church office. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up, service and clean up.

**Elders:** No report.

**H&G:** Joel Beaver-Update on Bats-the bat door was removed and location sealed; upon inspection of east side of church it also has gaps where bats can enter. I obtained the cost for sealing and recommend it be done. Audio/Visual-Bob spoke with Kyle of Blue Fox about our sound & video issues; Brian from Blue Fox met with Bob and looked at the AV system, adjusted camera, checked the power supply on the projector, adjusted the volume on the lapel mic so it projected better and we have the left speaker working again, still need new connections. McCarty-Bob met with tech at church and found a bad motor on Unit #1, it is being replaced today. Unit #3 had tripped a breaker and was off, it was reset and is working fine. Damper is working fine, cooling issue was due to only two of the four units were running last Sunday. It should work fine moving forward. Nursery Bathroom-Bob replaced two rusted shut off valves and the lines to the hot and cold water handles. Leak stopped. He cleaned the P Trap on the sink. He also replaced the flush valve in the toilet. Holiday Closet-Bob installed all new hangers, so all the Christmas wreaths are hanging up again. Internet-no internet at the church; Google came and checked out their side of the system, everything is fine and it is supplying full power into the church. The problem is caused by something inside the church. Bill with the Region is in the process of setting up an appointment with someone to come and find/fix the problem. The Region will pay the cost for the repair. Parking Lot Light Pole-has been re-

moved and a new light and pole will be installed by Pro Circuit Electric.

**Media:** Jennifer-Average of 25 views on YouTube on Sunday; increase in views of Children's Ministry, website needs some updates. Greg-explanation of adjustments to mic volumes can cause some feedback. A third camera person is needed.

**Membership:** Jeannette-The committee met on 6/11 and discussed the following: Father's Day-special presentation during worship with help of our children; May Sunday Funday-great success with 25 attendees & an appreciated goodwill offering; June Sunday Funday-6/25 with Dominoes & Pizza & Desserts; July Sunday Funday-7/16 with theme of Ice Cream Social, Hotdogs & Cornhole; Annual BBQ-9/17 at the Disciples Place with hamburgers, hotdogs and buns provided with congregation sign-up for side dishes/desserts; MCC T-shirts-orders are due by 6/30, \$10 per shirt can be paid by EasyTithe, check or cash; MCC Directory-going well, waiting on a few pictures and survey sheets.

**Memorial:** No report.

**Outreach:** Pam-We continue to support our unhoused community by providing Free Hot Soup with bottled water. As the temperatures continue to climb, the need will increase. MCC continues to deliver Meals on Wheels each Tuesday. We are preparing for JoCo Food Ministry on 6/29; we will cook & package 150 meals; asking congregation for cookies; a sign-up sheet is outside the church office. We continue to support the following organizations with monetary donations: Salvation Army, Hospice, Crosslines, City Union Mission, Community & Family Services, Shawnee Community Service, Cancer Action, SafeHome, Sunflower House. Merriam Park Elementary did not request food assistance for any families this summer. Harvesters has advised they prefer that the food items we have on hand be used locally rather than return to them. We have suggested beginning our own "Helping Hands" pantry where we could use these items. The congregation could also be given the opportunity to take 1 or 2 bags to hand out to those in need which they might encounter when driving around the area. Shawnee Community Services is another option.

**Pastoral Relations:** No report.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Trustees:** No report.

**Worship:** No report.

### **VIII. Action on Committee Reports**

#### **IX. Old Business:**

Helping Hands Food Pantry-Pam gave information regarding location (east side of church next to Campbell Lane), and options for size, materials, labor, Harvesters food, nonperishable items, toiletry items, solar lighting, stocking of pantry. After much discussion, it was decided to provide additional details of size, cost, materials & labor, insurance guidelines, City guidelines at July Board meeting for final decisions. Motion to proceed on further investigation & plans for Helping Hands Food Pantry by Carole Prentice; seconded by Michelle Land; board vote with one oppose, approved.

Harvesters Food on hand-Pam suggested it be distributed to congregation in need/or to distribute to those in need.

Security-Merriam Police did a walk-through of church to help with a security plan.

Joel-H&G will offer a security plan at July Board Meeting.

#### **X. New Business/Open Forum**

Use of Building-Pastor Robin would like clarification and protocol regarding various requests to use church.

Johnson County Christmas Bureau-Pastor Robin reported JCCB has requested to have a drive-through in the parking lot for a "Christmas in July Give Away" sometime in July lasting approximately two hours. Motion to allow JCCB to use parking lot for a drive-through event in July by Mike Nichols; seconded by Walt Bohn; board vote, approved.

Nativities Display-Pastor Robin asked if there would be interest in having her Mother's Nativities Collection (approx. 500) Display held at MCC on December 7-10<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. It is open to the public. This Collection Display is held at different church locations every December.

Motion to have Nativities Display at MCC in December by Pat Reed; seconded by Jennifer Spiegel; board vote, approved.

Carole-Express to City and Mayor Bob Pape that the hanging petunias along Johnson Drive & Merriam Drive are beautiful (and smell good).

Bob-The City will be putting up American flags for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Volunteers are needed on 6/28 to place markings for flags, 7/01 to put up flags & 7/08 to take down flags.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mike Nichols; seconded by Michelle Land.

#### **XII. Benediction**

Pastor Robin closed with prayer.

## Pastoral Relations

Our Pastoral Relations Committee for the year is Carole Prentice, chair, Greg Spiegel, ex officio, Bob Pape, Michelle Land, Mike Nichols and Jenna Spiegel as members and of course Pastor Robin. We are currently meeting every two months. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to any member.



### New Address

Ann Dickerson  
Eastside Terrace  
9000 Park St, Rm 408  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
913-322-0075

## New Church Directory

The Membership Committee is compiling all of the survey information to use in our new church directory. We would love to have everyone's contact information and updated picture included.

If you have not received a survey or would like to include a picture, contact Jeannette Howe at 913-558-6459 or [jnethowe@gmail.com](mailto:jnethowe@gmail.com).

## Blood Drive



Our next blood drive is scheduled on Monday, July 24th 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Pat Reed will share more information on how to sign up.

## Merriam Christian Church T-Shirts



The Membership Committee is selling special t-shirts to commemorate our 110th Anniversary. The shirts are \$10 a piece and will be available in sizes child Med—Adult XXL. The sign up sheet is on the credenza in front of the office. Orders are due by June 30th.



## Greater Kansas City Disciples Women's Ministry Regional Evening Meeting June 22, 2023 6:00 PM

\$6.00 per person

Speaker: Rev. Robin Colerick-Shinkle  
Pastor - Merriam Christian Church  
"Ladies, Laughter and a Little Self-Care"

Merriam Christian Church  
9401 Johnson Dr, Merriam, KS 66203

Contact Person: Connie Hennigh  
816-589-2005  
[clhennigh@yahoo.com](mailto:clhennigh@yahoo.com)

Reservations due Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*\*\*\*\*MEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



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

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

# ALERT!

## Do you know the top 5 Financial Fraud Scams?

Financial fraud scams are on the rise. Do you know how to respond to a Scammer? Here are the top 5 scams to lookout for:

Government impersonation scams—In government impersonation scams (also known as government imposter scams), scammers call unsuspecting older adults and pretend to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration, or Medicare. They may say the victim has unpaid taxes and threaten arrest or deportation if they don't pay up immediately. Or they may say Social Security or Medicare benefits will be cut off if the victim doesn't provide personal identifying information. This information can then be used to commit identity theft.

Sweepstakes and Lottery scams—The sweepstakes scam is one many people are familiar with. Here, scammers call an older adult to tell them they've won a lottery or prize of some kind. If they want to claim their winnings, the older adult must send money, cash, or gift cards up front—sometimes thousands of dollars' worth—to cover supposed taxes and processing fees. Scammers may impersonate well-known sweepstakes organizations (like Publishers Clearing House) to build trust among their victims. Of course, no prize is ever delivered. Sometimes, fraudsters are able to convince the older adult to send even more money by telling them their winnings will arrive soon. Many continue to call their victims for months and even years after defrauding them out of an initial sum of money.

Robocalls & phone scams—Robocalls take advantage of sophisticated, automated phone technology to dial large numbers of households from anywhere in the world. While there are legal uses for this technology, robocalls can also be used to carry out a variety of scams on trusting older adults who answer the phone. Some robocalls may claim that a warranty is expiring on the victim's car or electronic device, and payment is needed to renew it. Like with government impersonation calls, scammers often spoof the number from which they're calling to make it appear as if the call is from a reputed organization.

One common robocall is the "Can you hear me?" call. When the older person says "yes," the scammer records their voice and hangs up. The criminal then has a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges on items like stolen credit cards.

Computer Tech Support Scams—A pop-up message or blank screen usually appears on a computer or phone, telling the victim their device is damaged and needs fixing. When they call the support number for help, the scammer may either request remote access to the older person's computer and/or demand they pay a fee to have it repaired.

The Grandparent Scam—The grandparent scam is so simple and so devious because it uses one of older adults' most reliable assets, their hearts. Scammers call a would-be grandparent and say something along the lines of: "Hi, Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unaware grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer is able to instantly secure their trust. The fake grandchild then asks for money to solve some urgent financial problem (such as overdue rent, car repairs, or jail bond).

Excerpts from NOC website—full articles can be found using this [link](#)



### Fellowship Coffee Hour

The Fellowship Hour signup sheet is located on the credenza outside the office. Join in sharing this special time

JUNE 18TH	DONNA, CATHERINE & JEANNETTE
JUNE 25TH	SUNDAY FUNDAY!
JULY 2ND	MEMBERSHIP
JULY 9TH	
JULY 16TH	SUNDAY FUNDAY!
JULY 23RD	
JULY 30TH	

## 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.



June 20—Pat Reed & Chris Stokes  
June 27—Carole Prentice  
July 11—Walt & Betty Bohn

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



We need bottled water to help support this organization who provide meals to those who are un-housed within our community. Bring to the church & we will make arrangements for delivery. Thanks, Church



Join us in worship on [Youtube](#).



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

