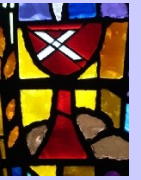


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8:30 a.m. Suspended
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Dear Friends,
We are re-working
our Shepherding
lists for the church.
Shepherds are
church members

who volunteer to help watch over a part of the "flock". They get a list of 8-12 church members to call on, check in on and keep in touch with throughout the year. This helps the pastor know when someone needs help or support, is sick or in the hospital or has a pastoral need. It also helps the congregation to stay connected with each other and grow in relation with one another. This can take the form of sending birthday or anniversary cards, calling monthly to see "how are you doing?", or calling with important church information, like a funeral or weather cancellation.

As we think about how we shepherd the flock here at MCC, we want to hear from you. If you want (OR don't want) to be on a shepherding list, let me know. If you would like to BE a shepherd and help contact people in the church on a regular basis, let me know. If you know of ways to improve our connection and communication within this ministry or in some other way, LET ME KNOW! If we don't hear from you, we will assume you want to remain on a list and will keep you on one.

Please be in prayer for our shepherds and the work they do to keep us connected. Be in prayer for our congregation that we might grow closer in our bond and in our spirit as we walk together.

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!



April 24th, ["The Importance of Being Uncertain"](#)

May 1st, ["If It Is Repeated, It Must Be Important"](#)

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

We started April with \$2,347.08, added income of \$158.50, deducted expenses of \$160.00, leaving our current balance of \$2,345.58.

I delivered two bags of empty pill bottles to Unleashed Pet Rescue in Mission. They were thrilled and very thankful. Also, Merriam Park Elementary School was thrilled with the bag of can tabs I dropped off. If we save tabs all summer, maybe I can deliver two bags in Sept. Just to clarify, the pill bottles were in kitchen size bags and the can tabs were in a McDonald's bag. (My grandson works there.) I also have a big bag of eyeglasses to deliver, just not sure where yet.

Last, but not least. All Ladies of the Church are invited to join our Third Thursday meeting coming up on the 19th, at 1:00 pm. We have a great program and greater camaraderie. Homemade cookies by "Pam" tops off the day. I hope to see more of you next time.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

P.S. Bring your Blessing Boxes.



Our Sunday Morning offering allowed us to disburse the following funds for the first quarter of 2022:

Salvation Army \$170
Hospice \$111
Crosslines \$118
City Union Mission \$118
Shawnee Community Service \$236
Cancer Action \$118
Safe Home \$114
Sunflower House \$111

Thank you, Church!

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes



April 24th, ["Jesus Is Risen!"](#)

May 1st, ["Road to Emmaus"](#)



Those Needing Prayer:

Jim Owens is out of the hospital and recovering at home.

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

Connie Harshner at the Shawnee Parc Rehab facility. This is at 75th & Antioch. Her direct phone number to her room is 913-444-7313. Connie is in Rm. 101.

Pat Reed had outpatient surgery on her hand.

Opal Wylie, longtime (54 years) member and former Pioneer Sunday School Class teacher, passed away. Her funeral service will be Saturday, May 7th at 11:00 AM at Amos Funeral Home. There is no visitation planned. Please lift her family up in this time as they grieve.

Requests for Family and Friends:

Freeman mentioned friends in Ghana and Nigeria who are ill and in hospital there.

Barry Davis and David Roebuck's cousin, Ron Roebuck, is having health issues and is feeling lonely and isolated. Please lift him in your prayers.

Heather Waite's great nephew Wesley Boyer has an issue with hives, and is working with his doctor to figure out what the cause is.

Marilyn Near's daughter Sharilyn Near is very ill.

Jeannette Howe mentioned her **friend Casey** from work, whom we had been praying for, found out she does not have leukemia. Working with doctors to get to the root of issues.

Connie Lockard mentioned her niece **Tristina**, who had gallbladder surgery and is home recovering. Tristina has one-year-old triplets and a new born baby.

The **family of Wanda Blackwell**, who Pastor Mark performed a funeral for last week. Please pray for them as they grieve.

Pastor Mark performed a wedding for **Ethan and Justine Buchanan**. Please pray for them as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

All those impacted by the tornado in Wichita.

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

FREE HOT SOUP KANSAS CITY

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.

[Amazon Wish list](#) of items in need. Bring them any Sunday this month and place them in the shopping carts. If you have any questions, reach out to Pam Boyd.

SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE For May / June 2022 Liturgist

May 1, 2022	†	Jan Pankey
May 8, 2022	†	Pat Reed
May 15, 2022	†	Jim Owens
May 22, 2022	†	Joyce Luke
May 29, 2022	†	Nanette Ferguson
June 5, 2022	†	Carole Prentice
June 12, 2022	†	Donna Rankin
June 19, 2022	†	Anita Collins
June 26, 2022	†	Wayne Hooker

Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, May 10th
Pat Reed & Jim Owens

Tuesday, May 17th
Carol Prentice & Anita Collins

Tuesday, May 24th
Pam Boyd & Rick Ferguson

Tuesday, May 31st
Walt & Betty Bohn

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

Backsnack Packing

Week of May 10th
Rick Ferguson

Week of May 17th
Carole Prentice

CARNIVAL TIME

Merriam Park Elementary School will be holding their end of year carnival the evening of May 17th. We've been asked to provide cakes for their planned cakewalk during this event. 12 cakes are requested. I've placed a sign-up sheet outside the office. I will deliver the cakes to the school the afternoon of May 17th. Let's celebrate these children at the close of their academic year!

Thanks, Pam Boyd



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.

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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

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

