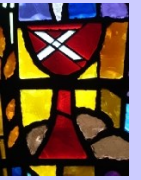


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SERVICES: SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.
IN-PERSON

[ONLINE](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:00 a.m.
IN-PERSON

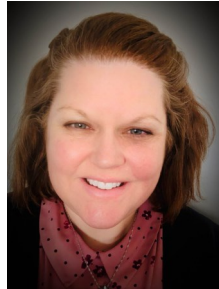
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Testify to Love

This week I was reminded of a song that I haven't heard for many years. The song is entitled, "Testify to Love" and was sung by a group called Avalon. If you haven't heard it, I encourage you to listen to the whole song. I'd like to share with you the chorus:

For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love
I'll be a witness in the silences when words are not enough
With every breath I take, I will give thanks to God above
For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love

1 John 4:8 says, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." God IS Love. And, we who are Christians are called to share God's love with others, in essence Testify to Love every single day of our lives. John 13:34-35, "'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'"

In silence, in work, in rest, in words and in actions, our lives are a testimony to God's love. Sometimes we fall in to thinking love is reserved for only our friends and family, but Jesus clearly tells us to love all people. 1 John 4:7 says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."

I'm thankful for reminders to love others. 1 Corinthians 13:13 reminds us what is most important. "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Let us Testify to God's Love every moment of every day. Our lives are an offering in love.



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,

Here I am again to remind you all to attend our September Third Thursday meeting at 1:00 pm in the Library. All women of the Church are welcome. We will continue our study "It's Not Supposed to be This Way".

The important business will be taking a head count to determine how many will attend the Evening Regional Meeting at Countryside Christian Church on September 28th at 6:00 pm. The meal will be \$8.00 and someone else will cook it. The program will be about the Micah Ministry.

Continue saving those empty pill bottles. It's for a good cause and is the easiest service project we have ever done.

That's all for now. See you in Church.

Joyce Luke
 Treasurer/Service



Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate our 65th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday. We want to especially thank Anita Collins, Alice Goff and Pat Reed who served the cake and coffee.

Betty and Walt Bohn

ELDERS SCHEDULE

September 17th	✝	Betty Bohn
September 24th	✝	Pat Reed
October 1st	✝	Jon Beaver
October 8th	✝	Bob Pape
October 15th	✝	Anita Collins
October 22nd	✝	Mike Nichols
October 29th	✝	Betty Bohn
November 5th	✝	Pat Reed
November 12th	✝	Jon Beaver
November 19th	✝	Mike Nichols
November 26th	✝	Anita Collins
December 3rd	✝	Bob Pape
December 10th	✝	Betty Bohn
December 17th	✝	Pat Reed
December 24th	✝	Jon Beaver
December 31st	✝	Mike Nichols

DECON SCHEDULE

September 17th	✝	Walt Bohn
September 24th	✝	Rick Ferguson
October 1st	✝	Joyce Luke
October 8th	✝	Rick Ferguson
October 15th	✝	Greg Spiegel
October 22nd	✝	Jennifer Spiegel
October 29th	✝	Wayne Hooker
November 5th	✝	Walt Bohn
November 12th	✝	Greg Spiegel
November 19th	✝	Joyce Luke
November 26th	✝	Dave Ramsey
December 3rd	✝	Jennifer Spiegel
December 10th	✝	Wayne Hooker
December 17th	✝	Walt Bohn
December 24th	✝	Rick Ferguson
December 24th		Christmas Eve
December 24th		Christmas Eve
(11pm service)		
December 31st	✝	Joan Tarwater

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

September 17th	✝	Jim Walker
September 24th	✝	Anita Collins
October 1st	✝	Pat Reed
October 8th	✝	Betty Bohn
October 15th	✝	Natalie Snyder
October 22nd	✝	Bob Pape
October 29th	✝	Wayne Hooker
November 5th	✝	Greg Spiegel
November 12th	✝	Jan Pankey
November 19th	✝	Jennifer Spiegel
November 26th	✝	Mike Nichols

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



As you enter the holiday season, we are going to participate in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to bless children in need around the world. Here is how it works:

Shoebbox: Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Indicate on your box if it's for a Boy or Girl and age range: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Hobby Lobby does have the plastic shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child available for purchase for \$3.99 but, you can use whatever you have.

"Wow" Items: Select a quality "wow" toy such as a foam toy, balls, or stuffed animal.

Other Gifts: Pack full of other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, Sunglasses, Stickers, Hair Ribbons, Coloring Books, Dress-Up jewelry.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy, toothpaste, gum, scary or war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, breakable items, or aerosol cans

PRAY: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.

Shoebboxes will be collected up to November 05 to be taken to a drop off location the following week. Check out their website for all the amazing work they are doing. www.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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

Johnson County Food Ministry

On October 31st, in conjunction with the Johnson County Food Ministry, we prepared meals for 150 people which were handed out later that day as a drive through event at Center of Grace in Olathe. Our thanks to the members of our congregation who provided the cookies for this meal.



New address:

Ann Dickerson
 9100 Park St
 Care Center rm 123
 Lenexa, KS 66215
 (913) 563-4843



Autumn Word Find

How many words can you find?

Applesider
 fallfestivals
 campfire
 chili
 bingob
 fallfestivals
 craftfairs
 holidayshopping
 Flannel
 Autumnleaves
 hayrides
 October
 November
 haystack
 football
 orange
 red
 brown
 pumpkin
 gourd
 SCARF
 harvest
 yellow
 chilly
 feast
 scarecrow
 firepit
 jacket
 COAT
 boots

fireside
 foliage
 wind
 sweater
 owl
 quilt
 pinecone
 frost

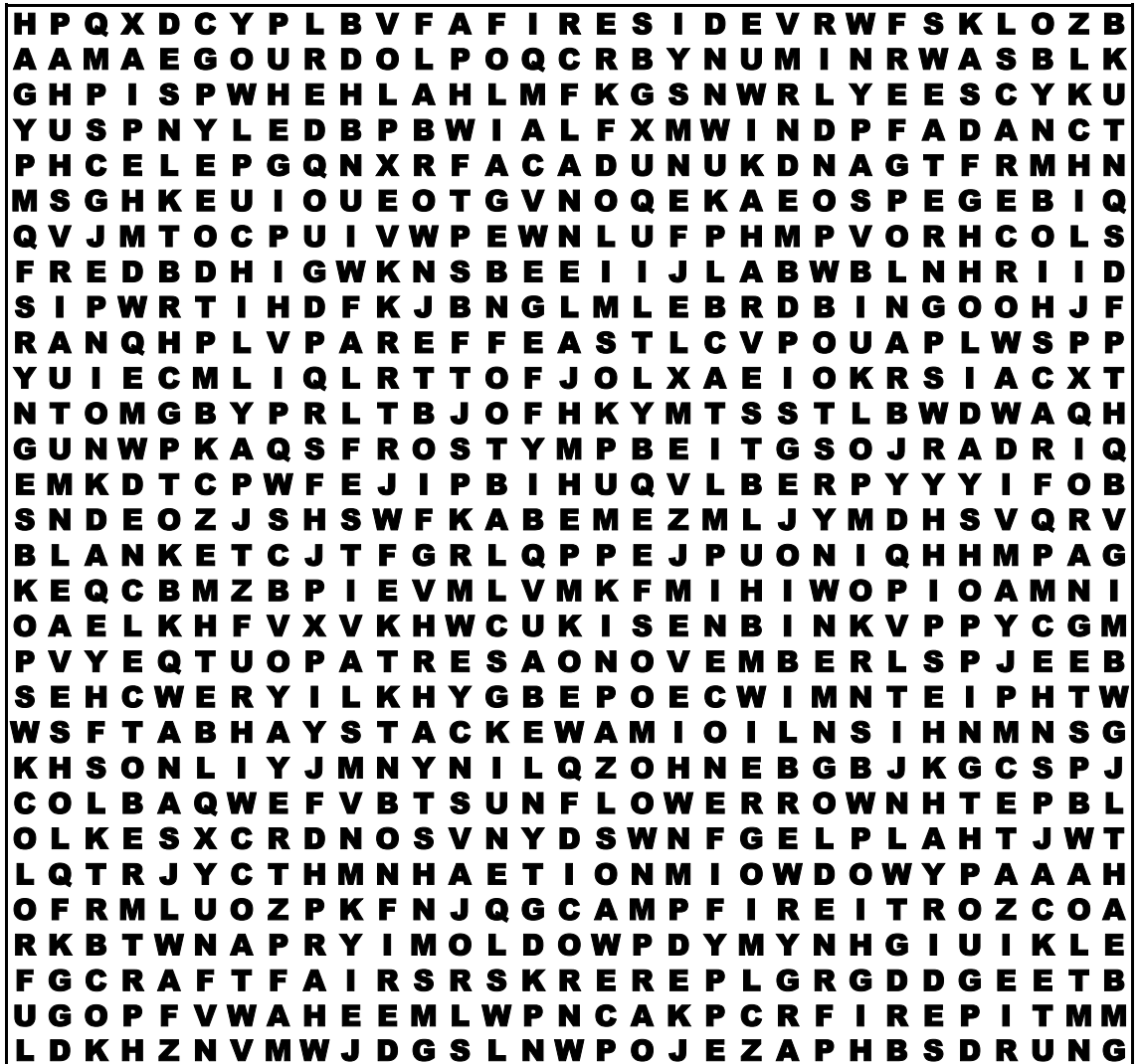
colorful
 sunflower
 blanket
 bonfire
 golden
 corn
 pie

We are having a baby shower for Caroline and Bryan!

Join us on October 8th after worship for a fun celebration as Caroline and Bryan become parents.

They are registered at babylist.com/list/mvcwdjyyp

Items on the list includes bibs, waterproof pads, baby footed pants (3 months), long and short sleeve tee (3 months), socks, teethers and tummy time toys.

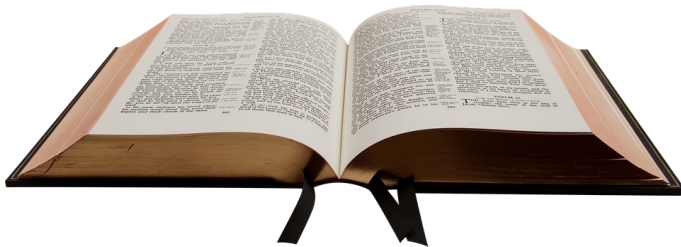




Fellowship Coffee Hour

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

- Sept. 24 - Lucy & Jim 68th Wedding Anniversary
- Oct. 1 - Pastoral Relations
- Oct. 8 - Young Baby Shower
- Oct. 15 - Sunday Fun Day Bingo & Chili
- Oct. 22 - Available
- Oct. 29 - Pastor Robin



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.



- Sept. 19 Pat Reed & Chris Stokes
- Sept. 26 Carole Prentice & Sub
- Oct. 3 Walt & Betty Bohn
- Oct. 10 Rick Ferguson & Susan Neill

Pick up meals at 10:30 a.m. 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

