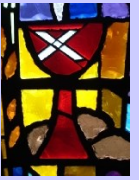


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SERVICES: **SUNDAYS:**

8:30 a.m. Suspended
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10:45 a.m. Suspended

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:00 a.m.

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Dear Friends,
Thank you all for your kind words, prayers, and support during my recent bout with Covid-Delta. As you know I became ill two weeks ago and was tested, finding out I was positive on Sunday night. We of course cancelled events and began our quarantine, but this did necessitate us canceling Sunday services.

I have been extremely blessed, in that my symptoms were mild, and by that Tuesday I was feeling much better. I continued to improve each day, and got a little stir-crazy around my house as I waited for quarantine to end. I did lose my sense of smell and taste, and that was by far the worst of it. Not being able to taste anything when you are hungry is frustrating and upsetting. But by last weekend all my symptoms were gone and my taste and smell had returned.

I truly appreciate everyone who called, texted, or emailed to see how I was doing. Thank you for caring for me as your pastor. I am truly

thankful for the vaccine I received last April, as I am 100% sure my mild symptoms were the result of this preventative measure. A friend of mine mentioned his mother-in-law tested positive the same day I did. While my symptoms cleared up and improved, she has struggled to breath, been to the hospital, and may have to return as her condition will not improve. She had chosen not to get vaccinated.

Ladies and gentlemen, I can not stress this enough - get your vaccine. If you have gotten it and are eligible to get the booster, get it. This is no joke, this is not politics, this is life and death. Get your vaccine. Be safe. Care for one another. I am happy to be back and look forward to serving with you in service this fall!

God Bless
Mark



DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

It's me, reporting in. Not much to report since we did not meet in September due to Covid concerns. No money in and no money out. Continue to save pill bottles, can tabs, and old eye glasses. These are very worthy charities that we can all easily do. Plan to attend our next meeting on the Third Thursday in October.

The Regional Evening DWM met at Merriam on the 23rd with 29 attending. (My count) That included our Minister and two tech people for the Zooming. Very good turnout, all things considered. Rev. Karen Yount delivered a very good program on "The Joy of Living". The condensed version is "Smile, Smile, Smile."

Can't think of anything else. See you Sunday.

Joyce, Treasurer
& Service Person

Pastor Mark's Message

In case you missed any of Pastor Mark's messages sent by email, here are the last two weeks!



August 1st, ["Everything I Need to Know"](#)

August 8th ["The False Fear of Scarcity"](#)

Sign Dedication

During and after worship on October 3rd, we will recognize and celebrate all those current members and memorials that made our digital sign out front possible this past year. We will do a short ceremony during the service, and then after, anyone who can/wishes to may gather outside at the sign for a dedication and prayer. Afterwards Membership will have coffee and cake under the Disciples' Place shelter. All are welcome to join in!

Fellowship Coffee Hour OUTSIDE!

On Sunday, September 26th, after the worship service, Membership will be having a Fellowship Coffee Time outside at the Disciples' Place. All are invited to stop for a moment, have a cup of coffee and a cookie, and share time together. It has been a LONG time since we have had this fellowship time. Thanks to the Membership Committee for setting this up. See you there!





In-Person Worship is Sundays at 10AM. Online worship WILL continue for those who wish to stay home and participate. Masks are required while inside the building. Please be in prayer that all who attend are safe.

- **Pat Reed** lost her best friend Carol Gentry to Covid this week. Please keep Pat and the Gentry family in your prayers as they grieve.
- **Audra Miller's cousin Galen Yoho** passed away, please keep his family in your prayers.
- **Katie Schwenck's friend Catherine** has an inoperable tumor

Those Needing Prayer:

- **Terrance and Tyshawn Bryant and their mother** have all tested positive for Covid.
- **Pastor Mark** is much better! All his symptoms have passed and he has finished his quarantine and is back to the church - we will have services this Sunday! Thank you to everyone who wrote and called to check on him. His case was very mild thanks to the vaccines.
- **Jim Ownes** as he continues to recuperate from having two stents placed in his heart.
- **Bob Owens** has Covid and broke his hip
- **Anita Minshew** is home recovering from Covid - very weak right now.
- **Connie Harshner** fell down at home - OK, but sore and banged up
- **Harold Leaky** as he continues to rehab his leg surgery.

Requests for Family and Friends:

- **Carol Vann's friend Connie** is battling cancer for the 2nd time.
- **Allan and Jackie Watts' daughter-in-law Jennifer** is struggling with pancreatitis again, she had to be hospitalized.
- **Katie Roach's uncle Gary** has a bleeding ulcer and is meeting with his doctor to work on a treatment.
- **Connie Hennigh's adopted granddaughter, Nikki Miller** had back surgery.

PRAISE:

- **Walt and Betty Bohn** have a new great-grandson! Hampton Glen! Mother and baby are doing great - congrats!!

We pray for all those who have received the vaccine, and for all those who want to get it but haven't yet. We especially pray for those who could get it but are hesitant or resistant. May their hearts be softened with grace and inspired by Christ to serve one another. May we come together to get vaccinated, and begin healing from this long struggle.

For our church, as we hopefully begin to gather again, may we always respond first with grace and love and hope. May we be a light in dark times, bread and cup to hungry people. May we outdo one another in serving others as we strive to do more together as able.

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Names added to the prayer list will remain on the prayer list for one month. Let the office know if a prayer request needs to stay on the list for longer or shorter than one month.





Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

Present in Person: Carole Prentice, Donna Rankin, Joel Beaver, Rick Ferguson, Michelle Land, Walt Bohn, Emily Hooker, Bob Pape, Pam Boyd, Dixie Wheaton, Jan Pankey, Pat Reed [Pastor Mark unable to attend as he is ill and quarantined until 9/22]

Carole called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silent Prayer & Carole Prayer.

Minutes of 8/10 Board Meeting: Carole asked the board to review the minutes and current financial reports; Motion to accept reports by Emily Hooker; seconded by Walt Bohn; approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Carole-No change; members total 152.

DWM: Pam-Ten ladies attended 8/17/21 meeting. Agreed to donations: Cornerstones of Care to help purchase new library books \$100; Tall Oaks \$200. MCC will be hosting the evening DWM meeting on 9/23. Karen Yount will be the speaker. No food will be served. Continuing to collect empty pill bottles for local pet rescues and pop tops for Merriam Park Elementary. Connie distributed suggested daily Blessing Box ideas for September.

Elders: Carole-Board needs to decide of number of Elders/Deacons for 2022.

Finance: Dixie-August financial report and 2022 budget provided. Discussion held regarding review of reports.

H&G: Joel-Moffitt House a/c was not working & Bob unclogged condensation hose and fixed problem; fountain is having electrical problems & Jon will get it checked out; A/C Unit #2 was making noise & Bob adjusted fan, seemed to be okay, noise started again so McCarty contacted & tech found the motor was out of adjustment. Motor and fan re-adjusted and tightened, seems to be working fine. Door buzzer for office not working. Bob checked out & reconnected a wire, working fine. Choir loft outlets not working. Bob checked out & reset breaker, appear to be working. Roof leak North end above choir loft-selected United Restoration to make roof repair & hopes to do repair by end of next week. Bricks on North end-Michelle getting bids for tuck-pointing. Sidewalk repair/Eagle Scout Project-estimate for the Scout Project still not received, due to a recent visitor falling at the bad place in the walk, we cannot wait any longer. Jon & Joel plan to take care of this project this weekend. Sidewalk, timbers and plants in the area will be removed and replaced. THANKS to Bob, Jon and everyone on this committee as we continue to work on projects for our church.

Outreach: Carole-Back snacks delivery on 9/15 with pud-

ding cups added to each sack. If you want to pack, let me know. We are Community Partner again this year for Merriam Park school. Johnson County Food Ministry will be 9/30 with takeout only. Cookie signup sheet outside office. Committee decided to give \$1,000 to Week of Compassion to be used for Hurricane Ida relief & Afghanistan Refugee relief through Della Lamb organization and our Region. Budget for 2022 remains the same as last year. We will be gathering food for 50 Thanksgiving boxes for Merriam Park and Crestview Elementary school families. Any food left over from the summer food program will be used for the boxes. Food donations will begin around 10/15, however, food or monetary donations are accepted at any time.

Membership: Donna- Fall Church Picnic planned for September was cancelled. An Outside Coffee Hour is planned for 9/26 at the Disciples Place.

Memorial: Emily-dedication for new sign will be held on 10/03 during the worship service and also after service outside by the sign. Discussion held regarding Membership providing refreshments.

Pastor's Report: Carole read report from Pastor Mark- I experienced symptoms of allergies or a cold, however unfortunately, I tested positive for Covid, the Delta Variant and am quarantined through 9/22. I have been unable to find a supply preacher on short notice. The Board will have to make decision whether to hold worship service on 9/19 or cancel. If cancelled, I will send out a worship service from our YouTube page.

I performed four funerals and three weddings this month.

Personnel: No report.

Trustees: Michelle-Investment continues to be profitable.

Worship: No report.

Old Business: Carole read report from Pastor Mark- A/V Update-signed contract with Blue Fox & sent deposit; parts ordered, hope to begin installation in next two weeks. Internet provider-will provide at October board meeting details of research & information on internet providers.

New Business:

Carole-need to decide on number of Elders and Deacons for 2022.

Suggestion is 6 Elders and 6 Deacons. After discussion, Motion to have 6 Elders and 6 Deacons in 2022 by Bob Pape; seconded by Michelle Land; vote by Board; approved.

2021 Nominating Committee is Michelle Land, Chair; Emily Hooker, David Roebuck, Bruce Roach and Jeanette Howe. Carole-2022 budget. Discussion regarding increases and decreases.

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Motion to accept 2022 Budget by Rick Ferguson; seconded by Bob Pape; vote by Board; approved. Vote by congregation will be held after worship service on 10/17.
Carole-Worship service on 9/19. After discussion, Motion to cancel worship service on 9/19 due to Pastor Mark's illness by Michelle Land; seconded by Pam Boyd; vote by Board; approved.

Open Forum:

Bob-running for Mayor and would appreciate help with assembly of some campaign materials.

Carole closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Land; seconded by Pam Boyd.



Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes



September 19th ["The Ark and a Tent for God"](#)

September 12th ["The Ten Best Ways to Live"](#)

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 as we are beginning our Fall Quarterly. Hopefully you will also find this a good support group in many areas.

Beginning September 5th. Our September Lessons will focus on "God's People Offer Praise"

September 12:	Praise in Dance <i>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-19</i>
September 19	Praise by Expecting and Following <i>Mark 10:46-52</i>
September 26	Praise for Salvation <i>Acts 2:32-33, 37-47</i>

Anita Collins will lead our September class due to Jim Owens recovery and also October and Linda Railsback will lead in November.



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





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





October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Room Codes:</i> <i>C-Chapel</i> <i>S-Sanctuary</i> <i>CH-Campbell Hall</i> <i>DP-Disciple Place</i>	<i>B-Berea</i> <i>R-Roundtable</i> <i>L-Library</i> <i>P-Pioneer</i> <i>YR-Youth Room</i> <i>OB-Out of Building</i>				1	2
3 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am DP 10:00 Worship & sign dedication	4	5 7:00 Committee Meetings IN PERSON—CH 	6 AA 5:30pm	7	8	9
10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am DP 10:00 Worship	11	12 7:00 Board Meeting IN PERSON—CH 	13 AA 5:30pm	14	15	16
17 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am DP 10:00 Worship	18	19	20 AA 5:30pm	21 CWF/DWM Business Meeting @ Sarah 1PM	22	23
24 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am DP 10:00 Worship	25	26	27 AA 5:30pm	28	29	30
31 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am DP 10:00 Worship						

SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE

For October 2021

October 3, 2021— 10:00 AM

Liturgist Nanette Ferguson

October 10, 2021— 10:00 AM

Liturgist Jim Walker

October 17, 2021— 10:00 AM

Liturgist Bruce Roach

October 24, 2021— 10:00 AM

Liturgist Anita Collins

October 31, 2021— 10:00 AM

Liturgist Betty Bohn



Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, October 5

Carole Prentice 913-485-6950

Anita Collins 913-362-6139

Tuesday, October 12

Glen & Dixie Wheaton 913-677-5327

Tuesday, October 19

Walt & Betty Bohn 913-550-5541

Tuesday, October 26

Rick Ferguson 913-215-4887

Susan Neill 913-306-2324

Subs – Carole Prentice, Jan Pankey,
Rick Ferguson



Celebrating Birthdays This Month:

Abigayle Willis	October 1
Linda Railsback	October 1
Michelle Land	October 5
Jackie Willis	October 6
David Roebuck	October 6
Jennifer Abbott	October 23
Emily Yeh	October 27
Donna Ward	October 28



Celebrating Anniversaries This Month:

Raymond & Bonnie Bohn	October 4
Mark & Jackie Willis	October 10

