

MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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SERVICES: SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.
IN-PERSON

[ONLINE](#)

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

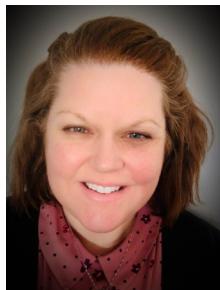
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EVERY SUNDAY Fellowship Hour Sign Ups

Let's be honest, our Fellowship time after church on the first Sundays of the month is pretty great! The obvious reason is because of the treats. Whether it's cookies, cakes, brownies or rice crispy treats, the snacks are delicious!

AND, it's so much more than that! Our Fellowship Time together after gathering in the sanctuary is an extension and continuation of our worship time together.

1. Fellowship Time allows us to greet and welcome the guests that visit Merriam Christian Church. We have the opportunity to let them know we are glad they are here and encourage a sense of belonging for them. Fellowship Time allows us to practice our hospitality and offer strangers a loving welcome.
2. Fellowship Time allows us to connect with our brothers and sisters of faith. Many of us do not visit with each other during the week, so Sunday is our one day to connect. Sometimes, we're running late and we don't arrive in time to have meaningful conversations with our church family. Fellowship Time offers us the opportunity to follow up on prayer concerns and joys.
3. Fellowship Time allows us to get to know each other better. We are a church FAMILY, yet how much do we really know about each other? What hobbies do others have? What books can you recommend? How many children and grandchildren does someone have? Fellowship Time invites us to become friends with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
4. Fellowship Time invites us to be joyful and to be together. One of the worst aspects of covid is the isolation it has forced upon us. We missed being together. And, although I will not agree that covid is over, we have been able to take greater steps towards being together more often. It's a wonderful sound to hear the "noise" of Fellowship Time.

For these reasons and MANY more, we will be having Fellowship Time EVERY SUNDAY! Some Sundays, specific committees will be providing the treats, but there are also many Sundays wide open, ready for YOU to sign up. Perhaps you have a birthday or anniversary coming up and you want to celebrate with your church family? Perhaps you have a new cookie recipe you want to try? Perhaps you enjoy being in the kitchen and you want to share your creations? Perhaps you want to support Christian fellowship by going to the store and purchasing some premade goodies? Whatever your reason, the sign up sheet is ready for you.

Remember:

Keep it Simple: Homemade or Store Bought- all are good! This is a treat to invite fellowship- not a meal and definitely not meant to ruin your lunch.

Have Fun: Invite a friend to do Fellowship Time with you. Celebrate special events.

Self Service: You do not need to stand and serve- go enjoy the Fellowship Time!



Those Needing Prayer:

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

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

Ann Dickerson is home and recouping.

Rachel and Jordan Petersen, friends of Caroline and Bryan Young, for their IVF Treatments to be successful.

Teegan Fuller, friend of Caroline and Bryan Young, has had complications with her heart.

Pray for peace everywhere. Please pray for our Nation.

Prayer Requests

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

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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



If you know anyone looking for child daycare, Catherine Snyder has a couple of opening for an infant and toddler starting in May. Contact Catherine for more information at 913-609-9183 or auntredshouse@gmail.com



Video Library

Worship Sermons

April 9th

["The Other Mary"](#)

April 16th

["Embracing the Resurrection"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder
by Christina Stokes

April 9th

["The Last Supper"](#)

April 16th

["Jesus is Risen: Appearance to Mary Magdalene"](#)

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!

May 21st—Bingo Brunch

June 25th—Pizza & Dominos

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

August 20th—Sloppy Joes & Scrabble

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,

Seven plus Pastor Robin made it to our April Third Thursday meeting. We enjoyed another great message on forgiveness. Only one left and we will start something new. Plan to join us.

We ended March with \$1,917.08. We had income of \$57.00 and an expense of \$50.00 to Disciples Mission Fund. We collected \$350.00 over two months for blankets and that check was mailed to Church World Service in Elkhart, Indiana. Thanks everyone. Our current balance is \$1,874.08.

The group discussed our plans for the dinner and meeting for the Regional Evening DWM meeting at Merriam on June 22nd. Five ladies plan to go to the April Evening meeting at First Christian Church in Independence on the 27th.

That's all for now.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

Regional DMW Meeting

Evening Regional DWM Meeting is April 27th at First Christian Church in Independence. Registration due by the 23rd. Registration at 6, dinner and meeting 6:30. Men are welcome.

Contact Joyce Luke or Connie Hennigh if interested.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

April, May & June 2023

April 23rd	†	Bryan Young
April 30th	†	Betty Bohn
May 7th	†	Jim Walker
May 14th	†	Pat Reed
May 21th	†	Connie Hennigh
May 28th	†	Wayne Hooker
June 4th	†	Joyce Luke
June 11th	†	Betty Bohn
June 18th	†	Heather Waite
June 25th	†	Katie Schwenk

ELDERS SCHEDULE

April, May & June 2023

April 23rd	†	Mike Nichols
April 30th	†	Anita Collins
May 7th	†	Bob Pape
May 14th	†	Betty Bohn
May 21st	†	Pat Reed
May 28th	†	Jon Beaver
June 4th	†	Mike Nichols
June 11th	†	Anita Collins
June 18th	†	Bob Pape
June 25th	†	Betty Bohn



It's Carnival Time

Plans are underway at Merriam Park Elementary for their annual Carnival on Friday, May 12th.

We have been asked to help support their cakewalk. You may recall, we did this last year with great success. If you can provide a cake (homemade or purchased), please use the sign up sheet outside the church office. Cakes will be needed at the church by noon on Friday, May 12 when they will be delivered to the school. Thanks Church



Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

Present in Person: Pastor Robin Colerick-Shinkle, Greg Spiegel, Jeannette Howe, Carole Prentice, Pam Boyd, Rick Ferguson, Joyce Luke, Joan Tarwater, Irene Heavin, Emily Hooker, Michelle Land, Walt Bohn, Pat Reed, Jennifer Spiegel, Joel Beaver, Dixie Wheaton, Betty Bohn. [Secretary Donna Rankin not present due to illness; Jeannette Howe took notes of meeting]

Greg called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Emily gave the devotion

Minutes of 04/14/23 Board Meeting: Greg asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Michelle Land; seconded by Carole Prentice; board vote, approved.

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

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-Dorothy Kroh passed away March 18, 2023. Lee and Dorothy joined the church in 1961. Lee passed away in February, 2019. New members: Larry & Judy Yeager 3/26, Catherine Snyder 3/26 and Natalie Snyder 3/26.

DWM: Pam-meet 3rd Thursday at 1:00 and the current lesson is on “Forgiveness”. The March meeting was attended by 6 ladies. Continuing to collect empty bottles for local pet rescues. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the World Blanket Sunday which raised \$335. Signature change on checking account now includes Joyce Luke, Donna Rankin and Pam Boyd.

Elders: No report.

H&G: Joel Beaver-Light bulbs are out in the lights for the cross. Need to get our sound person (Kyle) to address power supply cord, 1 camera, connection on left speaker, hook up DVD player and cable that goes into video switch. We believe a projector is locked in closet behind the organ, Pat may have key. Starburst was put up by Bob, Rick, Pat and Dixie and it looks awesome! Walt picked up several pallets and cut them in half for the food room so the food is off the floor and we are in compliance. Need to see if we can get the wall painted going into nursery.

Outreach: Pam-During the last committee meeting, the Helping Hands Food Pantry was discussed and what it would look like and how to promote. Until this is onsite, we want to support local food pantries such as Shawnee Community Services with toiletries, pancake mix, syrup, pasta & sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, boxed cereals, rice and canned fruits and vegetables. Also continuing to collect bottled water. Prepared and packed 150 meals on 3/30 for JoCo Food Ministry. Thanks to all who provided cookies and helped with the meals. Contacted Rachel at Merriam Park Elementary to see if there is a need for “catch-up” on lunch tickets, waiting on answer. Rachel is contacting families who receive BackSnacks to make sure they are aware of the summer food resources. Our BackSnack program and Meals on Wheels deliveries continue on a regular basis.

Membership: Jeannette-Special presentation will be made during worship on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day with the help of our children. The annual BBQ will be on 9/17 after church at the Disciples Place. Sunday Funday will begin in May and thereafter on the 3rd Sunday of each month. A theme lunch and games will be announced in our newsletter. The committee would like to print MCC

T-shirts. Designs will be submitted at the next meeting. The last information survey has been sent to members so that we can complete the new directory. Anticipate delivery in June.

Memorial: Emily-During our Easter worship, Kyle Fleming (a student of Emily Yeh’s) played “Panis Angelicus” (O Lord Most High) on the cello. He was given \$25 from Special Music.

Pastoral Relations: Carole-asked to meet this Sunday after church. Need one more member to replace Bruce Roach.

Worship: No report.

Media: Jennifer & Jeannette-The website is updated with Pastor Robin’s picture, bio and email address. YouTube Updates-views up 60 hours per month, children moment views up, average 25 views on Sunday, up to 100 views by weeks end, more people accessing on mobile phones, steady on laptop and desktop.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Robin-A very busy month at MCC with Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter, meeting with dif-

ferent committees, beginning to make pastoral calls, funeral service held for Dorothy Kroh, welcomed 6 new members. We finished Lenten series, had a fun filled parade on Palm Sunday, held a meaningful reflective conversation style worship on Maundy Thursday and a wonderful Easter celebration with special music. I have been meeting our homebound members and delivered Easter baskets to most of them. I had the opportunity to attend a workshop at Tall Oaks and have completed the first part of my Interim Training. Carole Prentice shared with me about filling the Harvesters bags and on 3/30 I helped prepare a meal at JoCo Food Ministry. THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY for love and support, making me feel welcome, helping me learn all about the church, the work we are doing, and for the many prayers offered on behalf of my little grandson.

Personnel: No report.

Old Business:

Pastor Robin-Caroline Young is interested in being a backup to Joe Myers with leading our songs in worship service.

Baptism class for congregation.

Tall Oaks—no status, think they still want to keep it

New Business:

Greg—contacted by Bruce Roach that due to work circumstances, he is currently unable to be present for live streaming during worship, nor provide deacon services. Bruce will remain as chair for Media Committee with Jennifer and Jeannette presenting reports at board meetings.

Greg—there will be a deacons meeting on 4/23; currently five serving.

Letter receiving from election office stating they would like to use church as polling place on 8/01 and 11/07.

Pam—information regarding establishing Helping Hands Pantry onsite at the church. Provide picture of the pantry on 71st & Metcalf. Owner said that they dispense 5,000 pounds of food every month. Keeping stocked is very important. Discussion held regarding Mike Nichols inquiring if the Boy Scouts want to help; possibly need permission from the City; cost to build; possibly get a copy of plan or design. In the meantime, Make a Difference has purchased food for Pastor Robin and Jessica to give out to those in need.

Open Forum:

Betty—discussion regarding minutes in our newsletter as a summary only with privacy items removed.

Robin—suggested having Fellowship Hour on all Sundays except Third Sunday Funday. Open it up to all of our congregation with a sign up sheet. Builds community. Add to the newsletter. Keep it simple with self-serve refreshments.

Pastor Robin closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Walt Bohn; seconded by Michelle Land.



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

MCC will be helping Harvester next week by doing "Bag Prep" for the Stamp Out Hunger" campaign. This process is folding and stapling 1000 grocery bags to their specifications. The work will all be done at the church. Completed bags need to be returned to Harvester's no later than Saturday April 29th.

So, we have one week to make this happen I am confident that our congregation can get this done.

Here's what they will be used for:

Stamp Out Hunger is the largest, single-day food drive in the nation. In its 31st year, it is still one of the easiest ways to make a difference in your community! All you have to do is fill a bag with donated food and set it out by your mailbox on Saturday, May 13. Then, our extraordinary letter carriers, perform double-duty by collecting bags of donated food along their postal routes and with the support of Harvesters distribute it throughout the community. This drive will happen rain or shine!

Fellowship Coffee Hour

MAY 7TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
JUNE 5TH	PASTORAL RELATIONS
JULY 2ND	MEMBERSHIP
AUGUST 6TH	OUTREACH
SEPTEMBER 3RD	HOUSE & GROUNDS
OCTOBER 1ST	PASTORAL RELATIONS



BackSnacks Program

The BackSnacks program Packers schedule is posted in the food room and on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

- 4/29 Carole Prentice
- 5/07 Wayne & Emily Hooker
- 5/14 Pam Boyd

Bags are to be packed during the week and ready for delivery on Thursday mornings



- 5/02 Joan Tarwater & Linda Railsback
- 5/09 Pat Reed & Christina Stokes
- 5/16 Carole Prentice

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

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.



We need bottled water to help support this organization who provide meals to those who are unhoused 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

