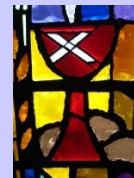


# MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



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*Emily Yeh*

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### SERVICES: SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.  
IN-PERSON

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:00 a.m.  
IN-PERSON

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## ***“Don’t Wait Until Tomorrow; Do it Today”*: A Short Devotional**

*By Althea Debrule*

***““Don’t put it off. Do it now. Don’t rest until you do.” (Proverbs 6:4 TLB)***

Procrastination or putting off until another time to do something essential is a problem we all have in some area of our lives. It usually happens when we are too busy, too lazy, the task is boring or uninteresting, or we’re just overwhelmed. In this **short devotional**, we will take a look at what Scripture says about procrastination and how we are to manage it.

### Don’t Put it Off! Do it Now

The Living Bible is very expressive at rendering the translation for today’s Scripture. It can’t get any clearer—stop putting off things; do them immediately! The verse also states don’t rest until you finish. So, why do we procrastinate and find it challenging to get things done right away? Here are a few reasons:

- **Last minute frenzy.** When you wait until the last minute to get things done, you can become anxious and stressed and unable to do your best work. Additionally, you may cause others to worry who are waiting for the completion of the task, and you can end up with poor quality results.
- **More pleasurable pursuits.** If a task is boring or uninteresting, you may lack the motivation to complete it. You would prefer to do something fun or spend time socializing. Unwisely thinking you’ve got all the time in the world to start and finish the job, the delay causes you to miss deadlines.
- **Worry and Fear.** You’re too focused on the possibility of failure rather than what you will learn along the way.

### You CAN Overcome Procrastination

**By the Power of the Holy Spirit, you can eliminate procrastination** and accomplish everything you need to do today! The strategies in this short devotional will help you achieve your goals God’s Way.

**Ask the Lord to give you focus and discipline to use your time wisely** to complete the task or project. Break it into manageable pieces and begin immediately to tackle it one piece at a time.

**Seek His Guidance before stopping to relax or have fun.** The Lord will show you when to take a break to relax or have fun.

How can you use the strategies in this short devotional to overcome procrastination?

[Freedailydevotional.com](http://Freedailydevotional.com)





## Video Library

Worship Sermons

December 4th

["Waiting For Peace"](#)

December 11th

["The First Christmas Song"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder  
by Christina Stokes

December 4th

["Second Sunday of Advent"](#)

December 11th

["Third Sunday of Advent"](#)

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

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

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE December 2022, January & February 2023

December 18th	✝	Greg Spiegel
December 25th	✝	Katie Schwenk
January 1st	✝	Jim Walker
January 8th	✝	Betty Bohn
January 15th	✝	Connie Hennigh
January 22nd	✝	Carole Prentice
January 29th	✝	Heather Waite
February 5th	✝	Joyce Luke
February 12th	✝	Jan Pankey
February 19th	✝	Pat Reed
February 26th	✝	Nannette Ferguson

## ELDERS SCHEDULE December 2022

December 18th	✝	Jon Beaver
December 25th	✝	Emily Hooker



## Poinsettias for this year 2022

<u>From:</u>	<u>In Memory Of:</u>
Bob Pape	Graydon & Mary Kincaid
Bob Pape	Robert & Mary Pape
Pat Reed	Eddie Reed
Pat Reed	Mary Kincaid & Carol Gentry
Alice Goff	Adam Goff
Wayne & Emily Hooker	Parents
Larry & Judy Yeager	Tom & Arlene Ashby
Donna Rankin	
Joel & Pattie Beaver	
Jim & Lucy Walker	Roberts & Walker Families
Michelle Land	
Pam Boyd Family	
Glen & Dixie Wheaton Family	





## Those Needing Prayer:

**Anita Collins** had a procedure on her heart and is home recuperating. She does not feel to good.

**Paul Goff** was to have cataracts removed and had a spell with his heart. He is at home now.

Continued prayers for **Joyce Campbell, Marilyn Near** and **Jewel, son of Marjorie Willard.**

Pray for peace everywhere. Please pray for our Nation.

Please pray for Merriam Christian Church in this time of transition and pray for our community of faith.



### Prayer Requests

Please contact Pat Reed at 913-631-0699 with prayer requests.



### BackSnacks Program

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

January 1st—Pam Boyd

January 8th—Pat Reed & Linda Railsback

January 15th—Rick Ferguson

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

## WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR?

<b>1</b> <b>!</b>	Our congregation's Board has consulted with our Regional/Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.	<b>5</b>	Our Regional/Area Minister has sent profiles of candidates to the Search Committee; they are being considered.
<b>2</b>	We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are:	<b>6</b>	The Search Committee has narrowed their focus to a short list of possible candidates.
Greg Spiegel _____ Bruce Roach _____ Michelle Land _____ Bob Pape _____ Carole Prentice _____ _____ _____		<b>7</b>	The Search Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates on the short list.
<b>3</b>	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.	<b>8</b>	One Pastoral Candidate has been recommended to us.
<b>4</b>	We have completed a Congregational Profile, Position Description and information packet for pastoral candidates.	<b>9</b> <b>YES</b>	We have voted to call our next pastor, who will begin on _____.
		<b>10</b>	The installation of _____ will be on _____.

### JoCo Food Ministry

Thursday, December 29 we will be cooking & packing 150 meals. there will be two sign up sheets for "HELP"  
 1 - help prepare & packing meals  
 2 - bring cookies to church for the dessert.



### Warm Clothes Needed

Do you have warm clothing and shoes, that you no longer wear? Bring your coats, shoes, sweaters, sweats, any size, to church. We will donate them to Shawnee Community Services to keep our neighbors in need warm.

## Fellowship Coffee Hour

JANUARY 8TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
FEBRUARY 5TH	PASTORIAL RELATIONS
MARCH 5TH	MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 2ND	OUTREACH
MAY 7TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
JUNE 5TH	PASTORIAL RELATIONS

## Adopt-A-Family

### Adopt A Family for Christmas

Thanks to the generosity of our congregations, we helped make Christmas a little merrier for (5) five Merriam Park Elementary School families.

Good job, Church!

## 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.



December 20th	Jan Pankey & Pam Boyd
December 27th	Joan Tarwater & Linda Railsback
January 3rd	Pat Reed & Christina Stokes

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

## DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Ten of us had a wonderful lunch at The Olive Garden. Great food and even greater camaraderie. I am sorry if you missed it. Maybe next year.

We ended November and started December with \$1,976.08. Since we did not pass the collection basket, we have no income so far for December. However, we did vote to donate \$150.00 for cash cards for the 5 families we are supporting for Christmas.

The wind today was sharp and cold. Stay warm and stay safe. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night. LOL

Joyce Luke  
Treasurer/Service



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



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

