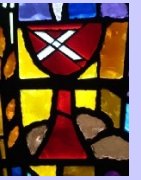


MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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**

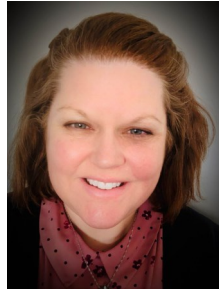
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Nativities From Around the World DISPLAY!

I often tease my mother because she is a collector...not just any collector, but a collector of Nativities! She loves them! We could be at a garage sale, a department store, a friend's house, a dollar store, anywhere- and I guarantee, if there is a nativity present, she will find it! Any nativity that I receive is instantly appropriated by her and becomes part of the "collection." Once on vacation in Michigan, my folks found a huge Christmas store with an entire section full of nativities. My dad laughingly made her surrender her purse before she could enter!! 😊

I share this because every year, my mother offers her nativity collection for display at different churches. This year, she has offered to display them at Merriam Christian Church!! It's a BIG event! She will bring her trailer filled with well over 500, maybe closer to 700 (we lose count every year) nativities for us to enjoy and share with the community. Some of her nativities are whimsical and fun, like a chicken nativity. Some of her nativities are serious and holy; some are rustic and plain; some are magical and glittery- they all tell the same story of our Lord's birth!

When I walk through the display, I imagine what that Holy night must have been like. I can almost feel myself within the scene as I am surrounded by hundreds of angels and wisemen. Seeing all the different styles and designs, the creativity of each, I reminded how God created each of us unique and special. Christ's birth wasn't to save one sort of people, but all of us; and we are even more unique than each nativity!

To put on this great display, we need helpers. The trailer will arrive on Sunday, December 3. Set up will begin on Monday, December 4. If you have a careful hand, we could definitely use your help setting up. The Display will be open Thursday, December 7-Sunday, December 10.

We will need COOKIES, COCOA, COFFEE and people to serve as WORKERS/HOSTS to our guests. Then, take down will begin Monday, December 11. Again, we can use help taking down.

I invite you to pray about how you would like to be a part of this experience, whether it is through setting up, taking down, baking cookies, donating, serving as a host, or coming by for an hour or so to see the display. This is an incredible opportunity for us to bring alive the Christmas story to our community! You won't want to miss it!





Those Needing Prayer:

Prayer Concerns:

Joe Myers

Nanette Ferguson

Sara and her family

Eric

Heather Waite- we are thankful for a positive report and pray for continued healing.

The Bryans- we give thanks for the birth of their sweet girl: Rua

Carole Prentice- we give thanks she is recovering at home.

Susan Bonjour

Pray for peace everywhere. Please pray for our Nation.

Pray for peace and safety in Israel

Prayer Requests

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

New Church Directory

The Membership Committee is compiling all of the survey information to use in our new church directory. We would love to have everyone's contact information and updated picture included.

If you have not received a survey or would like to include a picture, contact Jeannette Howe at 913-558-6459 or jne-thowe@gmail.com.



Worship Sermons

MCC Sermon [library](#) on YouTube



Children's Worship and Wonder [Library](#)



Board Meeting

Board meeting minutes are available on the table outside the sanctuary or by email. Please email the church at merriam-christian@gmail.com to receive a copy.

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!

November 19th—Thanksgiving Dinner—Tomorrow!!

December 17Th—Cookie Exchange

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,

Nine of us met today, 3rd Thursday, and finished our study on "It Doesn't Have to be this Way". We will start a new message in January. The Dec. 21st meeting will be at the **Thai Orchid**, 6504 Martway Street, in Mission. We will make a reservation for 11:30 am. Please let Pam or me know if you wish to attend. Just so you know, separate tickets and we pay for our own lunch. All women at Merriam CC are invited.

We can take hats, gloves, and kids' books through Nov 26th. I need to deliver goods on the 27th. I would also take coats in good condition. Also, let's fill our new container with empty pill bottles.

I wish to invite all the women of our church to join us in Dec. for lunch and also attend our monthly meetings. The new study looks really good.

DWM started Nov. with \$1,745.66, received \$30.00 at our meeting, ending the month with \$1,775.66.

That's all for now.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

ELDERS SCHEDULE

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

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 6:00pm		Christmas Eve
December 24th 1:00pm		Christmas Eve
December 31st	†	Joan Tarwater

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

November 19th	†	Jennifer Spiegel
November 26th	†	Mike Nichols
December 3rd	†	Carole Prentice
December 10th	†	Mike Nichols
December 17th	†	Bryan Young
December 24th	†	Michelle Land
December 31st	†	Pat Reed



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



We collected 35 Shoe Boxes thanks to our caring congregation. The drop off was successful. A special prayer was given for boxes, the children receiving them and those who provided these gifts. I was very proud to represent our congregation. Thanks, CHURCH

Pam



Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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



Cornucopia Food Drive

Due to the generosity of our congregation, we will be able to provide meals throughout the holiday season and beyond for those in need.

Thanks, CHURCH

Johnson County Food Ministry

On November 30, we will be cooking and packaging meals for 150 people. The congregation will be asked to provide cookies for the dessert portion of this meal.

BLOOD DRIVE

December 4, 2023 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

We are having a Blood Drive Monday, December 4, 2023, from 2:00 to 6:00. We can really use your help. I am now taking appointments, and my phone number is 913-631-0699.

Help save a life for Christmas.
One unit can save two lives.
God Bless,

Pat Reed
Chairman, Blood Drive



Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst
after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.
~ Matthew 5:6

Nativities from Around the World

Come journey through Bethlehem on an Advent Adventure!

Ornate and delicate, hand painted or whimsical, handmade from fabrics, gourds, and wood...olive wood nativities from Israel, brightly painted ones from Peru. Some come from Mexico, India, and Russia, even a Native American perspective with a Christ child in a papoose. There are children's sets made from cloth, wood, and plastic... touchable. Nativity cookie jars, stacking dolls, ornaments, an ostrich egg with a nativity tucked inside...and a painted chicken egg-- side by side a Kincaid display of nearly 30 pieces...some Willow Tree and Precious Moments. Most unusual is the chicken nativity (there is also a dog, cat, bear and even a rubber ducky nativity!) The smallest is a painted seed from the Amazon. There is an African Nativity with a lion and an elephant instead of a sheep and donkey. Many are very beautiful, while others capture the dark stable and bleak surroundings of the Holy birth.



Plan now to spend an hour walking through Bethlehem.

Enjoy how each artist has chosen to depict the same event, in hundreds of different ways. A small hand out will be available on the history of nativities.

Thursday, December 7, 2023	5:00pm- 8:00pm
Friday, December 8, 2023	1:00pm -8:00pm
Saturday, December 9, 2023	10:00am- 6:00pm
Sunday, December 10, 2023	12:00pm- 5:00pm

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Please enjoy cookies, cocoa, tea, and cider as you join us for an Advent Adventure.
We hope to see you there!

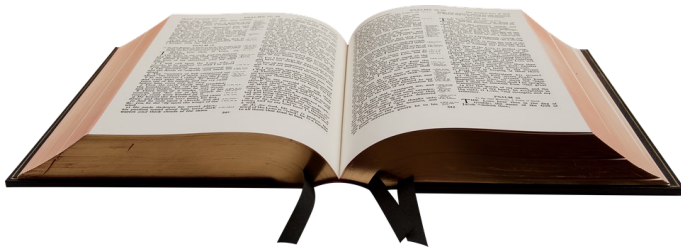
*All ages and groups are welcome- please call ahead if you have a large group over 20.
Groups are welcome at additional times- please call to schedule.



Fellowship Coffee Hour

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

- Nov 19—Sunday Funday / Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 26—Worship Committee (Baptism)
- Dec 3—Outreach Committee
- Dec 10—Nativity Display—Cookie provided
- Dec 17—Sunday Funday (Cookie Exchange)
- Dec 24—Available
- Dec 31—Available



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.



- November 21. Rick and Susan
- November 28. Pam and Jan
- December 06. Joan and Linda.

Pick up meals at 10:30 a.m. at the Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater

We are looking for one or two individuals who are interested in helping next year to deliver meals. If you'd like to know more, please talk to Pam Boyd.



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

