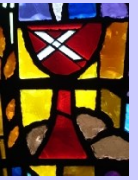


# MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



### Merriam Christian Church

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Merriam, KS 66203

(913) 432-2390

#### Minister

Rev. Robin Colerick-Shinkle  
Pastorrobin.merriamchristian@gmail.com  
(316) 312-4809 Call or text

#### Organist and Pianist

Emily Yeh

#### Secretary

Open

### SERVICES: SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.  
IN-PERSON

[ONLINE](#)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:00 a.m.  
IN-PERSON

[ONLINE](#)

#### E-mail

[merriamchristian@gmail.com](mailto:merriamchristian@gmail.com)  
[www.merriamcc.org](http://www.merriamcc.org)

#### Monthly Newsletters

[jnethowe@gmail.com](mailto:jnethowe@gmail.com)  
913-558-6459



## Faith Survey

I'm working on a Study Series on **Faith Questions?** Would you please take a few moments to check any of these questions or statements that apply to you. You can print this page and give it to me or you can reply to this email- **Please do not reply all** or you can call me. I welcome all responses and all

feedback. Your responses will be kept confidential. I will also have copies at church if you want to respond anonymously.

### Do you wrestle with any of these questions?

- Why does evil exist?
- Why doesn't God take away all evil?
- Does God punish people?
- Does God bless some people and punish others?
- Why do bad things happen to good people?
- Will I go to Heaven if I am good?
- Is Heaven for real?
- Why did Jesus have to die for me?
- Does God know what I am going to do before I do it?
- Why do faithful people suffer?
- Why is life so hard when it's supposed to be a gift?
- Why does it seem some people's prayers are answered and others unanswered?
- Why does God heal some people, but not others?
- Why doesn't God just "fix" the world and stop those who do harm?
- Is it okay to get mad at God?
- Is it okay to question God?
- Is God real?
- Can I believe in God and Science?
- Why is there so much hurting in the world if God can stop it?
- What does it mean to have faith?
- I am afraid of dying.
- I don't question God at all.
- I don't wrestle with my faith.

OTHER QUESTIONS I HAVE:

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COMMENTS:

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## **Those Needing Prayer:**

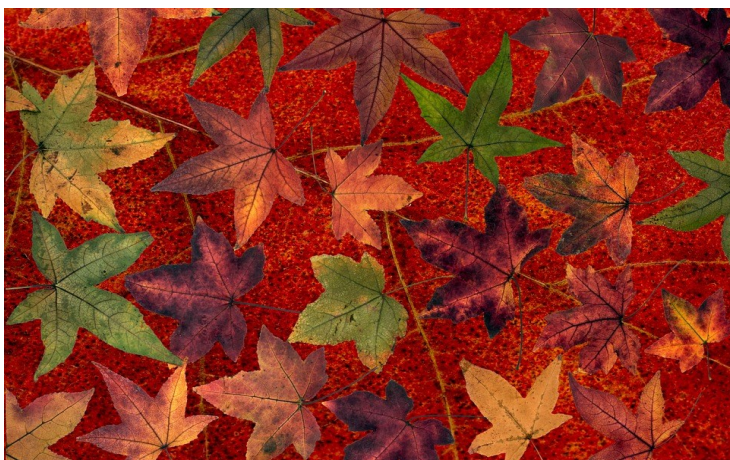
Continued prayers for Joyce Campbell, Anita Collins, Noah Franklin, Heather Waite, Paul Goff & Marilyn Near.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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,

Eleven ladies attended our meeting today, the third Thursday of October. Our lesson produced a hardy discussion on sin which we all seemed to know a lot about. Plan to attend our November meeting for the final chapter. We will eat out in December like last year.

We started October with \$1,718.66 and we had income of \$77.00. Our only expense was a final payment of \$50.00 to the Disciples Mission Fund. Our current balance is \$1,745.66.

We have a new container for collecting empty pill bottles. I took a full kitchen size bag to the pet rescue in Mission. Keep those bottles coming in. The wooden tree we use for collecting hats and gloves for the Christmas Bureau has been set up in the hall. We also collect new or gently used children's books for the Christmas Bureau. Three very good causes we can all do.

That's all for now. Thanks to all for your support and have a safe and happy Halloween.

Joyce Luke  
 Treasurer/Service



## ELDERS SCHEDULE

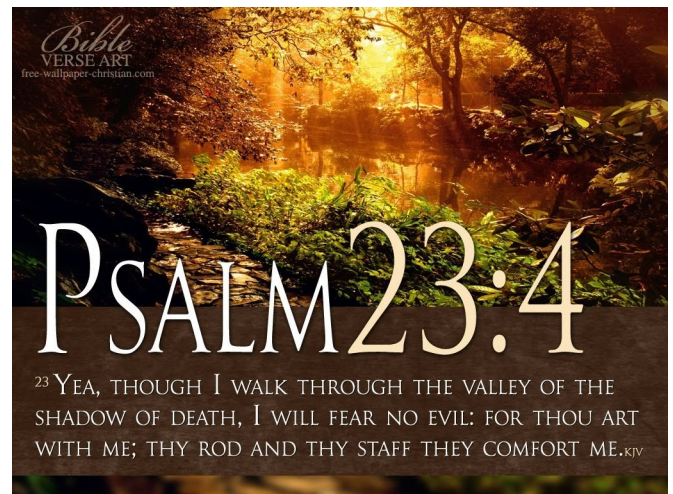
October 22nd	†	Mike Nichols
October 29th	†	Betty Bohn
November 5th	†	Pat Reed
November 12th	†	Jon Beaver
November 19th	†	Mike Nichols
November 26th	†	Anita Collins
December 3rd	†	Bob Pape
December 10th	†	Betty Bohn
December 17th	†	Pat Reed
December 24th	†	Jon Beaver
December 31st	†	Mike Nichols

## DECON SCHEDULE

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
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(11pm service)		
December 31st	†	Joan Tarwater

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

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:

**Shoebox:** 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](http://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



## Cornucopia Food Drive

October 15—Pasta and Pasta sauce

October 23—Peanut butter and jelly

October 30—Soups and crackers

November 6—Hot and cold cereals

November 13—Boxed potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables

(of course, you can bring any of these items on any week that works best for you)



## Caring For Kids

Your Outreach Committee continues to participate in the Regional Caring For Kids program. We partner with Merriam Park Elementary and Hocker Grove Junior High. Most recently, we were asked if we could provide deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes to Hocker Grove. We took care of this request on the same day that the call came in for help. We will continue to support these schools as needed.



## Caroline & Bryan's Baby Shower



## Boos for Bears

On October 19, we participated with the PTA at Merriam Park Elementary School's Boos For Bears where we handed out bags of candy and juice boxes.

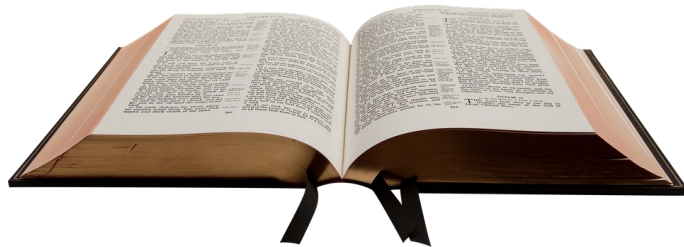




### Fellowship Coffee Hour

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

- Oct. 22 - Available
- Oct. 29 - Pastor Robin
- Nov 5—Membership Committee
- Nov 12—available
- Nov 19—Sunday Funday / Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 26—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.



- October 24th Joan Tarwater / Linda Railsback
- October 31st Pat Reed / Chris Stokes
- November 7th Carole Prentice / Sub
- November 14th Walt & Betty Bohn

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

We are currently looking for volunteers to participate in the delivery of meals on Tuesdays. Current rotation is every 6th week. Contact Pam if you have any questions.



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

