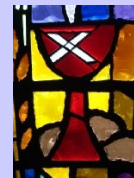


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Knit Together in Love

A Daily Devotional

BY ALTHEA DEBRULE

"I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love." ([Colossians 2:2 NLT](#))

Knitting is a worshipful experience that blesses not only the receiver but the giver as well. Encouraging the hearts of others by lovingly knitting into their lives is both rewarding and inspiring. This creative **daily devotional** reading and others like it will kickstart each day as you praise and glorify God while enjoying your quiet time with Him.

God Uses Everything!

Whenever I read [Colossians 2:2](#), I imagine all believers "knit together" with an invisible thread of Christ's Love. The verse comes alive as I ponder the comparison to the tools used in knitting. God fashions something exceptional with the instruments He uses.

Knitting Pattern – God uses each person's uniqueness—physical characteristics, personality, and style, as well as skills, talents, and spiritual gifts. He uses the creativity He gives each person to make a difference in someone else's life. ([Psalm 139:13](#))

Yarn and Threads – God's Immeasurable Love is the invisible fiber or cord that makes loops and stitches to wind through each believer's spirit and connect with other like-minded souls. ([Ecclesiastes 4:12](#))

Knitting Needles – The Holy Spirit encourages our hearts and produces incredible beautifully-woven fabric (the church) that captures the attention of the people around us and draws them to Him. Like knitted fabric that returns to its original shape after stretching, The Spirit also uses the elasticity of patience, gentleness, and self-control, to keep the church from unraveling. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))

I am always excited by new ways to express my love through knitting and needlework and am ever eager to showcase God's creation and exquisite attention to detail.

You don't have to be a knitter or needleworker to receive God's Love and Truth from this daily devotional and others like it.

He can change your life through these readings, even if you've never picked up knitting needles and yarn or have no desire to do so. But, if you stitch, He can combine your love of knitting with your belief and faith in Him that blesses others and you!

Heavenly Father, my heart desires that everyone who reads this devotional will draw ever closer to You and they ponder the uniqueness You created in them.

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Video Library

Worship Sermons

October 9th

["Parched and Quenched"](#)

October 16th

["What is Fair?"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes

October 9th

["Judges to Kings"](#)

October 16th

["Noah and the Ark"](#)

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give your tithes and offerings*

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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE For October, November & December 2022

October 23rd	✝	Wayne Hooker
October 30th	✝	Susan Neill
November 6th	✝	Casey Nichols
November 13th	✝	Donna Rankin
November 20th	✝	Mike Nichols
November 27th	✝	Jennifer Spiegel
December 4th	✝	David Schwenk
December 11th	✝	Katie Roach
December 18th	✝	Greg Spiegel
December 25th	✝	Katie Schwenk

ELDERS SCHEDULE For October, November & December 2022

October 23th	✝	Bob Pape
October 30th	✝	Betty Bohn
November 6th	✝	Pat Reed
November 13th	✝	Jon Beaver
November 20th	✝	Emily Hooker
November 27th	✝	Bob Pape
December 4th	✝	Betty Bohn
December 11th	✝	Pat Reed
December 18th	✝	Jon Beaver
December 25th	✝	Emily Hooker



**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**



Blood Drive

Friday, December 2nd, 2:00 to 6:00. Please call Pat Reed at 913-631-0699 to sign up.



Those Needing Prayer:

Marilyn Near is in the hospital with pneumonia

Joan Tarwater is recovering from knee replacement surgery

Scott Stokes grandmother passed a recently and his uncle had a stroke.

Tammy Ramsey is undergoing cancer treatments and has also fallen.

Anita Collins had been in the hospital but is recovering.

Annette Ferguson is undergoing tests.

Connie Harshner has a broken foot from a door that came off its hinges. She had surgery at Advent to place several pins and has returned to Shawnee Parc Assisted Living. She would really like to have phone calls and visitors

Shawnee PARC Nursing Home
Attn: Connie Harshner Rm 105
7600 Antioch
Shawnee, Kansas 66204
Cell phone #913-231-4132

Requests for Family and Friends:

Nancy Hines for her continued recovery with her foot.

Jewel, son of Marjorie Willard is undergoing next course of treatment for cancer

Prayer Requests

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

BOOS FOR BEARS

It was a beautiful evening for the Merriam Park Elementary School Event with a great turnout. Thanks to all those who contributed candy. Outreach also provided CapriSun drinks, which were a big hits. Special thanks to Patti & Bailey Beaver and Rick Ferguson who helped during the event.





Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

Present in Person: Mike Nichols, Greg Spiegel, Donna Rankin, Joel Beaver, Dixie Wheaton, Carole Prentice, Pat Reed, Pam Boyd, Rick Ferguson, Joyce Luke, Michelle Land, Betty Bohn, Jeannette Howe, Irene Heaven, Emily Hooker, Bruce Roach, Bob Pape, Dave Ramsey, Barry Davis

Mike called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Mike-Confess and believe.

Minutes of 9/13/22 Board Meeting: Mike asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Michelle Land; seconded by Jeannette Howe; board vote, approved.

Current Financial Report: Mike asked the board to review the current financial report; Motion to accept report by Bob Pape; seconded by Joel Beaver; board vote, approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-There was one change in September. Nicholas Roach was born 9/13/22, parents Bruce and Katie Roach. Total membership is 139.

DWM: Pam-Regional Evening DWM meeting is 10/27 at First Christian Church in Independence. Those interested in attending should contact Joyce Luke. Service programs continue to be empty pill bottles for Unleashed Pet Rescue in Mission and can tabs for Merriam Park Elementary. Hats, gloves & children's books are being collected for the JOCO Christmas Bureau. We are asking the congregation to bring or pick up a Christmas card outside the sanctuary and write a personal note to our troops who will be away from home this coming holiday season. Just a few minutes of your time could make a big difference for someone who is away from home protecting our freedoms. Our next meeting will be Thursday, 10/20, 1 pm in the church library.

Elders: No report.

H&G: Joel-Plaster Repair Work-Dave Ramsey is working on the plaster repair of the area above the ceiling in the Bride's room and restroom. He thought this one was the worst of them all. He will address the choir loft plaster repairs as soon as he has available time. A big THANK YOU TO DAVE! Dave-reported on details and extensive work he has accomplished.

Outreach: Pam-Committee met on 10/4 and it was decided that we would contribute \$500 to the Merriam Park Elementary PTA's Book Fair Fundraiser. We were advised there are 50-60 students whose families are not financially able to have their children participate in this event. We know this can be difficult for kids. The PTA wants to make it possible for every student to choose a book or two. We will be participating in the MPE "Boos for Bears" on October 20, passing out sweet treats to 500-600 kiddos. We confirmed with JoCo Food Ministry that MCC will continue to partner with them during 2023. We will cook & serve in the months with a fifth Thursday. We anticipate our first Harvester delivery this week. Once supplies are ready we will begin repackaging these for weekly delivery to MPE's BackSnack program. Cornucopia Food Drive begins 10/16 with pasta and sauces. A list of items needed was in the recent newsletter. Free Hot Soup representatives were here on 10/9 to pick up our recent offering of water. They asked that I convey to everyone THEIR APPRECIATION for the kindness we are showing those in need.

Membership: Jeannette-Committee met on 10/4 and discussed planning the following events: Game Night on 10/15 from 6 pm-8:30 pm. This month we will have a chili potluck and play Bin-

go. Asking for anyone attending to bring chili or a dessert.

Membership held the Church Cookout on 9/25 after worship service at the Disciples Place. It was a great turnout! Thank you to everyone who attended and especially the Beavers for supplying the hamburgers & cooking! We will be mailing Thanksgiving cards to our shut-in members in early November.

Memorial: No report.

Pastoral Relations: No report.

Worship: Dixie-Next month we will work on Christmas season.

Media: Bruce- In the month of September 470 people viewed our YouTube videos, up 121 views from last month; Adding events, birthdays and anniversaries has increased participation on our Facebook page; Outside Banner advertising our website's art has been created; Welcome Brochures have been created; Our outside sign is updated and functional; Service bulletins have been created; Received invoice for internet rework for addition of children's page. Future plans include: Creating advertising Art for community locations (Starbucks, library, community center); Linking our Facebook page with future service verses ahead of Sunday service; Printing Welcome Brochures and Service Bulletins; Purchasing banner for outside of the church (visible to people on walking trail); Creating a rotational system for updating outside sign with verses and events.

Regional: Mike-A meeting was held on 9/26 for further discussion regarding future of Tall Oaks property. A working committee was formed and will report its progress in December.

Personnel: No report.

Trustees: Michelle-Funds taken out to be applied to parking lot repairs expense.

Search: Carole-Interview scheduled. Reviewing some options for interim pastor.

Mike-Any comments regarding guest ministers, discussion held.

Old Business:

Joel-Parking Lot/sidewalk repairs Update-Sidewalks have been replaced with handicap ramps, French drain by A/C units, five new sections of concrete at entrance to parking lot, asphalt milling and new asphalt completed. (Contractor is still working on what he is going to do for the light pole area, exploring several options and will get back to me soon). The new asphalt needs to cure for at least two weeks before it can be sealed so this part of the job will most likely have to be done in the Spring to get the best results from the sealer. Parking lot stalls will be restriped after the sealer. Parking lot stops will be removed by Jon and Joel, if that is agreeable to do so. Discussion held regarding removal of parking lot stops and striping of parking lot now and again in the Spring.

Organ Repair-Discussed repair quote with Keith from Sandrock Music Company. Some of the details-settings not working, tone boards not good, speakers in choir loft not good. He recommends reconditioned parts with a one year warranty. Brand new parts are more expensive, and with same warranty. If approved, he needs two weeks typically to receive the parts and one week or so to get on his schedule. Discussion held regarding repair cost versus replacement cost. Replacement organ of similar quality: preowned \$38K-50K and brand new \$45-70K. Motion to accept bid by Sandrock Music Company, LLC for repair of the organ in the approximate amount of 8K by Michelle Land; seconded by Pam Boyd; board vote, approved. Congregation vote to be held on 10/23. A request for donations will also be presented.

Michelle-Amended proposed 2023 Budget is slightly lower. Motion to accept amended proposed 2023 Budget by Pat Reed; seconded by Betty Bohn; board vote, approved. Congregation vote to be held on 10/23.

Mike-Nominating Committee recommends the following positions to be elected by the congregation for 2023: Chairman of the Board Greg Spiegel (2023), Vice-Chairman Jeannette Howe

(2023), Secretary Donna Rankin (2023), Walt Bohn Trustee (2025), Anita Collins Elder (2025), Mike Nichols Elder (2025), Pat Reed Historian (2023), Carole Prentice (2023), Michelle Land Treasurer (2023), Dixie Wheaton Financial Secretary (2023), Jeannette Howe Financial Secretary (2023), Joan Tarwater Deacon (2024-finishing Mike's term), Wayne Hooker Deacon (2025), Jennifer Spiegel Deacon (2025), Walt Bohn, Rick Ferguson & Dave Ramsey Deacons At Large (2023) Motion to accept the Nominating Committee proposed 2023 positions by Michelle Land; seconded by Dixie Wheaton; board vote, approved. Congregation vote to be held on 10/23.

New Business:

Mike-The November Board meeting is scheduled for 11/8. Due to Election Day on 11/8, and absence of Board Secretary, propose we reschedule the meeting to 11/15. Motion to hold Board Meeting on 11/15 by Bob Pape; seconded by Joyce Luke; board vote, approved.

Jeannette-Scout Troop has made a request for a new Charter Master, as Pastor Mark Willis previously held that position. Mike Nichols will be new Charter Master.

Open Forum:

Bob-Mt Olive Baptist Church Merriam is celebrating their 100th Anniversary, he will be reading proclamation 10/16. He could include a recognition by MCC; Jennifer Spiegel will be asked to write it.

Barry-Inquiry regarding new members; discussion held.

Dixie-Bring to attention Christmas will fall on Sunday this year; discussion held. Hanging of the Greens service will be held on 11/27.

Mike Nichols closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce Roach; seconded by Jeannette Howe.





Cornucopia Food Drive

Again this year we ask your help in providing food for those in need to help prepare their family Thanksgiving Meal. We have put a scheduled together but, if you see an item on sales during a different week, please don't hesitate to purchase & contribute to our offering. Watch this offering grow in our sanctuary over the coming weeks.

Sunday, October 23—Peanut Butter & Jelly

Sunday, October 30—Soup & Crackers

Sunday, November 06—Cereal

Sunday, November 13—Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit & Vegetables



DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

So sorry we had to cancel our Third Thursday Meeting for October. Because the parking lot is being worked on, we couldn't get into the Church. The lot should be open for Sunday Services so see you then. Plan to attend our meeting in November. Have your list of things you are thankful for ready as Connie will ask.

That's all folks.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

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

1 !	Our congregation's Board has consulted with our Regional/Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.	5	Our Regional/Area Minister has sent profiles of candidates to the Search Committee; they are being considered.
2 ☺☺☺	We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are:	6 ☺☺☺	The Search Committee will create a short list of possible candidates.
Greg Spiegel Bruce Roach Michelle Land Bob Pape Carole Prentice		7 ☺☺☺	The Search Committee will interview candidates on the short list.
3 ☺☺☺	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.	8 ☺	One Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board on _____.
4 ✝	We have completed a Congregational Profile, Position Description and information packet for pastoral candidates.	9 YES NO	Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate on _____.
		10 ☺	We will join in worship with our Regional/Area Minister to install our new pastor.



Would you like to contribute to our newsletter? Would you like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter?

Email Jeannette Howe at jnethowe@gmail.com with your article and it will be added to the next edition which runs every other Saturday. Email or call Jeannette 913-558-6459 to be added to our print or email distribution lists.

Fellowship Coffee Hour

NOVEMBER 6TH	MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH
JANUARY 8TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
FEBRUARY 5TH	PASTORIAL RELATIONS
MARCH 5TH	MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 2ND	OUTREACH



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.



Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, October 25th
Walt & Betty Bohn

Tuesday, November 1st
Susan Neill & TBD

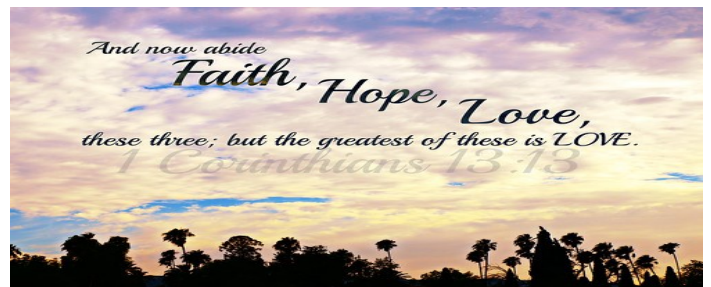
Tuesday, November 8th
Jan Pankey

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



Games Night!!

Join us for Game Night on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00—8:30 pm. We will meet in Campbell Hall. All adults and kids are welcome!



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



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

